



## 2024 World Men's and Women's Team Championships – Selection Criteria

The World Squash Federation (WSF) grants each squash National Governing Body four (4) playing positions into World Men's and Women's Team Championships hosted in Hong Kong, China between December 9-15, 2024, at the Hong Kong Football Club. U.S. SQUASH will be selecting athletes for the Team based on the following criteria.

### 1. Eligibility Criteria

In order for athletes to be considered for nomination process they must:

- Maintain full United States citizenship.
- Maintain a current U.S. SQUASH membership.
- Comply with all World Squash Federation eligibility requirements regarding international championships.
- Have no documented serious on-or off-court conduct violations of the U.S. SQUASH Code of Conduct
- Comply with all U.S. SQUASH U.S. Men's and Women's Team policies including the Code of Conduct
- Adhere to US Squash policies, criteria and regulations.

### 2. Selection Process

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

- The top two (2) eligible U.S. men and women ranked on the PSA Tour as of Monday October 28, 2024, who have earned ranking points placing them in the top 100 in the world are eligible for selection to the 2024 World Team Championship. If one of the top two (2) men and women does not accept the nomination, then nominees for the remaining slots will be selected by the National Team's Selection Committee (NTSC) which will make their selection based on (but not limited to) current world ranking and the results of "Additional Events" (see below) criteria.
- The additional 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions shall also be selected by the same consideration of current world ranking and performance in the "Additional Events" criteria.

#### **Additional Events:**

The NTSC will consider an athlete's competitive record in the last 12 months including but not limited to:

- 2024 US Women's and S.L.Green National Championships
- Attendance & performance in the US Squash High Performance Program and PSA tournaments
- Head-to-head record for the past 12 months.

- January 1, 2024 – October 28, 2024, PSA results

### **3. Replacement and 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 Ganek Family Head 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 the National Squad.
- Violation of US Squash Code of Conduct.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the Grievance, Disciplinary, Suspension, Member Misconduct and Appeals Procedures explained [here](#).

### **4. 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.

### **5. Compliance with U.S. 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 U.S. SQUASH, USOPC and USADA regulations and requirements to remain eligible. Failure to comply will be met with disciplinary measures to be enforced by U.S. SQUASH up to and including removal from the eligible player pool.

### **6. National Team's Selection Committee (NTSC)**

The committee is comprised of the following representatives:

- Committee Chair: President & CEO, US Squash
- Ganek Family US Squash Head National Coach

- Director of National Teams
- Director of Junior National Teams
- Head Strengthening and conditioning National Coach
- Chief Program Officer, US Squash
- US Squash Board Athlete Representative and Alternate

## **7. Traveling Coaches**

- Ganek Family Head National Coach
- Head National Strengthening and conditioning coach.
- Director of National Teams

## **Attachment 1 – U.S. SQUASH Code of Conduct**

### **Sportsmanship & Conduct Guidelines**

These Guidelines apply to all U.S. SQUASH accredited events at all times. It is the responsibility of the player, coach, family member or spectator to know and understand the U.S. SQUASH Player and Family-Coach-Spectator Sportsmanship and Conduct Guidelines. By agreeing to represent Team USA, the player agrees to accept and abide by the Guidelines and the U.S. SQUASH Code of Conduct Sanction System.

A flagrant disregard or violation of the Guidelines shall render the player liable to disciplinary action as set forth by the Sanction System. Coaches, representatives and relatives are under similar obligation to adhere to the Guidelines. Players shall be held liable for their entourage's actions.

If anyone observes a violation of the Sportsmanship and Conduct Guidelines, he or she is encouraged to report it to the Tournament Director or U.S. SQUASH staff if present.

U.S. SQUASH expects each player, family and coach to adopt and promote the following:

#### **1. Player Guidelines**

- Know the WSF Rules of Squash and abide by them.
- Adhere to all facility rules and regulations.
- Be courteous on and off the court to all opponents, referees and tournament staff.
- Avoid withdrawing after start times are posted and avoid defaulting during the course of an event.
- Register and arrive on time and at the proper court.
- Be considerate during the 5-minute warm-up period. Share practice equally with your opponent - only hit the ball to yourself 2 or 3 times, before hitting cross court.
- Treat referees and markers with respect and appreciation.
- Accept decisions with grace and refrain from showing displeasure, disbelief, or disgust.
- Accept coaching only between games or during appropriate breaks in play.

- Win and lose gracefully; maintain composure before, during and after each match.
- Shake hands with your opponent after the match and shake hands and thank the referee and marker.
- Promptly report scores after the match.
- Referee all matches as directed by the tournament staff.
- Use approved eye protection on court at all times during practice and match play.
- Be aware of specific tournament or venue dress codes and adhere to them

### Player Misconduct

Misconduct on court includes but is not limited to: (i) a flagrant violation of the Sportsmanship and Conduct Guidelines (ii) any violation of 'Rule 17: Conduct on Court'.

For Reference: From the Rules of World Singles Squash, 2001

#### 17. CONDUCT ON COURT

17.1 If the Referee considers that a player's behavior is disruptive, intimidating or offensive to the opponent, an official or a spectator, or could in any way bring the game into disrepute, the Referee shall penalize the player.

17.2 Offenses with which the Referee shall deal under this rule include audible and visible obscenities, verbal and physical abuse, dissent to Marker or Referee, abuse of racquet, ball or court and coaching, other than during the interval between games. Other offenses include significant or deliberate physical contact (Rule 12.12.1), excessive racquet swing (Rule 12.4), unfair warm-up (Rule 3.2), late back on court (Rule 7.4), dangerous play or action (Rule 16.3.1.3) and time-wasting (Rule 7.6).