

# General Selection Procedures

This document is the Selection Criteria for the [World University Games \(“WUG”\)](#) and [World University Championships \(“WUC”\)](#) (collectively “Games”), both organized by the [International University Sports Federation \(“FISU”\)](#). At the Games, representatives from the USA playing in the table tennis event (collectively “the Team”) are typically eligible to compete in the Singles, Doubles, and Teams events per FISU eligibility requirements. The Team is normally composed of 3-5 men on the Men’s team and 3-5 women on the Women’s team, though the maximum number of participants permitted to attend per team is subject to change due to factors such as changes in regulations by FISU.

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) is responsible for selecting players to play in the Games. Logistical and administrative support on behalf of all athletes representing the USA across sports, are provided by an Organizing Committee, typically BTI Events (“BTI”). The regulations and requirements for the 2025 WUG will be published by FISU. "Players" in this document refer to qualified individuals. There are two ways that players may qualify for or be invited to participate in the Games:

1. If NCTTA hosts trials (“Trials”) to select players for Team USA, NCTTA ratings will be used to determine the qualifying individuals. Competitors must meet FISU’s eligibility criteria **and** NCTTA’s eligibility criteria - including the minimum GPA requirements (2.0 on a 4 point scale for undergraduates and incoming first-years, and 3.0 on a 4 point scale for graduate students) in order to participate in NCTTA Trials. The top 5 finishers of each gender will be placed on the Team. The remaining players will be placed on a list of reserves (hereafter “Reserves”) who will be eligible to participate in the Games if players on the Team are unable to participate. If a player is unable to participate in the Games after qualifying, the next ranking Reserve will be asked to participate. This process will continue until there are enough players selected or until we reach BTI and/or FISU-imposed deadlines to select players.
2. If NCTTA **does not** host Trials in a given year, then the top 5 NCTTA-rated players of each gender who are eligible according to FISU regulations and standard NCTTA eligibility will be invited to participate in the Games. The NCTTA ratings as of April 1 of the year of the Games will be used. If the invited players are not able to participate, then the next highest rated player will be asked to participate. This process will continue until there are enough players to participate or until we reach BTI and/or FISU-imposed deadlines to select players.
  - a. If NCTTA does not host any events in a season (e.g. Division or Regional tournaments), then USATT ratings will be used to determine which players are invited to participate in the Games. The top 5 USATT-rated players of each gender who are eligible according to FISU regulations and NCTTA eligibility requirements will be invited to participate in the Games. NCTTA will make all reasonable attempts to reach qualified individuals and provide qualified individuals with ample notice of selection criteria. Note that it is the responsibility of the interested eligible player to track his/her USATT rating; if a player does not

have a current USATT rating ([searchable database here](#)), it is his/her responsibility to register for a USATT-sanctioned event in order to obtain or update his/her USATT rating. If the invited players are not able to participate, then the next highest rated player will be asked to participate. This process will continue until there are enough players to participate or until we reach BTI and/or FISU-imposed deadlines to select players.

3. NCTTA will also be responsible for setting the criteria and requirements for selecting the coaching staff and team manager to represent Team USA at the Games.

NCTTA reserves the right to change these procedures. Any changes will be posted on the NCTTA website with ample notice for players.

Any questions should be directed to [games@nctta.org](mailto:games@nctta.org).

# Selection procedures for 2025 WUG

We are pleased to announce that NCTTA will be hosting Trials to select collegiate athletes to represent the U.S. in the 2025 [Summer World University Games](#) (WUG), hosted by the International University Sports Federation (FISU). The WUG will take place in the Rhine-Ruhr region of Germany from July 16 - July 27, 2025. The official 2025 WUG website can be found [here](#).

All athletes eligible according to FISU criteria **and** NCTTA eligibility requirements will be eligible to participate. The Trials will be held at the 2025 NCTTA Championships in Rockford, IL. Further details to follow. This document will be updated regularly as more information from FISU, BTI, and the NCTTA Championships Committee becomes available; NCTTA will publish any updates to this document promptly, and individuals are encouraged to check our website and social media channels frequently for updates.

