

SELECTION POLICY FOR COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 EVENTS

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

* Subject to changes by the organizer.

2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The objective of this selection policy is to select the best players to represent Singapore in the biennial championships, and to give the potential youth athletes a preview of the sports at international level. The Championships is a precursor event before the Games, it serves as an opportunity to see how our players fare against our competitors from Commonwealth countries.

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 applicable)
- 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 Table Tennis Federation (CTTF).
- ii. The Selection Committee will nominate players based on the following guidelines:
 - a. Players from the National Team
 - b. Players from the Intermediate Squad
 - c. Players from School Within School (SWS) Team

5 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES, DOUBLES & TEAM)

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

- I. Two players with the highest ITTF World ranking will be selected for the team event.
- II. For the third and fourth player for the team event, a selection trial will be conducted for players of the Intermediate Squad and SWS team. Details and format of the selection trials will be determined by the Selection Committee.
- III. For the fifth player for the team event, the Selection Committee will select a player from National Team / Intermediate Squad / SWS Team.

Singles Event

- IV. Depending on the entry guidelines of the championships, the STTA shall register the maximum number allowed per association for singles event.
- V. In the event that the maximum number allowed is less than the number of players in the team event, the player with the highest ranking will be the first singles player. The Selection Committee will select players from the team for the remaining entries in the singles event.

Doubles/Mixed Doubles Event

- VI. After the selection of players for team event, the selection committee will select the doubles / mixed doubles pair from the pool of players.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. The STTA reserves the right to determine the number of pairs for doubles / mixed doubles to register for the championships.

6 TRAINING AND COMPETITION –RELATED OBLIGATIONS

- i. Players who are selected for the Championships have to fulfill all training requirements set by the Head Coaches for National Men's and Women's team.
- ii. Players who are selected for the Championships shall compete only in the official attire for the Championships.
- iii. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nomination for the singles, doubles and mixed doubles before the final entry deadline.

- iv. Athletes from the Intermediate Squad and SWS team who are selected shall pay 10% of the cost for overseas centralized training and Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.

7 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Players who are late for more than 15 minutes for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- ii. Players who deliberately lose to another player so that another player can qualify, both players will be disqualified from the selection trials. The case will be escalated to STTA Disciplinary committee (DC) for further action.
- iii. 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.
- iv. If players exhibit behaviour during the Commonwealth Championships that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. STTA DC 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 maybe further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.
- v. Players must be able to furnish medical certificates if they miss the selection trial.

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 Championships.
- vi. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- vii. 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.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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*