



FPUSA SELECTION PROCESS TO THE 2021 WORLD GAMES

1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

1.1. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the USA Women's National Team competing in the 2021 World Games:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

To compete in the 2021 International World Games Association USA Team Trials for Pétanque, including the qualifying process leading up to the Trials, an athlete must be a citizen of the United States by the time they enter the qualification process for Team Trials. To be eligible under International World Games Association (IWGA) and FPUSA rules, athletes must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games. Notwithstanding the above, if a third player is added to a team, the athlete is required to be a citizen of the United States at the time that they are registered as a member of the team.

1.1.2. Minimum International World Games Association (IWGA) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the World Games must be a national of the country of the National World Games Association (NWGA) which is entering such competition. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a citizen of two or more countries, has changed their citizenship or acquired a new citizenship, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 42).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

The FPUSA requires that a player must have never been suspended from the FPUSA, nor sanctioned or disciplined at a Regional, National or International event by the FPUSA or any federation associated with the FIPJP.

1.1.4. Other requirements:

- Players must have successfully completed all Games registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Players must be members in good standing of the FPUSA.
- FPUSA player and administrative forms—athlete commitment to:
 - Entry to the Trials qualification process is an indication to the FPUSA that all entered players intend to compete, if they qualify, for the 2021 World Games. The time commitment for the 2021 World Games is described in Section 9.
 - Mandatory Training and/or Competition: Selected athletes will be required to participate in official Team training events and competition for the duration of the training period from six to 12 months.
 - The selection process is governed by the Selection Procedures outlined in 1.3.2., 1.3.3., and 1.3.4., as well as a thorough understanding of the competition rules and procedures, the athlete agreement, the code of conduct, and other administrative forms that might be required.

- 1.2. Competing in Events
 - 1.2.1. Athletes may qualify for the 2021 International World Games Association USA Team Trials for Pétanque through one of two different methods as follows:
 - By finishing in the top four at a minimum of five Regional or National Tournaments during the 18-month time period beginning January 1, 2019, and running through June 30, 2020. Eligible tournaments include Singles, Doubles, and Triples Tournaments.
 - By way of discretionary selection to Team Trials by a Selection Committee (as determined per Section 2.). Discretionary selection of any player to participate in Team Trials will take place by July 1st, 2020.
 - 1.3. Specific criteria used to select nominees to the USA Women’s National Team participating in the 2021 World Games:
 - 1.3.1. Maximum Team Size is two women being sent to the 2021 World Games and a maximum of three alternate players; one alternate player and one alternate Team to train with the first Team selection, subject to achieving FPUSA qualification.
 - 1.3.2. Women’s Trials–Maximum of 15 players qualifying by tournament eligibility, and a maximum of five discretionary players by discretionary selection. The number of players qualifying by tournament eligibility may be fewer than 15 based on the criteria outlined in section 1.2.1.
 - There is no minimum number of players who may qualify by discretionary selection.
 - At the trials each player will participate in pointing and shooting evaluations and will be ranked according to performance.
 - The Selection Committee will pair players for matches to evaluate performance as a team.
 - 1.3.3. The committee will then evaluate players based on the following:
 - Playing position flexibility
 - Contribution to team performance
 - Demonstrating their knowledge and strategy of the game
 - Ranking based on pointing, shooting, and game play
 - 1.3.4. The Selection Committee will then choose a primary Team (two players), an alternate Team (two players), and an alternate player (one player). The alternate Team and alternate player will train with the primary Team. All requirements for mandatory training and competitions will apply to the primary Team, alternate Team, and alternate player. This is subject to change, as a method of funding for this requirement has not yet been established.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 2.1. The FPUSA President and Board shall appoint the members to the Selection Committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections to Team Trials.
- 2.2. The Selection Committee shall make its evaluation of potential player selection via discretionary selection following the criteria outlined in section 1.3.3. based on their knowledge of the players and performance.
- 2.3. The FPUSA President and Board shall declare the process that will be used to identify and resolve any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the Committee. Any member of the Committee that has a conflict of interest (to include, but not be limited to, an athlete or a coach or a family member of an athlete being considered for a nomination to the Team) must declare a conflict of interest, recuse him/herself and not influence others regarding the discussions, meetings and voting. Further, the recused Selection Committee member should not otherwise influence any other member of the Selection Committee in the nomination

process.; however, a Selection Committee member who has recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance (for example a National Team Coach or high-performance director) may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide such information to the Selection Committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the Selection Committee member who declared the conflict of interest and is recused does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the FPUSA, the National Governing Body (FPUSA) has jurisdiction over potential nominees. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by the FPUSA may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the FPUSA:
 - 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the FPUSA President. If a player voluntarily withdraws within three months prior to the competition, the athlete will be subject to being sanctioned if the withdrawal is without sufficient merit as determined by the FPUSA Selection committee. The sanction can be from six months to one year as determined by the committee.
 - 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the FPUSA. Should an athlete refuse verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the FPUSA, their injury shall be assumed to be disabling and the athlete will be removed.
 - 3.1.3. Violation of the FPUSA Player/Coach Agreement or the FPUSA Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing.
- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the FPUSA, the FPUSA has jurisdiction over the athlete as a member of the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable IWGA Code of Conduct, the FPUSA's Code of Conduct and grievance procedures apply.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or IWGA anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF PLAYERS

- 4.1. If an athlete cannot continue to compete, based on Section 3., the committee will either replace the player with one of the alternates, or it may also replace the first Team with the alternate Team.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 5.1. The FPUSA will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 6.1. In addition to the FPUSA Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of participation to the 2021 International World Games:

USA National Team Player Agreement and Code of Conduct

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

- 7.1. The FPUSA approved Selection Procedures will be posted/published by the FPUSA on its official website.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

- 8.1. The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the FPUSA on or before August 1, 2020.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

- 9.1. A formalized training and competitions program will be developed after the Trials with the National Coach with input from the Team and approved by the FPUSA. Where possible, athletes will be given at least thirty days' notice for mandatory training and competition events after the Trials. The nominees to the July 2021 World Games Team will be subject to a mandatory training program and competitions program between the conclusion of the Trials and through the commencement of the 2021 World Games. Team training can include substantial travel and time commitment. The coaches will work with the Team immediately after nomination to develop a customized and formalized Training and Competition Plan to best meet the FPUSA's objectives and the Team's needs. The Team, including implementation of their Team Development Plan will be held accountable to the FPUSA. Their Team Development Plan will include the following:
 1. Team and National Coach will commit to a formal communication plan to monitor the players training.
 2. Team commits to an on-site and off-site training plan.
 3. Team commits to be under the direction of the National Coach.
 4. Team has a competition plan that includes International Competition events.
 5. Team attends High Performance Camps as scheduled.
 6. National Coach makes timely reports on its training and competition results to the FPUSA President and the General Manager to the World Games. Additionally, the National Coach will work with and advise the Team accordingly.
 7. In view of the high level of training and competition required to maximize a Team's chances to medal at the 2021 World Games, all athletes are advised to keep their schedules open and flexible between the conclusion of the Trials and through the 2021 World Games.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, IF, USADA, IWGA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, IF, USADA, IWGA and USOC Rules, as applicable.