*\*\*NCTTA is in active communication with potential sponsors to secure funding for the Team. However, please note that as of July 20, 2024, **all participants should plan to be responsible for all expenses, including registration fees, airfare, etc. (i.e. your trip to the 2025 WUG would be self-funded).** Specific details are below. We will provide updates as they become available.\*\**

## **Definitions/Acronyms:**

1. [WUG](#): Summer World University Games
  - a. An international, multi-sport event that takes place every odd year.
  - b. The [2025 WUG](#) will be held in the Rhine-Ruhr region of Germany from July 16 - July 27.
2. [FISU](#): International University Sports Federation
  - a. Organizer of the WUG.
  - b. FISU sets the rules of the tournament and eligibility criteria for participants. The regulations for the 2025 WUG have not yet been published as of Jul 20, 2024 .
3. [BTI](#): BTI Events
  - a. Organizing committee for delegations representing the US in international events.
  - b. They are responsible for assisting all USA athletes participating in the 2025 WUG (i.e. in sports other than table tennis).
    - i. E.g. BTI will provide apparel that all participants representing the USA must wear during opening, closing, and medal ceremonies.
  - c. We are subject to certain deadlines imposed by BTI that are non-negotiable, such as final deadlines for participants to confirm their participation, etc.
4. NCTTA events: Events hosted by NCTTA as part of the NCTTA season calendar
  - a. These events include: divisional and regional tournaments and the National Championships.
  - b. These events use [NCTTA ratings](#).
5. Players or Athletes: Eligible individuals who would compete in the applicable table tennis event for Team USA.
  - a. Players must meet the eligibility criteria as per FISU **and** NCTTA eligibility requirements.

## **Eligibility and Requirements:**

As of Jul 20, 2024 , the official rules and regulations have not yet been published. FISU will publish the eligibility requirements for athletes participating in the 2025 WUG. NCTTA will share this information as soon as we become aware of it, and prospective athletes should also feel free to frequently consult the FISU and 2025 WUG websites.

In addition, athletes must meet NCTTA's minimum eligibility requirements, which are as follows:

1. Undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester/quarter and 18 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, and summer) **and** meet a cumulative GPA of 2.0 out of a 4.0 scale or be in "good standing."
2. Graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester/quarter and 12 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, and summer). PhD students are included in this definition. Dissertation hours at some universities are mislabeled as non-academic credit; we can accept an advisor's letter on university letterhead to prove this information. Graduate students must also meet a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale or be in "good standing."
3. Students in their first semester of enrollment and incoming first-years are exempt from the GPA requirement, but not the minimum credit requirement.

Finally, BTI will also require that athletes meet certain requirements. BTI will provide the necessary forms. In addition, random drug testing may be done on athletes. All athletes that win a medal will be tested. The tests are done by WADA and positive results can affect NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA eligibility.

## **Selection Procedure:**

- NCTTA is solely responsible for selecting the athletes, coaching staff, and team manager to represent the USA in the table tennis events at the 2025 WUG.
- NCTTA will host Trials at the 2025 NCTTA Championships in Rockford, IL to select the athletes to represent the USA at the WUG. When more details become available, NCTTA will publish them on our website, via email, and on social media.
- NCTTA reserves the right to modify its selection procedure at its discretion. NCTTA will publish any changes or modifications on our website, via email, and on social media.
- The top 5 men and top 5 women will qualify for the Team ("Qualifiers").
  - **Important note:** Your participation in the Trials indicates that you are committed to participating in the 2025 WUG. You should only participate in the Trials if you in good faith intend to attend the 2025 WUG. If Qualifiers do not comply with deadlines imposed by FISU and/or BTI to submit required registration materials, NCTTA reserves the right to revoke your qualification and begin the process of asking players on the Reserves list to take your spot.
- Reserves list: If for any reason any of the original top 5 men and women is unable to attend the WUG, we will contact individuals on the Reserves list in descending order of NCTTA rating to invite them to take a spot on the Team.
  - This process would continue until either there are 5 men and 5 women on the team or until we reach BTI and/or FISU-imposed deadlines to select players.

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