

Table Tennis England Selection Policy

ITTF or ETTU Junior or Cadet Events 2017 & 2018

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There are three sections to this document, [section one](#) outlines the criteria in detail and includes the selectors, decision reviews, deselection and timing.

[Section two](#) details the process by which entries should be made and [section three](#) must be signed and returned by way of acknowledgement and agreement with this policy.

Section One: Criteria

Overview

This selection policy covers all events run under the ITTF Junior or Cadet event name and other ITTF sanctioned Junior or Cadet events including:

World Cadet Challenge*

World Junior Table Tennis Championships*

European Top Ten*

ITTF Premium Junior Circuit

ITTF Junior Circuit

Other ITTF or ETTU Sanctioned Events

It is open to Table Tennis England to select individuals and teams to enter in each case, Table Tennis England may select up to the number of athletes and teams as limited by the ITTF and each event organiser who are able:

- a) To deliver credible performances;
- b) To support the development of young players with a rising international profile; and
- c) To promote Table Tennis England with performances consistent with its performance objectives.

Variations of this selection policy may be published from time to time, inline with Table Tennis England's performance objectives. The latest version will always be available on the Table Tennis England website.

*Subject to ITTF or ETTU offering places to Table Tennis England.

Event Status

Unless otherwise notified in writing by Table Tennis England, any selection implicit in this process is not conveying an England Cap or otherwise deemed to be officially representing England or require official England kit. Athletes are therefore free to wear their own kit, compliant with relevant international rules.

All events however are eligible for Table Tennis England ranking points. Please supply an official copy of the results to the Table Tennis England Ranking Team upon completion.

Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising three voting members and one non voting Chair:

- Table Tennis England Head of Coaching and Performance (Non Voting- Chair),
- Table Tennis England Head Coach,
- Table Tennis England National Coach,
- Table Tennis England National Talent Coach

Additional experts may be asked to provide advice or information 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.

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 be entered by 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 satisfied the selection panel of their physical readiness to perform by the date of selection. It is the players' responsibility to provide evidence of this to the panel in a timely manner. This includes fitness and training history data.
6. Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed Acknowledgement (as set out at the end of the Selection Policy) before Table Tennis England have receipt of their Table Tennis England event entry form.
7. Have notified Table Tennis England that they wish to be considered for this event by the deadline published below. Athletes are required to notify Melanie Allen (performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk) in writing or by email that they wish to be considered for selection by this date by completing the relevant Table Tennis England event entry form;
8. If selected, athletes will 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.
9. If athletes are selected any support staff approved to accompany them are required to sign and abide by a Support Staff Members' Agreement in order for the athlete to be eligible to take their place at the event. The agreement will include a code of conduct and a commitment to abide by the instructions of the Table Tennis England Performance Staff which may include a requirement to wear provided apparel.
10. Players who meet eligibility clause 1 and all of clause 2 above except they do not yet have a valid British passport can be considered eligible provided:
 - There are still spaces in the event they are seeking selection after all eligible players with a British passport have been considered
 - The ETTU & ITTF have accepted that they can play under "England"
 - The players have met all other eligibility criteria.

Qualification Period

For each event, the qualification period includes the twelve months preceding the Table Tennis England entry deadline 20 days before the ITTF final event entry deadline.

Criteria

As stated above, the selection panel may select any number of athletes or teams to each event as limited by the ITTF/ETTU and or the event organiser. Unless otherwise stated, Table Tennis England will select the singles event first and then any doubles or team events.

Selection can be achieved either automatically or at the discretion of the Selection Panel, as follows:

