

Schedule XX - National Team Selection & Eligibility Framework

USA Dodgeball (“USAD” or the “Organization”) is committed to fair, transparent, and consistent processes for selecting athletes, coaches, and staff to represent the national team at international competitions (“Team USA”). This Framework outlines the eligibility standards, selection procedures, and commitments required for all Team USA representatives. It is adopted pursuant to the USA Dodgeball Bylaws, the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, and the U.S. Center for SafeSport framework, and reflects best practices for National Governing Bodies.

Athlete Selection & Eligibility

Eligibility. To be eligible for selection, all athletes (“Competitors” and “Hopefuls”) (*Definitions (Schedule II)*) must:

1. be a current member of USA Dodgeball in good standing.
2. demonstrate eligibility per World Dodgeball Federation requirements.
3. Comply with all USAD Regulations, including all policies incorporated into these Bylaws.

Selection Process. Team USA players are selected through

1. national team tryouts or camps (“Combines”); and/or
2. performance at designated events; and/or
3. progressive identification of athlete pools, including practice teams and developmental squads.

Final roster decisions rest with the National Team Selection Committee (“Selection Committee”), which includes Board and Coaching representatives.

All individuals involved in the process must disclose any conflicts of interest.

The Selection Committee shall include:

1. At least one Board representative.
2. At least one member of the coaching staff.
3. At least one independent athlete representative (non-coaching).

Athlete selection to represent Team USA and USAD with integrity will be based on holistic evaluation of both on-court performance and off-court behavior.

Criteria include, but are not limited to:

1. Technical and tactical skills relevant to national and international dodgeball competition.
2. Physical conditioning, athleticism, and overall readiness.
3. Teamwork, leadership, and ability to contribute to positive team culture.
4. Sportsmanship, respect for officials, and adherence to the rules of play.

5. Compliance with USAD Regulations, including all policies incorporated into these Bylaws, and community standards, including conduct on social media and in public representation.
6. Commitment to training and event participation.

Commitment. If selected for national team developmental squads or practice teams, or the national team, athletes must:

1. Sign the National Team Athlete Behavioral Contract, and follow the National Team Code of Conduct Policy (*Addendum I*).
2. Attend required training sessions, meetings, and competitions unless excused by the coaching staff.
3. Maintain good standing with USAD throughout their term.
4. Follow all USAD Regulations, including all policies incorporated into these Bylaws.

Appeals. Athletes may appeal eligibility or selection decisions to the Selection Committee within 14 days of notification. Appeals are limited to procedural errors, conflict of interest, eligibility misapplication, or evidence of bias/discrimination - not on subjective selection decisions. The Selection Committee will review appeals in accordance with the Bylaws, and its decision shall be final.

Coach & Staff Selection & Eligibility

Eligibility. To serve as a Team USA coach or staff member, an individual must:

1. Be a USAD member in good standing.
2. Have no disqualifying convictions under USAD's Background Screening Policy (*Schedule XVIII*).
3. Pass a background screening if required by role (e.g., direct athlete supervision).
4. Sign the Team Staff & Coach Behavioral Contract.
5. Agree to comply with the Code of Conduct Policy, National Team Code of Conduct Policy (*Addendum I*), and all Athlete Safety policies.

Selection Process. Coaches and staff are appointed by the National Team Selection Committee, with Board approval. Criteria considered:

1. Relevant experience in dodgeball or comparable sports.
2. Demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and communication skills.
3. Ability to foster a safe, inclusive, and positive athlete environment.
4. Availability for required training, travel, and competitions.

Commitment. If appointed, coaches and staff must:

1. Attend training camps, meetings, and competitions.

2. Model professionalism and uphold USAD's values.
3. Ensure athlete safety and compliance with USAD Regulations, including all policies incorporated into these Bylaws.
4. Support athletes in preparation, competition, and public representation.

Appeals. Non-selection or removal may be appealed to the Selection Committee within 14 days of notification. Appeals are limited to procedural errors, conflict of interest, eligibility misapplication, or evidence of bias/discrimination. The Selection Committee will review appeals in accordance with the Bylaws, and its decision shall be final.

Amendment & Oversight. This Framework will be reviewed every two (2) years by the Board of Directors, with input from the Judiciary Committee, the Athlete Advisory Council, and relevant National Team Staff (*Definitions (Schedule II)*) to ensure alignment with USAD's bylaws, WDBF standards, and organizational capacity. Amendments require Board approval.