

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR 2020 OLYMPICS GAMES, TOKYO

1 EVENTS

- I. Men's singles – Maximum 2 athletes per NOC
- II. Women's singles – Maximum 2 athletes per NOC
- III. Men's Team – 3 athletes inclusive of the 2 athletes for singles event
- IV. Women's Team – 3 athletes inclusive of the 2 athletes for singles event
- V. Mixed Doubles – 1 pair per NOC

Each NOC is only allowed to send a maximum of 6 athletes (3 Men and 3 Women) to compete in the 5 events.

2 SELECTION PANEL

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. Senior High Performance Manager
- i. Chairman of High Performance Committee
- ii. Members of High Performance Committee

3 ELIGIBILITY

- I. The athletes have to be from the National Team; or
- II. Independent athletes in the Top 50 of the latest ITTF World Ranking list at the point of registration for qualification events; and
- III. The athletes have to be citizens at the point of registration for events/ qualification events; and
- IV. The athletes have to satisfy the eligibility rules set out in ITTF and IOC Eligibility rules.

4 TOKYO 2020 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Please refer to the Qualification system for Tokyo 2020 Table Tennis. This document could be found in the ITTF Website.

86 athletes per gender (Men/Women) will qualify as follows:

Team qualification:

6 Continental Team qualification with one team (3 athletes) per NOC

9 World Team qualification with one team (3 athletes) per NOC

1 Host Country (if not already qualified)

Total 16 countries

Singles qualification:

32 With two (2) athletes nominated from each NOC with one qualified team.
 22 Continental Singles qualification with a maximum of two (2) athletes from the same NOC
 1 Tripartite Commission Invitation place
 2-8 Not less than 2 and not more than 8 from the Final World Singles Qualifying Tournament
 1-13 Minimum 1 from ITTF World Ranking

64-70 With a maximum of two (2) athletes from the same NOC to participate in single events

Mixed Doubles qualification: *

6 Continental Mixed Doubles qualification with a maximum of one (1) pair per NOC
 4 World Tour Grand Finals 2019 with a maximum of one (1) pair per NOC
 5 World Tour 2020 with a maximum of one (1) pair per NOC
 1 Host Country

16 With a maximum of one (1) pair per NOC to participate in the Mixed Doubles event, with the athletes being part of the team quota if their NOC has qualified a team of that gender

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN**Team Qualification**

Number of Quota Places per gender	Team Qualification Event
18	<p>1. Continental Team Qualification Each ITTF Continent will organize an event to determine their continental representative: 1 for Africa 1 for Asia 1 for Europe 1 for Latin America 1 for North America 1 for Oceania 6 Total</p> <p>The ITTF and its Continental Federations are responsible for holding Continental qualification events following the general regulations for Olympic Qualification events. The ITTF and its Continental Federations will plan the team qualification events (dates, places and number of athletes to qualify in each tournament) before 31st December 2019, as well as announce the names of the qualified teams after each qualifying event according to the above quota and according to the established timelines. Six (6) teams to be qualified. Each NOC with a qualified Men's or Women's Team will be entitled to</p>

	nominate two athletes to compete in the singles event.
27	World Team Qualification The ITTF will plan the World Team qualification event (between 1st and 31st January 2020). Nine (9) teams to be qualified. Each NOC with a qualified Men's or Women's Team will be entitled to nominate two athletes to compete in the singles event
3	Host Country: One (1) team If the Host Country has not qualified a team through the Team selection process, it is guaranteed one (1) team quota place per gender and two singles quotas per gender.

Singles Qualification

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Event
22	1. Singles Continental Qualification Athletes with the best results at the Singles Continental Qualification Events, held between 1st June 2019 and 30th April 2020, not belonging to a NOC with a team qualified of the same gender, will qualify for the Olympic Games according to the following distribution of quota places: 4 for Africa 6 for Asia 6 for Europe 4 for Latin America 1 for North America 1 for Oceania 22 Total A maximum of 2 athletes per NOC can qualify.
2	Not less than 2 and not more than 8 from the Final World Singles Qualifying Tournament (FWSQT)
1	Minimum 1 from ITTF World Ranking

Mixed Doubles Qualification

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Event
6	Each ITTF Continent will organize an event to determine their continental representative: 1 for Africa 1 for Asia

	1 for Europe 1 for Latin America 1 for North America 1 for Oceania 6 Total The ITTF and its Continental Federations are responsible for holding Continental qualification events following the general regulations for Olympic Qualification events. The ITTF and its Continental Federations will plan the mixed doubles qualification events (dates, places and number of athletes to qualify in each tournament) to be held between 1st June 2019 and 30th April 2020, Any qualified athletes in Mixed Doubles must be part of the team composition if their NOC has qualified a team of that gender.
4	World Tour Grand Finals 2019 with a maximum of one (1) pair per NOC Any qualified athletes in Mixed Doubles must be part of the team composition if their NOC has qualified a team of that gender
5	World Tour 2020 with a maximum of one (1) pair per NOC
1	If the Host Country has not qualified a Mixed Doubles pair through the steps above, it is guaranteed one (1) mixed doubles quota place with the athletes being part of the team quota.

