



2026 USA Junior National Team

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The USA Junior National Team's overall goal is to identify, evaluate, and select competition-level junior padel players to represent the USA, while continuing to grow and strengthen junior padel nationwide.

The team's ultimate goal in 2026 is to perform at the highest level at the **FIP Junior America Padel Cup in Mexico, Nov 10-14, 2026**. The tournament will serve as the qualifier for the 2027 FIP Junior World Cup. In addition to the Pan American Junior Championships, the Pan American Junior Circuit will offer players opportunities to represent the USA against international competition.

The USA Junior Competition Program provides young athletes with opportunities to develop through official competitions, Junior Americano events, and targeted USA National Team training sessions. These initiatives aim to create a clear pathway for junior players, encourage competitive participation, and promote long-term player development nationwide.

This year's program will not include tryout sessions. Instead, National Team coaches will conduct training sessions during selected FIP events they attend and will evaluate players during FIP and USPA tournaments, focusing on real match play, competitive performance, decision-making, and on-court behavior. This approach allows for a more accurate and fair assessment of players in true competitive environments.

USA Junior National Team Selection Criteria

1. All players wishing to apply for a USA national junior team must play a minimum of 4 FIP or USPA-sanctioned tournaments in the selection period from January 1st - September 1st. At least 2 of these must be FIP Promises tournaments.
2. 50% of the players in each category will be selected based on the players' FIP or USPA rankings.
3. 50% of the players in each category will be selected by the coaches. The criteria for coach selections include, but are not limited to, Performance at FIP and USPA tournaments, National or International rankings, Technical stroke evaluation, Commitment to playing padel full-time, and team compatibility.

FIP Junior America Padel Cup

The **FIP Junior America Padel Cup** is the official continental team competition that brings together junior national teams from countries across the Americas. This event is played in a national-team format, with players representing their country as part of an official delegation. The tournament's location has not yet been determined. Each match between two countries is played as a team tie consisting of three matches, played in the following order: U14 match, U16 match, U18 match

In this tournament, a minimum of 2 players and a maximum of 4 players will be selected to represent the USA in U14, U16, U18, Boys, and Girls; however, only one pair competes per age category in the match against another country. National Team coaches may change the players competing against different countries depending on matchups, strategy, and performance.

The Pan American Junior Championship is typically played in a round robin group stage format. After the group stage, the top-ranked countries from each group advance to the final rounds based on the number of ties won and official tie-breaking criteria. In addition to the championship by nations, there is usually a championship by pairs, where the USA can have two pairs representing at each age tournament, played in a bracket-style.

Players do not register individually for this tournament. USA National Team coaches select players to represent the United States based on the criteria below

Selection Process for the FIP Junior America Padel Cup, Nov 10-14, 2026, Mexico

- Players will submit their applications online starting August 1st.
- Applications Close September 1st.
- Teams announced from September 16th onwards.
- Players must have a USPA Membership/License and a USA Passport.

Pan American Junior Circuit (Circuito Panamericano de Menores)

The Pan American Junior Circuit is an international junior padel circuit organized by Padel America, created to give young players the opportunity to compete at a high international level against players from across the Americas. The circuit follows a pairs tournament format (not a team competition). Players represent their country, but compete as pairs within each division. Players can enter each tournament with different partners if they choose to.

The Pan-American Junior Circuit includes four tournaments:

- **Colombia:** July 2–4
- **Mexico:** August 6–8
- **USA (Championships):** October 8–11

- The USA is allowed to enter up to 3 pairs in each age category.
- The USA will not be sending a coach or a delegate to the Paraguay and Chile tournaments.
- The USA will have a coach and delegate at the Mexico and USA tournaments.
- To be considered for the USA Championships event, players must compete in at least one of the three previous tournaments: Paraguay, Chile, or Mexico.
- Age categories will follow international junior regulations: U14, U16, and U18.

Selection Process for the Pan American Junior Circuit (Paraguay, Chile, Mexico)

- Players who wish to play in one of these tournaments should register their interest by emailing the US National Team Delegate. leti@padelusa.org. If more players enter than there are spaces available, the US National Team Coaches will select the players.
- Players must compete in one of the circuit events to qualify for selection to the circuit championships in San Diego, CA. Selection for the championships in San Diego, CA, will be based on performance in the three Pan American Junior Circuit tournaments.

What to Expect When USA National Team Coaches Are At A Tournament

- Players will be introduced to the USA Junior National Team coaching staff and, when applicable, the team delegate.
- Coaches will explain the expectations and the qualities they look for in potential national team players.
- Players will be observed during official match play, focusing on performance, attitude, competitiveness, and commitment. Coaches will observe technical skills, tactical decisions, mental strength, communication, and sportsmanship.
- Brief individual feedback may be provided after the tournament, allowing players to receive guidance on areas to improve

USPA and FIP Tournaments - Important Registration & Participation Notes

- Ensure that players are registered well in advance, as tournament registrations close early.
- A USPA membership is required to play on a USA National Team. [USPA Membership](#)
- A PadelUno account is required for FIP Tournaments [Padel UNO ENG](#) [Padel UNO ESP](#)
- FIP Tournaments are organized into three age categories (U14, U16, and U18). Players can enter their current age category and the one above.
- USPA Circuit Tournaments are Open to players of all ages, including adults, and are organized by divisions 1 through 4 and USPA levels 100, 250, 500, 1000, and 2000. If your child is mature enough to play in an adult tournament against adult competitors, these are great opportunities to gain competitive padel experience. Your local coach can provide guidance on which division and level to start with. With over 250 USPA tournaments across the USA, there are many opportunities to play throughout the year. www.padelusa.org/calendar

USA Junior Competitive Calendar 2026

There are a number of competitive playing options in the USA for junior padel players. These include FIP Promises, USPA Junior Americanos, and USPA Circuit Tournaments. National Team coaches will be present at certain events to observe, analyze, and evaluate players during official competition.

Start Date	End Date	Name of Tournament	City	State/ Country	Coaches Present*
Feb 26, 2026	Mar 1, 2026	Woodlands Padel FIP Promises	Woodlands	TX, USA	
Apr 2, 2026	Apr 4, 2026	Paraguay: Pan American Junior Circuit	N/A	Paraguay	
Apr 10, 2026	Apr 12, 2026	Club: Padel X Tournament	Miami	FL, USA	*Yes, see notes
May 29, 2026	May 31, 2026	FIP Promises Chicago: Padel Clube	Mundelein	IL, USA	*Yes, see notes
Jun 25, 2026	Jun 28, 2026	FIP Promises Wakit Rakit. Woodlands	Woodlands	TX, USA	National Coaches may attend
Jul 2, 2026	Jul 4, 2026	Chile: Pan American Junior Circuit	N/A	Colombia	
Aug 6, 2026	Aug 8, 2026	México: Pan American Junior Circuit	N/A	México	National Coaches will coach and manage the team
Aug 28, 2026	Aug 30, 2026	FIP Promises San Francisco - Park Padel	San Francisco	CA, USA	National Coaches may attend
Sep 24, 2026	Sep 27, 2026	FIP Promises Miami II - Urban Padel	Doral	FL, USA	*Yes, see notes
Oct 8, 2026	Oct 11, 2026	Pan American Junior Circuit Championships	San Diego	CA, USA	National Coaches will coach and manage the team
Nov 10, 2026	Nov 14, 2026	FIP Junior America Padel Cup	TBD	Mexico	National Coaches will coach and manage the team

* National Team coaches will be present and conduct player evaluation during official matches, and a team training session will be organized.