

SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SELECTION POLICY FOR SEA GAMES 2019

1 EVENTS

- i. Men's singles – 2 players
- ii. Women's singles – 2 players
- iii. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs
- iv. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs

Each country is only allowed to send a maximum of 4 Men and 4 Women's players to compete in the four events.

2 SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

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

3 ELIGIBILITY

- i. All athletes must be Singapore Citizens and fulfill the eligibility under the regulations from the SEA Games Federation and South East Asian Table Tennis Association.
- ii. The athletes have to be from the National Team and Intermediate Squad; or Independent athletes in the Top 50 of the latest ITTF World Ranking list at the point of registration for qualification events.

4 SELECTION CRITERIA (SINGLES & DOUBLES)

Singles Event (2 players per country)

- I. The Selection Committee will nominate the highest ranked player in the team for the first singles player.

- II. The Selection Committee will nominate a player from the national team / intermediate squad / independent athletes as the second singles player. He or she must be ranked at least third among South East Asian athletes, based on the latest World Rankings and/or past results in World Tours and any other major championships within a twelve-month period before 2019 SEA Games. In the event that there is no player who meets the criteria, the selection committee will nominate the next highest ranked player within the team for the second singles player.

Doubles Event (2 pairs per country)

- III. For the doubles events, the selection committee will nominate another two players from the national team / intermediate squad to form two pairs of doubles with the two players nominated for singles event. The selection committee may also pair the two players nominated for the singles event as a doubles pair, and nominate another two players from the national team / intermediate squad / independent athletes as the second doubles pair. The pair must demonstrate that they have the ability to be at least third in South East Asia, based on past results within a twelve month period before 2019 SEA Games.
- IV. For the doubles pairing, the selection committee will consider compatibility of playing styles, e.g chopper with chopper, right-handed player with a left-handed player.

Other Extenuating factors (non-exhaustive)

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

5 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. The selection policy will be published at www.stta.org.sg. **Two weeks before the deadline** for submission to SNOC, the Selection Committee meeting will be convened to select the players based on the above criteria. The achievements from ITTF world tours and major championships should be achieved within a 12 months period before 2019 SEA Games. 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 SEA 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 doubles before the SEA Games team managers meeting, as per SEA Games Table Tennis Technical Handbook.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. If players exhibit behaviour during the SEA 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.

7 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 the SEA 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
Singapore Table Tennis Association
Approved by Management Committee on 23 May 2019*