



## **ITTF Eligibility Rule**

### **Attention all coaches, clubs and USATT members**

The International Table Tennis Federation changed the athletes' eligibility for World Title events in 2008. The announcement was made on USATT webpage at that time and the info is posted on ITTF web page at [www.ITTF.com](http://www.ITTF.com) under regulations.

Besides International eligibility Chapter 3.08 the World Title events eligibility is covered by Chapter 4.01.

The eligibility rule for the Worlds events was applied starting September 1, 2008.

Any athlete born in another country but became citizen before September 1, 2008 is eligible to represent USA at World events by providing proof of becoming a US citizen before September 1, 2008.

Any athlete, who was born in another country but became a US citizen after September 1, 2008 and wants to represent USA at World events, will have to register with USATT and wait the respective time period reflected in Chapter 4.01 as follows:

4.01.03.02	In addition to provisions of 3.8 players being eligible to represent an association other than the one they intend to represent, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association.
4.01.03.03	Such player shall not represent the new association before
4.01.03.03.01	3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered;
4.01.03.03.02	5 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age when registered;
4.01.03.03.03	7 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age when registered.
4.01.03.04	Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at World Championships.

Olympic Games eligibility rule is reflected in Chapter 4.05.

The coaches will have to keep athletes informed about the international eligibility rule and make sure they register with USATT on time.

Please post this information in your club for your members.