



2025 Egyptian Junior Open – Selection Criteria

The US Junior Squash team has proved to be one of the top junior squash teams in the world. The results of our top junior players have been steadily getting better and better against some of the top international teams.

US Squash continues to aim to achieve its goal towards becoming the strongest Junior team in the world. We believe that participating in some of the strongest junior squash tournaments is essential towards achieving that goal. In years past, US Squash has built strong partnerships with England Squash, and the Pan American Squash Association in order to provide our national team with an opportunity to play and compete on the highest level.

The Egyptian Junior Open is an international level junior tournament hosted in Cairo, Egypt in August 2025 (exact dates to follow). The tournament is classified under the European Squash Federation (ESF) Junior circuit as gold tournament which makes it as important as the British Junior Open in terms of competitiveness and ranking points.

The Egyptian Junior Open is a unique opportunity to compete against some of the best players in the world in the heart of Cairo, Egypt. US Squash and Egyptian Squash Federation (ESF) are forming and establishing a strong partnership for both countries to compete against one another which will elevate the level of squash of our players and help create ephemeral memories and friendships along the way.

The EJO trip is aimed to provide our national junior team players (U13s, U15s, U17s) with more opportunities to compete with one another on the international stage against some of the best players in the world in order to set them for success by the time they are ready to compete for Team USA at the World Junior Championships (U19s) and Pan American Junior Championships (U19s). The EJO will be a US Squash endorsed trip like the British Junior Open.

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.
- 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.



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2. Selection Information

Players wishing to participate on the U.S. Team for the 2025 Egyptian Junior Open will be selected based on the following criteria:

- The top five (5) ranked players competing in the Boys and Girls U13, U15, and U17 age divisions, who confirm their interest, will be selected for the U.S. Team.
- Rankings will be based on the first rankings run after the 2025 U.S. Junior Championship (March 19, 2025).
- 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. 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 Director of Junior National Teams at 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:
 1. Violation of team rules.
 2. Violation of US Squash Code of Conduct.

2. US Squash Coaches

- US Squash will rely on its National Junior Coaching staff to lead this trip and help coach and manage our players navigating a new environment.
- The US Junior National Team consists of the Director of Junior National Team, Head Boys' and Girls' national coaches, and Assistant Boys' and Girls' national coaches.