

Proposal for New Team Section Process for ITF World Championships

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Team selection has for sometime suspect and mediocre at best. The old system of picking teams and individuals is not a good way of getting the best players or the fairest way of picking them.

- a. It does not allow for raising funds for traveling expenses.
- b. Team members, individuals, coaches or umpires should not have to pay for traveling to world events.
- c. It should not be who can afford it but who the best for the slot is.
- d. Tournaments are important but should not be the only criteria for picking team or individual competitors.
- e. A point system at this time is not practical. We are not large enough to have different competitions throughout the country. This would make attending competitions here expensive and difficult for people traveling long distances. This could change in the future but at this time not practical.
- f. This system also allows for poor judging to continue. If a large school wants to get their people on the team all they have to do is load up the judging. This has allowed for bad feelings in the past and needs to be changed. This does not mean everyone has cheated in the past; it just would take away this type of problem and bias.

Proposal for Team and Individual Selection

Tryouts would allow for a better selection of players and team members. It would take away the stigma of tournament selection only, any mistrust between schools, etc.

Proposed Process:

1. \$100.00 Reg. Fee to be applied to Competitors, Coaches & Umpires for Travel and Expenses. Example: 30 People tryout that's \$3,000.
2. Coach selections should be made up of 4th Dan or higher.
3. Each school or organization of schools will be allowed only one representative to sit on selection committee. Only school(s) sending a competitor will allow sitting on the selection committee. The committee will consist of representative, coaches and ITF-USA Board Members. ITF-USA Board members will only be utilized or have a vote in case of disputes or breaking dead lock votes. The final selection of Coaches & Umpires for the

ITF World Championships will be made by the ITF-USA Board of Directors. This will take place after the selection final selection of individuals, pre-arranged sparring & teams.

4. Tryouts will be 3 days at a time. Training sessions will also be 3 days at a time. This session will be set in advance to allow people to attend in a reasonable manner. Each location picked for tryouts will help the competitors find a place to stay for the 3 days that would keep costs down. Possibly host at different family homes.
5. Tryouts will be in 8 sessions. This can be modified to fit ITF World Championship dates. Pattern team will need more time to prepare and therefore will be picked first. Person(s) trying out will be ranked as they go along in the process.
6. All ITF-USA & AA Organizations' will be invited to training sessions. This would include Black Belts that are not trying out for world competitions, Color Belts or any other persons wishing to train.
7. The umpires, coaches, officials will have to attend these training sessions. The umpires, coaches, etc will train at the same time. These training sessions will bring up the quality of our umpires, coaches and officials. To be able to apply for one of these positions (umpire, coach, official, etc.) you must attend these training sessions and work the competition on the final day.
8. On the Sunday or final training day of these session a competition will be held for team & individual spots. Each one of these competitions at the end of the training session will be called Nationals. No medals will be given out.
9. The cost to train in these tryouts would be \$100 per person per training session. These monies would be applied to umpires, coaches, team, individuals traveling fund only. These funds are not for the general ITF-USA bank account. Example: If you train for skating, skiing or other Olympic sports you have to pay thousands for training and preparation. This is no different. The coaches and trainers (Masters, Etc.) need to have at least some expenses paid for. 99-95% of the fees paid will go towards team, individuals, coaches and umpire(s) traveling expenses. If you are picked for one of these positions you should not have to face heavy expenses to get there. Until the program is fully up and running some expenses may have to be incurred. All monies collected should be equally divided between all team members. (Team members include team, individual, coaches & umpire(s).) This will also help in picking the next team(s). Also any funds not utilized for the current team will be held in escrow for the next team(s).
10. Each person trying out for team/individual spot will be rated by attending coaches (selection board). This selection board will place persons in their selected spot or placement. Example: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc. Several tournaments will be selected for part of this process to see how person(s) perform under pressure of competition. A point system will be established for this purpose. All person(s) may not be able to attend all training

sessions. In this case the reason for missing training session (it could be sickness, school, money, etc.) may play a part in the selection process.

11. Fund Raising through Team Advertising Booklet. All monies collected are divided equally between team members.
 - A. Ads – \$10, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200
 - B. Any ad for \$100 or more gets linked to the ITF-USA and supporter's page site for one year. Ads run for one year. A more detailed explanation is supplied with this proposal. Booklets will be printed after return of team. This booklet will include bios, ITF-USA officials, etc.
 - C. Team/individual will be picked several months before International Competition. At this time alternate team members are also picked (2, 3, etc.). At any time prior to final team selection a team/individual member maybe challenged for their spot. If the person selected for the spot does not live up to the expectations of the coaches and selection committee he or she can be replaced or moved down in position. This will force the candidate to continue to train and be at their best when competing.
 - D. If the fund raising account is short on funds for team travel the remaining funds needed will be divided between all team members and each person(s) will be responsible for their share.

ITF-USA Advertising Booklet Proposal

1. Ads will be \$10 for Listing, \$25 for business Card Ad, \$50 ¼ page, \$75 1/3 page, \$100 ½ page, \$200 full page.
2. All ads paid in full will be added to ITF-USA advertiser's page. Web page will be divided by State and the advertiser. Team booklet will be printed after return of team. This will include photos, bios, etc. and all advertisements paid in full.
3. All funds collected will be put into a separate team account and utilized only for team purposes. Not the general fund.
4. All schools must help in collection of advertising funds.
5. Examples of booklet will be printed and given out to help in obtaining advertising funds.
6. It will be the responsibility of the individual schools to collect and send funds into appropriate person(s).

It is important that the ITF-USA committee vote on this proposal ASAP to help in raising funds now, for junior team members going to Honduras in July.

We need permission of the ITF-USA committee to add advertiser's page to web site. We also need to print example booklets, etc ASAP.

I am sure other people will come up with things I have missed. We need your help and input. Selection for next year's teams for Canada is coming fast.

For this year the printing of the booklets has been donated by one of our students.

Your response to these proposals is needed ASAP.

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