



Table Tennis England Selection Policy

School Games 2016

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Overview

Table Tennis England will select players, competing for the five England regions, who are:

- a) Able to deliver a credible performance and/or;
- b) Able to achieve the highest possible finishing position and/or;
- c) Will gain most from participating in a multi-sport residential event;

at the 2016 School Games. Any variation to the selection/de-selection policy or criteria will be published before selections are made.

Table Tennis England will select four athletes for each England region in both genders. (They will also support BTTAD with selections for the disability categories - one wheelchair athlete, one standing athlete and one athlete with a learning disability per England region).

Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- Table Tennis England Competitions and Events Manager (Chair),
- Table Tennis England Head of Talent and Performance,
- Table Tennis England Head Coach,
- Table Tennis England National Coach,
- Table Tennis England National Talent Coach

Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the selection committee 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.

Eligibility

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

1. Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Player Licence and in good standing
2. Are eligible to represent England in ITTF and ETTU approved competitions and have a valid British Passport





3. Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU.
4. Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules.
5. All players shall be Under 17 years of age on 1st January of the year of the competition. **In 2016, only players born in 1999 or after are eligible.**
6. All players in the Disability teams shall be Under 19 years of age on 1st January of the year of the competition. **In 2016, only players born in 1996 or after are eligible.**
7. Players shall represent the England region of their main residence, as indicated on their Table Tennis England membership record on 6th April 2016.
Should a player be affiliated to Table Tennis England however their main residence be outside of England, the region which they represent will be decided in the following order:
 - a) The location of their school
 - b) The location of the club which they represent
 - c) The location of the last main residence in EnglandIf a player cannot stipulate a place in England for any of the above, they will need to write to Table Tennis England outlining their situation.

Criteria

The selection panel will select players in their Table Tennis England ranking order to determine the four places and up to four reserves.

For the avoidance of doubt the selection panel will select four male athletes and four female athletes in each region, according to the Table Tennis England Junior ranking order. Up to four reserves will also be selected, by ranking order, per region and gender. These will be called upon should a selected athlete withdraw due to illness or injury.

Timing

The selection panel will meet in April following the publication of the Table Tennis England Junior ranking list (6th April 2016), athletes will be notified no later than 31st May 2016. Should an athlete wish to appeal their non-selection, then the fast track decision review process will apply.

Media & Communication

All selected athletes are required to adhere to the Social Media guidance which can be found on the Table Tennis England website at the following address: <http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/ETTA-Social-Media-Guidelines-2012.pdf>

All athletes, whether selected or not are required to keep the notification of their selection or non-selection confidential until such time as directed by the Table Tennis England.

De-Selection

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

- The athlete is no longer eligible for selection for this event, or no longer able to represent their region/country
- Any exceptional circumstances exist which in the reasonable opinion of the Selection Panel justify the non-selection or de-selection of the athlete concerned.

Any athlete who is de-selected will immediately be notified of the decision and the reason and will have a right of appeal in accordance with the appeals process. Replacements will come off the list in ranking order.



Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal selection decisions through Table Tennis England's Selection Review Process- the fastrack review process applies. A copy of the policy outlining this process is available on the Table Tennis England website.

Acknowledgement

Each athlete shall acknowledge that they have read, understood and accepted these Selection Criteria and Guidelines by signing the enclosed copy and returning it to Amanda Robinson by 31st March 2016 by email on amanda.robinson@tabletennisengland.co.uk or in writing to Norfolk House, 88 Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK9 2DL.

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

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Acknowledged by:

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____ (Athlete)

TT ID: _____

County of main residence: _____

If main residence is outside of England please stipulate the English County you will represent and the reason for association e.g *Berkshire, location of school* _____

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____ (Parent/Guardian)

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