



**UNITED STATES TABLE SOCCER ORGANIZATION
SPORT CODE**

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CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1.1 – ITSF Sports Code

1. The USTSO follows all [ITSF Sport Code](#) General Provisions, unless otherwise stated within the USTSO Sport Code.
2. Exceptions by the USTSO can be made via Board Member or Executive Committee approval.
3. The ITSF Sports Code must be applied in all events and official tournaments recognized by or concerning the USTSO and ITSF, subject to specific provisions or contrary arrangements as accepted by the USTSO Executive Committee.
4. The cases that are not foreseen by the Sports Code shall be settled by the official delegate and/or tournament director of the federation organizing the event.

Art. 1.2 – Player competition entries

1. Players must meet the requirements of USTSO Federation membership and Sport Code rules set forth by the USTSO in order to enter any official USTSO event.
2. The rules of sport nationality are defined in the ITSF [Administrative Rules](#).
3. For ITSF, the player must meet ITSF requirements set forth by the [ITSF Sport Code](#).

Art. 1.3 – Tournament Organizing

1. Only licensed members of USTSO can organize official certified USTSO competitions.
2. Only federations which comply with its obligations towards the ITSF may present an application to organize an official ITSF event or send players to such an event.
3. A competitor or organizer who has been suspended by his/her federation cannot request to organize or take part in any competition of the USTSO or ITSF Tour.

Art. 1.4 – Rules and regulations

1. All competitions under the USTSO must be conducted according to the [ITSF Game Rules](#) established by the ITSF Rules Commission.
2. All [Administration](#) items set forth by ITSF must be followed by all members of the USTSO federation or players in attendance of ITSF or USTSO approved events.
3. Including but not limited to ITSF Statutes, Disciplinary, Anti-Doping, Referee and Dress codes.

Art. 1.5 – Sport Seasons

1. USTSO sport calendar is January, 1st through December 31st, a 12-month period.
2. ITSF sport season is January 1st through December 31st of the following year, a 2-year period.
3. The USTSO Championships points season is December 1st through November 30th, 12 months.

CHAPTER II: GENERAL DISCIPLINE & APPEAL

Art. 2.1 – Sport Code Violations and Appeal

1. Any transgression of the present rules during USTSO tournaments will be treated in accordance with the provisions relating to disciplinary action contained in the [Disciplinary Rules](#) of the ITSF.

2. USTSO has the right to revoke player privileges, impose disciplinary action or removal of Membership from any USTSO or ITSF certified event.
3. The player must be notified in writing of the charges and any disciplinary action.
4. The player has the right to appeal any USTSO disciplinary action to be reviewed by the USTSO Board of Directors and Executive Committee for consideration.
5. A suspended competitor cannot take part in any competition of the USTSO or ITSF Tour.

CHAPTER III: USTSO FEDERATION LICENSE MEMBERSHIP

Art. 3.1 – Member affiliation

1. Player federation membership is based on the rules set forth by the ITSF [Administrative Rules](#) as determined by Players Nationality.
2. Only members who qualify with a USA Sport Nationality are able to join the USTSO as a member.
3. Players not meeting the USA Sport Nationality requirements cannot register as a USTSO member, earn USTSO points, qualify for USTSO Championships or earn the right to represent the United States in any ITSF event.

Art. 3.2 – Member Competitions

1. All players competing in a USTSO Certified tournament must have a valid and current USTSO License membership for eligibility of:
 - USTSO points
 - USTSO Championships (USTSC)
 - ITSF World Championships for USA
 - ITSF World Cup team play for USA

CHAPTER IV: CERTIFIED USTSO AND ITSF SANCTIONING BENEFITS

Art. 4.1 – USTSO promoter benefits

1. Tournaments approved by the USTSO offers the following benefits to promoters:
 - Increase in player attendance due to points earning and applicable qualifiers
 - Advertising of the tournament
 - Results entry of USTSO and ITSF points, when applicable
 - Managing ITSF submission process, if applicable
 - Upload and advertising of pictures to USTSO and ITSF if provided by promoter
 - Eligible to host United States Table Soccer Championships (USTSC)
 - ITSF auto-qualifiers for Open Singles and Women’s Single, if applicable

Art. 4.2 – Player benefits

1. Players benefit from promoter certification and sanctioning:
 - Public notice of points and qualifier earnings, when applicable
 - Eligibility for USTSC to USTSO members
 - ITSF World Ranking points, when applicable, toward top ranked travel package

CHAPTER V: USTSO CERTIFICATION FEES

Art. 5.1 – USTSO tournament fees and requirements

	USTSO Certification (points only)	USTSO Certification (points & qualifiers)	USTSO Certification + ITSF Sanction (points & qualifiers)	Total Purse / Total Players
Bronze*	\$50	\$200	\$220	\$3,500 50 players
Silver**	\$100	\$300	\$440	\$7,500 100 players
Gold***	\$150	\$400	\$660	\$15,000 150 players
Platinum	\$200	\$500	\$2,600	\$25,000 250 players

*Bronze may receive one specialty qualifier, if available.

