

# Table Tennis England Selection Policy

## European Youth Championships

### Novi Sad, Serbia, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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## 1. Purpose

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

- 1.1 Improve on the overall team performance from the 2021 Championship and/or;
- 1.2 Support the development of young players with a rising international profile.

## 2. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only consider athletes for selection who comply with the Table Tennis England Major Championships Eligibility Policy 2022:

(<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2022/03/Table-Tennis-England-Major-Championships-Eligibility-Policy-2022-v1.0.pdf>)

## 3. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England may select up to the number of players authorised by the ETTU in the following order;

### 3.1 Team Competition

- 3.1.1 The selection panel may select a team to represent England at this event up to the minimum team size (Cadet = 2, Junior = 3);
- 3.1.2 The panel may additionally select one extra player above the minimum team size if the selection panel in their expert opinion believe that this will contribute to achieving the objectives set out at the beginning of this policy (point 1).

### 3.2 Singles Competition

- 3.2.1 The selection panel may select up to the number of players authorised by the ETTU to represent England in this event;
- 3.2.2 Players selected for the team competition will be given a singles competition entry.

### 3.3 Doubles & Mixed Doubles Competitions

- 3.3.1 The selection panel may select up to the number of pairs authorised by the ETTU to represent England in the doubles and mixed doubles events;
- 3.3.2 Players selected for the team competition will be given a doubles and mixed competition entry.

## 4. Criteria

Selection can be achieved either automatically or as a wild card by the selection panel, as follows:

### 4.1 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 automatic criteria within the qualification period in following priority order:

- 4.1.1 Reached the quarter-final or better in a European WTT Contender Star Contender event (age group specific);
- 4.1.2 National Champion - in current age group (age group specific)

### 4.2 Wild Card Selection

If there are still places available after Automatic selections have been accommodated, or if there are more players than places available under the Automatic selection criteria (point 4.1), then the selection panel may choose to select up to the number of spaces available as set out in Scope of the Team (point 3)

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.

The selection panel as experts, will use their judgement to select the best team(s) and individuals in order to achieve the objectives as set out at the beginning of this policy (point 1). Their reasoning must be rational, reasonable, free of bias and generally in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

For the avoidance of doubt, the selection panel is not required to select a team or individuals in every category if it does not consider that players are yet at the standard to achieve objectives as set out at the beginning of this policy (point 1).

## 5. Medical

At the time of their selection, any selected player may have their medical and/or musculoskeletal status confirmed by a nominated Table Tennis England Medical adviser. Any selected player may, at any other time, be required by the Head of England 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 England Performance (and/or his delegate) will specify the process by which a selected player 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

Event	From	To
Qualification Period	01/09/2021	31/04/2022
TTE Application Closing Date	30/04/2022	
Player Selection Notification	16/05/2022	
Public Selection Announcement	31/05/2022	
ETTU Entry Deadline	TBC	
Prep Camp	TBC	
Travel	04/07/2022*	
Competition	06/07/2022	15/07/2022

\* subject to change

## 7. Wild Card Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- Table Tennis England Head of England Performance (Chair);
- Table Tennis England Head Coach;
- 2 x Table Tennis England National Coaches;
- Independent panel member (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 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:

(<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2021/09/Conflicts-of-Interest-Policy-November-2020.pdf>)

Any member with a conflict of interest shall not be entitled to vote on that issue.

## 8. Media & Communication

All selected players are required to adhere to the Social Media guidance which can be found on the Table Tennis England website at the following address:

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding/photography-guidelines/>

All players, 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 player under any of the following circumstances (whether automatic or wild card selection):

- 9.1 The player is no longer eligible for selection for this event;
- 9.2 The player does not adhere to the code of conduct or team members agreement;

- 9.3 The player in the 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;
- 9.4 The player fails to comply with any reasonable training or competition programme set out by Table Tennis England performance staff;
- 9.5 Any exceptional circumstances exist which in the reasonable opinion of the selection panel justify the non-selection or de-selection of the player 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:

- 10.1 The selection criteria were not applied correctly;
- 10.2 A player was de-selected under point 9 above;
- 10.3 An ineligible player was selected under any point.

The appeals process for these cases is set out here:

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2021/08/TABLE-TENNIS-ENGLAND-Selection-Review-Policy-2.1.pdf>

No appeals will be considered in the following cases:

- 10.4 Wild Card criteria selections save for ineligibility; or
- 10.5 Doubles or Mixed Doubles pairings.

## 11. Acknowledgement

Each player 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<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Table Tennis England, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, 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)