

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SELECTION POLICY FOR WTT YOUTH SMASH SINGAPORE

1 EVENTS

- i. Under 19 Boy's Singles
- ii. Under 19 Girl's Singles
- iii. Under 15 Boy's Singles
- iv. Under 15 Boy's Singles

2 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens.
- ii. All athletes must be 19 and under to be selected.
- iii. No outstanding fees due to STTA.
- iv. All Athletes must be from National Team, Intermediate Squad (IS), Youth Training Squad (YTS) and School-Within-School (SWS) Program.

3 SELECTION CRITERIA

- i. National Team Players will be given priority for wildcards to play in the WTT Youth Smash Singapore if he or she does not qualify via world ranking. In the event that there are more national team players than the number of available wildcards, ITTF U15/U19 World ranking as of the start date of the selection trials will be used to determine the wildcard holders.
- ii. The remaining wildcards will be determined through a selection trial among players from the Intermediate Squad (IS), School-Within-School (SWS) program, and Youth Training Squad (YTS).
- iii. For SWS, YTS, and IS players who qualify via world ranking, their position in the selection trial will be taken by the next highest-ranked player in the trial.
- iv. For events that are under-subscribed, STTA will select the players according to the results of the selection trial. For any withdrawal after deadline, STTA select the next highest placed athlete in the selection trial.
- v. For events that are oversubscribed, WTT will select the replacement based on ITTF U15/U19 world ranking.

4 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. IS, YTS and SWS will go through one round of round-robin to determine the players for the wildcards.
- ii. Players who are selected for WTT Youth Smash Singapore have to fulfill all training requirements set by their respective Head Coaches.
- iii. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change or replace players before the WTT Youth Smash Singapore

Reasons may be due to the following:

- a) Injury;
- b) Disciplinary Issues

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 Athletes who are late for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 If athletes exhibit behaviour during the Singapore Youth Smash 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 if applicable). There may be further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.
- 5.5 Athletes must comply with the rules and regulations of the selection trials or be disqualified from the selection trials.
- 5.6 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.

6 CODE ON PREVENTION OF MANIPULATION OF COMPETITIONS

- i. All athletes taking part in the selection trial shall comply with the Code of Conduct on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Sport Competitions:
 - Never bet on your sport.
 - Never manipulate a competition and always do your best.
 - Never share inside information. Non-public information about your sport stays private.
- ii. The breaches of the Code include 6 main actions/omissions:
 - Betting on one's sport
 - Sharing of inside information
 - Corrupt conduct / manipulation
 - Failure to cooperate
 - Failure to report

Breaches of the code will be reported to the STTA Disciplinary Committee. Athletes who breach the code will be disqualified from the selection trial; results will be null and void.

7 APPEAL PROCESS

The Appeals Committee comprises of the following members:

- i. Ms Aw Wenni Chairman
- ii. Mr Henry Liew Member
- iii. Ms Tay Aili Member

- i. Appeal against the non-selection must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Table Tennis Association at 5 Stadium Drive, #03-40 OCBC Arena Singapore 397631 within 48 hours of the announcement of the players selected.
- i. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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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