** Silver minimum for partial qualifiers, if available.

*** Gold minimum for full ITSF Championships qualifiers, if available. ITSF approval may include OS and WS under an ITSF position.

CHAPTER VI: USTSO CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Art. 6.1 – USTSO certification requirements

1. USTSO Certified tournaments provide players with USTSO points earnings and standings toward the United States Table Soccer Championships (USTSC).
2. For Certification, the tournament and events must meet the minimum requirements to retain certification and points earning. See [United States Table Soccer Championships](#).
3. The USTSO has the right to lower the tournament level, void qualifiers, and/or not apply ITSF world ranking points if minimum requirements are not met.

Art. 6.2 – Minimum player requirements for USTSO and ITSF points earning

USTSO Levels	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Event Player Minimum:	OS: 22, OD: 12 PS: 20, PD: 10 ES: 16, ED: 8 AS: 14, AD: 7 RS: 14, RD: 7 WS, JS, SS: 6 WD, JD, SD: 4	OS: 42, OD: 24 PS: 36, PD: 20 ES: 30, ED: 15 AS: 24, AD: 12 RS: 24, RD: 12 WS, JS, SS: 12 WD, JD, SD: 8	OS: 62, OD: 36 PS: 52, PD: 25 ES: 42, ED: 20 AS: 32, AD: 15 RS: 32, RD: 15 WS, JS, SS: 18 WD, JD, SS: 12	OS: 82, OD: 48 PS: 70, PD: 35 ES: 58, ED: 25 AS: 46, AD: 20 RS: 46, RD: 20 WS, JS, SS: 24 WD, JD, SS: 16

CHAPTER VII: USTSO AND ITSF TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS

Art. 7.1 – Tournament certification and sanctioning requests

1. Tournament requests are submitted by email to info@usafoosball.com.
2. Requests must be sent before the latest date set forth by the USTSO.

3. USTSO certification provides *USTSO points* and *USTSO qualifying events* for the ITSF Championship that meet tournament and player requirements.
4. USTSO Certification is required for ITSF Sanctioning.
 - Any request submitted to ITSF directly are rejected.
 - No competition associated with ITSF may be organized without USTSO certification and approval by both USTSO and ITSF.
 - The ITSF Executive Committee will review and vote on the tournament requests submitted by the USTSO.

Art. 7.2 – Submission Deadlines

1. Promoters are required to contact USTSO to request certification and/or sanctioning of ITSF ranking points and/or qualifier events for ITSF World Championships prior to the date of the level requested:
 - 60 days - Bronze
 - 80 days - Silver
 - 90 days - Gold
 - 110 days - Platinum World Championships Series

Art. 7.3 – Submission Process

1. Once the promoter submits a request, the USTSO Executive Committee votes to approve the level of USTSO Certification and/or ITSF Sanctioning and the granting of ITSF Championship qualifying events.
2. For ITSF sanctioning, the USTSO will follow the ITSF process for submission and timelines.
3. The promoter is contacted by USTSO within a reasonable amount of time prior to announcing the tournament as ITSF sanctioned or of any granted Championship qualifier events.
4. During the submission review process, the promoter may advertise the tournament without the mention of USTSO or ITSF. If approved, the promoter can then advertise with any USTSO and/or ITSF approval and championship events.
5. USTSO is not responsible for upholding any sanctioning or qualifying events if advertised by the promoter prior to written approval from the USTSO of such grants.
6. USTSO has the right to determine the tournament level granted to the promoter.

Art. 7.4 – Contract Agreement

1. Once approved, a written contract between the hosting promoter and USTSO is required.
2. The contract shall be reviewed and approved by the USTSO in-house counsel.
3. General Agreement Terms:
 - Application submitted within the deadlines.
 - USTSO / ITSF logos as applicable.
 - Public notice of approved tournaments 60-days in advance, 45 days for Bronze level.
 - Fees paid and Agreement signed within deadlines.
 - Public notice of any approved ITSF qualifier events, noting the requirements for players to qualify.
 - Results submitted to USTSO within 24-hours of completion.
4. The USTSO has the right to change agreement terms, with the exception of signed agreements.