Automatic Selection

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

Event Type	Automatic Selection
World Cadet Challenge *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved Top 30 ITTF U15 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline Reached the last eight of an ITTF Premium Junior Circuit Event in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) Reached the final of an ITTF Junior Circuit Event in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) *Subject to ITTF or ETTU offering named places to Table Tennis England.
World Junior Table Tennis Championships*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved Top 30 ITTF U18 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline Reached the last eight of an ITTF Premium Junior Circuit Event in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) Reached the final of an ITTF Junior Circuit Event in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) Reached the singles semi finals of the Table Tennis England National Senior Championships in last 12 months *Subject to ITTF or ETTU offering named places to Table Tennis England.
European Top Ten*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved Top 100 ITTF U15 or U18 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline Achieved Top 50 ETTU U15 or U18 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline Reached the last eight of an ITTF Premium Junior Circuit Event in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) Reached the final of an ITTF Junior Circuit Event in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) Reached the singles quarter finals of the Table Tennis England National Championships in in last twelve months (in category in which event entry is sought) *Subject to ITTF or ETTU offering named places to Table Tennis England.
ITTF Premium Junior Circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved Top 200 ITTF U15 or U18 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved Top 100 ETTU U15 or U18 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Achieved Top ten Table Tennis England Junior or Cadet ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Reached the singles quarter finals of the Table Tennis England National Championships in last twelve months (in category in which event entry is sought)
ITTF Junior Circuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved Top 450 ITTF ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Achieved Top 200 ETTU U15 or U18 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Achieved Top 20 Table Tennis England Junior or Cadet ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Reached the singles quarter finals of the Table Tennis England National Championships in 2015/16 (in category in which event entry is sought)
Other ITTF or ETTU Sanctioned Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved Top 450 ITTF ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Achieved Top 200 ETTU U15 or U18 ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Achieved Top 20 Table Tennis England Junior or Cadet ranking in 12 months to event entry deadline (in category in which event entry is sought) • Reached the singles quarter finals of the Table Tennis England National Championships in 2015/16 (in category in which event entry is sought)

Discretionary Selection

In the event that there are still places available after Automatic Selections have been accommodated, or in the event that there are more automatic selections than places available, it will be for the selection panel to determine who shall be selected for each event.

That selection process is discretionary and the selection panel, as experts, are required to use their judgement to select the best team(s) possible. Their reasoning must be rationale, reasonable, free of bias and generally in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

The selection panel will consider all relevant criteria including the following:

- Team dynamics
 - The selection panel will consider in detail each players' contribution to team performance through their:
 - Behaviour when playing for previous England/ British Teams both in and out of the qualification period
 - Their ability to behave in a positive manner and function well as part of a team
 - Their engagement with National Coaches in the qualification period and adherence to training and competition requirements as specified by Table Tennis England Performance Staff
 - Their performance priorities (as far as they are known)

- Their active support in training and competition for other likely or selected members of these Teams, particularly in and around team competitions.
- Demonstration in practice and competition of their support for Table Tennis England values and securing the best overall result for Table Tennis England
- Demonstrated commitment to improve and compete at the highest possible level
- Potential to perform at a high level in future events for England or GB teams
 - The selection panel will consider in detail each players' current profile through their:
 - Table Tennis England Performance Profile
 - Current age
 - International ranking profile as seen through the ITTF/ETTU age specific ranking list
 - Competition experiences to date and those required to be successful on the international stage
 - Performance priorities (as far as they are known)
 - Engagement with National Coaches in the qualification period and adherence to training and competition requirements as specified by Table Tennis England Performance Staff
 - Commitment to improve and compete at the highest possible level
 - Response to pressure and playing up
- Physical readiness to perform at a level consistent with the objectives of this policy:
 - The selection panel will consider in detail each players' current fitness profile through their:
 - Fitness test data; historical trends and current performance data will be considered
 - Current injury and illness status
 - Time before each competition and their ability to return to an optimal physical condition in time to perform at the required standard at the competition
 - Their performance history and impact of their physical condition at that time and the standard of opposition they will encounter in each competition
 - Training logs or other training history evidence
 - For the avoidance of doubt it is individual players' responsibility to ensure that the selection panel are provided with up to date and relevant data on their physical condition unless they are part of an England Squad programme and have attended all required physical testing sessions to the satisfaction of Table Tennis England Performance Staff. Furthermore as a guide players will be expected to achieve a minimum of level ten on the bleep test or suitable equivalent and it will be for the panel to decide if the equivalent is acceptable.
- Performances in the following events:
 - 2016 ITTF World Table Tennis Championships
 - 2016 Rio Olympic Games & European Qualification Events
 - 2015/16 World Junior Championships

