

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR 2018 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. Mixed doubles – 2 pairs

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

2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To win 1 medal

3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will be made up of the following members:

- i. Chairman of High Performance Committee
- ii. Co - Chairman of High Performance Committee (if applicable)
- iii. Members of High Performance Committee
- iv. Head Coach for National Men's team
- v. Head Coach for National Women's team
- vi. Technical Director
- vii. Senior High Performance Manager

4 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the Olympics Council of Asia.

5 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES & TEAM)

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

- I. Three players with the highest ITTF world ranking before the deadline for Entry by name will be selected.

- II. For the fourth player of the team event, the Selection Committee will nominate one player from the National Team / Intermediate Squad, based on their latest ITTF World ranking and /or past results in regional tournaments before the Games. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the Selection Committee will nominate the next highest ranked player.
- III. For the fifth player for the team event, a selection trial will be conducted for the players in the National Team (if any) and Intermediate Squad. The SWS Head Coach can nominate up to one player for the Selection Committee's approval to participate in this selection trials. Criteria of selection will be based on ITTF World ranking and / or past results in regional tournaments or major games. Details and the format of the selection trials will be determined by the Selection Committee.

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", will be nominated for the singles event.
- V. For the second singles player, the selection committee will nominate from the remaining four players in the team. He or she must meet the criteria of 6th placing among the athletes in Asian Games countries based on their latest ITTF World ranking and /or past results in regional tournaments within the twelve-month period before the Games. Results of the 2017 Asian Table Tennis Championships will also be taken into account for this selection. 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 nominated for the second singles player.

Mixed Doubles Event (two pairs)

- VI. The selection committee will decide on the pairing of the two pairs of mixed doubles from the list of players in the team event, based on results from ITTF opens, world championships, regional championships and major games.

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 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. **Two weeks before the deadline** for submission to SNOC, the 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 Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nomination for the singles and mixed doubles before the Asian Games Team Manager meeting, as per Asian Games Table Tennis Technical Handbook.

7 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Players 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
- ii. If players exhibit behaviour during the Asian Games that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. STTA Disciplinary Committee will decide on the punishment. 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.

8 APPEAL PROCESS

- i. Appeal against the non-selection must be made in writing to the Chairman (High Performance Committee), Singapore Table Tennis Association at 297C Toa Payoh Lorong 6 Singapore 319389, within 48 hours of the announcement of the players selected for 2018 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, 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.

*High Performance Committee
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