

USA Table Tennis
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2008 Olympic Games
Amended February 9, 2007

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

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

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be citizens of the United States and eligible under the international rules of the IOC at the commencement of the Official Draw of the U.S. Trials (Section I.D.). Athletes must have a current, valid US passport at the time of nomination.

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

N/A

3. Other requirements (if any):

Athletes must be members of USA Table Tennis (USATT).

B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a Nominee to the Team (include maximum team size).

I) Men's and Women's singles- Maximum 3 athletes/gender/NOC

An athlete may qualify as a member of the 2008 Olympic team through the following criteria/events listed in priority order, until the U.S. fills all eligible slots, up to 3 athletes per gender:

1) Automatic qualification for the Gold Medalist in Men's and Women's Singles from the 2007 Pan American Games.
See 2007 Pan Am Games Technical Manual (Attachment A)

2) Automatic qualification for the top 20 players in the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Ranking published January 1st, 2008 (which includes results from all qualified tournaments from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007) with a maximum of 2 players/gender/ NOC per ITTF Qualification criteria, (see Attachment B). If there are

more than two USATT top 20 ranked athletes, the two eligible, highest ranked per gender will earn the automatic qualification.

- 3) Qualification through the 2008 North American Trials (“**NA Trials**”), (the date and location will be listed on the USATT website, www.usatt.org, no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the NA Trials) via qualification at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials (“**U.S. Trials**”), (the date and location will be listed on the USATT website, www.usatt.org, no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the U.S. Trials.) Per the ITTF Selection Quotas, one NA Trials event will be held for Men’s and Women’s Singles for athletes from Bermuda, Canada and the USA.

The ITTF has allocated 3 slots/gender for North America. If one of the Gold Medalists from the Pan Am Games is from North America, then the North American quota will be reduced by one slot of the respective gender.

USATT will hold one U.S. Trials event for Men’s and Women’s Singles in order to select the singles athletes that will represent the U.S. at the NA Trials. The final number of athletes who will be selected to compete will be based on North American Table Tennis Union (NATTU) criteria which is TBD and will be posted on the USATT Website, www.usatt.org, no more than five days after the criteria has been established.

- 4) Qualification through the **ITTF World Qualification Tournament**- 1-18 May 2008, location TBD and will be posted on the USATT website, www.usatt.org, at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the World Qualification Tournament. Per ITTF Qualification Criteria (see Attachment B) the USA may be entitled to enter athletes in singles events to compete at the World Qualification Tournament. If USATT has remaining slots available, they will select the number of athletes allowed to participate in the World Qualification Tournament in rank order from the NA Trials (first priority) then proceeding to selection from the U.S Trials in rank order (second priority.) Athletes will be required to pay all expenses associated with attending the World Qualification Tournament.

If the USA fills its maximum number of entries through

qualifying as the Gold Medalist at the 2007 Pan Am Games, and the ITTF World Ranking and/or through the NA Trials, the USA will not be eligible to nominate athletes to participate at the ITTF World Qualification Tournament.

II) Men's and Women's Team- Maximum one team/gender/NOC
Athletes qualified in singles will form the US Team according to ITTF Qualification Criteria (see Attachment B).

If the USA qualifies less than 3 athletes/ per gender in Singles events, and if the U.S. qualifies for the Team event, the team may be formed with athletes who are already qualified in Singles plus the next athlete(s) per gender, according to the finishing order at the NA Trials. (See ITTF Qualification Criteria, Attachment B.)

C. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- 2007 Pan American Games, Brazil, July 13-29, 2007.

- 2008 U.S. Trials- Men's and Women's Singles

- The site for the Trials-TBD (The date and location will be posted on the USATT website, www.usatt.org at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the 2008 U.S. Trials)

- Tentative schedule is February- March, 2008.

- 2008 North American Trials

- The site for the NA Trials-TBD (The date and location will be posted on the USATT website, www.usatt.org at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the N A Trials)

- Tentative schedule- March - April 2008

- World Qualification Tournament

- The site for the World Qualification Tournament - TBD (the location will be posted on the USATT website, www.usatt.org at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the World Qualification Tournament.)

- May 1-18, 2008

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).

2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament – Men’s and Women’s Singles

- The site for the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament – TBD (The date and location will be posted on the USATT website, www.usatt.org at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament.) This event will be held one day prior to the 2008 US Trials
- Date- February- March, 2008

3. Provide the event name, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine “start positions” (if any).

NA

- D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

There is a maximum of three athletes/gender that the USA can qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games through the following selection process:

1. If a U.S. Team member is the Gold Medalist in the Men’s or Women’s singles competition at the 2007 Pan Am Games he/she will automatically qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games. See Pan Am Games Technical Manual (Attachment A).
2. U.S. athletes in the top 20 of the ITTF World Ranking as of January 1, 2008 (which includes results from all qualified tournaments from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007) automatically qualify for 2008 Olympic Games with a maximum of 2 players/gender/NOC. The ITTF Ranking is based on results from ITTF official competitions.

