



## Table Tennis England Selection Policy

V1.0

The European Team Table Tennis Championships Stage One are taking place from 23-24 January 2021, venues to be confirmed.

### 1. Event Purpose

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

- a. To secure qualification to the next stage.

### 2. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only consider athletes for selection who comply with the Table Tennis England Major Championships Eligibility Policy 2020.

### 3. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England may select up to four players for each team (Men & Women) through the following selection process:

Players will first be selected under the automatic criteria (4a) and if spaces remain additional players may be added under the wildcard (4b) criteria up to the maximum team size if the wildcard panel feel that players of sufficient quality are available for selection.

### 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 100 ITTF senior ranking (for two months or more in the qualification period)
2. Last 16 of any World Tour events in the qualification period



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 one criteria have more players than places, then the players in that criteria will be required to play off for that place(s).

### **b) Wild Card Selection**

If there are still places available after Automatic Selections have been accommodated 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.

## **5. Medical**

At the time of their selection, any selected athlete may have their medical 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**

Table Tennis England reserves the right to amend this Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at [this page](#). Table Tennis England is continually monitoring the latest advice and developments in respect of COVID-19 in particular, and it is acknowledged that changes to the qualification and/or selection pathway may be made at relatively short notice. Table

Tennis England will use all endeavours to keep all athletes up to date as soon as possible in the event of any changes to this policy.

Event	From	To
Competition	23/1/21	24/1/21
Preparation Camp	TBC	
Selection Announcement	TBC	
Selections notified	TBC	
Entry Deadline (ITTF)	TBC	
Qualification Period	1/1/18	30/11/20

## 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 National Men's Coach (for male selections)
- d) Table Tennis England Women's Captain (for female selections)
- e) 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 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.

## 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 sole opinion of the Wildcard 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 30/11/20 to Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, 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)