Art. 7.5 – Approved Tournament

1. The organizer is responsible for the approval process completion, all public notices and fee payments.
 - Late fees or cancelation of Certification and/or Sanctioning may occur for any applications not meeting the requirements or if fees are unpaid to the USTSO by the due dates set forth.
2. The organizer of an USTSO or ITSF official event is solely responsible for the cancelation and its consequences.
3. The organizer shall ensure local and national publicity of the tournament through any type of advertising campaign within the deadlines of tournament application requirements.

Art. 7.6 – Payment

1. Upon USTSO approval, fees are due to USTSO via PayPal at funds@usafoosball.com.
2. In PayPal, select sending money to Friends/Family option to avoid fees.
3. Mail and bank transfer options are also available, upon request.
4. Fees are tax-deductible as a non-profit organization.

Art. 7.7 – Completed Tournament

1. The organizer must submit all results to the USTSO within 24 hours of completion of any sanctioned or certified tournament.
2. Failure to submit results may result in cancelation of any related sanctioning, qualifying or points earning with forfeiture of any paid fees.
3. Results may be submitted by a link to charts or in any file format to: info@usafoosball.com.

Art. 7.8 – Results Entry

1. Results must be provided to the USTSO within 24 hours after event completion.
2. Applicable only to ITSF structure events, such as Women’s Classic Doubles, Senior Singles, Open Doubles. Mixed Doubles at a later date.
3. Events not recognized by the USTSO or ITSF are not recorded.
4. Failure to provide results in a list or website format within 24 hours is forfeiture of points and any qualifying events previously approved.

CHAPTER VIII: ITSF SANCTIONING CONSIDERATIONS

Art. 8.1 – ITSF Tournament Sanctioning Level Requirements

1. USTSO Certification is required for approval of ITSF Sanctioning.
2. ITSF Sanctioning is not required to receive ITSF qualifiers.
3. ITSF Sanctioned tournaments earn players world-ranking points, regardless of what country the tournament is held.
4. For ITSF Sanctioning, the tournament and event enrollments must meet the minimums set forth by the USTSO, not the ITSF.
5. USTSO Certification level may be higher than the approved ITSF level.

6. ITSF Sanctioning level names, the level granted to a promoter is determined by the USTSO:
 - Pro Tour
 - Masters Series
 - International Level - (OS and WS granted qualifier under ITSF with travel package)
 - World Series

Art. 8.2 – Limitations of ITSF Sanctioning

1. A federation cannot organize more Masters than Pro Tour ITSF series events during the same ITSF sport season.
2. USTSO has the right to reject or lower the ITSF Sanctioning level request based on the USA tournament calendar for planned events and timing of submission.
3. The characteristics and restrictions of each ITSF level are explained in the ITSF Sport Code.

CHAPTER IX: QUALIFIER EVENTS - ITSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Art. 9.1 – Qualifier tournament application by promoter

1. The promoter must complete the application for USTSO Certification and ITSF Sanctioning.
2. All requirements of USTSO and ITSF must be met prior to advertising a qualifier tournament.
3. Promoters are required to share accurate and current qualifying event requirements.

Art. 9.2 – Qualifier event schedule by promoter

1. Any USTSO or ITSF qualifier event to represent the USA at the ITSF World Championships, must take precedence over non-qualifying events.
2. USTSO qualifier event must end before 1 a.m. on the final day of the tournament.
3. Qualifier events that do not meet the requirements become void and the position returns to the USTSO Sanctioning Committee for reassignment.

Art. 9.3 – Qualifier events list

- The following events qualify for the ITSF Championships:
 - Open Singles and Open Doubles (ITSF Men's division)
 - Women's Open Singles and Women's Open Doubles
 - Senior Singles and Doubles for 50+ and 63+
 - Mixed Doubles (Open, Seniors 50+, Seniors 63+, Junior U19)
 - Junior Men's Singles and Doubles (U13, U16 and U19)
 - Junior Women's Singles and Doubles (U19)
 - Classic Doubles (Men's Open, Women's, Senior Men's 50+/63+, Senior Women's 50+/63+, Junior Men's U19, Junior Women's U19)
 - Specialty events: Speedball, 2-Legs

CHAPTER X: QUALIFIER GRANTS - ITSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Art. 10.1 – USTSO grant of ITSF World Championship qualifiers

1. The USTSO Federation is granted a select number of ITSF World Championship qualifying positions each tournament season.