3. If there are remaining slot(s) for the U.S. not filled by the top 2 U.S. athletes per gender ranked in the top 20 of the ITTF ranking or the winner of the Pan Am Games, the slot(s) will be filled by the top finishers, per gender, in rank order from the 2008 NA Trials per ITTF Qualification Criteria (Attachment B).

Qualifying to the 2008 Olympic Games

1. North American Trials

If there are remaining slots after athletes are nominated to the Olympic Team through #1 and #2 above, athletes who competed in the U.S. Trials will be selected in rank order to compete in the NA Trials.

A list ranking the Olympic Games eligible athletes will be created based upon the results of the matches played in the 2008 NA Trials and the remaining slots will be filled in finish order by athletes who competed at the NA Trials, per gender, per ITTF Qualification Criteria (Attachment B), and then they will be nominated to the USOC for the 2008 Olympic Games.

2. World Qualifying Tournament

If the USA does not qualify 3 athletes/gender through #1, #2, or # 3 above, the USA may be entitled to enter athletes equal to the remaining spots, (3 minus the number of athletes qualified) to the World Qualifying Tournament. USATT, if qualified, will select the number of athletes allowed to participate in the World Qualification Tournament in rank order, from the NA Trials (first priority) then proceeding to selection from the U.S Trials in rank order (second priority) if slots still remain. Athletes will be required to pay all expenses associated with attending the World Qualification Tournament.

Qualifying to the North American Trials

2008 U.S. Trials

This tournament will be used to select athletes to compete in the North American Trials. The final number of athletes who will be selected to compete will be based on NATTU criteria which is TBD and will be posted on the USATT Website, www.usatt.org, no more than five days after the criteria has been established.

a. The top ten USATT ranked male and female athletes as of January 1, 2008 will be invited to the U.S. Trials.

If there is a tie which causes there to be more than 10 USATT ranked men or women in the top 10, a playoff match (if two players are tied) or a round robin (if more than two players are tied) will be held to decide which athlete(s) will fill the remaining slot(s). The winner of the playoff or the top finisher(s) who compete in the round robin, become the athlete(s) who qualify for the remaining slot(s) and will then be invited to the Trials. The date and location for the playoff or round robin will be announced and posted on the USATT website (www.usatt.org) as soon as possible after the entry deadline for the US Trials.

b. The top two finishers per gender at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the remaining two spots per gender at the 2008 U.S. Trials. (See Qualifying to the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament below.)

c. At the U.S. Trials, 12 athletes of each gender will participate in a single giant round robin competition in which each athlete will compete against every other athlete. Each match will be the best of seven games.

At the conclusion of the U.S. Trials, the athletes will be ranked on the basis of their U.S. Trials results, using previously established and long-standing ITTF rules regarding ordering, tie breaks, defaults, and such matters, which can be found on the ITTF website, www.ITTF.com. Athletes will be invited to the N.A. Trials based on, a.) the number of athletes the USATT is allowed to send to the N.A. Trials and, b.) the finish order of athletes at the U.S. Trials.

Qualifying to the 2008 U.S. Trials

2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament

Four spots at the U.S. Trials will be reserved for the two male and the two female athletes who place first and second at a separate qualifying tournament (the "2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament.") The date and location will be posted at www.usatt.org at least 30 days prior to the commencement of

the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament. These two athletes per gender will be seeded 11th and 12th at the 2008 U.S. Trials. Players will compete in round robin or knockout elimination competitions, depending upon the final number of entries, to determine the top two athletes from this field. Each match in the 2008 U.S. Qualifying Tournament will be the best of seven games.

Proof of Citizenship

If any of the athletes, male or female, are not U.S. citizens as of January 1, 2008, they may petition USATT in writing by January 10, 2008, to be considered for participation in the 2008 U.S. Trials or the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament (notification must be received by USATT National Office by January 10, 2008). The notification must include copies of official documentation that demonstrates the petitioner's initiation of the USA citizenship process as well as a timeline of the anticipated "swearing in" date. The athletes will be notified in writing by January 20, 2008, of their pre-approval for invitation to participate in the 2008 U.S. Trials or the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament and consideration for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Team, or their denial of such.

Final approval of an athlete's request to compete in the 2008 U.S. Trials or the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament will be contingent upon his/her proof of U.S. citizenship by the date of the Official Draw, which will occur three weeks prior to the commencement of the 2008 U.S. Trials or the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament.

If the pre-approved athlete is unable to provide proof of U.S. citizenship by the Official Draw date, he/she will not participate in the 2008 U.S. Trials or the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament and the next ranked athlete who is eligible to compete in the 2008 U.S. Trials or the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament (detailed above), not already qualified for the 2008 U.S. Trials or the 2008 U.S. Trials Qualifying Tournament, will be invited.

