

**USA TABLE TENNIS (USATT)
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG)**

November 25, 2009

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be a citizen of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- *The maximum number of athletes per NOC shall be one (1) man and one (1) woman.*
- *To be eligible for the YOG, athletes must be born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995.*
- *Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Games.*
- *Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, as requested.*

3. Other requirements (if any):

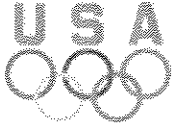
Athletes must be a member in good standing of USATT.

B. Provide a description explaining how athletes are selected to the Team (include tryout events and date of selection).

An athlete may qualify as a member of the 2010 YOG team through the following criteria/events listed in priority order, until the U.S. fills all eligible slots, one (1) athlete per gender:

Boys' and Girls' Single Events:

- 1) *USA Trials #1 (June 30, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV) – the winner of the boys and girls Trials will participate in the Pan Am Team Trials in order to make the Pan Am Team, thus qualifying to the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Cadet Challenge.*



- 2) Pan Am Team Trials (August 19-23, 2009 in Montreal, Canada) – the top four finishers per gender per country will qualify for the ITTF Cadet Challenge. No more than one player per gender per country may qualify for the ITTF Cadet Challenge.
- 3) ITTF Cadet Challenge (October 19-25, 2009 in Tokyo, Japan) – if a U.S. athlete makes the Pan Am Team therefore qualifying to compete in the ITTF Cadet Challenge, and finishes in the top four, he/she will qualify for the 2010 YOG.

If the U.S. qualifies all eligible slots (one athlete per gender) at the ITTF Cadet Challenge, the selection process will conclude.

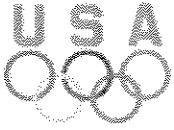
If the U.S. does not qualify any eligible slots at the ITTF Cadet Challenge, does not qualify to compete in the ITTF Cadet Challenge, or qualifies only one boy or one girl, the selection process will continue as follows:

- 4) ITTF Under 15 World Ranking – if a U.S. athlete is ranked among the top four eligible players not yet qualified through the above criteria on the ITTF Under 15 World Ranking through 31 December 2009, with a maximum of one player per gender per country, the highest ranked U.S. athlete will qualify for the 2010 YOG.
- 5) USA Trials #2 (December 16-19, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV) – the winner of the boys and girls Trials will represent the USA at the Continental Qualification event and if not qualified through the Continental Qualification event, the ITTF Junior Circuit events.
- 6) Continental Qualification event (tentatively scheduled for February 1-3, 2010 in El Salvador) – if a U.S. athlete finishes in the top three in the boys' or girls' singles event, he/she will qualify for the 2010 YOG.
- 7) ITTF Junior Circuit events (to be held between 1 January 2010 and 10 June 2010; final dates & locations TBD and posted on USATT's website (www.usatt.org)) – the winner or the first eligible player (maximum of one player per gender per country) not yet qualified through the above criteria at each of the five Junior Circuit events will qualify for the 2010 YOG.

Mixed Team Competition:

The Mixed Teams will be formed with athletes already qualified for singles events. When a NOC qualifies one boy and one girl, it will be entitled to form one team with the name of the NOC. The remaining players can also form continental mixed teams as a second option with players from different NOCs but from the same Continent.

***Please note: the ITTF qualification system is included as part of these procedures as Attachment A. As of today, the schedule/order of the events in this document is different than listed in Attachment A. The Continental Qualification event is scheduled for February 2010 and the ITTF Junior Circuits will be held later on in 2010 (the dates are TBD). Please see the ITTF website (www.ittf.com) for the schedule of events.*



- C. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process.

High Performance Advisory Committee & the AAC Representative

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- A. Explain the discretionary criteria and how it will be used (if any):

N/A

- B. Discretionary Selection Committee

Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections:

N/A

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

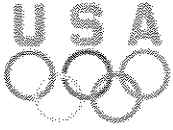
- A. Prior to acceptance of the selections by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over selected athletes.

An athlete who is selected to the Team by the NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USATT CEO.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved USATT physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USATT physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the USATT Code of Conduct (Attachment B).

- B. After acceptance of athlete selections by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.



- C. An athlete may be removed from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

In case a nominated athlete needs to be replaced, a replacement athlete will be nominated according to the procedures outlined in the ITTF Qualification Criteria (Attachment A).

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USATT will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USATT Code of Conduct (Attachment B)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USATT in the following locations:

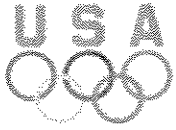
- A. NGB Web site: www.usatt.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

- B. Other (if applicable): *N/A*

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping



protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

High Performance Advisory Committee & the AAC representative

XII. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

An athlete has the right to a hearing per the USATT's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures, Article XV, Section 15.1 to 15.12, pages 39 – 41 Complaint Procedures, http://www.usatt.org/organization/bylaws/bylaws_100307.pdf or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9 and Grievance Procedures, http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/4076/USOC_Bylaws_07.01.08_executed.pdf.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or ITTF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, and/or ITTF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USATT. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USATT may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W. Ruger, by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org



XV. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USATT.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Michael Cavanaugh	<i>Michael D. Cavanaugh</i>	11/25/09
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Teodor Gheorghe	<i>Teodor Gheorghe</i>	11/25/09
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Whitney Ping	<i>Whitney Ping</i>	12/3/09

*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

Attachment A INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION (ITTF)

A. Events and Quotas

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)	MIXED EVENTS (1)
Boys' Singles	Girls' Singles	Mixed Team competition

QUOTA	QUALIFIED VIA IF	NOC UNIVERSALITY PLACES	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	27	4	1	32
Women	27	4	1	32
TOTAL	54	8	2	64

NOC QUOTA

The maximum number of athletes per NOC shall be one (1) man and one (1) woman.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the YOG, athletes must be born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995.

