

2025 US National Teams Selection Criteria

Applicable to Cat Libres and Senior National Teams

- 75% of the players within each competition category (for example M45+) will be selected via ranking. The highest ranked eligible player will have top priority, followed by the second highest, etc. (“Selections by Ranking”)
 - The US National Team Coach and the Relevant Assistant Coaches may incorporate a player’s (i) USPA absolute category ranking, or (ii) FIP ranking, and or (iii) direct and indirect USPA and FIP sanctioned tournament match results of identical pairings when determining the Selections by Ranking. It is the relevant national team coach’s unilateral decision to select which ranking (USPA or FIP) to base each individual Selection by Ranking.
- The remaining 25% of players will be chosen by the US National Team Coach (“Coaches Picks”).
- The US National Team Coaches and the Relevant Assistant Coaches may reduce the Selections by Ranking to 50% and increase the Coaches’ Picks to 50% by presenting specific player selections to the USPA Teams Subcommittee on Selections and receiving at least a majority vote from subcommittee.
- The US National Team Coaches shall be from multiple geographic regions of the US.

Selection Dates, Deadlines and Other

- a. Rankings used for selections will be the most recent published ranking as of the selection decision date.
- b. A USPA National Teams Subcommittee on Selections comprised exclusively of persons not applying for a position on the US National Team will review and confirm the above selection process has been followed, prior to any team selection announcement.
- c. Coaches’ Picks shall include the unanimous support from not fewer than two US National Team Coaches.
- d. In a scenario where the number of required players is not wholly divisible by ¼’s, the USPA will round down in making Selections by Ranking.

2025 Absolute US National Team Selection Criteria

1. 25% of the players will be selected based upon rankings. The highest ranked eligible player will have top priority, followed by the second highest, etc. (“Selections by Ranking”)
 - a. The Absolute US National Team Coach and the Relevant Assistant Coaches may base Selections by Ranking on a player’s (i) USPA absolute category ranking, or (ii) FIP ranking. It is the relevant coach’s unilateral decision to select which ranking (USPA or FIP or some combination thereof) from which to base each individual Selection by Ranking.
2. The remaining 75% of players will be selected by the Absolute US National Team Coaches (“Coaches’ Picks”).
3. Selection Dates and Other
 - a. Rankings used for selections will be the most recent published ranking as of the selection decision date.
 - b. A USPA National Teams Subcommittee on Selections comprised exclusively of persons not applying for a position on the US National Team will review and confirm the above selection process has been followed, prior to any team selection announcement.
 - c. Coaches’ Picks shall include the unanimous support from not fewer than two US National Team Coaches.
 - d. In a scenario where the number of required players is not wholly divisible by ¼’s, the USPA will round down in making Selections by Ranking.