

USA Badminton
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
October 15, 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):

Player must be eligible under Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules. Eligibility rules are posted on the following websites - BWF at www.internationalbadminton.org, Badminton Pan Am Confederation (BPAC) at www.panambadminton.org and USA Badminton (USAB) at www.usabadminton.org.

To be eligible for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), athletes must be born between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993.

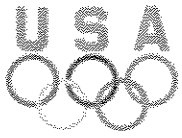
3. Other requirements (if any):

Athletes must be a member in good standing of USAB. Athletes can obtain a USAB membership application by calling the USAB National Office, (719) 866-4808 and/or registering directly on the USAB website www.usabadminton.org.

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

Primary Qualification:

The YOG 2010 Continental Championships Qualification event will take place in Lima, Peru on the 14-17 February, 2010 and USAB may enter a maximum of four (4) male athletes for the boy's singles and four (4) female athletes for the girl's singles.



USAB can enter a maximum of one (1) male and one (1) female athlete for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games competition in Singapore.

USAB shall use a trials system to nominate the U.S. athletes who will represent the U.S. at the YOG 2010 Continental Championships Qualification event. The top four (4) male and top (4) female athletes at the trials in the singles event shall earn a spot to represent the USA at the YOG 2010 Continental Championships Qualification event.

The trials will take place at the Golden Gate Badminton Club in Menlo Park, CA, December 27-28, 2009. Trials will be held for boy's singles and girl's singles. The trials will follow the trial procedure as published on the USAB website at www.usabadminton.org, under rules – USAB Badminton Pool Play.

The only prerequisite required to attend the trials is to submit a completed entry form with entry fee by October 31, 2009. Entries must be postmarked by the entry due date. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted. Entry forms are posted on the USAB website at www.usabadminton.org.

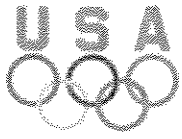
If the U.S. qualifies all eligible slots (the highest ranked U.S. athlete per gender as long as that U.S. athlete places 1st or 2nd at the YOG 2010 Continental Championships Qualification event) for the YOG at the YOG 2010 Continental Championships Qualification event, the selection process will conclude.

If the U.S. does not qualify any eligible slots for the YOG at the YOG 2010 Continental Championships Qualification event, or qualifies only one boy or qualifies only one girl, the selection process will continue pursuant to the BWF qualification system below.

Secondary Qualification (according to the BWF qualification system):

Players ranked 1 to 7 in the BWF World Junior Championships 2010 ranking list will be considered in turn and will qualify unless the athlete has already qualified via the primary qualification above. The process of taking athletes in turn from the BWF World Junior Championships 2010 ranking list will continue until the quota of seven (7) athletes for that event is filled under the BWF qualification process in order to complete the field of thirty-two (32) athletes per gender for the YOG.

- C. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process.
 1. USAB Olympic player development group – primary selection role, develops and implements procedure.



- Dan Cloppas – USAB CEO / Secretary General
 - Mohan Subramaniam – USAB Director, Coaching & High Performance
 - Fred Coleman – USAB Board of Directors, Junior Development Group Chair
 - Mesinee Mangkalakiri – USOC AAC representative
2. USAB coaching staff – coordinates training, coaching, and logistical support for the athletes.
 - Upon selection the name will be posted on the USAB website (www.usabadminton.org).
 3. USAB Tournament Advisory Group – solicits and selects Trials site.
 - Chris Lawrence – Chair
 4. USAB Court Officials Advisory Group – selects tournament referee and umpires for the Trials.
 - Dave Carton – Chair
 5. USAB National Office – administration role in coordinating communication between athletes, BWF, USOC, and BPAC.
 - Mohan Subramaniam – USAB Director, Coaching & High Performance

Any individual listed above for whom a direct or perceived conflict of interest arises connected with the selection process must recuse themselves from the selection process and will be replaced by another individual named by the appropriate committee listed in these selection procedures, or by the USAB Board of Directors if no committee is specified.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

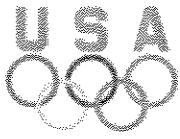
None

- B. Discretionary Selection Committee

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

None

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 USAB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USAB.

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USAB CEO/Secretary General.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved USAB physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by an approved USAB physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the USAB's Code of Conduct (Attachment 1).
- Athletes may be declared ineligible through competition regulations by the BWF and the BPAC.

BWF rules can remove athletes through competition regulation appendix 4 – player code of conduct and disciplinary regulations. The BWF rules are available on the BWF website at www.internationalbadminton.org under rules & laws.

- 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).

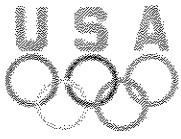
A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- 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 the instance where a replacement athlete is needed, the removed athlete will be replaced in the following priority order: 1) with an athlete who has the next highest trials result in boy's singles or girl's singles as selected by the procedure in Section I of this document; or 2) with an athlete who has the next highest result from the YOG 2010 Continental Championships Qualification event in boy's singles



or girl's singles; or 3) with an athlete who has the next highest rank on the BWF World Junior Championships 2010 ranking list.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USAB 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:

USAB Code of Conduct (Attachment 1)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

A. NGB Web site: www.usabadminton.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

B. Other (if applicable):

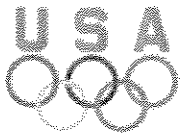
None

VIII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, BWF, BPAC, 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, BWF, BPAC, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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



The USAB Olympic Player Development Group and the AAC Representative were involved in the drafting of these procedures. All the above committees consist of more than 20% athlete representation.

- Dan Cloppas – USAB CEO / Secretary General
- Mohan Subramaniam – USAB Director, Coaching & High Performance
- Fred Coleman – USAB Board member- Director at large/Junior Development Chair
- Mesinee Mangkalakiri – USOC AAC representative

X. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

An athlete has the right to a hearing per the NGB’s Bylaws and Grievance Procedures. The following are USA Badminton Bylaw procedures:

http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/15643/Bylaws.doc

XI. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or BWF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, and/or BWF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USAB. 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.

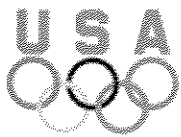
XII. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

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


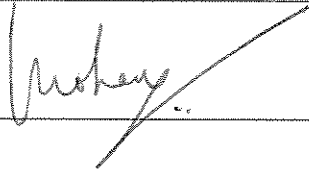
- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XIII. 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 USAB.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Dan Cloppas		10/16/09
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Mohan Subramaniam		10/16/09
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Mesinee Mangkalakiri		

*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.

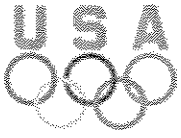
*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being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



Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Mohan Subramaniam		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Mesinee Mangalakiri	<i>Mesinee Mangalakiri</i>	10/15/09

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Attachment 1

USA Badminton Code of Conduct

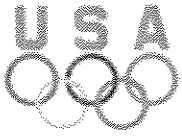
ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Badminton Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the USA Badminton Team (the “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 Team.

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

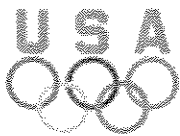
- Will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Badminton;
- Have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- Will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance 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 Badminton World Federation (BWF) 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 the Badminton World 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 Badminton sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Badminton apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- Will not conceal or cover-up any USA Badminton sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Badminton apparel;
- Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Badminton under conditions authorized by USA Badminton and give event organizers and USA Badminton 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 Badminton 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 Badminton apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Badminton logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Badminton (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- Will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates USA Badminton 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 Badminton.



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)