Team

Up to 3 athletes per gender, who qualify in Singles for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Team via the criteria above, will form the U.S. Team to compete at the 2008 Olympic Games if the U.S. qualifies in the Team event per ITTF Qualification Criteria (Attachment B).

If the USA qualifies less than 3 athletes/per gender in Singles events, and if the U.S. qualifies for the Team event, the team may be formed with athletes who are already qualified in Singles plus the next athlete(s) per gender, according to the finishing order at the NA Trials for Men's and Women's Singles. (See ITTF Qualification Criteria, Attachment B.)

Only the athletes who originally qualified in Singles will be eligible to compete in the Singles events.

- E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

Elite Athlete Committee:

Bob Fox and Todd Sweeris- co-chairs

Ashu Jain- Olympic Athlete Rep.

Whitney Ping- female athlete Rep.

Khoa Nguyen- male athlete Rep.

Emilia Gheorghe- member- USA National Cadet Girl's Team coach

David Zhuang- member- player- Olympian

Sheri Pittman- ex-officio member-USATT President

Dan Seemiller-ex-officio member- National Men's team coach

Teodor Gheorghe-ex-officio member- USATT Executive Director

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

- B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:

N/A

- C. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

N/A

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

N/A

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of nomination by the USOC, USATT has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USATT may be removed from the Nominations for any of the following reasons, as determined by USATT.

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USATT Executive Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USATT physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USATT physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USATT's Code of Conduct. (Attachment C)

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USATT's Constitution and Bylaws, Chapter XX or USOC Bylaws, Article 9.

- B. After acceptance of nomination 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 USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC , WADA, ITTF, USADA and/or USOC

anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

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 B).

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

i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:
See IV.A

ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:
See IV.A

iii. at the Games
See IV.A

- B. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making Athlete replacement determinations:

i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:
N/A

ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:
N/A

iii. At the Games
N/A

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USATT will retain 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 participation in the Olympic Games, and are included as attachments:

- Code of Conduct- Attachment C

- National Team Agreement- Attachment D

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

- A. NGB website: www.usatt.org
The selection procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

- B. NGB Official Publication (if any): USATT Magazine

- C. Other:
N/A

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC on:

June 1, 2008

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

- At this time it is anticipated that there will be a mandatory Olympic Games Preparation Camp held in the United States or overseas. Final mandatory training activities will be announced and posted on www.usatt.org when determined and no later than 30 days prior to the mandatory training.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ITTF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ITTF, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Elite Athlete Committee

- Bob Fox- co-chair
- Todd Sweeris- co-chair
- Ashu Jain- Olympic athlete rep.
- Whitney Ping- female athlete rep.
- Khoa Nguyen- male athlete rep.
- Emilia Gheorghe- member - USA National Cadet Girl's Team Coach
- David Zhuang- member - player- Olympian
- Sheri Pittman- ex-officio member-USATT President
- Dan Seemiller-ex-officio member- National Men's team coach
- Teodor Gheorghe - USATT Executive Director

XII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USATT Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.usatt.org/organization/bylaws/index.shtml>

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.

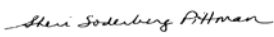


XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

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
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB 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 President | Sheri Pittman |  | 03/09/07 |
| Nat. Team Coach, | Teodor Gheorghe |  | 03/09/07 |
| USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* | Jain Ashu |  | 03/09/07 |

*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.

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| Date Original Procedures Rec'd _____ Date Revision Submitted _____ | Date of USOC Approval _____ |
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Attachment A - 2007 Pan American Games Technical Manual

for the XV Pan American Games. However, if this event is not held, the remaining 8 (eight) spots will be determined during the Latin America Qualification Tournament scheduled to April 02-08, 2007, in Brazil, host city to be defined.

32.4 Qualification System Approval

The qualification system was revised and approved by ITTF on August 17, 2006 **but ITTF changed the date of the Latin America Qualification Event and of the Special Qualification Tournament on September 4th, 2006.**

32.5 Olympic Qualification

The table tennis competitions during the XV Pan American Games Rio 2007 will be a Qualifying Competition for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

During this competition, the qualification system will be as follow:

The gold medalist athletes, men's and women's, in the individual events, will directly qualify for the table tennis competition in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The qualification will apply to the athlete individually.

Attachment B

GAMES OF THE XXIX OLYMPIAD, BEIJING 2008 TABLE TENNIS

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The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

EVENTS

Men Women

Singles

Teams

Singles

Teams

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 86 men

86 women

Total of 172 athletes

Maximum per NOC: The maximum number of athletes per NOC shall be (three) 3 men and (three) 3 women.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

SINGLES

MAIN DRAW – 64 men and 64 women

Sixty-four (64) athletes for each of the men's singles and women's singles events will qualify for the

main draw as follows:

20 ITTF World Ranking, with a maximum of two (2) players per NOC

40 Continental qualification system

1 Tripartite Commission Invitation place

1 Host nation direct entry

2 Final World Qualification Event

64 Total - with a maximum of three (3) players from the same NOC

Preliminary rounds, in addition to the main draw of 64, may be necessary in Singles events to accommodate the total number of qualified athletes if the Final World Qualification Tournament qualifies more than two (2) players because the Team Quota (22 places) is not fully utilised.

