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**SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

**SELECTION POLICY FOR  
2018 YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES (YOG)**

**1 EVENTS**

- i. Men's singles
- ii. Women's singles
- iii. Mixed Team

Each National Olympic Council (NOC) is only allowed to send a maximum of 1 girl and 1 boy each.

Please refer to ITTF YOG Qualification System – Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2016: <http://www.itf.com/tournament/2798/2018/3rd-youth-olympic-games/>

**2 ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Singapore Citizen
- b. No outstanding dues to STTA
- c. Fulfil the eligibility under the regulations from the International Olympic Council (IOC)
- d. Athletes must be born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.
- e. He or she has not been suspended and//or has any disciplinary issues recorded by STTA.

**3 2018 YOG TRAINING SQUAD**

- 3.1 The YOG Training Squad consisting of 4 boys and 4 girls will be formed to take part in the YOG qualification events.

#### 4 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2018 YOG TRAINING SQUAD

The following athletes, subject to Clause 2 will be invited to selection trials to qualify for the 2018 YOG Training Squad.

- I) Athletes with Top 4 placing in the under-15 and under-18 singles category in the following STTA co-organized tournaments:
  - 2016 SAFRA-STTA Table Tennis Championships
  - 2016 Dr. Ng Eng Hen – STTA Table Tennis Championships
  - 2016 Dr. Lee Bee Wah Cup – STTA Table Tennis Championships
  - 2017 SAFRA-STTA Table Tennis Championships
- II) Medalists in the under-15 and under-18 singles event in the 2016 and 2017 Southeast Asian /Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships.
- III) Athletes from the STTA Intermediate Squad

#### 5 SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 The invited athletes will go through **two** rounds of round-robin to select the top 4 boys and 4 girls for the 2018 YOG training squad. Dates as follow:

First round: 29 and 30 July, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Second round: 12 and 13 August, 9:00am to 5:00pm

The selection trials will be held at the Singapore Sports School Table Tennis Training Hall.

- 5.2 In the event if there is a tie between 2 athletes after 2 rounds. Head to Head results between the 2 athletes for the 2 rounds of round robin will be used to determine the overall placing between the 2 athletes.
- 5.3 Athletes who qualify for the selection trials will be notified by email invitation at least two weeks prior to the selection trial.
- 5.4 The 4 boys and 4 girls in the 2018 YOG Training Squad will undergo selection trial to select one boy and one girl to compete in the **YOG Asian Qualification event** held in India from 3 to 5 November 2017. This selection trial shall takes place before the entry deadline and STTA would inform the players two weeks prior to the trials.

#### 6. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1 Athletes who are late for more than 15 minutes for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- 6.2 For cases in which an athlete deliberately loses in a match, both athletes will be disqualified from the selection trials. The case will be escalated to STTA Disciplinary committee (DC) for further action.

- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Athletes must comply with the rules and regulations of the selection trials or be disqualified from the selection trials.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 If athletes exhibit behaviour during the YOG qualification events and YOG 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). There may be further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.

## **6 YOG QUALIFICATION EVENTS**

### **6.1 Continental Qualification Event**

The top ranked male and female athletes at the respective Continental Qualification Events will qualify for the YOG according to the following distribution:

- Europe – Top four (4) ranked athletes
- Asia – Top four (4) ranked athletes
- Latin America – Top two (2) ranked athletes
- Africa – Top two (2) ranked athletes
- Oceania – Top ranked athlete
- North America – Top ranked athlete

As stated in Clause 5.1, the winner per gender of the selection trial will automatically qualify for the YOG Asian Qualification event to be held from 3 to 5 November 2017 in India.

### **6.2 “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series”**

The “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series” is a series of six (6) special competitions held immediately before or after the ITTF Junior Circuit competitions for athletes in the YOG age category. Each NOC may be represented by only one (1) athlete per competition per gender. There will be two (2) direct elimination competitions on two (2) consecutive days, the top

ranked athletes in each gender per competition from NOCs not qualified through Clause 6.1 will qualify for the YOG.

**For every “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series”, the YOG training squad will go through one round of selection to select one boy and one girl to compete in each of the “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 Series” event.**

### **6.3 ITTF Under-18 World Ranking**

The top three (3) ranked age-eligible athletes from an NOC not yet qualified through Clause 6.1 and 6.2 on the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018 will qualify for the YOG.

## **7. TRAINING AND COMPETITION OBLIGATIONS**

7.1 The training will commence immediately after the selection trials for the YOG training squad. The selected athletes belonging to the Youth Training Squad (YTS), Intermediate Squad (IS) and School within School (SWS) will remain to train with their respective teams.

For the selected athletes whom are not in IS, YTS or SWS, they will train with the YTS and are to comply with the YTS terms & conditions.

7.2 Selected athletes who qualify for the YOG training squad will have to comply with the training obligations. Selected athletes who refused to comply with the training obligations without any valid reasons, will receive a written warning. If there is no improvement in the attendance, the athlete will receive a written notification. Any athlete who receives more than 2 written warnings will be dismissed from the YOG Training Squad. Only valid reasons are Ministry of Education related school examinations, injury, medical illness and death of immediate family with official supporting documents, etc.

7.3 Selected athletes who refused to comply with the competition obligations and/or represent the country without valid reasons will be referred to the DC. Only valid reasons are Ministry of Education related school examinations, injury, medical illness and death of immediate family with official supporting documents, etc.

## **8. ATHLETE’S AGREEMENT**

8.1 All YOG training squad athletes and their parents shall undertake to adhere to the YOG training squad terms and conditions and parents are required to sign an Athlete’s Agreement on behalf of the athlete for this purpose and it shall be binding on both the athlete and the parent.

8.2 The Athlete’s Agreement will be issued to the athletes and it must be returned to STTA duly signed by the athlete’s parent for and on behalf of the athlete before the commencement of the first training session.

## **9. OTHER CONDITIONS**

9.1 By taking part in the YOG training squad Selection trials, the parent(s) and legal guardian(s) for and on behalf of the athlete irrevocably agree to:

- Grant STTA permission to use their child's images for promotional or publicity purposes,
- Grant STTA permission to publish their child's name and results on STTA website and other form of media,
- Indemnify STTA against all loss of property or personal injury or death,
- Accept that STTA has the absolute right and sole discretion to make any revision to the Selection Policy without prior notice,
- Accept that all decisions of STTA are final, and
- Accept and will abide by the terms and conditions of the YOG training squad

*Approved By The STTA's Management Committee on 18 July 2017*