

2026 US National Absolute Padel Team - Team Selection Criteria

- 25% of the players will be selected based on rankings. The highest-ranked eligible player will have top priority, followed by the second-highest, etc. (“Selections by Ranking”)
- 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.
- The remaining 75% of players will be selected by the Absolute US National Team Coaches (“Coaches’ Picks”).

Selection Information

- 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 Championships and other International Competitions. 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 used for selections are as of at least 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.