

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

1 EVENTS

- i. Men's team – 5 players
- ii. Women's team – 5 players
- iii. Men's singles – 3 players
- iv. Women's singles – 3 players
- v. Men's doubles – 2 pairs
- vi. Women's doubles – 2 pairs
- vii. Mixed doubles – 4 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 3 Gold medals

3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

- i. Chairman of High Performance Committee
- ii. Co - Chairman of High Performance Committee (if any)
- iii. Members of High Performance Committee
- iv. Head Coach for National Men's team
- v. Head Coach for National Women's team
- vi. Technical Director
- vii. Senior High Performance Manager

4 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the Commonwealth Games Federation.

5 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES & TEAM)

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

- I. Three players with the highest ITTF world ranking before the deadline for Entry by name will be selected.

- II. For the fourth player for the team event, the selection committee will select one player from the National Team / Intermediate Squad who meets the criteria of 6th placing among the athletes in the Commonwealth Games countries based on latest ITTF world ranking and /or past results in regional tournaments within the twelve-month period, e.g 2017 Commonwealth Championships before the 2018 Commonwealth Games. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the selection committee will nominate the next highest ranked player or to conduct a selection trial to select the fourth player.
- III. For the fifth player for the team event, the following will be invited to the selection trial.
- National team
 - Intermediate Squad
 - 2018 YOG Training Squad
 - One player (per gender) from SWS team. The SWS Head will conduct an internal selection trial within SWS to select the player.

Details and format of the selection trials will be determined by the Selection Committee.

Singles Event (three players per country)

- IV. Two players with the highest ITTF world ranking based on the latest ITTF World Ranking before the deadline for “Entry by name”, will be nominated for the singles event.
- V. For the third singles player, the Selection Committee will select from the remaining three players in the team. He or she must meet the criteria of 6th placing among the athletes in the Commonwealth Games countries based on their latest ITTF World ranking and/or past results in regional tournaments within the twelve-month period, e.g 2017 Commonwealth Championships before the 2018 Commonwealth. In the event that the remaining three players do not meet the criteria of 6th placing, the player with the highest ITTF world ranking will be selected for the third singles player.

Men’s and Women’s Doubles Event (two pairs)

- VI. The selection committee will decide on the pairing of the doubles from the five players in the team event based on results from world tours, world championships and regional championships.

Mixed Doubles Event (four pairs)

- VII. The selection committee will decide on the pairing of the four pairs of mixed doubles from the list of players in the team event.

Other Extenuating factors (non-exhaustive)

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

6 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. Two weeks before the deadline for submission to SNOC, the Selection Committee will select the players based on the above criteria. The Selection committee will use the latest ITTF world ranking before the deadline for submission.
- ii. Players who are selected for Commonwealth 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 Commonwealth Games team manager meeting, as per Commonwealth Games Table Tennis Technical Handbook.
- iv. Players must be able to furnish medical certificates if they miss the selection trial.

7 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Players who exhibit unsporting behaviour (e.g using of vulgar language during matches, verbal abuse of tournament officials) will be disqualified from competing in the selection trials.
- ii. If players exhibit behaviour during the Commonwealth 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 2018 Commonwealth 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 Management Committee on 28 October 2017