

Selection Trials for 2025 STTA Youth Training Squad

29, 30 November, 1 December 2024 @ OCBC Arena Hall 6

1 DATES AND TIME SCHEDULE

The selection trials will be held on 29, 30 November, 1 December 2024. Time schedule as follows:

- i) 29 November 7pm to 9pm
- ii) 30 November 9am to 11.30am
- iii) 30 November 5.30pm to 9pm
- iv) 1 December 9am to 11.30am
- v) 1 December 1.30pm to 5pm

2 VENUE

The selection trials will be held at:
OCBC Arena Hall 6 @ Basement 2.
5 Stadium Drive #03-40, OCBC Arena, Singapore 397631

3 PLAYING FORMAT

3.1 There shall be only 2 events: - Boys' and Girls' Singles (19 and Under). STTA will select 10 players per gender to form 2025 YTS. There is a cap of five players who are 19 and Under per gender.

3.2 19 and Under Boys' Category

For the 19 and Under Boys' category, the selection trial consists of three rounds of knock-out. For the first round and second round of knock-out, top 4 players will be selected for 2025 YTS. For the third round, the top 2 players will also qualify for 2025 YTS. Due to the cap of five players for each age group, there may be a play-off for final ranking positions in the second and third round if necessary. All matches will be played best of five games.

Latest STTA national ranking list will be used for seeding for the first knock-out round. Top 8 players in the latest Under-19 national ranking list will be the 1st to 8th seed. Top 8 players in the latest Under-15 national ranking list will be the 9th to 16th seed. For the second round of knock-out, 5th – 8th placed players in the first knock-out round will be drawn into seeded one to four randomly for the second knock-out draw. For the third round of knock-out, 5th – 8th placed players in the second knock-out round will be drawn into seeded one to four randomly for the third knock-out draw.

3.3 19 and Under Girls Category

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Latest STTA national ranking list will be used for seeding for the first knock-out round. Top 4 players in the latest Under-19 national ranking list will be the 1st to 4th seed. Top 4 players in the latest Under-15 national ranking list will be the 5th to 8th seed. If there are less than 4 players in the Under-19 ranking registered for the competitions, the next top ranked players in the Under-15 ranking shall move up to take the seeded position accordingly up to a total of 8 seeded positions.

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4 GENERAL

- 4.1 The tournament shall be run in accordance with the latest rules and regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Rules and regulations can be downloaded from www.ittf.com.
- 4.2 The ITTF approved 3-Star 40+ white balls shall be used during the tournament.
- 4.3 No white apparels (shirt and shorts) are allowed. Players who fail to conform to this dress code will not be allowed to play.
- 4.4 All players must report to official table at least 30 minutes before the scheduled match. Player shall concede a walkover, if the player is not on court at the scheduled time after the match has been announced on court. There shall not be any grace period. **A player will not be allowed to continue once he/she concedes a walkover in the selection trials. A player will not be allowed to continue in the second round even if he concedes a walkover in the first round.**
- 4.5 No coaches and spectators are allowed throughout the selection trials.
- 4.6 Players are not allowed to use mobile devices to make or take calls at all times during their match(es).

5 DRAW AND FIXTURES

An open draw will be conducted on **27 November 2024, 6.30pm** via ZOOM. The fixtures of the competition will be available on STTA website (<http://www.stta.org.sg>) from **28 November 2024 (Thursday)** onwards. Kindly take note that it is the responsibility of the player to check the latest competition fixture and schedule.