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SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

JDS SPECIAL PROGRAMME (JDSSP)

SELECTION POLICY

1 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To select top JDS athletes for intensive training and competition.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 To be selected into the JDSSP, the following are mandatory requirements:
- (a) Athlete must be a Singapore Citizen.
 - (b) He or she has not been suspended and/or has any disciplinary issues recorded by STTA.
 - (c) Athletes who do not have outstanding fees due to STTA.

3 SELECTION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1 The JDSSP (As of 1 January) will comprise of the following:
- a) All 9 years old and below athletes per gender
 - b) Four 10 years old athletes per gender
 - c) Four 11 years old athletes per gender
- 3.2 All 9 years old and below who are in JDS as of 1 January will automatically qualify for JDSSP.
- 3.3 All selection trials for JDS will be completed before STTA - Dr Lee Bee Wah Championships.

- 3.4 These 24 selected athletes will form JDSSP for the period between **1 January to 31 December annually.**
- 3.5 **For 2025, JDSSP will be formed from 1 April to 31 December. There will be a selection trial at end of March 2025 for the 10 and 11 years old.**
- 3.6 Athletes who fail to meet the minimum attendance requirement will not be considered for the JDSSP. **For 2025 JDSSP, this requirement will be waived.**
- 3.7 For selected athletes, there will be an interview with STTA HPE team before the start of the programme.
- 3.8 STTA reserves the right to call up the next highest ranked athlete based on the results of the selection trials in the event that any of the selected athletes failed to be accepted/opt out of the programme after the interview.
- 3.9 Athletes with disciplinary issues will not be considered for JDSSP in the following year.

4 TRAINING FEES

- 4.1 All selected athletes shall pay a monthly fee of \$150 plus GST and top up deposit of \$150 plus GST in addition to their monthly JDS training fees.
- 4.2 All fees paid are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE under any circumstances.
- 4.3 All fees due shall be paid on monthly basis together with the training fees for JDS via GIRO to "STTA". There are no pro-rated fees for any training session that the athlete is absent and no refunds in any circumstances.
- 4.4 Athletes will be withdrawn from JDSSP for non-payment of any fees due.

5 TRAINING ATTENDANCE

- 5.1 Selected athletes are required to attend the allocated training sessions a week assigned by the coaches;

9 years old and under	:	Minimum no. of 8 sessions a week
10 years old (P4)	:	Minimum no. of 8 sessions a week
11 years old (P5)	:	Minimum no. of 7 sessions a week

Any athlete who fails to achieve the minimum requirement without any valid reasons, will receive a written warning. If there is no improvement in the athlete's attendance, the athlete will be dismissed from the JDSSP.

All athletes shall diligently continue training unless they have valid reasons acceptable to STTA. Athletes may take leave which is subject to the Head Coach's approval for the following reasons:

- i) Examinations - Athletes are required to apply for leave of absence thirty (30) days prior to the start of their examinations with supporting documents such as timetable and exam schedule.
- ii) Overseas leave - For overseas holidays during MOE approved vacation, athletes have to apply for leave of absence thirty (30) days in advance from the Head Coach.
- iii) Medical illness - Athletes on sick leave must inform the Head Coach immediately and submit a copy of medical certificate within seven (7) days.
- iv) Emergency situation - For example, death of a next of kin, athletes must submit a letter to the coach from his/her parents, together with supporting documents, if any.

6 TRAINING AND COMPETITION

- 6.1 JDSSP athletes will go through a more intensive training and competition programme. Sparring partners will be provided to JDSSP athletes on a priority basis.
- 6.2 The expenses for additional international competitions and overseas training stints for JDSSP will be on a co-funding basis, ie. parents must co-pay. The percentage of STTA subsidy will vary from time to time and shall be at STTA's sole discretion. The amount of subsidy is dependent on STTA's financial situation and numerous other factors including but not limited to Sport Singapore funding, training attendance, local tournament results, the athlete's training attitude etc. For clarification purpose, JDSSP trainees will still have to pay the same rate as JDS trainees for the trips meant for JDS.
- 6.3 The STTA will inform the costs to be borne by the parents in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the competitions and training stint. Parents are expected to pay at least seven (7) days before departure. For any cancellation by the parents, the parents will need to pay all costs that are already incurred before submitting for any insurance claims if applicable.

- 6.4 Athletes do not have an automatic right to participate in the WTT Youth Contender series or other international competitions. Their participation is always subject to the rules and regulations set by the organizers and WTT. The STTA reserves the right to select the athletes for the WTT Youth contender series / International Competitions and to conduct selection trials within the JDSSP if STTA deems it necessary to do so and STTA's decision shall be final.
- 6.5 All athletes must take part in all STTA co-organized events (includes non-table tennis events) if the athletes are not on international duty. For athletes who have exams during these events or are medically unfit, they will have to apply for leave from the Head coach.
- 6.6 All athletes are expected to undertake training and competition programmes as directed by the Head coach to the best of his/her abilities.
- 6.7 All athletes have to seek prior approval from the Head coach to take part in any other local or overseas competitions or foreign leagues for which STTA is not sending a team. The decision of the STTA is final and if granted, will be subject to terms and conditions.
- 6.8 Any athlete who fails to comply with Clauses 6.5, 6.6 & 6.7 will receive a written warning. Any athlete who receives more than one written warning will be dismissed from the JDSSP. STTA will recover all the costs for overseas training and competitions incurred for athletes who are dismissed from JDSSP.
- 6.9 STTA reserves the right to withdraw any athlete from participation in a training or tournament, if the athlete is found to be engaged in misconduct, disciplinary issues or is deemed medically unwell. All costs for the overseas training stint or competition will be recovered from the parents.
- 6.10 All athletes must show due respect for other athletes, coaches and officials when in training or in competition, whether local or overseas.

7. Withdrawal

- 7.1 JDSSP Athletes who wish to withdraw from JDSSP must submit a formal notice to STTA 14 Days before commencement of the next month's training. Except due to injury or valid reasons accepted by STTA, STTA will recover all the costs for overseas training and competitions incurred. For withdrawals without valid reasons, the athletes will need to sit out one year for JDSSP selection trials, this includes athletes who are dismissed from the JDSSP due to poor attendance and disciplinary reasons.

8 OTHER CONDITIONS

8.1 By taking part in the STTA JDSSP, 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 JDSSP programme

High Performance Committee

Singapore Table Tennis Association

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