ADDENDUM TO SELECTION POLICY FOR 2022 STTA YOUTH TRAINING SQUAD

Due to the pandemic, STTA was not able to organize our age-group tournaments in 2021. Hence STTA is unable to invite top 8 players from the age-group tournaments for the 2022 YTS Selection Trials.

In view of the above, STTA will conduct an open selection trial by **31 January 2022** to select players for 2022 Youth Training Squad (YTS). This is subject to final approval from Sport Singapore.

1 ELIGIBILITY

- a. Player must be a Singapore Citizen
- b. Players must be born between 1 Jan 2003 to 31 Dec 2009.
- c. He or she has not been suspended and//or has any disciplinary issues recorded by STTA.
- d. Athletes who withdrew from YTS before 15 December in 2021 before the selection trials will not be allowed to take part in the YTS selection trial.
- e. All players must be **FULLY VACCINATED** or have recovered from **COVID-19**.

School-within-School players from Singapore Sport School will not be eligible to take part in the selection trial.

2 YOUTH TRAINING SQUAD

- 2.1 The Youth Training Squad (YTS) will consist of a maximum of 5 boys and 5 girls (15 years old and Under), and 5 boys and 5 girls (19 years old and Under).
- 2.2 Training Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday – 7pm to 9:30pm Sunday – 1pm to 5:45pm

First training session is expected to start on 7 February 2022.

2.3 Training Venue

Training venue - Singapore Table Tennis Association Lee Kong Chian Training Hall

3 SELECTION TRIAL

- 3.1 There shall be only 2 events: Boys' and Girls' Singles (19 and Under). STTA will select 10 players per gender to form 2022 YTS. There is a cap of five players who are 19 and Under per gender.
- 3.2 The selection trial consists of two rounds of knock-out. For the first round of knock-out, top 4 players will be selected for 2022 Youth Training Squad. Participants shall

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first compete in two rounds of knock-out. For the first round of knock out, the Top 4 players will qualify for 2022 YTS. In the second round, the top 4 players will also qualify for 2022 YTS. 5th and 6th placed players will also qualify for 2022 YTS. There will be a play-off for 5th to 8th position to determine the 5th and 6th place in the second round of the knock-out. Due to the cap of five (19 and Under) players, there may be a play-off for 7th and 8th position in the second round if necessary. All matches will be played best of five games.

3.3 Latest STTA 19 and Under ranking will be used for seeding for the first knock-out round. 5th – 8th placed players in the first knock-out round will be drawn into seeded one to four randomly for the second knock-out draw. There will be another draw after the first round. There will be separation for first round for 2021 YTS squad if possible.

4 ASIAN YOUTH GAMES 2021

Eligible players from 2022 Youth Training Squad will be invited to selection trial for 2021 Asian Youth Games Training Squad. For more information, please refer to the selection policy for 2021 Asian Youth Games at STTA website.

High Performance Committee Singapore Table Tennis Association

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