



**SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
SELECTION POLICY FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017  
(INDIVIDUAL EVENTS)**

**1 EVENTS**

- i. Men's singles – 3 athletes\*
- ii. Women's singles – 3 athletes\*
- iii. Mixed Doubles – 2 pairs\*
- iv. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs\*
- v. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs\*

According to the ITTF rules and regulations, each Association shall be entitled to enter 3 men and 3 women athletes in each singles event, with one additional athlete ranked in the top 100 and one additional athlete ranked in the top 20 of the ITTF world ranking list issued in January 2016 to a maximum of 5 men and 5 women. The maximum entry for each association is 2 men's doubles, 2 women's doubles and 2 mixed doubles; all athletes may be different.

\*\*The number of events and entries that each country is allowed to register is subjected to the ITTF rules and regulations.

**2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this selection policy is to select the best and high potential athletes to represent Singapore in the biennial championships, and to give the potential youth athletes a preview of the sports at international level.

**3 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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

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

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
- ii. The Selection Committee will select athletes from the following:
  - a. STTA National Team (is hereinafter referred as “ National Team”)
  - b. Intermediate Squad
  - c. Athletes with ITTF World Ranking under Top 50 at the point of Selection Committee Meeting

If there are insufficient representatives after selecting the athletes based on Clause 4ii, the Selection Committee has the right to invite selected athletes from the School within School (SWS) and/or Youth training Squad (YTS) to participate in a selection trial.

#### **5 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES, DOUBLES & MIXED DOUBLES )**

##### **Singles Event**

- I. Depending on the entry guidelines of the championships, the STTA shall register the maximum number allowed per association for singles event.
- II. If STTA can only register 3 athletes for the singles event, the 2 highest ranked athletes will qualify in the singles event. The Selection Committee will select an athlete from the national team as the third athlete for the singles event.
- III. If STTA can register 4 athletes for singles event, the fourth athlete will be determined by selection trial within the national team and Intermediate squad.
- IV. If STTA can register 5 athletes for singles event, the fifth athlete will be determined by selection trial within the Intermediate Squad only

##### **Doubles/Mixed Doubles Event**

- V. After the selection of athletes for singles event, the selection committee will select the doubles / mixed doubles pair from the pool of athletes. If there is a need, the Selection Committee may select an athlete from the National Team / Intermediate Squad who is not selected for the singles event.
- VI. For the doubles pairing, the selection committee will consider compatibility of playing styles, e.g chopper with chopper, right-handed athlete with a left-handed athlete.
- VII. The STTA reserves the right to determine the number of pairs for doubles / mixed doubles to register for the championships.

## **6 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- i. Athletes who are late for more than 15 minutes for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Athletes must comply with the rules and regulations of the selection trials or be disqualified from the selection trials.
- v. 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.
- vi. If athletes exhibit behaviour during the World Championships that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. STTA DC will decide on the punishment. The athlete may have to take responsibility for the total cost of the event (travel, hospitality and entry fees). There maybe further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.

## **7 TRAINING AND COMPETITION –RELATED OBLIGATIONS**

- i. Athletes in the STTA training programmes\* (\*National Team, Intermediate Squad, School within School, Youth Training Squad), who are selected for the Championships have to fulfill all training requirements set by the Head Coaches for National Men's and Women's team.
- ii. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change the nomination for the singles, doubles and mixed doubles before the final entry deadline.
- iii. Athletes in the STTA training programmes, who are selected shall pay 10% of the cost for overseas centralized training and World Table Tennis Championships.
- iv. Athletes not in the STTA training programmes shall pay 100% of the cost for participating in the World Table Tennis Championships.
- v. All athletes who are selected for the Championships shall compete only in the official attire for the Championships.

## 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 athletes selected for the Championships.
- vii. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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  
Singapore Table Tennis Association  
Approved by the STTA Executive Committee on 1 Mar 2017*