

# **Selection Trials for 2024 STTA Youth Training Squad**

**19, 20 and 21 January 2024 @ OCBC Arena Hall 6**

## **1 DATES AND TIME SCHEDULE**

The selection trials will be held on 19, 20 and 21 January 2024. Time schedule as follows:

- i) 19 January 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- ii) 20 January 9:00am – 12:00pm
- iii) 20 January 5:30pm – 9:00pm
- iv) 21 January 9:00am – 11:30am
- v) 21 January 1:00pm – 4:00pm

## **2 VENUE**

The selection trials will be held at:

**OCBC Arena Hall 6  
5 Stadium Drive #03-40, OCBC Arena  
Singapore 397631**

## **3 PLAYING FORMAT**

- 3.1 There shall be only 2 events: - Boys' and Girls' Singles (19 and Under). STTA will select 10 players per gender to form 2024 YTS. There is a cap of five players who are 19 and Under per gender.

### **3.2 19 and Under Boys' Category**

For the 19 and Under Boys' category, the selection trial consists of three rounds of knock-out. For the first round and second round of knock-out, top 4 players will be selected for 2024 YTS. For the third round, the top 2 players will also qualify for 2024 YTS. Due to the cap of five (19 and Under) players, there may be play-off for final ranking positions in the second and third round if necessary. All matches will be played best of five games.

Latest STTA national ranking list will be used for seeding for the first knock-out round. Top 8 players in the latest Under-19 national ranking list will be the 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> seed. Top 8 players in the latest Under-15 national ranking list will be the 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> seed. For the second round of knock-out, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> placed players in the first knock-out round will be drawn into seeded one to four randomly for the second knock-out draw. For the third round of knock-out, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> placed players in the second knock-out round will be drawn into seeded one to four randomly for the third knock-out draw.

### **3.3 19 and Under Girls Category**

For the 19 and Under Girls' category, the selection trial consists of three rounds of knock-out. For the first round and second round of knock-out, Top 4 players will be selected for 2024 YTS. For the third round, the top 2 players will also qualify for 2024 YTS. All matches will be played best of five games.

Latest STTA national ranking list will be used for seeding for the first knock-out round. Top 4 players in the latest Under-19 national ranking list will be the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> seed. Top 4 players in the latest Under-15 national ranking list will be the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> seed. If there are less than 4 players in the Under-19 ranking registered for the competitions, the next top ranked players in the Under-15 ranking shall move up to take the seeded position accordingly up to a total of 8 seeded positions.

For the second round of knock-out, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> placed players in the first knock-out round will be drawn into seeded one to four randomly for the second knock-out draw. For the third round of knock-out, 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> placed players in the second knock-out round will be drawn into seeded one to four randomly for the third knock-out draw.

#### **4 GENERAL**

- 4.1 The tournament shall be run in accordance with the latest rules and regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Rules and regulations can be downloaded from [www.ittf.com](http://www.ittf.com).
- 4.2 The ITTF approved 3-Star 40+ white balls shall be used during the tournament.
- 4.3 No white apparels (shirt and shorts) are allowed. Players who fail to conform to this dress code will not be allowed to play.
- 4.4 All players must report to official table at least 30 minutes before the scheduled match. Player shall concede a walkover, if the player is not on court at the scheduled time after the match has been announced on court. There shall not be any grace period. **A player will not be allowed to continue once he/she concedes a walkover in the selection trials. A player will not be allowed to continue in the second round even if he concedes a walkover in the first round.**
- 4.5 No coaches and spectators are allowed throughout the selection trials.
- 4.6 Players are not allowed to use mobile devices to make or take calls at all times during their match(es).

#### **5 DRAW AND FIXTURES**

An open draw will be conducted on **10 January 2024, 7pm** at OCBC Arena Level 2 Coaches' Boardroom. The fixtures of the competition will be available on STTA website (<http://www.stta.org.sg>) from **11 January 2024 (Thursday)** onwards. Kindly take note that it is the responsibility of the player to check the latest competition fixture and schedule.