(extracted from Qualification System – Games of The XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020)

5 TEAM EVENT

Format of Play

A team match consists of one doubles match followed by four singles matches. There will not be any break during the team match because all 5 matches will be fixed after the toss procedure.

Each team match consists of five individual matches and shall end when one team has won a majority of the possible individual matches. Each individual match shall be the best of five games. Each athlete plays a maximum of two matches according to the following system:

Order	Type	ABC team	XYZ team
1	Doubles	BC	YZ
2	Singles	A	X
3	Singles	C	Z
4	Singles	A	Y
5	Singles	B	X

6 SELECTION CRITERIA

6.1 Team Qualification event

- I. The Selection Committee will select the two highest ranked players based on the latest ITTF World Ranking list before the deadline for entry for the

Continental Team Qualification event or ITTF World Team Qualification Tournament.

- II. The selection committee will select the third athlete for the team qualification event based on the following criteria:

Latest ITTF World Ranking before deadline for entry (30%).

The third athlete for the team event will either play 2 singles or 1 doubles and 1 singles match in each team match. The World ranking is a good gauge of the athlete's results in the singles.

Technical Ability and Results in Doubles (40%)

The third athlete must be able to form a strong doubles partnership with the other 2 athletes that have already qualified for the team qualification event. The selection committee will use the doubles results in the world-tours and major games from the past 24 months before the deadline for entry as reference. The coaches will have to provide an assessment of the technical ability in doubles (footwork, doubles' service and return, partnership with the other 2 athletes that are selected etc.).

Technical Ability against different playing styles (30%)

Especially for the Women's team, our key opponents from South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong and DPR Korea consist of choppers, left-handed athletes and athletes with backhand pimples rubbers. The third athlete for the team event must be versatile and possess the necessary technical ability to deal with the different playing styles.

The Selection committee will use the results of the athletes' matches against our opponents with different playing styles in the top 100 in the latest ITTF World Ranking list. Results from the past 24 months before the deadline for entry will be used. The final decision will be put to a vote by the Selection committee.

In the event that the team has qualified for the team event in Tokyo 2020 at the continental team or world team qualification event, the two highest ranked athletes within the team before the deadline for the team qualification event will be nominated to play in the singles event.

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to field any team for the team qualification events if there are no athletes in the Top 100 of the latest ITTF World Ranking.

6.2 Singles Qualification Events

The Selection Committee will select the two highest ranked players based on the latest ITTF World Ranking list before the deadline for entry for the Continental Singles Qualification event or ITTF World Singles Qualification Tournament

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to select any athlete for the singles qualification events if there are no athletes in the Top 200 of the latest ITTF World Ranking before the deadline for entry.

6.3 Mixed Doubles Qualification events

The selection committee will select one pair of mixed doubles from the list of athletes selected for the team qualification events to compete in the Mixed Doubles Qualification

events, based on results from ITTF opens, world championships, regional championships and major games.

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to select any athletes for the mixed doubles qualification events if there are no results from ITTF World Tours, World Championships, regional championships and major games.

7 SELECTION OF 'P' ATHLETE FOR TEAM EVENT

Replacement of an athlete

According to the 2020 Olympics rules and regulation, in case of injury or sickness of one athlete competing in the table tennis Olympic team events, he or she can be replaced if his or her NOC has planned a P accreditation for an alternate athlete on this competition, starting the next team match after the injury or sickness has been reported. In case of replacement, the accreditation of the athlete replaced will be cancelled. The new athlete entered replacing a sick or injured athlete can only activate the new accreditation and compete in the team events, once the accreditation of the athlete being replaced is cancelled.

This 'P' athlete will also be selected based on the selection criteria for the third athlete for team event.

8 CODE OF CONDUCT

Any athlete who exhibit unsporting behaviour during training and overseas competitions, will be referred to the STTA Disciplinary Committee for punishment. Selected athlete(s) may be liable for removal from the Olympic squad, based on the severity of the incident.

Any athlete who exhibit behaviour during the Olympics Games that maybe considered damaging to the image of Team Singapore and STTA, will be referred to the STTA Disciplinary Committee for punishment. The athlete may have to take responsibility for the total cost of the event (travel, hospitality and entry fees). There may be further action from Singapore National Olympic Council based on Team Membership agreement such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.

9 APPEAL PROCESS

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 athletes selected for Olympics events or Olympics qualification events.

The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.

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.

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.

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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