

Table Tennis England Selection Policy

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Euro Mini Championships, Schiltingheim, France – 23rd – 25th August 2024.

**To be confirmed*

1. Event Purpose

Table Tennis England will select players to this event in order to achieve the following objectives:

- a. To achieve a top 16 finish or better
- b. To provide the opportunity for younger players to gain international experience;

2. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only select athletes to represent England who:

- 2.1** Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Player Licence and in good standing;
- 2.2** Are eligible to represent England in ITTF, WTT and ETTU approved competitions and have a valid British Passport;
- 2.3** Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU;
- 2.4** Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules;
- 2.5** Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed Acknowledgement (as set out at the end of the Selection Policy) **by 9am Monday 24th June**;
- 2.6** Have notified Table Tennis England that they wish to be considered for this event **by 9am on Monday 24th June**. Players are required to notify the Performance Department in writing or by email (performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk), that they wish to be considered for selection by this date;
- 2.7** Are eligible to compete in either the Under 11 or Under 13 age categories. For the avoidance of doubt, players need to have been born on or after the following dates:
 - Under 11 - born on or after 1st January 2013;
 - Under 13 - born on or after 1st January 2011.

If selected, players may be required to sign a Team Members' Agreement to accept their place at each event. The Agreement will include a code of conduct and a commitment to adhere to observe Table Tennis England sponsorship guidelines and to wear, if required, appropriate apparel.

3. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England will select through the following selection process;

- 3.1 Euro Mini Under 11 Singles Competition;
- 3.2 Euro Mini Under 13 Singles Competition.

The selection panel may select up to three players per category to represent England at this event. Eligible players will be considered under the criteria set out in point 4 of the policy;

4. Criteria

Selection can be achieved either automatically or by the selection panel as follows:

Primary Criteria

- International Profile based on best results at WTT Youth Contender Events and European Events.
- Ranking Trajectory in relevant age category
- Domestic results at National Championships and 4* events.

Secondary Criteria

- Team Commitment and cohesion
- Physical readiness and capability to compete at this level;
- Current illness or injury status;

5. Medical

At the time of their selection, any selected player may have their medical and/or musculoskeletal status confirmed by a nominated Table Tennis England Medical adviser. Any selected player may, at any other time, be required by the Head of Pathway Development (and/or his delegate) to undergo fitness or medical assessments to ensure that they have maintained an adequate level of fitness to perform to the best of their ability. The Head of Pathway Development (and/or his delegate) will specify the process by which a selected player is to confirm his or her continued health and fitness, which might include participating in certain events or undergoing fitness tests.

6. Event-Specific Qualification Period & Selection Timeline

Event	From	To
Competition	23/08/2024	25/08/2024
Travel	22/08/2024	25/08/2024
Preparation Camp	19/08/2024*	21/08/2024*
Selection Announcement by	05/07/2024	
Selections notified by	29/06/2024*	
TTE Application Deadline	24/06/2024	
Entry Deadline	30/06/2024	
Qualification Event	01/09/2023	

*provisional dates, subject to change

7. Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- a) Table Tennis England Head of Performance Development (Chair);
- b) GB Futures Lead Coach;
- c) GBTS Lead Coach;
- d) Independent Observer (non-voting).

In the event of a split-decision, the Chair will have the casting vote. Additional experts may be asked to provide evidence and/or advice to the Selection Panel, at the request of the Chair.

In the event of any conflict of interest for any member, the Table Tennis England conflict of interest policy should be adhered to. Any member with a conflict of interest shall not be entitled to vote on that issue.

8. Team Travel, Supervision

All selected athletes will be under the supervision of Table Tennis England staff for the duration of the event. In signing this selection policy, players are committing to travelling to and from the event with the team and staying together in the accommodation arranged for the event.

9. Media & Communication

All selected players are required to adhere to the Social Media guidance which can be found on the Table Tennis England website at the following address: <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2021/08/Safeguarding-Social-Media-Guidelines-for-Pathway-Athletes-Jan-21.pdf>. All players, whether selected or not are required to keep the notification of their selection or non-selection confidential until directed by the Table Tennis England.



10. De-Selection

Table Tennis England retains the right to deselect any selected player under the following circumstances:

- i. The player is no longer eligible for selection for this event;
- ii. The player does not adhere to the code of conduct or team members agreement;
- iii. The player in the opinion of the Selection Panel, is no longer physically or mentally able to perform at the level consistent with that which earned their initial selection;
- iv. The player fails to comply with any reasonable training or competition programme set out by Table Tennis England performance staff;
- v. Any exceptional circumstances exist which in the reasonable opinion of the Selection Panel justify the non-selection or de-selection of the player concerned.

Any player who is de-selected will immediately be notified of the decision and the reason. They will have a right of appeal in accordance with the appeals process.

11. Appeals

Eligible players only have the right to appeal in the following cases:

- i. The criteria was not applied correctly;
- ii. A player was de-selected under Point 9 above;
- iii. An ineligible player was selected under any point.

The appeals process for these cases is set out here:

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2021/08/TABLE-TENNIS-ENGLAND-Selection-Review-Policy-2.1.pdf>

No appeals will be considered in the following cases:

- i. Selections save for ineligibility;

12. Acknowledgement

Each player shall acknowledge that they have read, understood and accepted these Selection Criteria and Guidelines by signing the enclosed copy and returning it to the Performance Department by email (performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk) or in writing **by 9am Monday 24th June** to Table Tennis England, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA.

For any Under 18 players', a parent or guardian will also be required to sign the returned copy. Players' should retain the second copy for their own records.

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Acknowledged by:

Name_____ Signed_____

Date_____ (Athlete)

Name_____ Signed_____

Date_____ (Parent)



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