2027 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 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 throughout the competition.
- 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 2027 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 Selection Events as listed in these criteria. *

Or

- (Path B) Being a top 250 ranked PSA player for men or top 150 for women on March 31, 2027

Path A – Selection Event points average

- US Squash will use a series of Selection Events (listed in Appendix A) to determine the players who qualify to represent Team USA at the 2027 World Junior Championships.
- A Selection Event ranking will be calculated using the average of the top 4 points awarding tournaments from the results in the Selection Events listed in Appendix A.
- Should there be no players qualifying via Path B, below, the top two (2) players using the Selection Event average will qualify to represent the U.S. on the Men's and Women's Junior Team in 2027. (In the event that players considered for positions 1 and 2 are tied in their selection event points average, player ratings will be used to break the tie, with the higher-rated player earning the team selection.)
- Should there be 1 player qualifying via Path B below then the highest ranked player using Selection event average will qualify in the number 2 position.
- Should there be 2 or 3 players qualifying via Path B below then positions 3 and/or 4 will use the Selection Event average as a basis for selection. However, in exceptional circumstances, US

Squash reserves the right to include any relevant head to head results, and rating as part of the consideration.

- The selection will take place on March 31, 2027
- Should any player(s) decline a position, the next listed player(s) will be selected.
- *Note that should a player qualify through Path B, the number of available positions via Path A will be reduced.

Path B – PSA Ranking

Any player who is ranked in the top 250 for men and 150 for the women on the PSA Tour on March 31, 2027, is eligible for the USJMWT 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 USJMWT 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 Selection Event 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 Selection 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 nationalteams@ussquash.com

4. Team Order of Play

Of the 4 traveling team members who have been selected, 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
- US Squash rating
- Results of challenge matches
- General performance & fitness level at training squads
- On and off-court behavior
- Performance in the Individual Event of the World Junior Championships.

5. Junior National Squads

- There will be a minimum of two (2) Junior National Squads in preparation for the 2027 World Junior Championships. Attendance at the Junior National Squads is mandatory to be a member of Team USA.
- All 8 players (4 men and 4 women) are required to participate in the 2027 US Desai Family Women's and S.L.Green Men's National Squash Championships hosted at the Arlen Specter US Squash Center

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, 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 US Squash, USOPC and USADA regulations and requirements to remain eligible. Failure to comply will be met with disciplinary measures to be enforced by US Squash up to and including removal from the eligible player pool.

9. National Teams Committee

The committee comprises the following representatives:

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

10. US Squash Coaches

US Squash will assign national coaches to accompany the players to the 2027 World Junior Championships. Players may not bring their private/personal coaches on this Team USA trip.

APPENDIX A

US Squash will use a series of Selection Events to determine who represents Team USA at the 2027 World Junior Championships.

These events are:-

Selection Event	Event	Location	Date	Points Range
1	Super JCT #1	Specter Center/Penn/Drx	August 28-31	1015-3500
	Challenger #1	Specter Center		3500-4200
2	Challenger #2	Specter Center	Sept 11-13	3500-4200
3	JCT #2 (WC)	Squash Zone/BCRS	October 10-12	1015-3500
	Challenger #3	Squash Zone		3500-4200
4	JCT #3 (VA)	Squash on Fire/St James	November 13-15	1015-3500
	Challenger #4	Squash on Fire		3500-4200
5	Junior Open	Specter Center	December 19-23	625-4200
6	JCT #4 (CT)	Msquash SoNo/Chelsea Piers	January 16-18	1015-3500
7	JCT #5 (TX)	Houston Squash Club / LT Houston	February 13-15	1015-3500
8	Junior Nationals	Specter Center	March 12-14	1015-3500
9	Challenger #5	Specter Center	March 19-21	3500-4200

Selection Event Ranking

- The top 8 players by cutlist points in the U19 age division at entry close for a Challenger Event, who are also age eligible through the 2027 World Junior Championships, will be able to receive Selection Event Points for that Challenger event should they choose to play them.
- All other players may still participate in a PSA Challenger event, should they qualify, but they will only receive PSA points not Selection Event points.
- Players will earn a Selection Event ranking by taking the average of their best 4 points awarding results in the Selection Events.
- A selection event ranking list will be published after every selection event

Notes

* Any player who has achieved eligibility to be awarded selection event points, will retain that eligibility no matter their subsequent U19 ranking.
* Where a Challenger event and a JCT are scheduled on the same weekend, players may only compete in one of those events.
* The closing date of the Challenger event is before registration deadline of a JCT so players who are on the waitlist of the Challenger event can still register and qualify for the JCT.
* Where a player moves off the waitlist for the Challenger that player may choose to play the Challenger with no penalty for withdrawing from the JCT no matter the timing of that decision.
* Note that where a player who has been competing in a Challenger event, registers for a JCT, their selection event points will be counted for qualification and seeding for that JCT in the same way as their U19 ranking points.

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Selection Event Points

- Eligible Players will be awarded Selection Event Points based on the US Squash junior ranking system for results in JCT events, USJO and Junior Nationals.
- Eligible Players will earn Selection Event points listed below for results in Challenger events.

Challenger - Selection Event Points	
Finishing Position	Selection Event Points
1	4200
2	4020
3-4	3800
5-8	3600
9-16	3500