- 2015/16 European Top Ten
 - 2015/16 European Youth Championships
 - 2015/16 European Mini Championships
 - 2015/6 ITTF World Tour Events (Senior/ U21/Junior & Cadet)
 - 2015/6 ETTU European Table Tennis Championships
 - 2016 & 2017 National Senior Championships
 - Other 2015/16/17 ITTF Sanctioned events when representing England (Senior/ U21/Junior & Cadet)
- ITTF World Senior Ranking within the qualification period, any movement in that ranking and the reasons for it
 - For athletes who do not have an ITTF World Ranking (in category in which event entry is sought) within the twelve months to the event entry deadline, the selection panel may, at its sole discretion consider an athletes' Table Tennis England Ranking
 - Each players' best two matches in the events listed above
 - Players' training history and training programme; players should provide details of their training & competition plans to Table Tennis England Performance Staff together with information about progress against these plans. Where players' do not do so- the selection panel are required to make a decision based on what they have observed or 'know' about that players current training status. Players not members of England Squads are advised to get their plans signed off by the Table Tennis England Head Coach.
 - For athletes who have not yet competed in an ITTF sanctioned event within the twelve months to the event entry deadline, the selection panel may, at its sole discretion consider athlete performances in additional domestic events, including but not limited to:
 - Table Tennis England Grand Prix
 - 4* events
 - Table Tennis England National Cups (for applicable age category)
- Table Tennis England needs
 - The selection panel will consider the strategic needs of the panel in reaching decisions including:
 - The period in the competition year and Table Tennis England performances during this year and their likely future needs
 - The peak or milestone event for the year and its proximity and the likely teams current performance standard and needs.
 - Athlete developmental needs in order to perform at that year's milestone or peak event.

For the avoidance of doubt the selection panel is not required to select any players at all if it does not consider that sufficient athletes of a suitable quality are capable of performing in line with the objectives of this policy. Likewise, and save in respect of automatic selections, it will be at the selection panel's discretion whether, if it selects any players

Timing

Entry forms are usually posted on the ITTF website at least two months before the event. The event prospectus with detailed event entry timings is usually released on the ITTF website at the same time. Table Tennis England may send the

prospectus to the athletes when it arrives from the ITTF or event organiser, however athletes are responsible for getting this information themselves.

Athletes must submit the Table Tennis England event entry form (<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Table-Tennis-England-Self-Funded-Entry-Application-Form.xls>) to Table Tennis England (performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk) no later than the dates outlined below for 2018*.

Table Tennis England Closing date	ITTF closing date	From	To	Event
14/12/2017	03/01/2018	02/02/2018	Feb 4 2018	2017 World Junior Circuit Finals, (LUX)
19/12/2017	08/01/2018	07/02/2018	Feb 11 2018	Oman Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Muscat (OMA)
Separate policy	13/01/2018	12/02/2018	Feb 13 2018	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 YOG series - Europe, Hodonin (CZE)
26/12/2017	15/01/2018	14/02/2018	Feb 18 2018	Czech Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Hodonin (CZE)
02/01/2018	22/01/2018	21/02/2018	Feb 25 2018	Swedish Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Orebro (SWE)
28/01/2018	17/02/2018	19/03/2018	Mar 23 2018	Tunisia Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Rades (TUN)
30/01/2018	19/02/2018	21/03/2018	Mar 25 2018	Italy Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Lignano (ITA)
Separate policy	22/02/2018	24/03/2018	Mar 25 2018	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 YOG series - Africa, Rades (TUN)
10/02/2018	02/03/2018	01/04/2018	Apr 1 2018	Cote d'Ivoire Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Abidjan (CIV)
15/02/2018	07/03/2018	06/04/2018	Apr 8 2018	Opatija Milenij Junior & Cadet Open, Opatija (CRO)
18/02/2018	10/03/2018	09/04/2018	Apr 13 2018	Paraguay Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Asuncion (PAR)
Separate policy	15/03/2018	14/04/2018	Apr 15 2018	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 YOG series - Latin America, Asuncion (PAR)
27/02/2018	19/03/2018	18/04/2018	Apr 22 2018	Belgium Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Spa (BEL)
06/03/2018	26/03/2018	25/04/2018	Apr 29 2018	French Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Metz (FRA)
Separate policy	07/04/2018	07/05/2018	May 8 2018	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 YOG series - Asia, Bangkok (THA)
20/03/2018	09/04/2018	09/05/2018	May 13 2018	Thailand Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Golden Series Junior Circuit, Bangkok (THA)
20/03/2018	09/04/2018	09/05/2018	May 13 2018	Spanish Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Platja d'Aro (ESP)

