

Selection Policy - Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE)

Table Tennis England DiSE Programme 2024-25 Season

1. Overview

This selection policy relates to the Table Tennis England Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) Programme for 2024-2025. DiSE is a training and education programme for talented players. More details are provided in the information pack.

2. Programme Purpose

The aims of the DiSE programme are to support players to better understand the commitment and demands of elite international table tennis and performance sport and prepare them for possible future roles within the sports industry. This is achieved through the delivery of national, and where appropriate international training and competition opportunities, specialist workshops, and reflective sessions. The aims of the DiSE programme are also to build a periphery squad to GB programmes, increasing player depth and providing upwards pressure in the pathway.

3. Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising of:

- Table Tennis England Head of Pathway Development (Chair)
- Table Tennis England DiSE Lead
- Table Tennis England Performance Logistics Officer

4. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (Nationality & Education)

Table Tennis England will only select players for the DiSE programme who:

- Have a valid British Passport
- Are aged between 16 to 18 (or aged 19 to 24 if you have an Education, Health and Care plan) when you start the programme
Be studying in Further Education (FE) in England from September 2023 (full time or approved part time study)
- Will be in either a state funded study programme or attending a fee-paying school under the following conditions:
 - (a) State funded programme – are studying towards either an academic (e.g., A-level) or technical qualification (e.g., NVQ)
 - (b) Fee-paying school – under the following circumstances you can be considered for DiSE if:
 - You are / will be in receipt of a school's means-tested bursary of at least 50% fee remission, or
 - In receipt of a talent / ability-based scholarship of at least 50%, but were this not to be the case then you would have otherwise qualified for your school's means-tested bursary of at least 50% fee remission, or
 - At least 50% of your student fees are being paid for by the third sector organisation but were this not the case then you would have otherwise qualified for your school's means-testing of at least 50% fee remission.

5. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (Table Tennis)

The DiSE programme is targeted at players who are aged between 16 to 18 years old who wish to continue to pursue performance level table tennis whilst they continue their further education. Selected members of this squad need to clearly demonstrate their commitment to improve, as well as demonstrating the core behaviours expected of our England and GB pathway & performance players:

- *Passion & Drive, Resilience, Curiosity, Self-Management, Gratitude and Respect, Adaptability, Thrives in Competition, and Takes Care.*

The panel will select players that meet several of the following points:

- Players should be affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Players Licence and in good standing
- Players (non-para) ranked in the Top 60 of the Table Tennis England U19 Ranking List by the time of application
- Para players should be part of or working towards the British Para Table Tennis Pathway Programme
- Players with experience or aspiring to become a performance level player
- Players that have exited talent or performance programmes (e.g., exited a Pathway Development Centre, former member of a national squad)
- Players that have demonstrated a commitment in their application to attending all camps and off-camp online sessions

Current GB squad players who are eligible can apply, however, considerations will need to be made around the player's commitment to the programme, as attendance on camps is mandatory.

6. Application Deadline

Table Tennis England will only consider players for the 2024-25 DiSE programme who have completed and submitted their application form by **9am on Friday 2nd August 2024.**

7. Assessment & Selection Process

The assessment & selection process will consist of the following:

Applications will be reviewed by the selection panel, with selected players invited to join the 2023/24 DiSE cohort.

Timings as follows:

- Friday 2nd August – Application window closes
- Thursday 15th August – Applications shortlisted / selected
- W/C 19th August – Selection / non-selection notification

If selected, players will be required to sign the players code of conduct.

8. De-Selection

Table Tennis England retains the right to deselect an athlete under any of the following circumstances:

- The player is no longer eligible for selection for this programme
- The player does not adhere to the players code of conduct
- The player does not fulfil the educational requirements of the programme
- The player fails to engage with the DiSE programme and DiSE staff.

9. Acknowledgement

In applying for this programme, you are fully committing to the programme of activity that is set out (on the separate DiSE programme overview), with this being prioritised over other competition and training. Each player shall acknowledge that they have read, understood, and accepted these Selection Criteria and Guidelines by signing this form and sharing with:

dise@tabletennisengland.co.uk by **9am Friday 2nd August**.

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.

Policy:

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Acknowledged by:

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____
(Player)

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)