



## Selection Procedure - 2012 Cadet and Junior Teams

Each team will be composed of 4 athletes/team/gender and will be selected as follows:

### I - World Ranking

- \* US eligible athletes for 2012 Cadet Team, ranked in top 10 of the December 2011 ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list will directly qualify to the Cadet National Team.
- \* US eligible athletes for 2012 Junior team, ranked in top 20 of the December 2011 ITTF Under 18 World Ranking list will directly qualify to the Junior National Team.

### II - US Trials for Cadet and Junior Teams

The remaining spots will be determined at the US Junior and Cadet Team Trials to be held in Virginia Beach during the US Nationals, December 13 -17, 2011.

## Playing system for 2012 Team Trials

- 1- First Stage - Single elimination
- 2- Second Stage - Round robin
- 3- Third Stage- 2 vs 3 Crossover
- 4- Fourth Stage - 1 vs Winner of Third Stage
- 5- Fifth Stage - Playoff matches for final positions

All 2011 National Junior and Cadet Team A members as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 who enter the Trials, will directly qualify to the second stage of their respective age group Trials.

Example: All 2011 Cadet National Team A members who are still eligible for the Cadet Team in 2012 will be directly qualified in the second stage of the Cadet Team Trials.

If a player was in National Cadet Team A in 2011 but is no longer eligible for the cadet team in 2012 he/she must play in the qualification stage for the Junior Trials, unless he/she was a Junior Team A member in 2011.

**First Stage** - Single elimination until there are 12 total players remaining, including those who qualified directly into the second stage.

**Second Stage** - The 12 remaining players will be placed in two round robin groups of six players.

The placement of the players in the two groups will be done based on the most recent rating, using the snake principle and regional separation.

**Third Stage** - Playoff matches: A2 vs. B3 and A3 vs. B2

**Fourth Stage** - Playoff matches: Winners of third stage will play A1 and B1 as follows:

1 - If the second stage's winners are from different groups they will play A1 or B1, whichever are from the opposite groups, for example: If the winner is A2 and B2 they will play as follows: A2 vs. B1 and B2 vs. A1.

2 - If the winners are from the same group, then there will be a draw.

**Fifth Stage** - Final playoff matches:

- The winners from the fourth stage will play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> positions.

- The losers from the fourth stage will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions.

- The losers from the third stage will play for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> positions.

- All other playoff matches will be played in order to determine all positions:

A4 vs. B4; A5 vs. B5 and A6 vs. B6.

All matches will be played best of five.

Schedule conflicts for Trials will be solved per regular procedure for Nationals by the control desk.

In case the conflict cannot be solved the players must forfeit their match in the other event.