Table Tennis England Closing date	ITTF closing date	From	To	Event
28/03/2018	17/04/2018	17/05/2018	May 20 2018	Slovak Junior Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Senec (SVK)
03/04/2018	23/04/2018	23/05/2018	May 27 2018	Polish Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Wladyslawowo (POL)
08/04/2018	28/04/2018	28/05/2018	May 31 2018	Canada Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Markham (CAN)
Separate policy	02/05/2018	01/06/2018	Jun 2 2018	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 YOG series - North America, Markham (CAN)
15/04/2018	05/05/2018	04/06/2018	Jun 7 2018	Cook Islands Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Rarotonga (COK)
Separate policy	09/05/2018	08/06/2018	Jun 9 2018	Road to Buenos Aires 2018 YOG series - Oceania, Rarotonga (COK)
15/05/2018	04/06/2018	04/07/2018	Jul 8 2018	China Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Golden Series Junior Circuit, Taicang (CHN)
Separate policy	15/06/2018	15/07/2018	Jul 24 2018	European Youth Championships, Cluj Napoca (ROU)
05/06/2018	25/06/2018	25/07/2018	Jul 29 2018	Jordan Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Amman (JOR)
12/06/2018	02/07/2018	01/08/2018	Aug 5 2018	Hong Kong Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Golden Series Junior Circuit, Hong Kong (HKG)
26/06/2018	16/07/2018	15/08/2018	Aug 19 2018	El Salvador Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, San Salvador (ESA)
03/07/2018	23/07/2018	22/08/2018	Aug 26 2018	Chinese Taipei Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Golden Series Junior Circuit, Taipei (TPE)
Separate policy	08/08/2018	07/09/2018	Sep 9 2018	Europe Youth Top 10, Vila Real (POR)
24/07/2018	13/08/2018	12/09/2018	Sep 16 2018	Croatia Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Varazdin (CRO)
07/08/2018	27/08/2018	26/09/2018	Sep 30 2018	Serbia Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Belgrade (SRB)
Separate policy	06/09/2018	06/10/2018	Oct 18 2018	3rd Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires (ARG)
04/09/2018	24/09/2018	24/10/2018	Oct 28 2018	Egypt Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Sharm El Sheikh (EGY)
13/09/2018	03/10/2018	02/11/2018	Nov 4 2018	Slovak Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Bratislava (SVK)
18/09/2018	08/10/2018	07/11/2018	Nov 11 2018	Hungary Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Premium Junior Circuit, Szombathely (HUN)

Table Tennis England Closing date	ITTF closing date	From	To	Event
25/09/2018	15/10/2018	14/11/2018	Nov 18 2018	Portugal Junior & Cadet Open, ITTF Junior Circuit, Loule (POR)
06/10/2018	26/10/2018	25/11/2018	Dec 2 2018	World Junior Table Tennis Championships

***Current list as of publication date 5/10/18 and subject to change- as events are changed or added Table Tennis England closing date is 20 days prior to the ITTF closing date.**

For 2017 events the Table Tennis England closing date is 20 days before the ITTF final entry deadline.

Table Tennis England will complete selections to each event no later than three working days after the Table Tennis England closing date for entries.

In the event that the prospectus is delayed resulting in its publication being inside the Table Tennis England entry deadline, Table Tennis England will endeavour to complete selections in a timely manner to allow athletes to enter the event, subject to them completing the relevant forms and payment and being selected for the event, but accepts no responsibility for the late publication or delays in entry processing and selection resulting in an athletes' entry not being accepted by the event organisers or the ITTF.

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 Head of Coaching & Performance (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 Head of Coaching & Performance (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;

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
- The athlete does not adhere to the code of conduct or team members' agreement
- The athlete in the sole 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
- The athlete fails to comply with any reasonable training or competition programme set out by Table Tennis England performance staff
- The athlete fails to comply with the entry processes and payment schedule detailed within this policy
- The athlete does not pay all relevant fees or any payment is returned.