2. The number of granted positions are based on the number of USTSO Memberships.
3. The USTSO Sanctioning Committee manages the assignment of the granted positions.

Art. 10.2– Positions granted under ITSF

1. Players can also qualify under ITSF granted positions such as previous ITSF championship winners. See [ITSF > Masters and WcH Qualification](#).
2. Players qualifying under an ITSF grant are removed from any USTSO Federation grant in that same division and event.
3. If the player(s) are granted under ITSF, the USTSO Sanctioning Committee determines the action of the USTSO Federation grant by one of the following criteria:
 1. Qualifying position is assigned to another tournament.
 2. *Or*, the Sanctioning Committee assigns players to that open Championship position if not filled by the 6-month ITSF submission deadline.

Art. 10.3 – Granted positions not filled

1. Any position granted to the USTSO that is not filled, by whatever requirements were not met, will be returned to the USTSO Sanctioning Committee for assignment.
2. The Committee reviews and determines the use of the unfilled grant:
 - Re-assigning the qualifiers to another tournament.
 - Review of players who have top finishes over the last two seasons.
 - By committee elections from USA team members

CHAPTER XI: QUALIFIED PLAYER REQUIREMENTS - ITSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Art. 11.1 – Overall player requirements

1. Minimum requirements to represent the USA at any ITSF hosted event:
 - USA Sport Nationality
 - USTSO Membership
 - Meet ITSF and USTSO minimum event requirements
 - Good standing with USTSO and ITSF rules commissions
 - Any age restrictions met at time of qualifying
 - Event promoter has met all USTSO certification and ITSF sanctioning requirements

Art. 11.2 – ITSF Championship player requirements for USA

1. The player must be a registered and active member of the USTSO prior to the qualifying event.
2. The player's ITSF [Sport Nationality](#) must be declared as USA before the qualifying event.
3. The player must be in good and active standing with both the USTSO and ITSF both before and during the ITSF Championships.
4. Qualifying partners of doubles events must compete together as a team, no substitutions.
 - Both doubles players forfeit the qualifier position if one or both are not of the USA Sport Nationality prior to qualifying.

5. Player must meet any age or gender requirements and restrictions prior to the season of that qualification.
 - Example, turn 50 *before* the season begins, no co-ed teams if equal but separate gender events are defined by ITSF.

Art. 11.3 – Qualified event placings

1. Only the first-place player(s) that have met USTSO and ITSF requirements, have the first right to accept or decline the bid.
 - If the top placing finishers do *not* meet ITSF requirements or are already qualified in any other manner, the qualification position is offered to the 2nd place, if eligible.
 - If 1st or 2nd do *not* meet the qualification requirements, the position defaults back to the USTSO Sanctioning Committee for re-assignment.
2. The USTSO has the right to change the rules of qualifying positions during or after any tournament season.
3. The USTSO Sanctioning Committee has the right to reassign any unfilled qualifying positions or reserve that position for Sanctioning vote selection at the end of the season.
4. Promoters are required to express the following to players:
 - *If the winner(s) of qualifying events are not eligible for the ITSF World Championships, the position is offered to eligible 2nd place finisher(s). Any ineligible positions default back to USTSO for re-assignment*.*

Art. 11.4 – Multiple qualification winners

1. Player(s) qualified in the first event of qualification; the player(s) is no longer eligible for any additional qualifications in that event.
2. Eligible player(s) qualifying with *more* than one partner in the same event, *only* the first qualification team winners are eligible.
3. Any future winners with a previously qualified or an ineligible player are *not* granted that position with substitutions.
4. Player(s) qualifying in events that are scheduled simultaneously at the World Championships, the player(s) must select from only one event to compete. (Example, Senior Men's Classic Doubles and Men's Classic Doubles run simultaneously).
5. Any simultaneously scheduled event not filled by the duplicate winner(s) default to the Qualifying Event Placing rules.

Art. 11.5 – Deadline for qualified player(s) to decline

1. Within 14 days of completion, the USTSO verifies the qualifier event met minimum requirements.
 - If event requirements are *not* met, the winner(s) are notified that the event is no longer offered as a qualifier.
2. Winner(s) of events that meet minimum requirements may decline the position immediately or up until 30 days prior to the 6-month ITSF submission deadline.
 - If winner(s) decline, the rules of **Qualifying Event Places** apply.

