



Table Tennis England Selection Policy

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European Youth Championships, Zagreb, Croatia from 10th to 19th July 2020.

1. Event Purpose

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

- a. Reach the last 32 of the singles events and/or
- b. Reach the top 18 of the team event

2. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only consider athletes for selection who comply with the Table Tennis England Major Championships Eligibility Policy 2019-20.

3. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England may select up to the number of players authorised by the ETTU through the following selection process.

European Youth Championships Singles Competition

The selection panel may select up to the number of players authorised by the ETTU to represent England at this event.

Eligible athletes will be considered first under the automatic criteria (point 4a);

Should athletes not achieve selection directly for the singles competition, but are subsequently selected for the team - they will also then receive a singles entry.

European Youth Championships Team Competition

The selection panel may select a team from the selected singles players to represent England at this event.

If the minimum team size is not yet reached (Cadet=2, Junior=3), then the selection panel may select additional eligible players under the Wild Card Criteria (point 4b) to reach the minimum team size.

The panel may additionally select one extra player above the minimum team size in each age group team under the Wild Card Criteria (point 4b), provided that at least one player is



selected through points 1, 2 or 3, under the Automatic Criteria (point 4a). If a player is only selected through National Champion in their age group under the Automatic Criteria (point 4a) 4, then no additional player over the minimum team size may be selected.

European Youth Championships Mixed Doubles & Doubles Competitions

The selection panel will decide the pairs from the selected players under the Wild Card Criteria (Point 4b). The panel may not select any additional players under this category to make up pairs unless the players are already selected under the singles or team category. The selection panel may select up to the number of pairs authorised by the ETTU to represent England in these events.

4. Criteria

Selection can be achieved either automatically or as a wild card by the Selection Panel, 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. Top 50 ETTU ranking (age group specific)
2. Top 200 ETTU senior ranking
3. Achieve at least one from (qualification is age group specific):

Event	Level required for automatic selection
European Youth Championships 2019	Last 16 or better
All ITTF Junior & Cadet Circuit Events (excluding ITTF events in South America, North America, Africa, Oceania & Middle East)	

4. National Champion - provided in current age group (age group specific)

In the event there are more automatic selections than places, places will be offered in the following way:

1. Order: places will be offered in the order listed above until the maximum number in each team is completed.

2. Should any one criteria (1-3 above) have more players than places, then the players in that criteria may be required to play off for that place(s). Table Tennis England will advise the times and venues of this as soon as practical, the dates are specified below. If players are unavailable on those dates, the panel may consider this in their deliberations. However, unless players are on international duty or suffering illness or injury (with medical information available), then the panel may choose to discount any player that does not make themselves available for the play off process. Table Tennis England will use the play off process as much as possible, but may have to defer this decision to the Wild Card Selection Panel to resolve.

b) Wild Card Selection

If there are still places available after Automatic Selections have been accommodated or if there are more players than places available and play offs are not appropriate (in the sole opinion of the Selection panel), then the Selection Panel may choose to select 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 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.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel is not required to select any singles Wild Cards but may choose to do so if space is available. If players have been selected under point 4a or 4b for the singles event, the panel will formulate the pairs for the doubles and/or mixed doubles events.

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	10 th July	19 th July
Travel	8 th July	18 th July
Preparation Camp*	TBC	TBC
Selection Announcement by	19 th May	
Selections notified by	12 th May	
Playoffs (if required)	16 th May 2020*	17 th May 2020*
Entry Deadline (ETTU)	TBC	
Qualification Period	13 th May 2019	10 th May 2020

*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
- d) Athlete Selection Advisor (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. 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; or
- ii. Doubles or Mixed Doubles pairings

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) or in writing by 31st March 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)