



# 2021 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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## PLAYER SELECTION GUIDELINES

### TEAM USA

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#### **Junior World Championship**

September 20-26, 2021

Location TBD

#### **Senior World Championship**

October 11-16, 2021

Las Vegas, NV

#### **XV World Championship**

November 15-20, 2021

Doha, Qatar

## THE TEAMS

The composition of each Team USA world championship team will be as follows:

### Junior World Championship Team

- Boys and Girls teams consist of age divisions for 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under.
- Team size will depend on the number of applications for each division.
- A player limit does not currently exist and will not be decided upon until the *Final Applicant List* is finalized.

### Senior World Championship Team

- Men's team consists of age divisions for 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+ and 55+.
- Women's team consists of 35+, 45+ and 55+.
- Team size will depend on the number of applications for each division.
- A player limit does not currently exist and will not be decided upon until the *Final Applicant List* is finalized.

### XV World Championship Team

- Men's and Women's teams consist of eight players each.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Any player who wants to be considered for selection to Team USA must complete the application form located on the USPA's website, [www.padelusa.org](http://www.padelusa.org). The application deadline for consideration is **June 30, 2021** and selections will be announced on **August 1, 2021**.

Only players who have met or plan to meet the requirements listed below should apply for Team USA consideration. Players who fail to complete the application by the **June 30, 2021** deadline will not be considered for selection.

### CITIZENSHIP, FIP REGULATIONS

All players must satisfy the following requirements:

- Possess U.S. citizenship
- Possess a valid U.S. passport
- Possess a current USPA licensed membership
- Have not represented any other country in the 36 months immediately preceding the world championship event.

# SELECTION CRITERIA

## Junior and Senior World Championship Teams

The International Padel Federation (FIP) has yet to issue quotas for the number of teams each country may submit per division. When the quota becomes available, the USPA will communicate this information to its members to maintain transparency throughout the selection process.

In the meantime, all interested players are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be evaluated by the Board of Directors with consultation from the USPA Players Committee.

The selection criteria will include player ability, results from USPA sanctioned tournaments, national and international ranking, and participation in USPA sanctioned events.

## XV World Championship Team

The top six players according to the USPA national ranking as of **July 30, 2021** will receive an automatic selection to the Men's and Women's world championship teams. USPA national rankings are calculated on a 52-week rolling basis and will include all USPA sanctioned tournament results between **August 1, 2020** and **July 30, 2021**.

Applications for the remaining two at-large selections will be evaluated by the Board of Directors and Team USA Head Coach with direct consultation from the USPA Players Committee. The selection criteria will include player ability, results from USPA sanctioned tournaments, national and international ranking, and participation in USPA sanctioned events.

## XV World Championship Team USA Coach

Interested parties are encouraged to apply for the Men's and Women's Team USA Head Coaching position(s) by submitting a resume to [info@padelusa.org](mailto:info@padelusa.org). The application deadline for consideration is **April 30, 2021** and the coaching selection(s) will be announced on **June 1, 2021**.

# SPORTSMANSHIP

The on-court and off-court attitudes of each player is as important to Team USA as the padel ability that comes with it. Being selected to represent the country is the highest honor that the USPA can bestow upon any player. All applicants who are selected should be prepared to play hard, support their teammates, and show respect to opponents in victory or defeat.

## ELIGIBILITY LIST

The names of players who have completed the application for Team USA consideration will be posted on the USPA's website under the *Preliminary Applicant List* no later than three days following the deadline. The *Preliminary Applicant List* will reflect applicants only and does not confirm that applicants have met the requirements for selection. The *Final Applicant List* will be published on the USPA's website by **July 12, 2021**.

*Note: USPA reserves the right to contact additional players if a team cannot be filled by players from the Final Applicant List.*

*Note: If the dates for any world championship event are postponed, the USPA may revise the selection process and criteria to correspond with such circumstances.*

## WITHDRAWALS

Any player forced to withdraw after selections have been announced due to injury or illness must contact the USPA immediately.

If the withdrawal is from the Junior or Senior World Championship teams or as an at-large selection to the XV World Championship team, the USPA will reevaluate the same selection criteria listed above to select the alternate. If the withdrawal is from the XV World Championship team as an automatic selection via USPA national ranking, the next highest ranked player who meets the criteria listed above will be selected as the alternate.

## GRIEVANCES

Any player who feels an error was made in the selection process may file a grievance with the USPA at [info@padelusa.org](mailto:info@padelusa.org). Please attach any supporting documentation that may help with evaluating the submission.

If there are any inquiries regarding the guidelines listed above, please contact the USPA at [info@padelusa.org](mailto:info@padelusa.org).

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYERS  
AND GO TEAM USA!**

