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USTA Athlete Support Criteria

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This document establishes the official Athlete Support Criteria for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) High Performance program in accordance with USOPC NGB Compliance Standards. It defines the Basic Services provided by the USTA, the objective standards athletes must meet to qualify, and the timeline for benefit delivery.

1. Defined Basic Services

The Basic Service provided under these Athlete Support Criteria is access to Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI) administered through the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC).

A total of six (6) EAHI slots are available to qualifying U.S. wheelchair tennis athletes.

2. Baseline Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for EAHI support under the USTA Athlete Support Criteria, an athlete must satisfy the following baseline requirements:

- Paralympic Eligibility: Only Paralympic-eligible athletes are eligible to receive EAHI benefits. Athletes must hold a confirmed or review-status sport class (Open or Quad) in accordance with World Tennis (WT) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) classification regulations and be eligible to represent the United States in Paralympic competition.
- Good Standing: Athletes must be members in good standing with the USTA and adhere to all applicable USTA, WT, USOPC, and U.S. Center for SafeSport policies and anti-doping regulations.

3. Performance & Ranking Criteria

Qualification for EAHI slots is determined strictly by an athlete's standing on the official WT Wheelchair Tennis World Singles Rankings as of December 31, 2025.

- **Mandatory Evaluative Events:** There are no mandatory individual evaluative events required for EAHI consideration. Eligibility is determined solely by year-end WT World Singles Rankings, which reflect results across WT-sanctioned tournaments.
- **Subjective Criteria**: No subjective criteria are utilized in the selection process; all selections are strictly ranking-based.

To qualify for a slot, athletes must meet or exceed the minimum world ranking cutoff in their respective division and finish among the highest-ranked Paralympic-eligible U.S. athletes up to the maximum slot allocation per division:

Division	WT World Singles Ranking Cutoff (as of 12/31/2025)	Available EAHI Slots	Selection Priority
Men's Singles	Top 48	3 Slots	Top three (3) ranked Paralympic-eligible U.S. players within the Top 48
Women's Singles	Top 24	2 Slots	Top two (2) ranked Paralympic-eligible U.S. players within the Top 24
Quad Singles	Top 12	1 Slot	Top one (1) ranked Paralympic-eligible U.S. player within the Top 12

4. Slot Allocation & Reallocation Rules

- Equal Application & Slot Distribution: Selection standards are applied equally across all divisions based on objective WT world ranking benchmarks. Slot allocations (3 Men's, 2 Women's, 1 Quad) reflect comparative international field sizes and competitive performance metrics across divisions in accordance with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (§220524(a)(6)).
- Paralympic Eligibility Pass-Down: If a top-ranked U.S. athlete within a division's ranking cutoff is not Paralympic-eligible, they are ineligible for EAHI, and the slot will pass to the next highest-ranked Paralympic-eligible U.S. athlete who meets that division's ranking cutoff.
- Unfilled Division Slots: If a division does not have enough Paralympic-eligible U.S. athletes meeting the stated ranking cutoff to fill its allocated slot(s), the remaining slot(s) will go unfilled.

5. Benefit Activation Timeframe

The activation date and duration of EAHI benefits will follow the official USOPC EAHI enrollment and coverage schedule.

6. Questions & Contact Information

Athletes with questions regarding the USTA Athlete Support Criteria or EAHI eligibility may contact:

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