



2023 Pan American Junior Championships – Selection Criteria

The Pan American Junior Championships brings together junior competitors from all competing nations in North, Central, and South America. This event includes a team competition, an individual singles event, and in many years also features softball doubles. US Squash will support a contingent of players as a development opportunity for the country's top ranked junior players. US Squash will nominate eight players—four girls and four boys—to represent Team USA with the players being selected based on the following criteria.

Note that this trip is self-funded by the players.

1. Eligibility Criteria

In order to be considered for selection, all players must:

- Maintain full United States citizenship.
- Be age-eligible for the competition in question.
- Maintain US Squash membership from the start of the candidate process through the end of the competition.
- Comply with all World Squash Federation eligibility requirements regarding international championships.
- Have no documented serious on or off-court conduct violations of the US Squash Code of Conduct.
- Sign and comply with all US Squash U.S. Junior Team policies and contracts.

2. Selection Information

Players wishing to participate on the U.S. Team for the 2023 Pan American Junior Championships will be selected based on the following criteria:

- The four (4) next top-ranked players in the both the GU19 and BU19 divisions *after* those selected to represent the U.S. in the World Junior Championships who confirm their interest will be selected to represent US Squash at the 2023 Pan American Junior Championship.
 - Rankings will be based on the first rankings run after the 2023 U.S. Junior Championship (March 22, 2023).
 - Athletes may not represent the U.S. in both competitions; players who accept a position to the World Junior Championship team may not compete in the Pan American Junior Championship.
- Should any player(s) decline a position, the next highest-ranked player(s) will be selected.
- In the event that players are tied in ranking point average, player ratings are used to break the tie, with the higher-rated player earning the team selection.

3. Team Order of Play

Once the Team has been selected, the final team order for the players will be at discretion of the National Team Coaches. Their criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following:



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- Results of challenge matches
- General performance & fitness level
- On and off-court behavior

4. Replacement & Removal of Athletes

Following final selection of the Team members, replacements will only be made if any of the following apply:

- An athlete voluntarily withdraws due to injury or illness, certified by a physician.
- An athlete is injured but refuses verification of their fitness for competition by a physician; the injury may be assumed to be disabling and the player may be removed.
- A qualifying Team member voluntarily submits their resignation from competition in writing to the National Coach at nationalteams@ussquash.org.

Removal of Team members:

- Any documented violations of the US Squash's Code of Conduct are potential grounds for removal from the Team.

5. International Disclaimer

These procedures are based on World Squash Federation rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in World Squash Federation rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the US Squash. However, the selection process is always subject to unforeseen intervening circumstances and realistically cannot account for every possible contingency.

6. Compliance with US Squash, USOPC and USADA Rules and Regulations

Players must be willing to submit Athlete Location Forms to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and comply with all US Squash, USOPC and USADA regulations and requirements to remain eligible. Failure to comply will be met with disciplinary measures to be enforced by US Squash up to and including removal from the eligible player pool.

7. National Teams Committee

The committee is comprised of the following representatives:

- Committee Chair: CEO US Squash (Kevin Klipstein)
- Ong Beng Hee (Ganek Family Head National Coach)
- All US Squash National Team Head Coaches
- Chief Program Officer (Kim Clearkin)
- US Squash Board Athlete Representative and Alternate (Todd Harrity, Olivia Clyne)

8. US Squash Coaches



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US Squash will assign national/regional coaches to accompany the players to the 2023 Pan American Junior Championship. Players may not bring their private/personal coaches on this Team USA trip.