



BRITISH TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

British Table Tennis Federation Selection Policy

V2.2

Tokyo Olympic Games Ambition Programme – 3rd- 4th August 2021.

1. Event Purpose

The Ambition Programme is one of the BOA's unique approaches to achieving performance gains and enhancing British medal success by providing aspiring Olympians with an opportunity to experience an Olympic Games prior to competing in one. The programme aims to inspire young athletes and to better inform their preparations for the following Olympic Games. Following their completion of the Ambition Programme, the players will be asked to share their learnings within our sport to widen the programme's legacy.

2. Eligibility

British Table Tennis Federation will only consider athletes for selection who:

1. Are affiliated to a Home Nation Table Tennis Association, holding a valid Home Nation Table Tennis Association Player Licence and are in good standing;
2. Are eligible to represent GB in Olympic events and have a valid British Passport;
3. Are aged 19 or younger;
4. Have not participated in a previous BOA Olympic Ambition Programme;
5. Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of any Home Nation Table Tennis Association or ITTF or ETTU;
6. Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti corruption or anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti corruption or anti-doping rules;
7. Have provided British Table Tennis Federation Team Leader with a signed Acknowledgement, notifying an intention to be considered for selection, by 5pm on 24th May 2021 as set out at the end of the Selection Policy;
8. Are not expected to be under any COVID self isolation or travel restrictions. (Players expecting to compete at the European Youth Championships Cadet event would be within the current 10 day self isolation phase and as such are expected to be ineligible for selection.)

3. Scope of the Team

British Table Tennis Federation may select up to two players to take part in the Ambition Programme.

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

If places remain after automatic criteria have been applied, then any remaining places may be offered to eligible players under the Wild Card (point 4b).

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:

- i. hold a top-50 ITTF Junior or Cadet ranking for two or more months within the qualification period;

In the event there are more automatic selections than places, the selection panel will determine the selections from within the automatic players..

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 with Wild Card places.

The panel may choose any eligible players and, in considering which (if any) players to select, will consider the following (non-exhaustive) factors and criteria, giving such weight to such factors as it sees fit in its discretion:

- (i) The players' potential to compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games;
- (ii) Performance in major championships;
- (iii) Two best wins as defined by the opponents ranking at the time of competition (these wins will only be accepted in ITTF ranking point events);
- (iv) Performances in ITTF ranking events;
- (v) ITTF ranking profile;
- (vi) Team engagement and commitment to team competitions as experienced by the selection panel;
- (vii) Any other information that the selection panel may deem relevant.

For the avoidance of doubt the selection panel is not required to select any Wild Cards but may choose to do so if space is available.

5. Fees

British Table Tennis Federation, through the UK Sport Award will cover the BOA fees (£200) per person. Successful players will be expected to meet their own travel to and from

6. Event-Specific Qualification Period & Selection Timeline

Event	From	To
Olympic Ambition Programme	3/8/21	4/8/21
Launch Day	TBC	
Nomination Announcement	TBC	
Nominations notified	28/5/21	
Qualification Period	01/05/19	30/4/21

7. Wild Card Selection Panel

A selection panel (all with voting rights) will be established comprising:

- a) Table Tennis England Director of Sport (Chair)
- b) Table Tennis Wales National Coach
- c) Table Tennis Scotland Director of Performance
- d) Table Tennis Ireland National Coach (or similar as agreed by Table Tennis Ulster)

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 British Table Tennis Federation 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 British Table Tennis Federation 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 British Table Tennis Federation .

9. De-Selection

British Table Tennis Federation 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. 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:

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No appeals will be considered in the following cases:

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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 5pm 24/05/21 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)

