

2026 US National Cat Libres Padel Team - Team Selection Criteria

- 75% of the players within each competition category 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) USA Padel absolute category ranking, or (ii) FIP ranking, and/or (iii) direct and indirect USA Padel 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 (USA Padel 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 USA Padel Teams Subcommittee on Selections and receiving at least a majority vote from the 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 USA Padel 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 USA Padel 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, USA Padel sends teams to attend International Competitions. The dates and locations change annually and are on the USA Padel 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, USA Padel reserves the right to modify these selection criteria, timelines, procedures, guidelines, and rules as necessary.