

**SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
SELECTION POLICY FOR 2024 OLYMPICS GAMES, PARIS**

**1 EVENTS**

- I. Men's singles – Maximum 2 athletes per NOC
- II. Women's singles – Maximum 2 athletes per NOC
- III. Men's Team – 3 athletes inclusive of the 2 athletes for singles event
- IV. Women's Team – 3 athletes inclusive of the 2 athletes for singles event
- V. Mixed Doubles – 1 pair per NOC

Each NOC is only allowed to send a maximum of 6 athletes (3 Men and 3 Women) to compete in the 5 events.

**2 SELECTION PANEL**

The selection committee will be made up of the following members:

- i. Chairman of STTA Selection Committee
- ii. Members of STTA Selection Committee

**3 ELIGIBILITY**

- I. The athletes have to be from the National Team; and
- II. The athletes have to be citizens at the point of registration for events/ qualification events; and
- III. The athletes do not have any warning letters served by STTA within one year from the deadline for entry by name; and
- IV. The athletes have to satisfy the eligibility rules set out in ITTF and IOC Eligibility rules.

**4 QUOTA PLACES**

Total Quota Places for Table Tennis:

	<b>Quota Places</b>	<b>Host Country Quota Places</b>	<b>Universality Places</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Men</b>	82	3	1	86
<b>Women</b>	82	3	1	86
<b>Total</b>	164	6	2	172

Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (across all 5 events):

	Quota Places per NOC
<b>Men</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

Maximum number of athletes per NOC per event:

	Number of Athletes per event
<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Women's singles</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Men's Team</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Women's Team</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	<b>2</b>

## 5 PARIS 2024 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Please refer to the Qualification system for Paris 2024 Table Tennis events. This document could be found in the ITTF Website.

**Events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification for Paris 2024.**

86 athletes per gender (Men/Women) will qualify as follows:

<b>Team Qualification</b>	
<b>6 Teams</b>	The highest placed NOC in each Continental qualification event (note 1) will obtain one (1) team quota place (3 athletes per NOC).
<b>8 Teams</b>	The quarter-finalists MAS/NOCs, from the 2024 World Teams Championships, will each obtain one team quota place (3 athletes per NOC).
<b>1 Team</b>	The highest ranked MA/NOC (not already qualified) in the World Team Ranking (WTR) published immediately following the 2024 World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals (March 2024 World Team Ranking) will each obtain one team quota (3 athletes per NOC).
<b>1 Team</b>	Host country is guaranteed one team (if not already qualified through the qualification pathway).  Note: For NOCs with a qualified team: (1) The top two (2) highest ranked athletes on the World Rankings published on 18 June 2024 will be listed as the qualifiers for Singles. (2) If a Mixed Doubles quota is accepted by the NOC any qualified athletes in Mixed Doubles shall be listed as members of the team.

### Mixed Doubles Qualification

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
6 pairs	The highest placed pairs in each Continental qualification event (note 2) will obtain one (1) Mixed Doubles quota place. Each ITTF Continental Federation should identify an existing event to determine their representative. Quota places are allocated as per Continental quotas table below.
4 pairs	The semifinalist's Mixed Doubles pairs at a designated Qualification Event in March or April 2024 will obtain one Mixed Doubles quota place. Only eligible pairs (athletes from the same NOC) of NOCs not already qualified may enter this event, with a maximum of one (1) pair per NOC.
5 pairs	The 5 highest ranked eligible pairs in the Mixed Doubles World Ranking, as of week 19 of 2024 (Tuesday 7 May 2024), not already qualified, and from different NOCs than those already qualified will obtain one Mixed Doubles quota place.
1 pair host country	The host country is guaranteed one Mixed Doubles quota place, if not qualified through the qualification pathway.

**Note:** For the Mixed Doubles pair to compete in the Olympic Games, any qualified athletes in the Mixed Doubles event must also be part of the team composition, if it is the NOC has qualified a team in that gender.

### Singles Qualification

Number of Quota Places per gender	Qualification Event
32	Each NOC with a qualified team through the Team Qualification pathway obtains two (2) quota places. The top two (2) highest ranked athletes of each NOC with a qualified team in the World Ranking of week 25 in 2024 (Tuesday 18 June 2024) will be listed as qualifiers for Singles and as team members
22	As determined by each continent, 22 athletes will obtain a quota place either through a Continental Qualification event, or by Singles World Ranking.
Up to 15 athletes*	Up to 15 athletes will obtain a quota place through Singles World Ranking of week 25 (Tuesday 18 June 2024) with respect to the maximum quota per NOC and to the Continental quotas places as per below table. *The maximum quota will be 15, depending on the number of quotas available after the distribution of the Mixed Doubles quota
1	One Universality place will be allocated to an eligible NOC.

### Continental Quota Table

Continent	Team	Mixed Doubles	Singles
Asia	1	1	6

## 6 TEAM EVENT

### Format of Play

A team match consists of one doubles match followed by four singles matches. There will not be any break during the team match because all 5 matches will be fixed after the toss procedure.

