US SQUASH Junior Women's
Team (USJWT) Selection Procedures -
2017 Women's World Junior Team Championships

[PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS. IN THE INSTANCE THAT THESE CHANGES ARE ENFORCED, US SQUASH WILL MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA. PLEASE SEE SECTION 7 FOR MORE DETAILS.]

1. Eligibility Criteria

In order for players to be considered for the team, candidates must:

1. Maintain full United States citizenship
2. Be age-eligible for the competition in question
3. Maintain US SQUASH membership from the start of the candidate process through the end of the competition
4. Comply with all World Squash Federation eligibility requirements regarding international championships
5. Have no documented serious on or off-court conduct violations of the US Squash Code of Conduct
6. Sign and comply with all US Squash U.S. Junior Team policies and contracts

2. Selection Process

There are two paths for selection to the USJWT

(Path A) Earning points by competing in Selection Events as listed in these criteria

Or

(Path B) Being a top 75 ranked PSA player on March 1, 2017

Details of these two paths are detailed below:

(Path A) Selection Event Points

- Six (6) players will represent the U.S. on the Junior Women's Team in 2017.
- Points will be awarded for placing position in the following Selection Events: four (4) JCT events and the U.S. Junior Championships (Closed).
  - Points earned in the U.S. Junior Closed will count 1.5 times the point value of the JCT events.
  - Points are only earned by players in the GU19 division.
- After the conclusion of the U.S. Junior Championships (Closed), a player's best four (4) out of five (5) event results will be calculated to determine the team. The top five age-eligible players will be selected to compete in the Junior World Championships based on the criteria outlined. If a player earns a position through Path B, this will count as one of these five (5) positions.
- The 6th position of the team is designated for a "developmental" player. This position will be filled by the player who finishes in the top ten (10) in the selection point standings in the GU19 division & is eligible to play in the Junior World Championships in 2019. If no player qualifies by these criteria, the player with the highest ranking in the GU17 division who will be age-eligible for the 2019 Junior World Championships will be selected. In this case, the first ranking period which includes the results from the 2017 U.S. Junior Championship (Closed) will be used.
- National Teams discretionary positions in selection events will only be considered for those playing the GU19 division and will be decided upon by the National Team Selection Committee (NTSC). See Section 9 for more details.
- Please see Appendix 1 for tiebreak information in the event that two or more players have tied point averages.

(Path B) PSA Ranking

- Any player who is ranked in the top 75 on the PSA Tour by March 1, 2017 is eligible for the USJWT provided she meets the Eligibility Criteria in Section 1. Should a position be accepted by a player based on this Path B, it would reduce the number of available positions on the USJWT via Path A.

<u>The top four (4) ranked players will compete in both the World Junior Individual Championships and the World Junior Team Championships. Players qualifying in the 5th and 6th positions will only compete in the World Junior Individual Championships.</u>

Note: College players that would be age eligible to compete in the World Junior Championships should follow one of the two paths above to qualify for the team.

3. Selection Events

Points are available in the following Tournaments:

October 8-10, 2016	Pennsylvania JCT
November 11-13, 2016	West Coast JCT
January 14-16, 2017	Massachusetts JCT
February 18-20, 2017	Mid-Atlantic JCT
March 17-19, 2017	U.S. Junior Championship (Closed)

Note: The point breakdown for Selection Events is enumerated in the table below.

Place	Percentage of points awarded	Points awarded for JCTs	Points awarded for U.S. Junior Championship
1	18.00%	900	1350
2	14.00%	700	1050
3	9.00%	450	675
4	7.00%	350	525
5	6.00%	300	450
6	5.60%	280	420
7	5.40%	270	405
8	5.00%	250	375
9	4.50%	225	337.5
10	4.50%	225	337.5
11	4.50%	225	337.5
12	4.50%	225	337.5
13	3.00%	150	225
14	3.00%	150	225
15	3.00%	150	225
16	3.00%	150	225

4. Inability to Participate in a Selection Event

Event Cancellation:
If an event is cancelled and a player will not have the necessary number of results to compute her average then that player will be awarded the point equivalent of his most recent selection event result.

Injury or Illness:
If a player will not have the necessary results to compute her average as a result of an injury then that player may be awarded a to be determined point equivalent at the National Team Committee's discretion. This will be based upon, but not limited to, previous points values earned.

Other Circumstances:
The National Teams Committee shall have the discretion to evaluate other circumstances, other than injury or illness, which preclude an athlete from participating in a scheduled selection event. Supporting evidence of the circumstance(s) may be required.

Note: An athlete candidate citing extenuating or other circumstances must also advise US Squash as early as possible in writing or via email to the National Coach at nationalteams@ussquash.com

5. Team Order of Play

Once the team has been selected, the final team order for the players will be at discretion of the National Team coaches. Their criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following:

- National ranking/result of selection standing
- Results of challenge matches
- General performance & fitness level
- On and off-court behavior

6. Replacement & Removal of Athletes:

Replacement of Team Members:

Following final selection of the team members, replacements will only be made if:

- An athlete voluntarily withdraws due to injury or illness, certified by a physician. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician, her injury will be assumed to be disabling and she may be removed.
- A qualifying team member voluntarily submits his resignation from the USJMT in writing to the National Coach at nationalteams@ussquash.com.

Removal of Team Members:

- Any documented violations of the US Squash's Code of Conduct are potential grounds for removal from the team.

7. International Disclaimer

These procedures are based on World Squash Federation rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in World Squash Federation rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the US Squash. However, the selection process is always subject to unforeseen intervening circumstances and realistically cannot account for every possible contingency.

8. Compliance with US Squash, USOC and USADA Rules and Regulations

Players must be willing to submit Athlete Location Forms to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and comply with all US Squash, USOC and USADA regulations and requirements to remain eligible. Failure to comply will be met with disciplinary measures to be enforced by US Squash up to and including removal from the eligible player pool.

9. National Teams Committee

The committee is comprised of the following representatives:

- Committee Chair: CEO US Squash (Kevin Klipstein)
- US Squash Board Chair (Mark Pagon)
- All US Squash National Team Coaches
- Director of National Teams (Rich Wade)
- US Squash Board Athlete Representative and Alternate (Gilly Lane, Michelle Quibell)

10. Notable Changes

As with all selection criteria, US Squash and its National Selection Committee continue to monitor and review ways in which to improve the selection process for all involved. There were two notable changes made to this year's selection criteria:

1. The standard points value awarded for the U.S. Junior Open was removed.
2. There will no longer be a Team USA Playoff after the Junior Closed. The team will now be selected immediately after the Junior Closed.

Appendix 1: Tiebreak Rules

In the event that two players are tied in points, the following criteria will be used to determine team qualification:

- **Two way tie:**
  - Season-long head-to-head match record between the two tied players in selection events during the 2016-2017 season (including the 2016 U.S. Junior Open); if tied then:
  - The most recent head-to-head match result in a selection event during the 2016-2017 season (including the 2016 U.S. Junior Open); if tied then:
  - The player with the highest BU19 ranking as of the first ranking run including the 2017 U.S. Junior Championships (Closed); if tied then:
  - The player with the highest junior rating as of the first ranking run including the 2017 U.S. Junior Championships (Closed)

- **Three-player or above tie:**
  - Best overall winning percentage in head-to-head matches between the tied players in selection events during the 2016-2017 season (including the 2016 U.S. Junior Open); if tied then:
  - The player that has the best record in the below categories in all head-to-head matches between the tied players in selection events during the 2016-2017 season (including the 2016 U.S. Junior Open), in order of priority:
    - Percentage of Games Won to Games Lost
    - Percentage of Points Won to Points Lost