1. ITTF World Ranking Qualification

The top twenty (20) players on the first ITTF World Ranking published following the 2007 ITTF Protour

Finals to be held in December 2007 (January 2008 World Ranking), will be qualified, with a maximum of two (2) players per NOC.

2. Continental Qualification

Players will be qualified through continental qualification events, held between August 2007 and 15 April 2008, according to the following distribution:

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6 Africa

11 Asia

11 Europe

6 Latin America

3 North America

3 Oceania

40 Total

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 players to

qualify in each tournament) before 31 December 2006, as well as the names of the qualified players

after each qualifying event according to the above quota and according to the established timelines.

3. Host nation

The host nation shall directly qualify one (1) place in each Singles event if not already qualified by Ranking or by Continental Qualification.

If the host nation direct entry place is already filled through Ranking or by Continental Qualification,

then one (1) additional place will be added to the Final World Qualification event.

4. Final World Qualification Tournament

The top two (2) players at the World Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Singles event.

Entries to the World Qualification Tournament will be limited to players who have otherwise not qualified by the ITTF World Ranking or by continental qualification. NOCs may only enter the same

number of athletes as qualification places remaining, within the maximum number of three (3) per NOC.

The number of qualification places for the Singles events from this competition may be increased if

the continental qualification allocation of 40 players is not reached, if the host nation direct entry place

is not used and/or if the Team Quota (22 places) is not fully utilised.

5. Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-ITTF) Invitation places

One place in men's singles and one place in women's singles shall be used by the IOC-ANOC-ITTF

Tripartite Commission to allocate Invitation places, in accordance with the general process of the Tripartite Commission Invitations.

Eligible NOCs must apply for these invitation places prior to the deadline of (*date to be determined*).

The Tripartite Commission will, by (*date to be determined*), establish which invitation requests meet

the identified general criteria of NOC delegation size and technical standard, and provisionally allocate places to one male and one female player. The final allocation of Invitation places will be done on (*date to be determined*).

To be eligible to compete in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, the players filling invitation places must

have played in a Continental Championship or a World event. Should these places not be allocated

due to the technical level of the players, they will be added to the places allocated through the Final

World Qualification Tournament.

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TEAM EVENTS – 16 Men's and 16 Women's Teams

Sixteen (16) Teams for each of the Men's Team and Women's Team events will qualify as follows:

6 Top team from each Continent

1 Host nation direct entry

9 Remaining selected teams

An additional quota of 22 places for men and 22 places for women are made available to complement

(if necessary) the quota for teams that did not qualify three (3) players in the singles events through

World Ranking Qualification, Continental Qualification, host nation direct entry or Tripartite Commission Invitation places.

Players who have been added to a team from the quota of 22 additional places may only play in the

Team Event and shall not be entered in the singles event.

General remarks

- Each player in a Team must be from the same NOC.
- It is acceptable that a player in a Team not be entered in the singles event.
- A maximum of one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team per NOC may be entered.
- The Team selection will start after the Final World Qualification Tournament, once all the places for men's singles and women's singles events have been allocated.

Team selection

Following the Final World Qualification Tournament, the Team selection process will begin as follows:

1. Continental quota

Six (6) teams:

- 1 for Africa
- 1 for Asia
- 1 for Europe
- 1 for Latin America
- 1 for North America
- 1 for Oceania.

One (1) team from each continent (six (6) teams) will be selected as follows:

- For each continent, the highest ranked team with three (3) players from an NOC qualified for the singles events will form a team and will be designated the Continental Quota for that continent.
- For continents where no NOC has three (3) players qualified in singles, the NOC with the highest ranked two (2) qualified players will be supplemented with a player from the Teams player quota (22) to form a Team of three (3) players.
- For continents where no NOC has at least two (2) players qualified in singles, the NOC with the highest ranked qualified player will be supplemented with two (2) players from the Teams player quota (22) to form a Team of three (3) players.
- The ITTF Computer Team Ranking method will be used to determine the order of Ranking of the Teams, taking into consideration the NOCs concerned only and the qualified players from those NOCs.

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2. Host nation direct entry: 1 team

In each Team event, the host nation is guaranteed one (1) direct entry. If the host nation entry has

not been selected as the continental quota, the necessary number of places from the Team events player quota will be allocated to complete the team if necessary.

