

# 2025 US Seniors National Team Selection Criteria



- The winning pairs of the USPA Circuit's Age Group National Championships shall receive an automatic selection (a "Golden Ticket") to the US Senior National Team competing in the next Padel America Senior Championships, provided both players are US citizens. All remaining Senior National Team selections shall be determined as follows:
  - 75% of the players within each competition category (for example M45+) will be selected via ranking and shall also include recipients of Golden Tickets. With respect to rankings the highest ranked eligible player will have top priority, followed by the 2nd highest, etc. ("Selections by Performance"),
  - 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 Performance and it is the relevant national team coach's unilateral decision to select which ranking (USPA or FIP) to base each individual Selection by Performance,
  - The remaining 25% of players will be chosen by the US National Team Coach ("Coaches Picks"),
  - Players receiving Golden Tickets shall be considered US Senior National Team invitations under the category Selections by Performance, and
  - The US National Team Coaches and the Relevant Assistant Coaches may reduce the Selections by Performance 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.
- e. A Golden Ticket shall only be issued for selection to the US Senior National Team competing at the Padel America Senior Championships and the age category placement and player pairing of any such Golden Ticket recipient at the Padel America Senior Championships shall remain the sole discretion of US National Team coaches. In the event a winning pair at the US Circuit's Age Group National Championships are not both US citizens, or one player is a US citizen and one player isn't, neither member of the pair shall receive a Golden Ticket. Golden Tickets are not transferable.

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As the national governing body for Padel in the USA as determined by FIP and the Padel America, the USPA sends teams to attend FIP World Championships, Padel America Pan American Games and other International Competitions. These federations and championships offer tournaments in the Absolute, Open, Senior (Age Group), and Junior categories for male and female players. The dates and locations of each tournament change annually and are placed on the USPA Calendar as soon as they are officially announced.

## Selection Timeline

1. Player applications open 14 weeks prior to event commencement.
2. Coaches announced 12 or more weeks prior to event commencement.
3. Player applications close 10 weeks prior to event commencement.
4. Rankings utilized for selections to be as of not less than 10 weeks prior to event commencement.
5. Selected players contacted 9 weeks prior to event commencement.
6. Selected players required to sign commitment letter 8.5 weeks prior to event commencement.
7. Selected players announced publicly 8 weeks prior to event commencement.

\*Subject to compatibility with FIP and Padel America event announcement timetable.