

Table Tennis England Selection Policy

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The European Table Tennis Championships are taking place on 13-21 August 2022 in Munich, Germany.

1. Event Purpose

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

- a. To secure a last 16 finish or better in either singles, doubles or mixed doubles;
- b. To support the development of younger players with a rising international profile (as defined in section 4 of the policy).

2. Eligibility

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

(<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2022/04/Table-Tennis-England-Major-Championships-Eligibility-Policy-2022-v1.1.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;

3.2 Singles Competition

The selection panel may select up to the number of players authorised by the ETTU (Men = 5, Women = 3) to represent England in this event;

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 singles competition will be given a doubles and mixed competition entry.

4. Criteria

The selection panel as experts, will use their judgement to select 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.

The panel will consider relevant information from within the qualification period (point 6), in the following priority order:

4.1 International Profile, including:

- Performances at the following events
 - World Individual Championships 2021;
 - European Team Championships 2021;
 - WTT Feeder Events;
 - WTT Contender Events;
 - WTT Star Contender Events;
- World ranking profile;
- Players best two wins in World / European and WTT events;
- Win / loss ratio in WTT events;

4.2 Domestic Profile, including:

- Performance at the following events:
 - Senior National Championships 2022;
 - Commonwealth Games Play-Off Competition 2022;
- National ranking profile.

4.3 Other Key Performance Factors, including:

- Players' commitment to improve and play at the highest level;
- Current form leading into the championships;
- Team dynamics and cohesion;
- Physical readiness and capability to compete at this level;
- Current illness or injury status;
- Behaviour when playing in domestic / international events and/or when previously playing for England;
- Players potential to perform at a high level in future events representing England;
- Other relevant performance information which the selection panel in the expert opinion believes should be considered in order to achieve the objective set out at the beginning of this policy (point 1).

For the avoidance of doubt, the selection panel is not required to select individuals in every category if it does not consider that there are players available that are currently capable of performing at a credible level.

5. 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 England Performance (and / or their 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 their 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

Event	From	To	
Competition	13/08/22	21/08/22	
Application Closing Date	26/06/22		
Preparation Camp	TBC		
Selection Announcement	04/07/2022		
Selections notified	29/06/2022		
Entry Deadline (ETTU)	15/07/2022		
Qualification Period	01/05/2021		26/06/2022

7. Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- a) Table Tennis England Head of England Performance (Chair);
- b) Table Tennis England Men's Coach (for male selections);
- c) Table Tennis England Women's Coach (for female selections);
- d) Independent Observer (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://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2021/08/Safeguarding-Social-Media-Guidelines-for-Pathway-Athletes-Jan-21.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:

- 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 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 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:

- i. The 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. Selections save for ineligibility;



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) or in writing by 26/06/22 to Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK8 9LA.

For any Under 18 players', a parent or guardian will also be required to sign the returned copy. Players' should retain the second copy for their own records.

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Acknowledged by:

Name _____ Signed _____

Date _____ (Athlete)

Name _____ Signed _____

Date _____ (Parent – for athletes under 18 years old)



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