3. Remaining teams: 9 (10 if the host nation is qualified by continental quota)

The remaining teams will qualify based on the following principles:

- NOCs with three (3) players qualified for singles and NOCs with two (2) players qualified for singles will be part of the first selection. These NOCs will be ranked according to the January 2008 Team ranking list.
- If more than 9 (or 10) teams can be formed in this manner, then the top 9 (or 10) teams according to the ITTF's World Team ranking method will qualify. NOCs with two (2) players qualified in singles will be supplemented with one player from the Team players quota (22) to form Teams of three (3) players.
- If less than 9 (or 10) teams can be formed in this manner, then NOCs with one (1) player qualified in singles will be supplemented with two (2) players from the Team players quota (22) to form Teams of three (3) players, in order of ranking, until the quota of 9 (or 10) Teams is completed.
- The ITTF Computer Team Ranking method will be used to determine the order of Ranking of the Teams, taking into consideration the NOCs concerned only and the qualified players from those NOCs.

If the Team quota is filled using less than the 22 quota places for men and the 22 quota places for women, the remaining quota places will be added to the Final World Qualification Tournament and to

the Olympic singles events in the qualification rounds before the main draw of 64.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

31 December 2006 Continental Federations will determine the Continental Qualification Tournaments for Singles and advise all their National Associations of dates and location of their qualifying events and the system of qualification.

January 2007 ITTF will announce the Continental Qualification tournaments

1 Aug 07-15 Apr 08 Period for holding the Singles continental qualification events

TBC Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs.

January 2008 ITTF World Ranking list published following the 2007 Pro-tour Finals World qualifying first 20 players from this list.

TBC The Tripartite Commission will decide the provisional allocation of the invitation places.

TBC The Tripartite Commission will allocate the invitation places and confirm, in writing, to the NOCs concerned.

30 April 2008 Notification of qualified players by Continental Federations to the ITTF Headquarters

1 - 18 May 2008 Final World Qualification Tournament for singles.

30 May 2008 ITTF to confirm to NFs/NOCs the names of all qualified singles players, Teams and players only qualified for Teams events

15 June 2008 NOCs to confirm to ITTF the entry of participating players and Teams.

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30 June 2008 ITTF to confirm the final allocation of all quota places.

23 July 2008 Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

By 30 April 2008, Continental Federations will notify the ITTF of the names of qualified players for the

respective continent, in order to determine eligibility for entry to the Final World Qualification.

Following the conclusion of the Final World Qualification event, and by 30 May 2008 at the latest, the

ITTF will confirm in writing to NFs/NOCs the names of all qualified players and pairs. By 15 June 2008, NFs/NOCs must submit to the ITTF the names of all participating players and teams, and by 30

June 2008, the ITTF will confirm the final allocation of all quota places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

SINGLES

1. ITTF World Ranking List

If a player qualified from the ITTF 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 World Ranking list.

2. Continental Qualification Tournaments/Final World Qualification Tournaments

Any vacant spot created between the Continental Qualification Tournaments and the Final World Qualification Tournament will be filled by the next eligible player from the Continental Qualification lists. If the continental quotas are not filled before the Final World Qualification Tournament, the vacant spots will be filled by increasing the number of qualifiers from the Final World Qualification Tournament.

3. Cancellations of entries between 15 June 2008 and the date prior to the draw

Any vacant spot created between 15 June 2008 and the date prior to the draw will be filled by the highest ranked player playing only in the Team event.

TEAMS

1. Continental quota

In the case of unused Continental quota, the place will be allocated to the next Continental quota team by order of ranking as established in the section "Team Selection".

2. Remaining Teams

Unused quota places for the remaining Teams will be allocated to the next eligible Team available from the Team Ranking list established according to Team qualification system indicated in this document under "Team Selection".

3. Cancellations of entries between 15 June 2008 and 23 July 2008 (date of final entries)
Any single vacant spot on a team will be replaced by a player from the same NOC who will play in the Team event only.

4. Cancellation of entries following 23 July 2008 (date of final entries)
If a vacant spot is created in a team due to an injury or other uncontrollable reasons during the Games period between 23 July 2008 (date of final entries) and the day prior to the draw may only be replaced by the highest ranked NOC with 3 players qualified but not participating in the Team event.

USA Table Tennis Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Table Tennis Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the 2008 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 the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the 2008 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;
- 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

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| <p>PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION (For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</p> |
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Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)

2008 USA Table Tennis Elite National Team Membership Agreement

This Agreement is entered into by and between USA TABLE TENNIS ("USATT"), a not-for-profit corporation designated by the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") as the national governing body for the sport of table tennis and _____ (the "Athlete") an athlete member of USATT.

Recitals

- A. In furtherance of its duties as the national governing body for the sport of table tennis, USATT selects, trains and funds the Elite National Team to represent the United States in selected national and international competitions. If the Athlete is successful in Team Trials Competition, USATT desires to include the Athlete as a member of the Elite National Team, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- B. The Athlete, a member in good standing of USATT whose performance in USATT competitions qualifies him/her for the Elite National Team, desires to be a part of that Team. As a member of the Elite National Team, the Athlete is willing to devote his/her very best efforts to developing his/her full potential as an athlete representing the United States in national and international competition.

