



## 2026 Summer International Junior Open Selection Criteria

The US Junior Squash team has proved to be one of the top junior squash teams in the world. Year in and year out, 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.

There are several high level international junior open tournaments scheduled in the summer and US Squash expects to select one of these and take a team to represent the U.S. This 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). This summer tournament 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.

### 2. Selection Information

Players wishing to participate on the U.S. Team for the 2026 Summer International Junior Open will be selected based on the following criteria:

- The top five (5) ranked players competing in the Boys and Girls U11, U13 and U15, 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 2026 U.S. Junior Championship (March 18, 2026).
- 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.

### 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](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:
  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.