



SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (STTA)

**SELECTION POLICY FOR
SOUTH EAST ASIAN (SEA) JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS & ASIAN
JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1 BACKGROUND

The South East Asian (SEA) Junior Table Tennis Championships is a yearly event. It is one of the most important youth competitions in our calendar of events.

The top 2 Junior Boys’ Teams and Junior Girls’ Teams from the South East Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships (SEATTC) will qualify for the Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships (AJTTC) in the same year.

The following events would be contested:

Category	Boys	No. of athletes	Girls	No. of athletes
Cadet	Team	3	Team	3
	Singles	3	Singles	3
	Doubles	1 pair	Doubles	1 pair

Category	Boys	No. of athletes	Girls	No. of athletes
Junior	Team	4	Team	4
	Singles	4	Singles	4
	Doubles	2 pairs	Doubles	2 pairs
	Mixed Doubles Up to 4 pairs			

2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to select the best/ high potential youth athletes to represent Singapore in the SEAJTTC.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- a. Singapore Citizen
- b. No outstanding dues to STTA

- c. Fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the South East Asia Table Tennis Association (SEATTA)

4 AGE

Cadet events are for athletes who are 15 years old and below.

Junior events are for athletes who are 18 years old and below.

In short,

For 2019, athletes born on or after 1 January 2004 are eligible to play in cadet events. Athletes born on or after 1 January 2001 are eligible to play in junior events.

For 2020, athletes born on or after 1 January 2005 are eligible to play in cadet events. Athletes born on or after 1 January 2002 are eligible to play in junior events.

For 2021, athletes born on or after 1 January 2006 are eligible to play in cadet events. Athletes born on or after 1 January 2003 are eligible to play in junior events.

Athletes who are under-15 are allowed to compete in the junior events.

5 NUMBER OF ATHLETES

The STTA has the right to determine, and make amendments anytime, the number of athletes and reserves to represent Singapore in the SEAJTTC, so long it adheres to the condition stated in Paragraph 1.

6 SELECTION PROCESS FOR ATHLETES TO REPRESENT SINGAPORE IN THE SEAJTTC - CADET EVENTS

6.1 Auto-qualifiers

Any National Team athlete automatically qualifies to participate in the SEAJTTC.

6.2 Selection Criteria

The following athletes will be invited to a selection trial:

- 6.2.1 Athletes who achieved Top 4 placing in the cadet singles events for the following competitions in the preceding year:

- SAFRA-STTA Table Tennis Championships
- Dr. Ng Eng Hen – STTA Table Tennis Championships
- Dr. Lee Bee Wah Cup – STTA Table Tennis Championships

In the event if any one of the above local tournaments is cancelled, the STTA has the right to select another local tournament.

- 6.2.2 Athletes who were medal winners in the cadet singles event in the preceding SEA Junior Table Tennis Championships or the Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships, provided that this athlete can still compete in the cadet events.
- 6.2.3 Athletes from the STTA Intermediate Squad (IS).
- 6.2.4 Up to 2 boys and 2 girls from the “School within a School” (SWS) programme, nominated by the SWS coaching team.
- 6.2.5 Up to 2 boys and 2 girls from the STTA Youth Training Squad (YTS), nominated by the YTS coaching team.
- 6.2.6 STTA has the right to invite athletes from the 5th to 8th placing for the local tournaments in the event that there is insufficient athlete to play in the respective age group.
- 6.2.7 If an under-15 year old athlete qualifies for the selection trial in both age categories, he or she must opt to participate in the selection trials for either cadet or junior category.

6.3 Selection Process

- 6.3.1 After taking into account of paragraph 6.1, there will be a selection trial for the remaining position(s) for the cadet events for the invited athletes stated in paragraph 6.2. The selection trial will be played on a round-robin system.
- 6.3.2 The number of athletes and reserve(s) to be selected during the selection trials will be stated in the invitation email sent to the qualified athletes before the trials.
- 6.3.3 The selection trial will take place after February. The trial dates will also be stated in the invitation email.

7 SELECTION PROCESS FOR ATHLETES TO REPRESENT SINGAPORE IN THE SEAJTTC - JUNIOR EVENTS

7.1 Auto-qualifiers

Any National Team athlete automatically qualifies to participate in the SEAJTTC.

7.2. Selection Criteria

The following athletes will be invited to a selection trial:

- 7.2.1 Athletes who achieved Top 4 placing in the junior singles events for the following competitions in the preceding year:
- SAFRA-STTA Table Tennis Championships
 - Dr. Ng Eng Hen – STTA Table Tennis Championships

- Dr. Lee Bee Wah Cup – STTA Table Tennis Championships

In the event if any one of the above local tournaments is cancelled, the STTA has the right to select another local tournament.