CHAPTER XII: USA NATIONAL TEAM - ITSF WORLD CUP

Art. 12.1 – Nations Team Member Rights

1. In accordance with USTSO rules, only active USTSO Federation licensed players are eligible for nomination to the National Team.
2. The player's ITSF [Sport Nationality](#) must be declared as USA prior the voting process.
3. The player must be in good and active standing with both the USTSO and ITSF to accept.
4. Elected Nations Team players have 15 days to accept the bid for attending the ITSF World Cup.
5. After the 15 days, the position defaults to the next highest voted player until all team positions are filled.
6. The USTSO has the right to retract the Team Member accepted position at any time, for any reason. The position is then offered to the next highest voted nominee.

Art. 12.2 – Selection Committee

1. The National Team Selection Committee is comprised of members selected by the Committee Chair and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. The Committee is responsible for the voting process in selecting the National Team Members to represent the USA at the ITSF World Cup team event.
3. The Men's, Women's, and Senior's divisions are determined by the voting process under the Selection Committee.
4. The Junior Team Coach and Captain, which are selected by the Committee Chair and then approved by the Board of Directors, select the Junior National Team members.

Art. 12.3 – Selection Committee Terms

1. The Selection Committee is a 2-year term, voted in by Board Members and Sanctioning Chair.
2. The Term begins 30 days after that seasons World Cup, to end 30 days prior to the following seasons World Cup (e.g., Aug 2021 – July 2023).
3. The Selection Committee Chair reviews the committee Members at the end of each term, and then reviews with the USTSO Board of Directors.
4. The USTSO has the right to change the number of Committee members and length of Term.

Art. 12.4 – Selection Committee voting process

1. The voting selection ballot process begins by the end of November for completion after the first of the calendar year.
2. Each member of the Selection Committee casts a ballot of 12 player names for each division: Men's, Women's, and Seniors.
3. The submitted ballot is ordered by the highest voted player in the first position, next highest in the second position, etc.
4. If any nominated player declines, the next player in that order is offered the position, until the maximum team member numbers are met.
5. A ballot of 12-names is used to ensure the maximum number of team players is reached for that division with consideration of members declining.

6. For each ballot, the player is assigned a numbered value, starting with 12 points for position one, 11 points for position two, to then total 78 points for that entire ballot.
7. All Committee ballots are then tallied to give the nominee a total numbered value.
8. Nominees are contacted in the order of the highest votes first, and offered to accept or decline the position, until the maximum number of members accept.
9. The USTSO has the right to change the number of names per ballot.
10. For ITSF World Cup cancellations or if postponed within that calendar year, the Team selection remains. Beyond that calendar year, a new Team selection process begins.

Art. 12.5 – Nations Team Member Rights

1. In accordance with USTSO rules, only active USTSO Federation licensed players are eligible for nomination to the National Team.
2. The player's ITSF [Sport Nationality](#) must be declared as USA prior the voting process.
3. The player must be in good and active standing with both the USTSO and ITSF to accept.
4. Elected Nations Team players have 15 days to accept the bid for attending the ITSF World Cup.
5. After the 15 days, the position defaults to the next highest voted player until all team positions are filled.
6. The USTSO has the right to retract the Team Member accepted position at any time, for any reason. The position is then offered to the next highest voted nominee.

CHAPTER XIII: OFFICIAL REFEREES

Art. 13.1 – Official Rules

1. USTSO requires that all players, regardless of the location and promoter/club host, follow [ITSF Codes, Statues and Rules](#). No exceptions are given for not following ITSF protocol and disciplinary measures through the committee will be issued if non-compliant.
2. Any person requesting license to officiate matches may do so through the ITSF testing process.
3. Referee Attire should be worn when officiating a match, specifically if a finals or main event area match. See [ITSF Referee Code](#) for badge embroidery layout.

GLOSSARY

- *ITSF World Championships (WCH)*: ITSF qualified players represent their federation country, including competing against members of their own country. Players qualify in USTSO qualifiers, previous WCH ITSF winners, ITSF International Singles, or voted in by committee.
- *ITSF World Cup*: A national team event to represent the federation country, selected by the USTSO Selection Committee by vote, compete against other nations.
- *Sanctioning Committee*: Executives that coordinate assigning promoters USTSO tournament certification, ITSF sanctioning when applicable, and assigning ITSF Qualifier events.
- *Selection Committee*: Voting committee for electing National Team members for the ITSF World Cup.