Now, therefore, USATT and the Athlete agree as follows:

- I. **Athlete's Obligations.** In consideration for his/her selection to, and membership on, USATT's Elite National Team and the services provided to Athlete by USATT as identified below, Athlete agrees to be bound by each of the following:
 - A. **Eligibility.** As long as Athlete remains a member of the National, Olympic, Pan Am or other team, Athlete will not violate any provision of the USATT Bylaws, Code of Conduct, rules, which are in effect during the Term of this Agreement. Likewise, Athlete agrees to abide by and comply with all ITTF, USOC and IOC Rules and Regulations which apply when Athlete is acting on behalf of or representing the Elite

National Team and eligibility requirements as interpreted by the respective organization.

- B. Training. Athlete agrees to comply with all written training requirements established by the appropriate coach of the Elite National Team or such other individual or group as USATT may designate to coordinate Elite National Team training. Such training may include, but shall not be limited to, participation in Elite National Team training camps for the full duration of those camps and adherence to training schedules and regimens provided for Athlete by the coach or other USATT designee. Athlete further agrees to submit periodic training progress reports as designed by and on a schedule set by USATT or its designee (usually the Elite Athlete Committee and/or a USATT National Team Coach. Athlete further agrees to comply with the team requirements as stated in Addendum 1 and to participate in all psychological and physical testing as may be required by USATT during the Term of this Agreement. Athlete shall notify the Chair of USATT's Elite Athlete Committee in writing of any overseas training or competitions in which Athlete independently participates.
- C. Competition/Readiness to Compete. Athlete agrees to fully participate in all national or international competitions and exhibitions in which Athlete is requested to participate by USATT, unless Athlete is prevented from so doing by (I) physical injury which has been reported to and confirmed by USATT's medical designee; (II) a conflict with the rules or requirements of Athlete's academic institution; or (III) other unforeseen circumstances beyond Athlete's control which have been reported to and approved by USATT in writing. Athlete shall represent only the United States in national and international competitions. As part of Athlete's obligations under this paragraph, Athlete agrees to prepare himself/herself fully both physically and psychologically for each competition or exhibition, and to perform to the best of his/her ability. A list of competitions Athlete may be requested to participate in is included in Addendum 1.
- D. Banned Substances. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, ITTF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, PASO, WADA, ITTF, USADA and USOC Rules.
- E. Use of Athlete's Image. Athlete grants to USATT a royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use, reproduce, display, and publicly perform, and to sublicense third-parties to use, reproduce, display, and publicly perform, Athlete's name, likeness, image, voice, biography or any other pertinent information about Athlete in connection with one or more of the following:
1. Promoting the sport of table tennis, Athlete's achievements, or the work of USATT;
 2. Promoting events sponsored or sanctioned by USATT;

3. Creating, promoting and distributing educational or safety materials;
4. Televising, video-streaming, audio-streaming and web casting through other internet mediums factual accounts of the performance of the Elite National Team and its members,
5. Raising funds for USATT through the sale of merchandise (including photographs, posters and prints) with written permission of the athlete; and
6. Allowing a company to identify itself as a national sponsor or official supplier of USATT in advertising or promotions approved by USATT (general release document).

This grant is subject to the condition that the use of Athlete's name, likeness, image, voice, biography or any other pertinent information about Athlete by a national sponsor or official supplier shall be used only in conjunction with that company's reference to its status as a Sponsor or Supplier of USATT or the Elite National Team, and not to represent that Athlete, independently of USATT, endorses the national sponsor's or official supplier's product or service. Any use, reproduction, display, or public performance made by USATT or its sublicensee pursuant to this paragraph and prior to the termination of this Agreement may continue for the duration of the then-current calendar year or for the duration of any contract entered into by USATT with a sponsor or supplier, whichever is longer.

- F. Promotion of Elite National Team Activities. Consistent with the training and competition schedules established for Athlete by the appropriate coach of the Elite National Team or such other individual or group designated by USATT, Athlete shall make every effort to participate in activities designed to teach table tennis skills or to promote the sport of table tennis, the work of USATT, the Elite National Team and USATT events. Such activities may include, but shall not be limited to, Elite National Team meetings, exhibitions, national and regional congresses, clinics, seminars and sessions with members of the media.
- G. General Responsibilities. Athlete recognizes that as a member of the Elite National Team, he/she is serving as a representative of the thousands of athletes participating in table tennis throughout the United States. Athlete therefore agrees to conduct himself/herself in accordance with principles of good sportsmanship at all times and to abide by USATT's Code of Conduct, the rules and decisions of the Elite Athlete Committee, and, when in residence, the rules of the National Training Center. Athlete will cooperate with other members of the Elite National Team, USATT and Team officials, international officials, foreign hosts and all other third parties Athlete encounters as a member of the Elite National Team. If Athlete is under the age of

eighteen (18) years old and is not yet a high school graduate, Athlete must carry a full high school load and carry a "C" average or above.