B. Qualification System

PERFORMANCE & CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

27 athletes for each of the boys' singles and girls' singles events will qualify as follows:

1. ITTF Cadet Challenge. Tokyo 2009

The top four (4) eligible players in the Singles events of the ITTF Cadet Challenge to be held in Tokyo (Japan) in October 2009 will be qualified, with a maximum of one (1) player per NOC and gender.

2. ITTF Under 15 World Ranking

The top four (4) eligible players not yet qualified through other criteria on the first ITTF Under 15 World Ranking published in 31 December 2009, with a maximum of one (1) player per NOC and gender.

3. ITTF Junior Circuit events

The winner or the first eligible player not yet qualified through other criteria of each five (5) Junior Circuit events selected by the ITTF Junior Commission and held between 1 January and 10 June 2010 will be qualified.

4. Continental Qualification

Players will be qualified through continental qualification events held between 1 November 2009 and 31 May 2010, according to the following distribution:

Europe	4
Asia	4
Pan America	3
Africa	2
Oceania	1
Total	14

Each Continental Federation is responsible for holding its own qualification events but they must provide the ITTF with the planning of the qualification events (dates, places and number of places to qualify in each tournament) before 15 May 2009, as well as the names of the qualified players after each qualifying event according to the above quota and according to the established timelines.

Mixed Team Competition

The Mixed Teams will be formed with athletes already qualified for singles events. When a NOC qualifies one boy and one girl, it will be entitled to form one team with the name of the NOC. The remaining players can also form continental mixed teams as a second option with players from different NOCs but from the same Continent.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION
The host nation shall directly qualify one (1) place in each Singles event if not already qualified by the Cadet Challenge, Under 15 World Ranking, ITTF Junior Circuits or by Continental Qualification.

C. Reallocation of unused quota places

UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES
<p>1. <u>ITTF Under 15 World Ranking List</u></p> <p>If a player qualified from the ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list is not entered by the NOC, the unused quota places will be reallocated to the next highest ranked player from the ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list.</p>
<p>2. <u>ITTF Cadet Challenge or ITTF Junior Circuit</u></p> <p>If a player qualified from the ITTF Cadet Challenge or the ITTF Junior Circuit is not entered by the NOC, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the next eligible player from the respective event.</p>
<p>3. <u>Continental Qualification</u></p> <p>If a player qualified from the Continental Qualification list/event is not entered by the NOC, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the next player from this list/event. If the continent is unable to complete their quota, then the unused quota place will be re-allocated to the next highest ranked player from the ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list.</p>

UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES
If the host nation direct entry place is already filled through Cadet Challenge, Under 15 World Ranking or by Continental Qualification, then one (1) additional place will be reallocated to the next player from the respective list/event.

UNUSED NOC UNIVERSALITY PLACES
Any unused NOC Universality place will be allocated to the next player in the ITTF Under 15 World Ranking List that has not already qualified.

D. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
May 2009	Continental Federations to inform ITTF about qualification planning
19-25 October 2009	ITTF Cadet Challenge, Tokyo (JPN)
1 November 2009 - 31 May 2010	Continental qualification process
31 December 2009	ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list
1 January – 31 May 2010	ITTF Junior Circuit events qualification process
1 June – 14 July 2010	Final reallocation period for unused quota places
15 July 2010	Entries deadline (by name) for all sports End of reallocation process.
14 – 26 August 2010	1 st Summer Youth Olympic Games, Singapore

Attachment B

USA Table Tennis Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the letter and spirit of the USA Table Tennis Code of Conduct (the "Code"), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the 2010 US Youth Olympic Team. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with this Code and understand that acceptance of the following provisions is a condition of my selection to the 2010 US Youth Olympic Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Table Tennis;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of International Table Tennis Federation;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;

- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings and all scheduled programs;
- am aware that USA Table Tennis sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Table Tennis apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Table Tennis sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Table Tennis apparel;
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Table Tennis under conditions authorized by USA Table Tennis and give event organizers and USA Table Tennis the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Table Tennis or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Table Tennis apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Table Tennis logo for the purpose of trade without the prior written consent of the USA Table Tennis (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Table Tennis and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times, I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman,
toll free at 888.ATHLETE (888.284.5383) or John.Ruger@usoc.org
for further information regarding my rights under this Code
that are not answered by USA Table Tennis.

PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature

Date

NGB Name

Sport

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION
(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)