



## 2024 World Junior Women's Individual Championships – Selection Criteria

The World Squash Federation (WSF) grants each squash National Governing Body three (3) playing positions in the Women's World Junior Individual Championships. Depending on the overall number of entries the WSF receives for the World Championships, up to three (3) additional playing positions may be made available to countries. The three (3) playing positions and any additional playing position(s) that may become available to US Squash will be offered based on the following criteria.

### 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 Process

Players wishing to participate in the U.S. Junior Women's Team for the 2024 World Junior Individual Championships will be selected based on the following criteria:

There are two paths for selection to the USJWT:

(Path A) Earning points by competing in the Junior points rankings system as listed in these criteria

Or

(Path B) Being a top 100 ranked PSA player on March 20, 2024

#### Path A – Ranking in GU19 division of the points-based ranking system

- Three (3) players will represent the U.S. on the Junior Women's Team in 2024.
  - Additional positions are explained below.
- The top three (3)\* ranked players in the GU19 age division of the points-based ranking system as of the Wednesday ranking run after the U.S. Junior Championships (March 20, 2024) will qualify to represent the U.S. on the Junior Women's Team in 2024.
- Should any player(s) decline a position, the next highest-ranked player(s) will be selected.



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- 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.
- \*Note that should a player(s) qualify through Path B, the number of available positions via Path A would be reduced.

### Path B – PSA Ranking

Any player who is ranked in the top 100 on the PSA Tour on March 20, 2024 is eligible for the USJWT provided she meets the Eligibility Criteria in Section 1. Should a position be accepted by a player based on this Path B, it would reduce the number of available positions on the USJWT via Path A.

### 3. Additional Positions

The WSF may approve up to three (3) additional positions for the Individual Event. If the WSF grants US Squash additional playing positions, players will be invited based on the following criteria:

- The additional positions of the team will be allocated to the next 3 players using the same criteria as in section 2 above.

### 4. Inability to Participate in a Selection Event

#### Injury or Illness:

If a player will not have the necessary results to complete a full U19 ranking average based on four or more events as a result of an injury, then that player may be awarded a to be determined point equivalent at the National Team Committee's discretion. This will be based upon, but not limited to, previous points values earned.

#### Other Circumstances:

The National Teams Committee shall have the discretion to evaluate other circumstances, other than injury or illness, which preclude an athlete from participating in a scheduled points event. Supporting evidence of the circumstance(s) may be required.

Note: An athlete candidate citing extenuating or other circumstances must also advise US Squash as early as possible in writing or via email to the National Coach at [nationalteams@ussquash.org](mailto:nationalteams@ussquash.org)

### 5. Junior National Squads

There will be a minimum of three (3) Junior National Squads in preparation for the 2024 World Junior Championships. Attendance at the Junior National Squads is mandatory to be a member of Team USA.



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### 6. 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](mailto:nationalteams@ussquash.org).

Removal of Team members — players are expected to engage in all team preparatory activities and uphold a high level of conduct. Potential grounds for removal of a team member include but are not limited to:

- Unexcused absence from a Junior National Squad.
- Failure to complete training log in a timely manner.
- Violation of team rules.
- Violation of US Squash Code of Conduct.

### 7. 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.

### 8. Compliance with US Squash, USOC 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, USOC 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.

### 9. National Teams Committee

The committee is comprised of the following representatives:

- Committee Chair: President & CEO, US Squash
- Ganek Family US Squash Head National Coach
- US Squash National Team Head Coaches
- Chief Program Officer, US Squash
- US Squash Board Athlete Representative and Alternate



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### 10. US Squash Coaches

US Squash will assign national coaches to accompany the players to the 2024 World Junior Championships. Players may not bring their private/personal coaches on this Team USA trip.