



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	4	Team	4
	Singles	4	Singles	4
	Doubles	2 pairs	Doubles	2 pairs

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 19 years old and below.

In short, athletes born on or after 1 January 2007 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

6.1 Auto-qualifiers

Athlete from National Team or Intermediate Squad 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 from Youth Training Squad

6.2.2 Athletes from “School within a School” (SWS) programme.

6.2.3 Up to 1 boy and 1 girl from the STTA Junior Development Squad (JDS), nominated by the respective Head Coaches of JDS.

6.3 Selection Process

6.3.1 All eligible athletes according to Clause 6.2 will be invited to the selection trial. The selection trial will be played on a round-robin system. All matches will be played best of five (5) games.

6.3.2 There will be no separation of age-category for the selection trial.

6.3.3 Eight highest ranked athletes from the selection trial will be selected to take part in SEA Junior Championships (if there is no auto qualifier). Athletes who are born between 1

January 2003 to 31 Dec 2006 must achieve Top 4 placing in the selection trial (if there is no auto qualifier). If there is one auto-qualifier, athletes who are born between 1 January 2003 to 31 Dec 2006 must achieve Top 3 placing in the selection trial.

- 6.3.4 All information regarding the selection trial will be communicated at least two weeks before the selection trials by the respective Head Coaches.

7 TEAM AND DOUBLES EVENTS

- 7.1 After the athletes for the SEA Junior Championships have been determined, the SEA Junior coaching team will decide on the composition of the team for the Junior and Cadet Teams. The coaching team will also decide on the pairing of 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.
- 7.2 Should any of the selected players is unable to participate in the SEAJTTC, the next highest ranked player from the selection trial 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.

8 ATTENDANCE FOR PRE-SEAJTTC CENTRALISED TRAINING

- 8.1 Selected athletes from YTS and SWS will train with their respective teams leading up to the centralized training for SEAJTTC.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 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.

9 ASIAN JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 9.1 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.

- 9.2 Training will continue for teams that qualify for the AJTTC. Selected athletes from YTS and SWS will train with their respective teams.
- 9.3 There is no qualification system for the AJTTC cadet events. STTA reserves the right to send the athletes for the cadet events.
- 9.4 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.

10 DISBANDMENT

- 10.1 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.

11 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1 Athletes who are late for more than 15 minutes for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- 11.2 For cases in which an athlete deliberately loses in a match (manipulation of competition), both athletes will be disqualified from the selection trials. The case will be escalated to STTA Disciplinary committee (DC) for further action.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 Athletes must comply with the rules and regulations of the selection trials or be disqualified from the selection trials.
- 11.6 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.

12 ATHLETE'S AGREEMENT

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.

13 APPEAL PROCESS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 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
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