



SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA (SEA) GAMES 2017

1 EVENTS

- i. Men's team – 5 players
- ii. Women's team – 5 players
- iii. Men's singles – 2 players
- iv. Women's singles – 2 players
- v. Mixed Doubles – 2 pairs
- vi. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs
- vii. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs

Each country is only allowed to send a maximum of 5 Men and 5 Women's players to compete in the 7 events.

2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To win 4 Gold medals.

3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will be made up of the following members:

- i. Head Coach for National Men's team
- ii. Head Coach for National Women's team
- iii. Technical Director
- iv. -High Performance Manager
- v. Chairman of High Performance Committee
- vi. Members of High Performance Committee

4 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the SEA Games Federation and South East Asian Table Tennis Association.

5 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES, DOUBLES & TEAM)

Team Event (five players per country including the doubles and singles players)

- I. Three players with the highest ITTF world ranking will be nominated for the team event.
- II. The selection committee will nominate one player that is ranked third and above other South East Asian athletes, based on the latest World Rankings and/or past results in World Tours and any other major championships within a twelve-month period before 2017 SEA Games. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the Selection Committee will nominate the next highest ranked player.
- III. For the fifth player for the team event, the Intermediate Squad will go through a selection trial to determine the nominee. Details and format of the selection trials will be determined by the selection committee.

Singles Event (2 players per country)

- I. The Selection Committee will nominate the highest ranked player in the team for the singles event.
- II. The Selection Committee will nominate a player from the team as the second singles player. He or she must be ranked third among South East Asian athletes, based on the latest World Rankings and/or past results in World Tours and any other major championships within a twelve-month period before 2017 SEA Games. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the selection committee will select the next highest ranked player within the team for the second singles player.

Doubles/Mixed Doubles Event (2 pairs per country)

- III. For the doubles events, the selection committee will select four players out of the five players selected for the team event to form 2 pairs of doubles. The selection committee may also pair the two players selected for the singles event as a doubles pair, and select another two players from the players selected for the team event as the second doubles pair.

- IV. After selection of players for team event, the selection committee will select two mixed doubles pair from the pool of the players.
- V. For the doubles pairing, the selection committee will consider compatibility of playing styles, e.g chopper with chopper, right-handed player with a left-handed player.

Other Extenuating factors (non-exhaustive)

- The results from the last SEA Games and SEA Championships
- Clash of dates with other ITTF competitions
- Fatigue and Jetlag
- Sickness / illness and/or injuries
- Conflicting work/school commitments

6 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. The selection policy will be published at www.stta.org.sg. **Two weeks before the deadline** for submission to SNOC, the Selection Committee meeting will be convened to select the players based on the above criteria. The achievements from ITTF world tours and major championships should be achieved within a 12 months period before 2017 SEA Games. The latest ITTF World Ranking on the date of the Selection Committee meeting will also be used in the selection process.
- ii. Players who are selected for SEA Games have to fulfill all training requirements set by the Head Coaches for National Men's and Women's team.
- iii. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nomination for the singles, doubles and mixed doubles before the SEA Games team managers meeting, as per SEA Games Table Tennis Technical Handbook.

7 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. If players exhibit behaviour during the SEA Games that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. STTA Disciplinary Committee will decide on the punishment. The player may have to take responsibility for the total cost of the event (travel, hospitality and entry fees). There may be further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.

8 APPEAL PROCESS

- i. Appeal against the non-selection must be made in writing to the Chairman (High Performance Committee), Singapore Table Tennis Association at 297C Toa Payoh Lorong 6 Singapore 319389, within 48 hours of the announcement of the players selected for the SEA Games.
- ii. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- iii. An appeal must be made in writing with supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to the Singapore Table Tennis Association. If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.
- iv. There will be an Appeal Committee (comprising of members not involved in the actual selection process) to investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.
- v. STTA will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeal Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final and no further correspondence will be entertained.

High Performance Committee

Singapore Table Tennis Association

Approved by the STTA Executive Committee on 16 November 2016