



SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SELECTION POLICY FOR YOUTH TRAINING SQUAD (YTS)
(with effect from 1st January 2018)

1 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To develop the top youth athletes for progression into the Intermediate Squad.

2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be selected into the YTS, the following are mandatory requirements:

- (a) Athlete must be a Singapore Citizen
- (b) Aged 18 years old and below
- (c) He or she has not been suspended and/or has any disciplinary issues recorded by STTA
- (d) Athletes from Singapore Sports School - School Within School (SWS) programme will not be eligible for YTS
- (e) Athletes who do not have outstanding fees due to STTA
- (f) Athletes who withdrew from YTS during the preceding year will not be allowed to take part in the YTS selection trial, if he/she qualifies for the following year.

3 EXEMPTION FROM SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1 Athletes who have won gold medals in the singles event at SEA Junior Table Tennis Championships or a medal in the singles event at the Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships in the preceding year will be exempted from selection trials provided that they will be participating in the same age group category in the following year and they also satisfy the requirements in clause 2.

4 SELECTION CRITERIA

- 4.1 The Youth Training Squad (YTS) will consist of a maximum of 5 boys and 5 girls under 15 years old, and 5 boys and 5 girls under 18 years old. This shall include the athletes who qualify for entry into the YTS directly under Clause 3.1.
- 4.2 There will be annual selection trials in January to select the maximum of 10 boys and 10 girls for the YTS. Within the maximum number of 10 boys and 10 girls will also be athletes who qualify by virtue of Clause 3.1.
- 4.3 These 20 selected athletes will be the YTS athletes for the calendar year till end of the year. YTS athletes will be given leave from 16 to 31 December every year. At the end of the year, athletes will be given a certificate.
- 4.4 Athletes who have achieved Top 8 placing in the under-15 singles category and under-18 singles category in the below-mentioned STTA co-organised tournaments that are held within one year of the selection trial will be invited to the selection trial in the following year, namely:
- (a) SAFRA-STTA Table Tennis Championships
 - (b) Dr. Ng Eng Hen – STTA Table Tennis Championships
 - (c) Dr. Lee Bee Wah Cup – STTA Table Tennis Championships.

In the event that any one of the above tournaments is cancelled, STTA shall have absolute right and sole discretion to select another local tournament.

- 4.5 Primary Six athletes from Junior Development Squad who have completed the training programme till 30 November 2018 will be invited to the YTS selection trials in the following year.

- 4.6 2 boys and 2 girls Primary Six athletes from zone training centres who have completed the training programme till 30 November 2018 will be invited to the YTS selection trials in the following year. All Primary Six athletes from zone training centres will go through one round of selection trials in December 2018 to select the 2 boys and 2 girls for the YTS Selection Trials in the following year.
- 4.7 Athletes who withdraw from YTS before 15 December 2017 will not be allowed to take part in the YTS selection trial, even if he/she qualifies for the YTS Selection Trials in the following year.
- 4.8 If an under-15 year old athlete qualifies for the selection trial in both age categories, he/she can only compete in the selection trial for the under-15 category.
- 4.9 If an under-15 year old athlete qualifies for the selection trial based on the results in the under-18 singles category only, he/she will be invited to go through the selection trial for the under-18 category.

5 SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 The selection trial for YTS will be conducted in January annually.
- 5.2 Athletes invited for selection trial will be notified at least two (2) weeks prior to the selection trial by email. In the invitation email, it will include date, time and venue of the selection trial.
- 5.3 Athletes who are late for more than 15 minutes of the stipulated time for the selection trials will not be allowed to play in the selection trials.
- 5.4 Any athlete who deliberately loses in any game so that another athlete can qualify will be immediately disqualified from the selection trials. All athletes involved will also be referred to the STTA Disciplinary Committee (DC) for investigation and face further action, including expulsion if warranted.
- 5.5 Athletes who exhibit unsporting behavior (e.g. using vulgar/abusive language during matches, verbal abuse of tournament officials or opponents) will be instantly disqualified from competing in the selection trials.
- 5.6 Athletes must comply with the rules and regulations of the selection trials or be disqualified from the selection trials.
- 5.7 Absenteeism for any match in the selection trials shall be deemed as a

walk-over. 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.

5.8 The STTA has the absolute right and sole discretion to make any revisions of the terms and conditions at any time.

5.9 All information will be considered to have been communicated to all relevant parties when STTA posts the information on the STTA website and/or sends the information via email. STTA will not be responsible for any consequences if the information is not received or acknowledged by the relevant party.

5.10 The STTA has the absolute right to decide whether to hold any selection trials in the event the final number of qualifiers does not exceed the vacancies.

6 OTHER CONDITIONS

6.1 By taking part in the STTA YTS 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 YTS programme