

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR 2026 ASIAN GAMES

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. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs
- vi. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs
- vii. Mixed Doubles – 2 pairs

Each country is allowed to send a maximum of 5 Men and 5 Women's players to compete in the 7 events.

2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To win one medal

3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The STTA Selection Committee comprises of the following members:

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

4 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the Olympics Council of Asia.
- ii. The STTA Selection Committee will nominate players from the National Team and Intermediate Squad for the 2026 Asian Games.
- iii. Athletes must be Singapore Citizens, and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination.

5 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES & TEAM)

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

- i. The STTA Selection Committee will select three players with the highest ITTF world ranking before the deadline for “Entry by name” on 15 June 2026 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. Winner of the selection trial will be selected as the fourth player for the team event.
- iii. For the fifth player, the STTA Selection Committee will select one player from the National Team / Intermediate Squad who meets the criteria of 6th placing among the athletes in the Asian Games countries based on latest ITTF world ranking and /or past results in world tournaments within the fifteen-month period. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the STTA Selection Committee will select a player based on the following:
 - Results in 2025 Asian Team Championships & 2025 SEA Games.
 - Results in WTT events from 1 May 2025 up to 15 June 2026.
 - Technical capability and compatibility of playing style in double events.

Singles Event (two players per country)

- iv. For the first singles player, the player with the highest ITTF world ranking based on the latest ITTF World Ranking before the deadline for “Entry by name” on 15 June 2026 will be selected for the singles event.
- v. For the second singles player, the selection committee will select from the remaining four players in the team. He or she must meet the criteria of 6th placing among the players in Asian Games countries based on their latest ITTF World ranking and /or past results in world tournaments from 1 May 2025 up to 15 June 2026. In the event that the remaining four players do not meet the criteria of 6th placing, the next highest ranked player in the team will be selected as the second singles player.
- vi. In the event that the Team quota is not approved, the top two players with the highest ITTF world ranking based on the latest ITTF World Ranking two weeks before the “Entry by name” deadline on 15 June 2026, will be selected for the singles event.

Doubles/Mixed Doubles Event (2 pairs per country)

- vii. For the double's events, the STTA Selection Sub-committee committee will select four players out of the five players selected for the team event to form two pairs of doubles. The STTA Selection Sub- committee may also select the two players selected for the singles event as a doubles pair, and select another two players from the players selected for the team event as the second doubles pair.
- viii. After selection of players for team event, the STTA Selection Sub-committee will select two mixed doubles pair from the pool of players.
- ix. In the event that the Team quota is not selected, the top two doubles pairings with the highest ITTF world ranking based on the latest ITTF World Ranking two weeks before the "Entry by name" deadline on 15 June 2026, will be selected for the doubles event.
- x. For the doubles pairing, the STTA Selection Sub-committee will consider compatibility of playing styles, e.g. chopper with chopper, right-handed player with a left-handed player.

Other Extenuating factors for selection (non-exhaustive) include:

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

6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the above selection criteria, the following "qualities" of the athletes will be taken into consideration:

- Attitude and behavior towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, *whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise.*
- General conduct *and character* which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
- **Past disciplinary record;**
- Current skill level and fitness; **and character**
- Level of commitment and attendance.
- Potential for future development;
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
- Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.
- Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country.

7 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. On 15 June 2026 before “Entry by Name” deadline submission to SNOC, the STTA Selection Committee will select the players based on the above criteria. 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 Asian Games have to fulfill all training requirements set by the Head Coaches for National Men’s and Women’s Team.
- iii. The STTA Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nomination for the singles, doubles and mixed doubles nominated from the long list, and subject to the approval of the Games Organising Committee before the Asian Games Team Manager meeting, as per Asian Games Table Tennis Technical Handbook.

Reasons may be due to the following:

- a) Injury;
- b) Current performance;
- c) Compatibility of doubles;
- d) Disciplinary Issues

8 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Players have to abide by the code of conduct listed in the STTA’s athlete agreement and SNOC’s team membership agreement.
- ii. If players exhibit behaviour before, during and after the Asian Games that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. The matter will be reported to SNOC and STTA Disciplinary Committee. 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.

9 APPEAL PROCESS

The Appeals Committee comprises of the following members:

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| - Ms Aw Wenni | Chairman |
| - Mr Henry Liew | Member |
| - 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 for Asian 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 via PayNow, 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.

10 TIMELINE

Date	Item
4-Mar-26	Long list and Nomination phase begin
4-May-26	Longlist and Nomination Deadline (NSA)
May-26	SNOC Selection Committee Meeting
1-Jun-26	SNOC Appeal process starts
15-Jun-26	SNOC Deadline for Appeal & STTA Selection Committee
29-Jun-26	SNOC Appeal Committee Meeting
30-Jun-26	Entry by Name Form Deadline (NSA)

*High Performance Committee
Singapore Table Tennis Association*

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