



## 2025 British Junior Open – US Coach Selection Criteria

The British Junior Open (BJO) is one of the most prestigious junior tournaments in the world and is an opportunity for US coaches to support highly ranked US junior players in a major international event.

England Squash allows US Squash to endorse five (5) players per age division to participate in the tournament. The players are supported at the event by the US Squash Ganek Family Head National Coach and/or the US Squash Director of Junior National Teams and 10 US based coaches with one assigned to manage each age group.

Selected coaches will be expected to focus on the health and welfare of the team players, building team spirit and camaraderie. On and off court, they must ensure that US Squash's expectations of sportsmanship and conduct are maintained. The coaching team as a whole will be expected to coach every match involving a US team player and complete player reviews at the end of the event. Coaches will need to adhere to and comply with US Squash's coach expectations and code of conduct which will need to be signed before going on the trip.

US Squash now has over 300 squash coaches nationally who hold a Coach Pass, many of whom have expressed interest to be part of the US Squash, BJO Coaching team. US Squash has therefore put in place eligibility criteria so that the selection of coaches for this event is clear.

### Eligibility Criteria

In order to be considered for selection, all coaches must meet the following criteria:

#### Mandatory Requirements

- Hold a current Coach Pass Premium
- Hold a US Squash Level III Coaching certification or equivalent (\*)
- 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.
- Attending JCT level tournaments and US Nationals as a coach.
- Be part of, or lead, a program which has junior players at all levels and has players selected to participate in the BJO.

#### Preferred Requirements

- Prior experience coaching at JCT/National Team level.

\* Note that 2 coach positions may be offered to Level II certified coaches upon the discretion of US Squash and the Director of Junior National teams.

In making these selections US Squash will, as much as possible, balance the coaching squad based on gender, location, race, and culture.



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### **2025 BJO:**

Coaches who wish to be considered to coach at the 2025 BJO, which is scheduled for Jan 2-6 in Birmingham, England should send their expression of interest by emailing US Squash at [nationalteams@ussquash.org](mailto:nationalteams@ussquash.org)

The US Squash BJO squad will travel Dec 30, 2024, and return Jan 7 (or 8), 2025. Coaches will be paid a coaching fee for the duration of the trip, and they will be provided with all food and accommodation and travel expenses.

### **Selection Process: National Teams Committee**

The National Team Selection committee is comprised of the following representatives:

- Committee Chair: President & CEO, US Squash
- Ganek Family US Squash Head National Coach
- Director of Junior National Teams
- Chief Program Officer, US Squash
- US Squash Board Athlete Representative and Alternate