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.

Notification

- Eligible players will be notified in a blind carbon copy (BCC) group email to all applicants confirming who has been selected. Players will no longer receive individual letters notifying them of non selection. Instead all eligible players will receive the same email communicating the outcome of selection.
- Except in exceptional circumstance ineligible players will not be notified or receive the above email.
- The email will communicate the same information as the individual letters regarding the selection review process and the need for confidentiality until Table Tennis England make a team or selection announcement.

Selection Review

- Eligible athletes are entitled to request a review of the decision by the Selection Panel not to select them for each singles event in which they have completed all the relevant entry requirements and paid all the appropriate fees by the Table Tennis England deadlines specified in this policy and in accordance with the procedure set out here. The selection review process is intended to be quick, fair and as objective as possible.
- If an athlete wishes to request a singles selection decision be reviewed, he or she must notify the Chief Executive of Table Tennis England that they wish to appeal as soon as possible, and in any event no later than by 4pm on the working day after they have been notified of their non-selection. Such a notification must be given in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to appeals@tabletennisengland.co.uk and be accompanied by a fee of £150.
- The appeal will be reviewed under Table Tennis England's Selection Review Policy found on the Table Tennis England website.
- In most cases the normal review request timeline will prevail unless exceptional circumstances require the 'fast track' timeline be followed. Table Tennis England will notify athletes if the 'fast track' review process is required when they are notified of their non selection.

Section Two: Process

Entry procedures

Athletes will be required to submit their entry to Table Tennis England no later than the Table Tennis England deadline listed above. Table Tennis England will confirm athlete selection within three working days of Table Tennis England deadline for receipt of athlete nominations. Athletes will then be required to complete all payments and final paper work, including travel details and hospitality selection to Table Tennis England no later than ten working days before the ITTF entry deadline.

Table Tennis England will complete all entry requirements as required by the event subject to athletes completing this process and being selected. Athletes who have not completed the payment process before the deadline will not be entered into the event. Individual athletes are liable for all their own costs unless otherwise agreed with Table Tennis England.

Table Tennis England require each athlete to be accompanied by a suitable adult, acting in Loco Parentis, if the athlete is under eighteen at the time of submitting their entry to Table Tennis England. Athletes must nominate this person(s) on their entry form and will be required to arrange payment in full for any costs incurred by this athlete attending.

England receives three (in both male and female singles) entries per event (except World Junior Championships and World Cadet Challenge) and [one team entry, Table Tennis England](#) may enter additional athletes on to the waiting list. If the maximum number of entries is received, England will only receive the three places in each singles event, if however the event has capacity additional entries over the three fixed places will be received. Athletes will be placed on the waiting list in and accepted in to the event in order of their ITTF current World Ranking, alternating one female and one male player until the maximum number of entries have been reached. If there are still spaces available after all the entries from players with a World Ranking have been entered then players without a world ranking will be entered in the order in which they were entered in to the ITTF event entry system.

Event entries are limited by the number of tables as per ITTF regulations (http://www.ittf.com/protour/2014/PDF/SSI_WT2014_FINAL_.pdf). The event organisers will then complete their entry process and invoice Table Tennis England accordingly. Table Tennis England will then make payment on behalf of the athletes entering each event who have been confirmed by the event organisers. Athletes who have not been accepted will have their payment refunded by Table Tennis England.

In the event that an athlete withdraws from the event then Table Tennis England will complete the process on behalf of the athlete and return any monies that are refunded, noting that there are charges and fees depending on the timing of the withdrawal notice (http://www.ittf.com/protour/2014/PDF/SSI_WT2014_FINAL_.pdf). Table Tennis England will complete the withdrawal within one working day of notification from the athlete but it is not liable in the event of any delay in withdrawal resulting in increased charges or other penalties.

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 will not be entered into events unless all payments have been received in advance.

