

2026 US Senior World Championship National Team Selection Criteria

- 75% of the players within each competition category will be selected via rankings. (“Selections by Performance”),
- The US National Team Coach and the Relevant Assistant Coaches (the “National Team Coaches”) may incorporate a player’s (i) USPA age category ranking, (ii) USPA absolute ranking, (iii) FIP ranking, and or (iv) direct and indirect USPA and FIP sanctioned tournament match results of identical pairings when determining the Selections by Performance. It is the National Team Coaches’ unilateral decision to select which ranking (USPA or FIP) to base, weigh and determine each individual Selection by Performance,
- The remaining 25% of players will be chosen by the National Team Coaches (“Coaches Picks”),
- The National Team 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 the subcommittee.
- With respect to the selection of National Team Members for participation in competitions with age categories for which no corresponding USPA age category ranking exists (40+, 50+, 60+), the National Team Coaches shall be permitted to select 100% of such National Team Members as Coaches’ Picks.
- The National Team Coaches shall be from multiple geographic regions.
- National Team Coaches shall unilaterally determine all player lineups for the competition and there is no guarantee, or even likelihood, that all National Team members will play in a match during certain competitions where for example there is only one event (the 2026 Senior World Championships). Player lineups for a competition may not be determined until the entire Team has arrived at a competition and as such, certain National Team Members may incur substantial travel and other costs while ultimately not being selected to compete in any matches during the competition.

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 respective US National Team, will review and confirm that 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 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 Performance.

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As the national governing body for Padel in the USA as determined by FIP and 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 8 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.

**In light of the continuous updates introduced by Pádel América and the International Padel Federation (FIP) across multiple events, Padel USA reserves the right to modify these selection criteria, timelines, procedures, guidelines and rules as necessary.