



## Table Tennis England Selection Policy

v1.0

Euro Mini Championships, Schiltingheim, France – 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### 1. Event Purpose

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

- a) To deliver a credible performance and;
- 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:

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. Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed Acknowledgement (as set out at the end of the Selection Policy) by 9am on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020;
6. Have notified Table Tennis England that they wish to be considered for this event by 9am on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. Athletes are required to notify the Performance Department in writing or by email ([performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk)), that they wish to be considered for selection by this date;
7. Are eligible to compete in either the Under 11 or Under 12 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009
  - Under 12 – born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008

If selected, athletes 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;

#### a) Euro Mini Singles Competition

The selection panel can select up to 3 players per category to represent England at this event. Eligible athletes will be considered first under the automatic criteria (point 4a);

### 4. Criteria

Selection can be achieved automatically as follows:

#### a) Automatic Selection

Eligible athletes will gain automatic selection, subject to compliance with the rest of this policy, if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Under 12 National Champion & Runner Up 2020

#### b) Wild Card Selection

The Selection Panel may choose to select additional players up to the number of spaces available as set out in Scope of the Team. The panel may choose any eligible players and are not required to consider any particular set of factors or information. They may select any player(s) who they believe are ready for this level of competition and may contribute to the overall objectives of the competition or the objectives of Table Tennis England.

The panel are not required to provide reasons or rationale for their selections and no appeals for non-selection under this part of the criteria will be accepted.

### 5. Medical

At the time of their selection, any selected athlete may have their medical and/or musculoskeletal status confirmed by a nominated Table Tennis England Medical adviser. Any selected athlete may, at any other time, be required by the Director of Sport (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 Director of Sport (and/or his delegate) will specify the process by which a selected athlete 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	28/08/20	30/08/20
Travel	27/08/20	30/08/20
Selection Announcement by	19/06/19	
Selections notified by	16/06/19	
Entry Deadline	31/05/19	
Qualification Event	13/06/18	14/06/19

\*provisional dates, subject to change

## 7. Wild Card Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- a) Table Tennis England Director of Sport (Chair)
- b) Table Tennis England Technical Director
- c) Table Tennis England Programme Manager

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 & Kit

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

## 9. Payment

In signing this selection policy, athletes are committing to paying their costs for travel and accommodation during the championships by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Travel bookings will be made on completion of selection and athlete notification. Should an athlete choose to withdraw after their selection, then athletes will only be refunded the portion of their costs that are unspent or are recoverable by Table Tennis England.

## 8. 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: <https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Social-Media-guidelines.pdf> All athletes, whether selected or not are required to keep the notification of their selection or non-selection confidential until directed by the Table Tennis England.

## 9. De-Selection

Table Tennis England retains the right to deselect any selected athlete under any of the following circumstances (whether automatic or wild card selection):

- 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 athlete 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.

## 10. Appeals

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

- i. The automatic selection criteria were 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://tabletennisengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/TABLE-TENNIS-ENGLAND-Selection-Review-Policy-2.1.pdf>

No appeals will be considered in the following cases:

- i. Wild Card Selections save for ineligibility;



## 11. 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 the Performance Department by email ([performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk)) or in writing by 9am on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to Table Tennis England, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA. 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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)