Each team match consists of five individual matches and shall end when one team has won a majority of the possible individual matches. Each individual match shall be the best of five games. Each athlete plays a maximum of two matches according to the following system:

Order	Type	ABC team	XYZ team
1	Doubles	BC	YZ
2	Singles	A	X
3	Singles	C	Z
4	Singles	A	Y
5	Singles	B	X

## 7 SELECTION CRITERIA

### 7.1 Team Event

#### Selection Criteria for 2024 World Team Championships (Team Qualification event for Paris 2024, Five players per country)

- I. Three players with the highest ITTF World ranking will be selected for the team event.
- II. For the fourth player for the team event, a selection trial will be conducted for players of the Intermediate Squad and National Team. The format of selection trial will be one round-robin based on best of seven games. Players who did not meet the minimum training attendance will not be considered for the selection trials.
- III. For the fifth player for the team event, the Selection Committee will select one player from the National Team or Intermediate Squad based on results from the following competitions within the past 24 months :

The list of competitions will include the following :

- i) WTT events; and
- ii) World Team and World Championships; and
- iii) Major Games; and
- iv) Regional Championships such as SEA, Commonwealth and Asian Championships

If Singapore qualifies for the Olympic Team event, the selection committee will select 3 players from the team who compete at the 2024 World Team Championships according to the selection criteria.

I. Two players with the highest ITTF World ranking before deadline for entry by name will be selected for the team event.

II. The Third player for the team event will be selected based on the following :

**Results** (singles, doubles and team) within the past 24 months before the deadline for entry.

The list of competitions will include the following :

- i) WTT events; and
- ii) World Team and World Championships; and
- iii) Major Games; and
- iv) Regional Championships such as SEA, Commonwealth and Asian Championships

### **Technical Ability in Doubles**

The third athlete must be able to form a strong doubles partnership with the other 2 athletes that have already qualified for the team qualification event. The coaches will have to provide an assessment of the technical ability in doubles (footwork, doubles' service and return, partnership with the other 2 athletes that are selected etc.).

## **7.2 Singles Qualification Events**

### **For NOCs with a qualified team:**

The top two highest ranked athletes on the World Rankings published on 18 June 2024 will be listed as the qualifiers for Singles.

7.2.1 The Selection Committee will select the highest ranked player based on the latest ITTF World Ranking list before the deadline for entry as the first player to compete in the Continental Singles Qualification event.

7.2.2 The selection committee will select the second player based on the results (singles and team) within the past 24 months before the deadline for entry for the continental singles qualification event.

The list of competitions will include the following :

- i) WTT events; and
- ii) World Team and World Championships; and
- iii) Major Games; and
- iv) Regional Championships such as SEA, Commonwealth and Asian Championships

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to select any athlete for the singles qualification events if there are no athletes in the Top 200 of the latest ITTF World Ranking before the deadline for entry.

## **7.3 Mixed Doubles Qualification events**

The selection committee will select one pair of mixed doubles with the highest ITTF World Ranking to compete in the Mixed Doubles Continental and Qualification events.

The Selection Committee reserves the right not to select any athletes for the mixed doubles qualification events if there are no results from ITTF World Tours, World Championships, regional championships and major games.

## **8 SELECTION OF 'AP' ALTERNATE ATHLETE FOR TEAM EVENT**

### **Replacement of an athlete**

According to the 2024 Olympics rules and regulation, in case of injury or sickness of one athlete competing in the table tennis Olympic team events, he or she can be replaced if his or her NOC has planned an AP accreditation for an alternate athlete on this competition, starting the next team match after the injury or sickness has been reported. In case of replacement, the accreditation of the athlete replaced will be cancelled. The new athlete entered replacing a sick or injured athlete can only activate the new accreditation and compete in the team events, once the accreditation of the athlete being replaced is cancelled.

This 'AP' athlete will also be selected based on the selection criteria for the third athlete for team event.

## **9 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Any athlete who exhibits unsporting behaviour during training and overseas competitions leading up to Olympic Games, will be referred to the STTA Disciplinary Committee for punishment. Selected athlete(s) may be liable for removal from the Olympic squad, based on the severity of the incident.

Any athlete who exhibits behaviour during the Olympics Games that maybe considered damaging to the image of Team Singapore and STTA, will be referred to SNOC. There may be further action from STTA such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions and/or expulsion from National Team, based on the severity of the incident.

## **10 APPEAL PROCESS**

Appeal against the non-selection must be made in writing to the Chairman (High Performance Committee), Singapore Table Tennis Association at OCBC Arena, 5 Stadium Drive #03-40 Singapore 397631, within 48 hours of the announcement of the athletes selected for Olympics events or Olympics qualification events.

The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.

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.

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.

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.

*Prepared by High Performance Committee*

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*Approved By Management Committee on 14 November 2023*