



# Table Tennis England Event Entry Policy

## ALL ITTF World Tour Events 2019/20 Season

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### 1. Summary

Table Tennis England will use the following process to enter players to international events.

1. Players should sign and return this selection policy (only once per season- unless it is updated)
2. Players should complete the online application form and submit it no less than one month before the ITTF closing date for that event.
3. Players must either have an active ITTF ranking, or be ranked in the top 20 of the Table Tennis England rankings (age group specific) at the time of application;
4. Eligible players who have met the entry requirements will be entered in the following manner:
5. Highest ranked players on relevant (age group to competition) ITTF ranking list at Table Tennis England event entry closing date. Players will be entered in ITTF ranking order to the maximum entry allowed by the ITTF for that competition.
6. If spaces remain after all ITTF ranked players have been accommodated, Table Tennis England will enter players in order of their domestic ranking at the Table Tennis England event entry closing date.
7. All entered players are required to submit payment for selected entry fees to Table Tennis England before the event, Table Tennis England will send an invoice for payment.
8. Players who have received an invoice from Table Tennis England but not made payment before the competition may be withdrawn from the event and are still liable for any event entry fees that Table Tennis England is charged. The player is also liable for any ranking penalties should they withdraw or be withdrawn after the ITTF specified date. Players will not be entered in future competitions until all outstanding fees are paid.
9. All withdrawals should be done in writing to [performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk) and until receipt of confirmation of withdrawal from Table Tennis England should continue to compete as entered.

### 2. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only enter athletes for these events 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;



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5. Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed Acknowledgement (as set out at the end of the Policy);
6. Have completed the relevant Table Tennis England Online Application Form;
7. If entered, players will agree to abide by the Table Tennis England players code of conduct.
8. Players must be ranked in the top 20 of the Table Tennis England (age group specific) rankings at the time of application

### **3. Payment**

As noted above, players are responsible for all their own costs associated with entering, travelling and competing in the events covered by this policy unless otherwise agreed in writing with Table Tennis England. In the event that the player is under eighteen then the parent or guardian who signed the self funding form accepts full responsibility for this payment.

Players choosing option 1, ie entry fee only should make payment in cash on arrival. Table Tennis England will only make payment on receipt of a valid invoice for player choosing another option, these costs will be charged to the player as per the rest of this policy.

Players may be withdrawn from events unless all payments have been received in advance.

### **4. Event type**

As noted in the summary, players must be ranked in the top 20 of the relevant age group Table Tennis England ranking list at the Table Tennis England entry deadline (one month before the ITTF entry deadline). Players will be entered in singles and doubles (provided partner also meets the entry requirements for singles) and team where appropriate. Players may request their doubles partner on the application form, both players meeting the entry requirements and requesting each other will be entered in the relevant doubles event. Should players not make a reciprocal request, Table Tennis England reserves the right to enter players in ITTF then Table Tennis England ranking order, ie highest ranked player will partner the next highest ranked and so on.

All team events covered by this policy will be entered in ITTF, then Table Tennis England ranking order and players will be expected to play in that order during the competition unless a Table Tennis England staff member is attending when additional order changes may be made.

### **5. Official Event Support**

Unless otherwise notified Table Tennis England will not send or fund any official or unofficial support for athletes to attend an event that they are selected and entered for. Should an athlete wish to bring and pay for a person to be accredited as an official support person they must request this on their initial entry form and if selected complete all payments necessary for their requested person.

Provided the player is entered, Table Tennis England will enter the requested support person unless:

1. Table Tennis England are sending a Table Tennis England Official in which case Table Tennis England may choose not to enter the requested support person at its sole discretion.
2. There are insufficient accredited places to support the request, the highest ranked players will get priority where places are limited.
3. Table Tennis England believe or have cause to believe that the requested person may give cause to a child protection issue with that athlete or any other England athlete attending the event
4. The requested person is not in good standing with Table Tennis England or serving any ban for disciplinary, doping, integrity, child protection or any other relevant issue or facing an investigation that may give rise to a disciplinary process.



In the event that Table Tennis England decline to select the athletes' nominated official staff member the athlete accepts that they have no right of appeal no matter whether the decision may impact on their ability to attend or perform at the event in question. In doing so, Table Tennis England accept that they have no jurisdiction to prevent the person(s) travelling to or attending the event, merely that Table Tennis England may chose not to nominate them as an official accredited member or convey any other status on them.

Should Table Tennis England decide to send a Table Tennis England staff member, they will be officially accredited to the event they are attending. This staff member will have specific responsibilities that may or may not preclude them from supporting individual athletes at each event and that Table Tennis England will confirm their role to all attending the event as soon as practical.

Players under 18 remain the responsibility of their legal parent or guardian and it is the legal parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that any player under 18 is appropriately cared for or supported throughout the competitions that they are entering through this process and meet all relevant travel requirements (eg airline).

## **6. Entry Form**

The online entry form for ITTF Events can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNu1kMeewgz9xJT8esiWDQ51m\\_ReTBcr6LAA-89VqclnUV\\_Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNu1kMeewgz9xJT8esiWDQ51m_ReTBcr6LAA-89VqclnUV_Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)



## 7. Acknowledgement

Each player shall acknowledge that they have read, understood and accepted the event entry policy by signing and sending this page to [performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk) before applying for event entry. For any Under 18 athletes, 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/Guardian)