~~Q.H.~~ Appearances. Athlete shall comply with all USATT written guidelines for appearances whenever appearing or traveling as a member of the Elite National Team, including but not limited to all competitions, meetings, training media interviews, public relations appearances and exhibitions as an individual or as a group. Athlete further agrees to wear USATT Elite National Team competition clothing provided by USATT in connection with all international and national events where the Elite National Team is representing the United States or USATT, including without limitation during all competitions, during all travel to and from such competitions, and during all appearances with or on behalf of the Elite National Team or USATT.

~~P.I.~~ Ambush Marketing. In all National Team activities funded by USA Table Tennis athlete shall not wear, endorse or display any product that, in USATT's sole discretion, causes dilution of the value of USATT's Elite National Team clothing sponsor agreements, including those sponsors who have licensing arrangements with USATT via the USOC Joint Marketing Agreement or such other agreements established by USATT. Athlete shall not modify the appearance of any USATT supplied clothing or equipment without the express written permission of the Chair of the Elite Athlete Committee.

- J. Exhibitions and Promotions. Athlete agrees to make the best effort to have at least one public appearance each year on behalf of USATT, where USATT coordinates with an outside entity for an exhibition or promotional appearance. Athlete further agrees to promote USATT and the sport of table tennis at such appearances.
- K. Guideline Extensions. Athlete acknowledges and agrees that the terms and conditions set forth herein apply not only while the Athlete is at an event venue but also at all other times and/or locations during the period in which the Elite National Team has required or contributed funds for the Athlete to attend the competition, event or appearance, including without limitation travel days to and from a competition, event or appearance. Any outside or independent activities during a USATT competition event or appearance conducted on behalf or for the benefit of another sponsor shall require the prior written approval of the Chair of the Elite Athlete Committee or the Chair's agent.
- L. Travel. Athlete agrees to have in his/her possession a valid and current passport and shall be prepared to notify USATT of the passport number and the place and date of issue. Athlete shall also maintain current, passport style photos for use by USATT in applying for visas. Athlete agrees to meet all travel schedules set for the Elite National

Team, and Athlete understands that he/she may only change travel arrangements with the prior written approval of USATT. Athlete agrees to be personally responsible for any additional costs resulting from changes to the travel arrangements made for Athlete by USATT.

- M. Medical Attention. In the event that medical treatment or consultation is necessary in the course of Athlete's participation as a member of the Elite National Team, and Athlete is unable to give his/her consent, Athlete hereby authorizes USATT to provide, through a medical staff of its choice, customary medical care and athletic training, transportation and emergency medical services as deemed warranted or expedient by USATT or Elite National Team staff.
- N. Retirement or Inability to Compete. Athlete agrees to notify USATT immediately of any decision to retire from international competition or the Elite National Team, or if Athlete suffers any injury or illness which may prevent him/her from fulfilling his/her responsibilities as a member of the Elite National Team. In the event of such an injury or illness, Athlete agrees to submit to all reasonable requests for examination or evaluation by medical personnel retained or designated by USATT.
- O. Disciplinary Action.
 - 1. An Athlete who is in violation of any provision of this Agreement is subject to disciplinary action which may include, but shall not be limited to: a private or public reprimand; removal from a USATT Training Center or camp for the duration of the training or longer; non-payment of event entry fees by Elite Athlete Committee; fines; or any combination of such actions, or other similar actions. No disciplinary action shall violate USOC commercial Teams rules.
- 2. **Any Athlete who has been given a disciplinary penalty or who has a grievance or dispute regarding this Agreement or any part hereof agrees to use the USATT's Grievance Procedures, set forth in Chapter XX of the USATT Bylaws.**
 - P. Reimbursement of Expenses. Athlete agrees to submit, in a timely and prudent fashion, true and accurate expense reports supported by detailed invoices for all expenses related to legitimate Elite National Team activities.
 - Q. Waiver and Release. ATHLETE IS FULLY AWARE OF AND APPRECIATES THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN TABLE TENNIS. ATHLETE HEREBY RELEASES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE USATT AND ITS MEMBERS, SPONSORS, SUPPLIERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGES OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF ATHLETES PARTICIPATION IN TABLE TENNIS AS A MEMBER OF THE Elite National Team.

