

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR SEA GAMES 2023

1 EVENTS

- i. Men's team – 5 players
- ii. Women's team – 5 players
- iii. Men's singles – 2 players
- iv. Women's singles – 2 players
- v. Mixed Doubles – 2 pairs
- vi. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs
- vii. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs

Each country is only allowed to send a maximum of 5 Men and 5 Women's players to compete in the 7 events. This is subject to confirmation of events and team composition by the Organising Committee.

2 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will be made up of the following members:

- i. Melvin Lim Chairman
- ii. Jason Woon Member
- iii. Ong Bok Liong Member

3 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the SEA Games Federation.
- ii. The Selection Committee will nominate players from the National Team and Intermediate Squad for the 2023 SEA Games. The Selection Committee may invite players from School-Within-School (SWS) programme and Youth Training Squad (YTS) for selection trials.

4 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES, DOUBLES & TEAM)

Team Event (five players per country including the doubles and singles players)

- I. Three players with the highest ITTF world ranking will be nominated for the team event.
- II. For the fourth player, there will be a selection trial for the rest of the National Team and Intermediate Squad players. The HPE Sub-committee may invite players from SWS programme and YTS for the selection trials.

- III. For the fifth player, the HPE Sub-committee will nominate one player from National Team or Intermediate Squad that is ranked third and above other South East Asian athletes, based on the latest World Rankings and/or past results in World Tours and any other major championships within a twelve-month period before 2023 SEA Games. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the HPE Sub-committee will nominate the next highest ranked player as the fourth player for the team.

Singles Event (2 players per country)

- IV. The Selection Committee will select the highest ranked player within the team as the first singles player, based on the latest World Rankings and/or past results in WTT events and any other major championships within a twelve-month period before 2023 SEA Games.
- V. For the second singles player, the HPE Sub-Committee will nominate one player within the team that is ranked at least third among South East Asian athletes, based on the latest World Rankings and/or past results in WTT events and any other major championships within a twelve-month period before 2023 SEA Games. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the HPE Sub-committee will nominate the next highest ranked player within the team to compete in the singles event.

Doubles/Mixed Doubles Event (2 pairs per country)

- VI. For the doubles events, the HPE Sub-committee committee will nominate four players out of the five players selected for the team event to form two pairs of doubles. The HPE Sub- committee may also nominate the two players selected for the singles event as a doubles pair, and nominate another two players from the players selected for the team event as the second doubles pair.
- VII. After selection of players for team event, the HPE Sub-committee will nominate two mixed doubles pair from the pool of the players.
- VIII. For the doubles pairing, the HPE Sub-committee will consider compatibility of playing styles, e.g chopper with chopper, right-handed player with a left-handed player.

Other Extenuating factors (non-exhaustive)

- The results from the last SEA Games and SEA Championships
- Clash of dates with other ITTF competitions
- Fatigue and Jetlag
- Sickness / illness and/or injuries
- Conflicting work/school commitments

5 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. The selection policy will be published at www.stta.org.sg. **One month before the deadline** for submission to SNOC, the Selection Committee meeting will be convened to select the players based on the above criteria and nominations from HPE Sub-committee. The achievements from WTT events and major championships should be achieved within a 12 months period before 2023 SEA Games. The latest ITTF World Ranking on the date of the Selection Committee meeting will also be used in the selection process.
- ii. Players who are selected for SEA Games have to fulfill all training requirements set by the Head Coaches for National Men's and Women's team. For Intermediate Squad and SWS players who are selected, they have to join national team training two months prior to SEA Games.
- iii. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nomination for the singles, doubles and mixed doubles before the SEA Games team managers meeting, as per SEA Games Table Tennis Technical Handbook.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. If players exhibit behaviour during the SEA Games that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. STTA Disciplinary Committee 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 may be further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.

7 APPEAL PROCESS

- i. Appeal against the non-selection must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Table Tennis Association at 297C Toa Payoh Lorong 6 Singapore 319389, within 48 hours of the announcement of the players selected for SEA Games.
- ii. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.

- v. 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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Singapore Table Tennis Association
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