

SELECTION POLICY FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (INDIVIDUAL EVENTS)

1 EVENTS

- i. Men's singles – 3 players
- ii. Women's singles – 3 players
- iii. Mixed Doubles – 2 pairs
- iv. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs
- v. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs

Each Association shall be entitled to enter 3 men and 3 women players in each singles event, with one additional player ranked in 3 the top 100 and one additional player ranked in the top 20 of the ITTF world ranking list issued in January 2019 to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women. The maximum entry for each association is 2 pairs of men's doubles, 2 pairs of women's doubles and 2 pairs of mixed doubles; all players may be different.

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.

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. High Performance Manager

4 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the ITTF.
- ii. The Selection Committee will select players from the following:
 - a. National Team
 - b. Intermediate Squad
 - c. Players with ITTF World Ranking under Top 50 at the point of Selection Committee Meeting

5 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES, DOUBLES & MIXED DOUBLES)

Singles Event

- I. Depending on the entry guidelines of the championships, the STTA shall register the maximum number allowed per association for singles event. ITTF World Ranking before the final deadline for entry will be used.
- II. If STTA can only register three players for the singles event, the two highest ranked players will qualify for the singles event. The third player will be determined by selection trial within the national team and Intermediate squad.
- III. If STTA can register four players for singles event, the two highest ranked players will qualify for the singles event. The Selection Committee will select a player from the national team / intermediate squad as the third player. The fourth player will be determined by selection trial within the national team and Intermediate squad.
- IV. If STTA can register five players for singles event, the two highest ranked players will qualify for the singles event. The Selection Committee will select a player from the national team/intermediate squad as the third player. The fourth and fifth player will be determined by selection trial within the national team and Intermediate squad.

Doubles/Mixed Doubles Event

- V. After the selection of players for singles event, the selection committee will select the doubles / mixed doubles pair from the pool of players. If there is a need, the Selection Committee may select a player from the National Team / Intermediate Squad who is not selected for the singles event.
- VI. 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.
- VII. 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.

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 World 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.

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