- II. **USATT Obligations.** In consideration for the Athlete's agreement to participate fully as a member of USATT's Elite National Team and to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, USATT agrees to do each of the following:
- A. **Media Support.** USATT will use reasonable efforts to promote the Elite National Team and its athletes through available media channels.
 - B. **Coaching and Training.** USATT will use reasonable efforts to establish a training program designed to assist the Athlete in his/her development as an international table tennis player. This program may include i) the employment of Elite National Team coaches, a training coordinator, coaching staff or other individuals designated by USATT to be responsible for this program, ii) Elite National Team training camps, iii) the creation of training schedules and programs designed specifically for the Athlete and iv) psychological and physical testing.
 - C. **Apparel.** USATT will provide the Athlete with a complete set of competition apparel, tracksuit and accessories.
 - D. **Competition.** USATT may arrange for participation of the Athlete in national and international competitions, promotional appearances and exhibitions to the extent USATT elects to participate in such events.
 - E. **Travel.** USATT will ordinarily pay travel, housing and meal expenses directly associated with the Athlete's participation in required training camps, competitions and USATT exhibitions, subject to funding allocations and restrictions. The reimbursement will be according to the USATT reimbursement schedule. Costs associated with participation in trial events are the Athlete's responsibility. USATT will use reasonable efforts to provide an appearance fee to all USATT exhibitions and non-competition events. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS REQUIRING USATT TO EXCEED ITS BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE ELITE NATIONAL TEAM.
 - F. **Insurance.** To the extent that Athlete's activities on behalf of the Elite National Team are covered by insurance provided by or through the USOC, USATT shall provide insurance coverage for the Athlete when training, competing or otherwise participating in activities as a member of the Elite National Team.
 - G. **Job Opportunities.** USATT will use reasonable efforts to work in close cooperation with its sponsors, suppliers and other supporters of table tennis in the United States to identify employment and exhibition opportunities which will allow the Athlete to both work and maintain a training schedule consistent with the Athlete's development as a table tennis player.
 - H. **USOC Stipend.** USATT will recommend to USOC that USOC provide a stipend to some, if not all, members of the Elite National Team. The final decisions as to amount

and distribution will be made by USOC and shall not be construed as necessarily reflecting or representing the opinion of USATT, nor shall they create any further obligation on the part of USATT.

III. **Other Terms of the Agreement**

- A. **Term and Termination.** This Agreement is effective February 15, 2008, and shall continue through and including the selection date of the next Elite National Team. The Agreement may be terminated at any time by the Athlete's decision to withdraw from the Team or by USATT's decision to discharge an Athlete from the Team. In addition to the remedies set forth above, USATT may terminate this Agreement in the event that Athlete breaches one or more duties and obligations under this agreement. Termination shall be effective immediately upon written notification by Athlete or USATT.
- B. **Sanctions.** In lieu of discharge or imposition of other penalties by USATT or its designee, USATT may respond to the failure of the Athlete to meet his/her obligations as a member of the Elite National Team by referring the matter to the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of USATT as provided in the USATT Bylaws.
- C. **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Colorado. Any suit, claim, action or proceeding brought in connection with this Agreement must be filed and litigated in an appropriate court located in El Paso County, Colorado (provided, however, that if the suit, claim, action or proceeding involves a claim for which federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction, then such suit or action must be filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in Denver, Colorado).
- D. **Severability.** If any clause or provision of this Agreement is illegal, invalid or unenforceable under applicable present or future laws, then it is the intention of the parties that the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.
- ~~E.~~ **Amendment.** No provision of this Agreement shall be altered, amended, revoked or waived except by mutual written consent of the parties.
- ~~F.~~ **Relationship.** The parties understand and agree that the relationship between USATT and Athlete is that of an independent contractor and that participation on the Elite National Team shall not cause Athlete to be an employee or agent of USATT for any purpose.
- ~~G.~~ **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, together with Addendum 1 hereto, contains the entire agreement and understanding of the parties and supersedes all prior

agreements and understandings, whether verbal or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof and any such other agreements or understandings are hereby revoked.

The signature of the parties below indicates their willingness to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

Printed Name of ATHLETE

Signature of ATHLETE

Date

If athlete is under the age of 18:

As the legal parent and/or guardian for _____ I do hereby verify that I fully understand and accept each of the conditions for permitting my child to participate as a USATT Elite National Team Member.

Printed Name of PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Signature of PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Date

USA TABLE TENNIS

By: _____
Executive Director

Date: _____

ADDENDUM 1

Team Training and Competition Requirements

- Training camp prior to the WTTC- 4days, location TBD-
 - World TT Championship- Guangzhou, China, February 24- March 2, 2008
 - Training Camp 6 days prior to Olympic Games- Location and date TBD
 - Olympic Games- August 13-23, 2008, Beijing, China
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- Attendance at all required training camps. Failure to participate in all training will result in non-participation in the event, to which the training is directed, unless excused by USATT or its designee. Training at other locations, approved by USATT coaches and the Elite Athlete Committee, may fulfill the player's scheduled training requirement at the sole discretion of USATT or its designee (usually the Elite Athlete Committee and/or the coach of the Elite National Team).