



2013 US Open Challenge Series Entry procedure & selection criteria for US athletes

USATT will organize the ITTF Challenge Series/World Tour to be held during the US Open and will include the following events: Women's singles, Men's singles, and U-21 Men's and Women's singles. Players in these events must be entered by USATT.

Entry procedures

US athletes willing to enter in 2013 US Open- Challenge Series in Men's Singles, Women's Singles, U-21 Men's and Women's Singles should enter as follows:

Send an email to Joyce Grooms at admin@usatt.org containing the following info:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Events wishing to enter
- Proof of citizenship (copy of passport or birth certificate). If not US citizens then
- Proof of residency in USA (copy of green card, or working/student visa).
- Accreditation Fee (\$120/player) plus participation fee (\$13/player) payment will be accepted by credit card only- Call Joyce at 719-866-4583 ext. 5 to make the payment of \$133/player.

Entry Deadline: Emails/entries must reach USATT by and not later than **May 20th, 2013**.
NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER ENTRY DEADLINE.

Criteria to select the USA athletes entering order in each event

The 2013 US Open Challenge Series has a limited number of entries per event (12 entries/event guarantee for USA) so the criteria described below have been established through which a list will be made in priority order.

Note: According to the Directives and Sport Specific Information for 2013 World Tour, the number of entries is 200 players in total. An association can enter a maximum of 6 players/gender/event. USA, as the host association, can enter a maximum of 12 players/gender/event. Any additional entries will be put on a **waiting list** and accepted depending of the total number of entries.

Players will be informed of their acceptance or rejection to enter in Challenge Series events by latest June 15, 2013 after USATT receives the final number of entries/event allocated by the ITTF competition manager.



Men and Women's Singles

Category 1- in the following order:

This category includes U.S. Citizens eligible to represent USA at the Worlds, U.S. Citizens not eligible to represent USA at the Worlds and players registered to represent the U.S.(ITTF waiting period list) as of the entry cutoff date:

1. Men's and Women's National Team Members
2. Junior National Team Members
3. The first 12 finishers in the Men's and Women's Team trial.
4. Up to two National Team coaches' picks per gender.
5. The first 12 finishers in the junior team trial.
6. Other players with ratings of 2400+ for men or 2200+ for women, in rating order as of May 20, 2013.

Category 2 - in the following order

This category includes foreign players legally residing in the U.S.(if space permits):

1. In order of the highest ranked players on the ITTF Men's and Women's ranking lists as of May 1st, 2013
2. In order of the highest U.S. rating as of May 20st, 2013.

Under 21 events:

Category 1- in the following order:

This category includes U.S. Citizens eligible to represent USA at the Worlds, U.S. Citizens not eligible to represent USA at the Worlds and all players registered to represent the U.S.(ITTF waiting period list) as of the entry cutoff date:

1. Junior National Team Members
2. Cadet National Team Members
3. The first 12 finishers in the junior team trial.
4. Up to two National Team coaches' picks per gender.
5. The first 12 finishers in the cadet team trial.



6. Other players with ratings of 2200+ for boys or 2000+ for girls, in rating order as of May 20, 2013.

Category 2 - in the following order

This category includes foreign players legally residing in the U.S.(if space permits):

1. In order of the highest ranked players on the ITTF U-21 ranking list as of May 1st, 2013.
2. In order of the highest U.S. rating as of May 20th, 2013.

NOTE: Players entering in Cadet's singles events (qualifying event for World Cadet Challenge) will not be allowed to enter in MS and WS due to scheduling conflicts.

Per ITTF rule, all athletes playing in the main draw must wear shirts with their name on the back.