

## **Selection Policy - Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE)**

### **Table Tennis England DiSE Programme 2023-24 Season**

#### **1. Overview**

This selection policy relates to the Table Tennis England Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) Programme for 2023-2024. DiSE is a training and education programme for talented players. More details are provided in the information pack.

#### **2. Programme Purpose**

The aims of the DiSE programme are to support players to better understand the commitment and demands of elite international table tennis and performance sport and prepare them for possible future roles within the sports industry. This is achieved through the delivery of national, and where appropriate international training and competition opportunities, specialist workshops, and reflective sessions.

#### **3. Selection Panel**

A selection panel will be established comprising of:

- Table Tennis England Head of Pathway Development (Chair)
- Table Tennis England DiSE Lead
- Table Tennis England National Coach
- Table Tennis England Performance Logistics Officer

#### **4. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (Nationality & Education)**

Table Tennis England will only select players for the DiSE programme who:

- Have a valid British Passport
- Are aged between 16 to 18 (or aged 19 to 24 if you have an Education, Health and Care plan) when you start the programme  
Be studying in Further Education (FE) in England from September 2023 (full time or approved part time study)
- Will be in either a state funded study programme or attending a fee-paying school under the following conditions:
  - (a) State funded programme – are studying towards either an academic (e.g., A-level) or technical qualification (e.g., NVQ)
  - (b) Fee-paying school – under the following circumstances you can be considered for DiSE if:
    - You are / will be in receipt of a school's means-tested bursary of at least 50% fee remission, or
    - In receipt of a talent / ability-based scholarship of at least 50%, but were this not to be the case then you would have otherwise qualified for your school's means-tested bursary of at least 50% fee remission, or
    - At least 50% of your student fees are being paid for by the third sector organisation but were this not the case then you would have otherwise qualified for your school's means-testing of at least 50% fee remission.

#### **5. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (Table Tennis)**

The DiSE programme is targeted at players who are aged between 16 to 18 years old who wish to continue to pursue performance level table tennis whilst they

continue their further education. Selected members of this squad need to clearly demonstrate their commitment to improve, as well as demonstrating the core behaviours expected of our England pathway & performance players:

- *Passion & Drive, Resilience, Curiosity, Self-Management, Gratitude and Respect, Adaptability, Thrives in Competition, and Takes Care.*

**The panel will select players that meet several of the following points:**

- Players should be affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Players Licence and in good standing
- Players (non-para) should be ranked in the Top 50 of the Table Tennis England U19 Ranking List by the time of application
- Para players should be part of or working towards the British Para Table Tennis Pathway Programme
- Players with experience or aspiring to become a performance level player
- Players that are attending a table tennis academy programme (e.g., Grantham College Academy)

## **6. Application Deadline**

- Table Tennis England will only consider players for the 2023-24 DiSE programme who have completed and submitted their application form by **9am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**

## **7. Assessment & Selection Process**

The assessment & selection process will consist of the following:

Applications will be reviewed by the selection panel, with selected players invited to join the 2023/24 DiSE cohort.

Timings as follows:

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023\_– Application window closes
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Applications shortlisted / selected
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August - Selection / non-selection notification

If selected, players will be required to sign the players code of conduct.

## **8. De-Selection**

Table Tennis England retains the right to deselect an athlete under any of the following circumstances:

- The player is no longer eligible for selection for this programme
- The player does not adhere to the players code of conduct
- The player does not fulfil the educational requirements of the programme
- The player fails to comply with any reasonable training or competition programme set out by Table Tennis England performance staff

## **9. Acknowledgement**

In applying for this programme, you are fully committing to the programme of activity that is set out (on the separate DiSE programme overview), with this being prioritised over other competition and training. Each player shall acknowledge that they have read, understood, and accepted these Selection Criteria and Guidelines by signing this form and sharing with:

**[emma.vickers@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:emma.vickers@tabletennisengland.co.uk) by 9am Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**

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.

Policy:

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England DiSE Programme 2023/24**

Acknowledged by:

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_  
(Player)

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)