



2026 World Junior Men's and Women's Team & Individual Championships Selection Criteria

The World Squash Federation (WSF) grants each squash National Governing Body four (4) playing positions each in the Men's and Women's World Junior Team Championships and World Junior Individual Championships. All will compete in both events. These Eight (8) total playing positions 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 Men's and Women's Team (USJMWT) for the 2026 World Junior Team and Individual Championships will be selected based on the following criteria:

There are two paths for selection to the USJMWT:

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

Or

(Path B) Being a top 200 ranked PSA player for men and top 150 for women on March 18, 2026

Path A – Ranking in BU19 division of the points-based ranking system

- The top four (4) * ranked players in each U19 age division of the points-based ranking system as of the Wednesday ranking run after the U.S. Junior Championships (March 18, 2026), will qualify to represent the U.S. on the Men's and Women's Team in 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.
- *Note that should a player qualify through Path B, the number of available positions via Path A will be reduced.
- *Note that any player competing in the U19 division, for the purposes of this selection will be considered to have aged into that division on March 18, 2026. Therefore that player will be able to use points from U17 tournaments should they not yet be 17 years of age.

Path B – PSA Ranking

Any player who is ranked in the top 200 for men and 150 for the women on the PSA Tour on March 18, 2026, is eligible for the USJMWTT provided he/she meets the Eligibility Criteria in Section 1. Should a position be accepted by a player based on this, it will reduce the number of available positions on the USJMWTT via Path A.

3. 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 Director of Junior National Teams at nationalteams@ussquash.com

4. Team Order of Play

Of the 6 traveling team members who have been selected, the 4 players who will represent the U.S. in the team competition, as well as the final team order of play, will be determined at the discretion of the National Team Committee. The criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following:

- National ranking



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- Results of challenge matches
- General performance & fitness level at training squads
- On and off-court behavior

5. Junior National Squads

- There will be a minimum of three (2) Junior National Squads in preparation for the 2025 World Junior Championships. Attendance at the Junior National Squads is mandatory to be a member of Team USA.
- All 12 players (6 men and 6 women) are required to participate in the 2025 US Women's and S.L.Green National Championships hosted at the Arlen Specter US Squash Center in June 2025.

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.

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



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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
- Director of Junior National Teams
- National Junior Team Head Coaches
- Chief Program Officer, US Squash
- US Squash Board Athlete Representative and Alternate

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11. US Squash Coaches

US Squash will assign national coaches to accompany the players to the 2025 World Junior Championships. Players may not bring their private/personal coaches on this Team USA trip.