- 7.2.2 Athletes who were medal winners in the junior singles event in the preceding SEA Junior Table Tennis Championships or the Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships.
- 7.2.3 Athletes from the STTA Intermediate Squad (IS).
- 7.2.4 Up to 2 boys and 2 girls from the “School within a School” (SWS) programme, nominated by the SWS coaching team.
- 7.2.5 Up to 2 boys and 2 girls from the STTA Youth Training Squad (YTS), nominated by the YTS coaching team.
- 7.2.6 STTA has the right to invite athletes from the 5th to 8th placing for the local tournaments in the event that there is insufficient athlete to play in the respective age group.

7.3 Selection Process

- 7.3.1 After taking into account of paragraph 7.1, there will be a selection trial for the remaining position(s) for the junior events for the invited athletes stated in paragraph 7.2. The selection trial will be played on a round-robin system.
- 7.3.2 The number of athletes and reserve(s) to be selected during the selection trials will be stated in the invitation email sent to the qualified athletes before the trials.
- 7.3.3 The selection trial will take place after February. The trial dates will also be stated in the invitation email.

8 DOUBLES & RESERVE LIST

- 8.1 After the athletes for the team events have been determined, the SEA Junior coaching team will decide on the doubles / mixed doubles pairing from the pool of athletes. The selection of doubles pairing will be based on compatibility of playing styles, for instance, chopper with chopper, right-handed player with left-handed player. The STTA has the right to register the number of pairs of doubles / mixed doubles for the championships.
- 8.2 The reserve athletes will have to adhere to the same training requirements as the selected athletes.

Should any of the selected players is unable to participate in the SEAJTTC, the reserve player will take his or her place in the team. However, STTA has the right not to activate the reserve athlete if the minimum entries are met.

9 ATTENDANCE FOR PRE SEAJTTC CENTRALISED TRAINING

- 9.1 Selected athletes who are not in YTS or SWS can join either the SWS or YTS for training leading up to the centralized training for SEAJTTC. Selected athletes from YTS and SWS will train with their respective teams leading up to the centralized training for SEAJTTC.
- 9.2 There will either be a local or overseas centralized training to prepare for the SEAJTTC. All athletes of SEAJTTC Squad have to achieve at least 90% attendance for local centralized training. Athletes who fail to do so, will be asked to leave the Squad and be replaced by the next highest placed reserve athlete.
- 9.3 If the centralized training is held overseas, all athletes of the SEAJTTC Squad are required to attend. Athletes who are unable to attend the overseas training will be withdrawn from the Squad and be replaced by the next highest placed reserve.
- 9.4 Selected athletes who qualify for the SEAJTTC but refuse to represent the country without valid reasons will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. Only valid reasons such as injury, medical illness and death of immediate family with official supporting documents, etc will be accepted.

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- 10.1 The gold and silver medalist in the SEAJTTC team event will qualify for the junior team event in the AJTTC in the same year. The athletes of the team for AJTTC shall be made up of the same athletes from the SEAJTTC team. In the event that there are insufficient athletes for team event in AJTTC, the next highest placed reserve based on the selection trial for SEAJTTC will be selected. The STTA has the right not to activate the reserve athlete if the minimum entries for the team event have been met.
- 10.2 Training will continue for teams that qualify for the AJTTC. Selected athletes who are not in YTS or SWS can join either the SWS or YTS training. Selected athletes from YTS and SWS will train with their respective teams.
- 10.3 There is no qualification system for the AJTTC cadet events. STTA has the right to send the athletes for the cadet events.
- 10.4 Selected athletes who qualify for the AJTTC but refuse to represent the country without valid reasons will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. Only valid reasons such as Ministry of Education related school examinations, injury, medical illness and death of immediate family with official supporting documents, etc will be accepted.

11 DISBANDMENT

- 11.1 The SEAJTTC Squad will disband immediately if they fail to qualify for the AJTTC. If the SEAJTTC Squad qualifies for AJTTC, the squad will disband after AJTTC.

12 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 12.1 Athletes who are late for more than 15 minutes for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- 12.2 For cases in which an athlete deliberately loses in a match, both athletes will be disqualified from the selection trials. The case will be escalated to STTA Disciplinary committee (DC) for further action.
- 12.3 Athletes 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.
- 12.4 If athletes exhibit behaviour during the SEAJTTC and AJTTC that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. STTA DC will decide on the punishment. The athlete will 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.
- 12.5 Athletes must comply with the rules and regulations of the selection trials or be disqualified from the selection trials.
- 12.6 Absenteeism for any match in the selection trials shall be deemed as a walkover. There will be no re-match for any reasons, including but not limited to medical leave, examinations, etc. The results of the selection trials will be final.

13 ATHLETE'S AGREEMENT

- 13.1 All SEAJTTC athletes and their parents, if they are not under any of the STTA training programme, are required to sign an Athlete's Agreement on behalf of the athlete for this purpose. The agreement shall be binding on both the athlete and the parent.
- 13.2 The Athlete's Agreement will be issued to the athletes and it must be returned to STTA duly signed by the athlete's parent for and on behalf of the athlete before the commencement of the first training session.

15 APPEAL PROCESS

- 15.1 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 SEAJTTC.
- 15.2 The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- 15.3 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.

- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 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 Management Committee on 24 January 2019