

PROJECT 2008



Introduction

This project targets the best players who will be competing to represent their respective MAs. They must be under-25 when they compete in the 2008 Olympics. The nominees will include athletes who have been sent to the IBF Training Centers in 2005 (18-22 years old). This extra camp aims at providing an opportunity to train as Team Pan-Am.

Objective

To provide a concerted support for potential Pan-Am athletes who are trying to qualify for the 2008 Olympics by providing elite coaching, training guidance and opportunity for sparring with world class or similar international level quality.

Project Duration, Administration and Venue

- The Project 2008 Squad will consist of an annual two week training camp.
- PABC may use Houston IBFTC or any venue in Pan-Am as its training site. However, MAs are encouraged to host the Project 2008 Squad.
- The organizing MA shall be responsible for all local organization such as training venues, accommodation and transport.
- The respective MAs or attending athletes shall be responsible for their own travel expenses.
- PABC shall be responsible for accommodation, shuttles, coaching staff expenses and meals.

Project Participation

- Participation is by invitation only (by PABC).
- A maximum of 20 players specializing in singles will be invited.
- Selection will be carried out at the Pan-Am Junior Championships, Pan-Am Adult Championships and also through observation at other Pan-Am events or performances at other international events.
- Players have to be above 18 years old but Under-25 when competing at the 2008 Olympics.
- MAs are also invited to send applications to the PABC Office if they have players who they would like to have considered for the Project 2008.
- The coach of a selected player should attend the first Project 2008 camp.

Coaching Staff

The Coaching Staff will involve the Pan-Am IBF Coach who will head the project. Selected Pan-Am Coaching Staff will be identified to help in the project. Among their responsibilities:

- selecting players
- planning the Project 2008 program
- evaluate player
- providing training guidance through individualized programs