



SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

YOUTH TRAINING SQUAD (YTS)

SELECTION POLICY

1 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To develop the top youth athletes for progression into the Intermediate Squad.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1.1 To be selected into the YTS, the following are mandatory requirements:

- (a) Athlete must be a Singapore Citizen
- (b) Aged 19 years old and below
- (c) He or she has not been suspended and/or has any disciplinary issues recorded by STTA
- (d) Athletes from Singapore Sports School - School Within School (SWS) programme will not be eligible for YTS
- (e) Athletes who do not have outstanding fees due to STTA
- (f) Athletes who withdrew from YTS before 31 December in the preceding year before the selection trials will not be allowed to take part in the YTS selection trial, if he/she qualifies for the next year.

3 EXEMPTION FROM SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1 Athletes who have won gold medals in the singles event at SEA Junior Table Tennis Championships or a medal in the singles event at the Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships in the preceding year will be exempted from selection trials provided that they will be participating in the same age group category in the following year.

4 SELECTION CRITERIA

- 4.1 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. This shall include the athletes who qualify for entry into the YTS directly under Clause 3.1.
- 4.2 These 20 selected athletes will form YTS for the period between **1 February to 31 December**. At the end of the period, athletes will be given a certificate.

5 SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 The selection trial for YTS will be conducted by 31 January annually.
- 5.2 There shall be only 2 events for the selection trials: - Boys' and Girls' Singles (19 and Under). STTA will select 10 players per gender to form YTS, including the auto-qualifiers. There is a cap of five players who are 19 and Under per gender.
- 5.3 Details on the seeding and format of the selection trials will be announced at a later date, subject to number of entries.
- 5.4 Athletes who are late for more than 15 minutes of the stipulated time for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- 5.5 Any athlete who deliberately loses in any game so that another athlete can qualify will be immediately disqualified from the selection trials. All athletes involved will also be referred to the STTA Disciplinary Committee (DC) for investigation and face further action, including expulsion if warranted.
- 5.6 Athletes who exhibit unsporting behavior (e.g. using vulgar/abusive language during matches, verbal abuse of tournament officials or opponents) will be instantly disqualified from competing in the selection trials.
- 5.7 Athletes must comply with the rules and regulations of the selection trials or be disqualified from the selection trials.
- 5.8 Absenteeism for any match in the selection trials shall be deemed as a walk-over. 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.
- 5.9 The STTA has the absolute right and sole discretion to make any revisions of the terms and conditions at any time.

- 5.10 All information will be considered to have been communicated to all relevant parties when STTA posts the information on the STTA website and/or sends the information via email. STTA will not be responsible for any consequences if the information is not received or acknowledged by the relevant party.

6 OTHER CONDITIONS

- 6.1 By taking part in the STTA YTS Selection trials, the parent(s) and legal guardian(s) for and on behalf of the athlete irrevocably agree to:

- Grant STTA permission to use their child's images for promotional or publicity purposes,
- Grant STTA permission to publish their child's name and results on STTA website and other form of media,
- Indemnify STTA against all loss of property or personal injury or death,
- Accept that STTA has the absolute right and sole discretion to make any revision to the Selection Policy without prior notice,
- Accept that all decisions of STTA are final, and
- Accept and will abide by the terms and conditions of the YTS programme

*High Performance Committee
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