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# PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME OPERATION FEBRUARY 2019

# Guidelines



- Table Tennis England's Board have approved the following guidelines and principles which will underpin the operation of the performance programme over the coming seasons.
- These will form the basis of all selection policies and processes.

# Standards - Above The Line

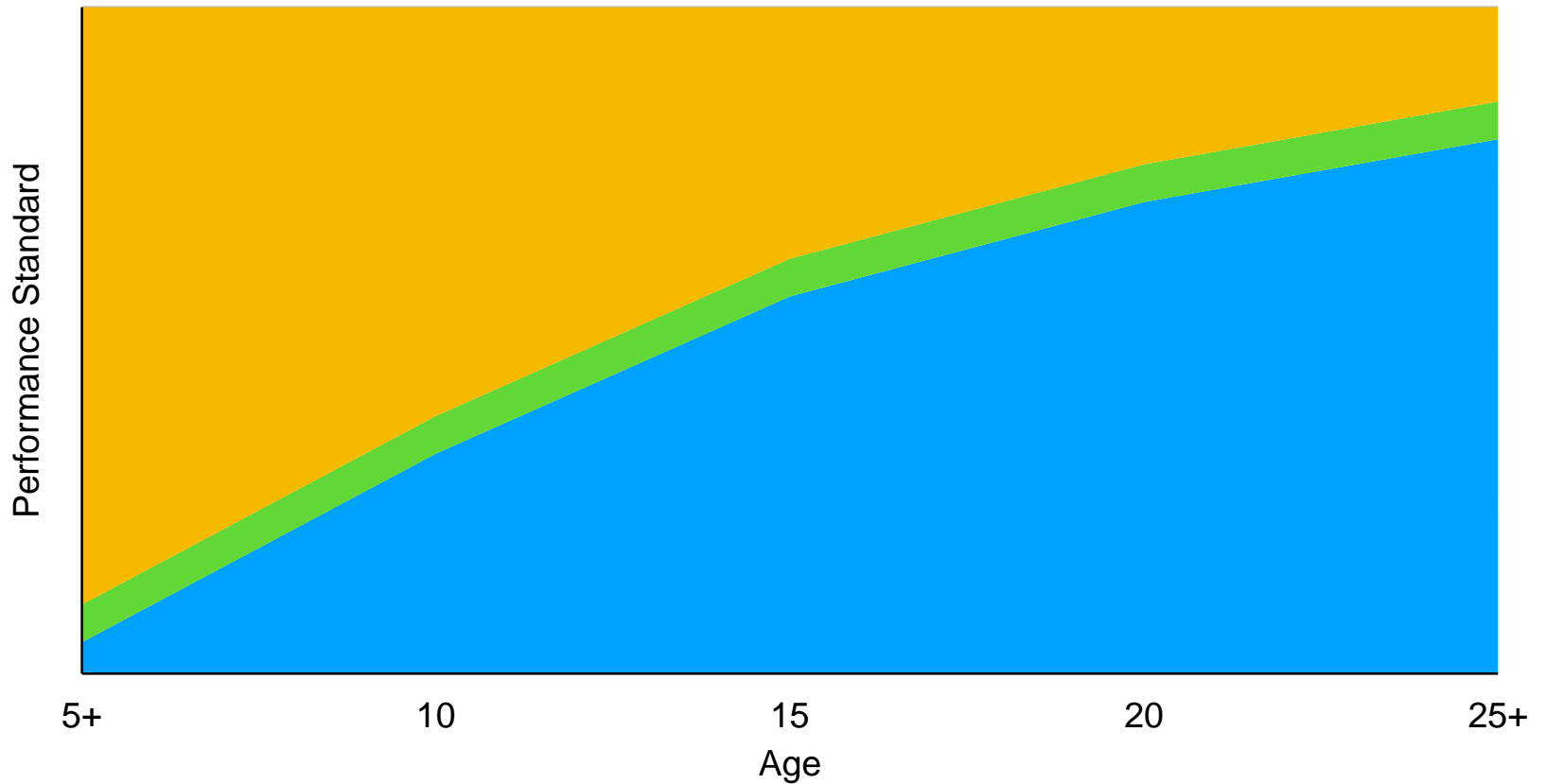


- The performance programme will focus its time and resources on players whose playing standard is demonstrated above the line we have set.
- Over time the line we set will be moved upwards.
- As a guide the line is currently positioned at a ranking of 20 or above in Europe for an 18-year-old player.



# Responsibility

- Performance Programme
- Performance Programme supporting Club Coaches
- Club



# Operating Principles



- Merit trumps all
- Championship Team selections will be managed independently of Squad selections
- Championship Team selections should be as objective as possible and limit the risk of compromising the coaches working with squads
- Investment should be focused on players who are above the line
- Squads are only for those players who want to work with the national coaching team, they are not compulsory or connected with Championship Team selections

# Selection processes - we will



- Operate separate selection processes for squads and teams
- Operate separate Major Championship selection from ongoing International event selection
- Ongoing event selection to be objective by being based on International ranking
- Introduce direct play-offs for oversubscribed selections

# Squad Selections



- Younger selections are based on players' ability to complete tasks and challenges that are designed to meet the demands of the sport both on and off the table.
- These tasks and challenges give the basis for their practice away from squad training
- As the players improve these tasks and challenges evolve in order to maximise their development
- Over time younger players will be exposed to more international competition in order to move towards an international based ranking.
- Entry to England Squads - *exact details to follow in individual criteria:*
  - Hopes: Must meet minimum challenge level
  - 913: Must meet a higher minimum challenge level
  - England Youth Squad (U15): Minimum standard based on Domestic ranking, then completing benchmarking and assessment
  - England Youth Squad (U18): Minimum standard based on ETTU ranking and the complete benchmarking and assessment

# World Tour (inc Youth)



- Entry given to players on the ITTF ranking list one month before entry closes - in ranking order (*provided they have requested entry*);
- If there are spaces after all ITTF ranked players have been accommodated, places will be offered to eligible players who have no international ranking;
- If there are more unranked players than spaces available, all the eligible unranked players will be offered a direct play-off for the remaining space(s);
- Players with no international ranking must have a top-15 domestic ranking within their age group at the time of application in order to be eligible;
- Two ITTF Junior Circuit events (not major championships) per year will have entry prioritised for England Youth Squad members. Selection for these will be made by England Youth Squad National Coaching Team and remaining places offered as above. This only applies to selection, not funding;
- Unless otherwise noted, all events are self funded.