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**United States Tennis Association Incorporated**  
**Selection Criteria for 2021 World Team Cup**

The 2021 World Team Cup (“Cup”) is scheduled to take place September 27 – October 3, 2021 in Sardinia, Italy (“Cup” and “Event”). The United States Tennis Association Incorporated (“USTA”) presents the following criteria that an athlete (“Athlete”) must meet in order to qualify and be selected as a member of the United States’ 2021 World Team Cup Team (“Cup Team”):

1. Athlete must be a citizen of the United States at the time of nomination;
2. Hold a valid U.S. passport with no travel restrictions that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the 2021 World Team Cup;
3. Athlete must be a current Member of the USTA, and be in good standing;
4. Athlete must be in good standing with the International Tennis Federation (“ITF”);
5. Athlete must satisfy the requirements in the ITF’s Regulations for Wheelchair Tennis (2020 – and 2021, when published);
6. Athletes age 18 or older as of the final day of Cup competition will be required to complete and clear the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s online training and background screening;
7. Athlete must strictly adhere to the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, and have successfully completed the Tennis Integrity Protection Program;
8. Athlete must be actively enrolled and in good standing with TADP’s or USADA’s Out of Competition anti-doping testing pool;
9. Athlete must execute a Player Package at least 10 days in advance of the competition, which shall include a Consent, Waiver, and Release, as well as an acknowledgment the player shall adhere to the USTA and ITF’s Code of Conduct ; and
10. Athlete will notify the USTA if (i) Athlete has a physical injury or illness that might compromise his/her ability to compete; (ii) will submit, if requested, to a physical/medical examination by medical personnel approved by the USTA and authorize the submission of the physical examination/medical information to the USTA; and (iii) Athlete understands that such injury or illness may be cause for not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if he/she remains on the Team.

The USTA’s World Team Cup Selection Group, comprised of the Managing Director, Major Events, US Open Wheelchair Tournament Director, USTA National Manager & Coach - Wheelchair, in adherence to the ITF’s Regulations on Wheelchair Tennis, will utilize the following Cup team member selection criteria:

**I. MEN, WOMEN & QUAD TEAM SELECTIONS**

One (1) Man, one (1) Woman, and one (1) Quad Team members will be selected by calculating the average

of a player's ITF singles ranking and USTA seeding (including utilization of protected rankings, if applicable) as of 5:00 PM EST on **June 28, 2021**. The formula used to calculate the average is the USTA seeding plus ITF ranking divided by two. For example: Player A is second in the USTA seeding and twelfth in the ITF ranking. For selection purposes Player A's selection ranking would be seventh. In the event of a tie, the player with the higher ITF ranking will be selected.

The USTA's World Team Cup Selection Group may select a second (2<sup>nd</sup>), third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and/or fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) player to the Cup Team should the USTA World Team Cup Selection Group determine that such selection would improve the Cup Team's overall chance of success. Such selection, if applicable, will be based on the following factors, among others:

1. Ranking (ITF singles rankings as of 5:00 PM EST on June 28, 2021) including utilization of protected rankings, if applicable;
2. Historical performance in World Team Cup and international competitions;
3. Aptitude for specific World Team Cup event conditions (which shall include, without limitation, court surface, ball type, and competition format);
4. Physical health at the date of nomination; and
5. Providing a developmental player experience for future competitions.

## II. JUNIORS SELECTIONS

One (1) Junior will be selected based on the highest ITF Open Division rankings as of 5:00 PM EST on June 28, 2021. In the event no player has an ITF Open Division ranking, the player shall be selected using the ITF Junior Rankings. In the event no player has an ITF Junior Ranking, the player shall be selected using USTA Junior rankings. USTA Junior Rankings will be determined by calculating the average of the USTA end-of-year ranking from the prior year and the seed from the current seeding list. In the event of a tie, the player who has the higher current USTA seed will be selected.

The USTA's World Team Cup Selection Group may select a second (2<sup>nd</sup>), third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and/or fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) junior player to the Cup Team should the USTA World Team Cup Selection Group determine that such selection would improve the Cup Team's overall chance of success. Such selection, if applicable, will be based on the following factors, among others:

1. Ranking (ITF Open Division rankings as of 5:00 PM EST on June 28, 2021) including utilization of protected rankings, if applicable;
2. Historical performance in World Team Cup and international competitions;
3. Aptitude for specific World Team Cup event conditions (which shall include, without limitation, court surface, ball type, and competition format);
4. Physical health at the date of nomination; and
5. Providing a developmental player experience for future competitions.

## III. DOUBLES

The USTA's World Team Cup Selection Group shall determine doubles partners for the Cup Team. The factors utilized for the selection of doubles partners from the above list of selected singles players include, without limitation:

1. Doubles rankings (ITF and USTA doubles rankings as of 5:00 PM EST on June 28, 2021) including utilization of protected rankings, if applicable;
2. Historical performance in World Team Cup and international competitions;
3. Aptitude for specific World Team Cup event conditions (which shall include, without limitation, court surface, ball type, and competition format);
4. Physical health at the date of nomination; and
5. Prior playing experience and results with other doubles players in the eligible selection pool.

### III. REMOVAL OF CUP TEAM MEMBER

An Athlete who has been selected to the Cup Team by the USTA may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USTA:

1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USTA CEO/Executive Director.
2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USTA.
  - a. If an Athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USTA, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
3. Failure to execute requisite participation criteria, as defined herein (e.g., Code of Conduct, etc).
4. Violation of the USTA's Code of Athlete Conduct.
5. Violation of the ITF's Code of Conduct.
6. Violation of the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program.
7. Violation of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), or the ITF doping regulations (the Tennis Anti-Doping Program "TADP").

### IV. GRIEVANCE

An Athlete who is not selected to the Cup Team or removed from the Team pursuant to these 2021 World Team Cup Selection Procedures has the right to a hearing per the USTA's Constitution and Bylaws, which can be located at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com).

### V. OTHER

The World Team Cup is sanctioned by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), and should this event be modified, postponed, or cancelled by the ITF, the deadlines and criteria above will be modified within 20 business days of the updated, official announcement by the ITF.

Please note that the USTA continues to monitor and evaluate the feasibility of the World Team Cup occurring in light of the impacts of COVID-19, and/or sending any team to the World Team Cup in 2021. The USTA is working with our Medical Advisory Group, and other professionals, and reserve the right at the USTA's sole discretion to postpone, cancel, and/or not participate in the 2021 World Team Cup. Further, should players and the players' invited staff/guests travel to and/or participate in events leading up to and during the 2021 World Team Cup, each player and the players' invited staff/guests shall adhere to all International, State, Federal, and local laws, safety protocols, security measures, and execution of waivers and releases reflecting the same.