

2016 USTA Senior International Team Selection Guidelines

Players will be selected for ITF Cup teams based on the following guidelines:

1. Application Deadline. Any player who wants to be considered for team selection must complete the Application for Senior Cup Team Consideration posted on www.usta.com. The Application for Senior Cup Team Consideration must be completed at least one month in advance of the selection date. Selection dates differ for ITF Young Seniors, Seniors and Super Seniors Teams. Application deadlines and selection dates will be posted on www.usta.com. Only players who plan to meet the Minimum Tournament Play requirements should apply for consideration. Top players from younger age divisions who will be aging up are encouraged to apply to the age division to which they are aging up. Players who fail to complete the Application for Senior Cup Team Consideration by the published deadline will not be considered for the team selection.

Players who have completed the Application for Senior Cup Team Consideration by the published deadline and who have met Minimum Tournament Play requirements will be included on the Eligibility List that will be posted on www.usta.com.

2. Citizenship, ITF Regulations. All tennis players must be in good standing with the USTA, be a US citizen, have a current valid US passport, lived in the United States for twenty four (24) consecutive months and not represented any other country during the period of 36 months immediately preceding the event.

3. Team Makeup. Each team will consist of four (4) total players, at least three (3) of whom are strong singles players and one (1) who is a strong doubles player.

4. Physical Condition. Players must certify that they are in good health and are prepared to undertake the extensive travel and strenuous physical exertions that will be required of team players. Any player who develops a health/physical problem that could prevent them from competing at any level required by team play at any time up to the date for travel should contact the USTA Adult Tennis Department office immediately regarding their physical condition.

In the case of a selected player who must withdraw from the team due to injury or illness, a medical certificate from a health professional must be submitted to USTA staff, in accordance with ITF Seniors Regulations. Failure to do so will be considered poor sportsmanship for future team consideration.

5. Age Division Considered. A player may only be selected for one cup team in each calendar year.

6. Minimum Tournament Play. A minimum of one (1) Category I National Championship is required to be played in singles or doubles in the age division for which a player is seeking selection within 12 months prior to the posting of the eligibility list on USTA.com.

In the case of a player aging up from a younger age division into an older age division, the minimum requirement to play in one (1) Category I National Championship in singles or doubles can be met in the younger age division. Meeting the minimum play requirements does not mean a player will be selected to play on a cup team.

7. Record Considered. A player's record during the previous 24 months prior to the posting of the eligibility lists on www.usta.com will be examined. In the case of a player replacing a previously selected player, only information up to the date the eligibility list is posted will be used. The posting of the eligibility list for which results are considered vary annually depending on the scheduled dates of the ITF World Team Championships.

Significant direct and indirect wins and losses against players and teams in a player's actual age division (or in the case of players new to the division, against players and teams in the immediately younger age division) during the selection time period (as defined in the previous paragraph) will be considered. NTRP results shall not be included.

Results in sanctioned tournaments, including team events that earn ranking points, will be considered. Results from different age divisions are considered for players ageing up. The following are the most important criteria without regard to priority:

- Results from Category 1 National Championships,
- Results on the surface of the competition,
- Results in the age division being considered (or in the case of a player aging up, results in that player's actual age division),
- Recent results,
- Length and strength of a playing record

8. Sportsmanship. Players selected for International Cup Teams must be in good standing with their national association. Exemplary sportsmanship is expected from every team member. The following are examples of poor sportsmanship which could prevent a player from qualifying for an International Cup Team:

- Disqualification or default by a USTA or ITF certified referee or umpire for poor conduct while participating in a USTA or ITF sanctioned event,
- USTA warning or suspension by any USTA district, section or national grievance committee related to a player's poor conduct,
- Written grievances filed and verified by an ITF Official, Tournament Referee, USTA Representative, or USTA Cup player relating to playing on a Cup team,
- Suspension from play by the ITF under the Code of Conduct of the ITF Seniors Regulations.

9. Eligibility List. The names of players who have completed the Application for Senior Cup Team Consideration and who have met the Minimum Tournament Play requirements will be posted on www.USTA.com within 3 days of the Application Deadline.

Corrections: If you believe your name is omitted from an Eligibility List in error, you must contact ustaranking@usta.com within 5 days from the date the final Eligibility List is published.

If a player believes data is missing or incorrect on a player's record, a player must contact ustaranking@usta.com within 5 days from the date the Eligibility List is published.

Note: The USTA reserves the right to contact additional players if a team cannot be filled by players on the Eligibility List.

10. Selection Date. Notice of the timeline of the selection process including the selection date will be published at www.usta.com not later than five (5) months prior to the selection date.

11. Team Selections. Players selected for teams will be posted on the www.usta.com website within one day of the date of the team selection. Due to withdrawal, injury, or official grievances, cup members are subject to change up to the starting date of the competition.

12. Grievances. Any player who feels an error was made in the selection process may file a grievance with the USTA Grievance Committee. The USTA Grievance process is described here: http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/Organization/usta_grievance_report/ No appeals or requests for review will be considered by the USTA Senior International Team Selection Group.

To contact the USTA Adult Tennis Department, please click the following link:
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