Table Tennis England reserve the right to offer its limited funding to players for a range of the events covered by this policy at its full and sole discretion. There is no right of appeal in the event that an athlete is not offered any funding support for various events. Table Tennis England will only offer funding to players who have already earned selection for the respective event and the funding may cover all or part of the costs associated with entering the event. Even if Table Tennis England have made an offer in writing to cover all or part of the costs associated with an event entry, Table Tennis England require that the player and their parents if relevant must still sign and return the relevant form by the appropriate deadline in order to be considered for selection for the event.

Event type

This selection policy will select singles entries first (for relevant category in which entry is sought). If Table Tennis England are sending any official staff members, Table Tennis England will select at its full and sole discretion the members of any

additional categories i.e. Team, doubles and mixed doubles. There is no right of appeal in the event that an athlete is not selected for any of the further categories at the respective event.

If Table Tennis England are not sending any official staff members and the event has additional competitions in team, doubles or mixed doubles, athletes may select partner(s) or the 'partner wanted' option with which to enter these events, provided one of the following have been met by the athlete(s) the selected player is seeking to partner with:

- The athlete(s) being proposed have also met the Table Tennis England entry requirements and been selected for the singles competition at the same event; or
- The athlete(s) have been entered by another nation; Table Tennis England accepts no responsibility for the entry process or fee payment of any athlete(s) from other countries.
- Team, doubles or mixed double entries and payment must be received by Table Tennis England no later than five working days before the Team, doubles or mixed doubles entry deadline specified on the event prospectus.

Table Tennis England reserve the right to select partners for athletes that are already selected and entered for the singles event and refuse entry to the Team, doubles or mixed doubles if it believes that the partner an athlete has selected has not fulfilled either of the above requirements or will not perform in a manner consistent with the objectives of this policy.

In the event that there are more demand for Team, doubles or mixed doubles entries, Table Tennis England will consider each entry inline with the discretionary criteria detailed above including relevant Team, doubles or mixed doubles performances in the qualification period. Table Tennis England will select up to the ITTF limit of one Team and three pairs (in each gender) or other limit specified in the event prospectus.

Table Tennis England accepts no responsibility for any loss of fees or entry status should a Team, doubles or mixed doubles partner(s) withdraw from an event either before or after any relevant deadlines. Table Tennis England will endeavour to refund to the athlete any fees returned by the event organiser and will process any athlete withdrawals inline with the entry procedures detailed above.

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 an official support staff member(s) they must request this on their initial entry form and if selected complete all payments necessary for their nominated official staff member(s). Table Tennis England will consider each request and decide whether it is appropriate for the individual to be nominated as an official supporter of the athlete(s) attending the event. In doing so Table Tennis England will have cause to consider if:

- Table Tennis England are sending a Table Tennis England Official or Delegate
- The level and status of the event
- The performance standard of the athlete(s)
- The number of other athletes from England attending the event
- The age of the athlete(s) attending the event
- there allowing an athlete(s) official support staff member may give cause to a child protection issue with that athlete or any other England athlete attending the event
- The experience, qualifications and suitability at the sole discretion of Table Tennis England of the nominated person(s)
- Other information as Table Tennis England may deem relevant

When Table Tennis England do send an official staff member and two players entered by Table Tennis England compete against each other, Table Tennis England require that the athletes agree that no 'Captaining' for either player will take place

and Table Tennis England will not allow any representative to fulfil this role. Where Table Tennis England does not send any official staff member and two players entered by Table Tennis England compete against each other the role of the 'Captain' is at the individual players discretion.

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.

Table Tennis England require that any athlete attending an event under eighteen years of age at the time of entry be supported by relevant adult and will aim to convey official accreditation in support of an athlete subject to the above considerations and the number of other supporters attending and ITTF limitations.

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.

Should Table Tennis England decide to send an athletes' nominated official staff member, the individual will be required to act in accordance with all relevant Table Tennis England policies and will include signing of a code of conduct or team members agreement. All attendees will be expected to behave in a manner consistent with the highest standards and represent themselves, their athletes and Table Tennis England in the best possible light.

Section Three: 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 Performance in writing or by email before submitting their first entry under this policy for the 2015-16 season to performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk or 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.

Eligible players who are not British passport holders accept that being entered by England may affect their future ability to represent another country and that any and all consequences are the players' responsibility.

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Acknowledged by:

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____ (Athlete)

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____ (Parent/Guardian)

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