

Table Tennis England Event Entry Policy

WTT Youth Series 2023-24

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1. Policy Summary

This policy covers events from the World Table Tennis (WTT) Youth Series.

2. Competition Categories

The WTT Youth series is the competition structure which has replaced the previous International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Junior Circuit. This policy covers the following ITTF / WTT Youth series events;

2.1. Youth Contender

2.1.1. A series of up to 30 events per season which including Under 15 & 19 singles events, with optional doubles and singles categories of Under 11, 13, 17 age groups events**

2.2. Youth Star Contender

2.2.1. A series of up to eight events per season for players' for the top 30 highest WTT world ranked players on entry (plus two host nation entries). Competition will only include under 15 & 19 singles, doubles and mixed doubles*

**All events are mandatory for entered athletes*

***Subject to event prospectus and availability*

3. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only consider players for these events who:

3.1. Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Player Licence and in good standing;

3.2. Must be a part of one of the following Squads:

- Futures Squad
- National Training Squad
- Start Squad
- Potential Squad

If a player is not in one of the named squads above and are ranked within the top 15 of their respective age category; the player's entry will be assessed against the performance standards by the Head of Performance Development and players will then be informed if their entry will be endorsed by Table Tennis England.



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- 3.3. Are eligible to be endorsed by England in ITTF and ETTU approved competitions (having met the eligibility criteria above) and have a valid British Passport or be in the process of securing a British passport (in the situation where a player is securing their British passport and is not nationally ranked, entries will be considered for endorsement if they meet the performance standards)
- 3.4. Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU;
- 3.5. Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping or anticorruption rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules;
- 3.6. Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed acknowledgement (as set out at the end of the policy);
- 3.7. Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping or anticorruption rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules;
- 3.8. Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed acknowledgement (as set out at the end of the policy);
- 3.9. Have completed the relevant Table Tennis England Online Application Form by the deadline set by Table Tennis England;
- 3.10. If entered, players must sign and return the Table Tennis England Player Code of Conduct, and in doing so agree to abide by it for the entirety of the event which includes the travel to and from the competition;
- 3.11. For Youth Star Contender Events - Players must be ranked in the top 50 of the WTT World ranking list (age group specific) at the time of application to be considered*;
- 3.12. Table Tennis England will only take loco-parentis of players that are using funding (through Table Tennis England or awards such as Backing the Best) for the event. Entry endorsements will be made on a competition by competition basis considering the athletes performance trajectory, behaviours, and standards. Entry will be on a self-funded basis unless otherwise stated by the Head of Performance Development. If a player's entry has been endorsed, but they are attending the event on a self-funded basis, players will be required to have a parent or coach attend with them;

4. Entry Process

Table Tennis England will use the following process to enter players to WTT Youth Series events:

- 4.1. Players should sign and return this selection policy (only once per season- unless it is updated);
- 4.2. Event Categories:

- 4.2.1. Youth Star Contender – u15 & u19 events only. Mandatory to play in all eligible events if entry is accepted;
- 4.2.2. Youth Contender – players can apply to play in their own age category and the one above provided spaces are available
- 4.2.3. One doubles event* (age group specific);
- 4.2.4. One mixed doubles event* (age group specific)
- 4.2.5. One team event* (age group specific);

**subject to event prospectus and availability*

- 4.3. Players will be entered in singles, doubles, and/or team where appropriate. Players may request their doubles partner on the application form, providing both players meet the entry requirements, are endorsed for the event and requesting each other will be entered in the relevant doubles event;
- 4.4. Should players not make a reciprocal doubles / team request, Table Tennis England reserves the right to enter players in WTT then Table Tennis England ranking order, i.e highest world then nationally ranked player will partner the next highest world then nationally ranked, and so on;
- 4.5. All team events covered by this policy will be entered in WTT ranking, then Table Tennis England ranking order and players will be expected to play in that order during the competition unless a Table Tennis England staff member is attending when additional order changes may be made;
- 4.6. Players should complete the online application form and submit it by the Table Tennis England closing date*;
- 4.7. Eligible players who have met the entry requirements will be entered in the following manner:
 - 4.7.1. Highest ranked players on relevant (age group to competition) WTT ranking list, by the Table Tennis England Closing date. Players will be entered in ITTF ranking order;
 - 4.7.2. If spaces remain after all WTT ranked players have been accommodated, Table Tennis England will enter players in order of their domestic ranking prior to the event closing date;
- 4.8. All entered players are required to submit payment for selected entry fees to Table Tennis England as set out in section 6 of this policy;
- 4.9. Players are liable for any ranking or fee penalties incurred should they withdraw or be withdrawn after the WTT specified date. Players will not be entered into future competitions until all outstanding fees are paid;
- 4.10. All withdrawals should be done in writing to performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk and until receipt of confirmation of withdrawal from Table Tennis England should continue to compete as entered;

- 4.11. Due to the entry regulations, acceptance of entry can only be confirmed after the event closing date and receipt of confirmation from WTT;
- 4.12. Information on WTT Events, including links to event prospectus's can be found here: <https://www.itff.com/wtt-youth-series-events/>
- 4.13. Players are responsible to meet any event specific Covid-19 testing / hygiene requirements for the event and must meet all stipulated deadlines.

5. Official Event Support

- 5.1. Provided the player is entered, Table Tennis England will enter the requested support person unless:
 - 5.1.1. Table Tennis England are sending a Table Tennis England Official in which case Table Tennis England may choose not to enter the requested support person at its sole discretion;
 - 5.1.2. There are insufficient accredited places to support the request, the highest ranked players will get priority where places are limited;
 - 5.1.3. Table Tennis England believe or have cause to believe that the requested person may give cause to a child protection issue with that athlete or any other England athlete attending the event;
 - 5.1.4. The requested person is not in good standing with Table Tennis England or serving any ban for disciplinary, doping, integrity, child protection or any other relevant issue or facing an investigation that may give rise to a disciplinary process.
- 5.2. In the event that Table Tennis England decline to select the players' nominated official staff member the player accepts that they have no right of appeal no matter whether the decision may impact on their ability to attend or perform at the event in question.
- 5.3. In doing so, Table Tennis England accept that they have no jurisdiction to prevent the person(s) travelling to or attending the event, merely that Table Tennis England may choose not to nominate them as an official accredited member or convey any other status on them.
- 5.4. Should Table Tennis England decide to send a Table Tennis England staff member, they will be officially accredited to the event they are attending. This staff member will have specific responsibilities that may or may not preclude them from supporting individual players' at each event and that Table Tennis England will confirm their role to all attending the event as soon as practical.
- 5.5. Players competing in WTT Youth series events remain the responsibility of their legal parent or guardian and it is the legal parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that any player is appropriately supervised, cared for and supported throughout the competitions that they are entering through this process and meet all relevant travel requirements (eg, airline, country's entry requirements, covid testing, etc).

6. Payment

- 6.1. As noted above, players are responsible for all their own costs associated with entering, travelling and competing in the events covered by this policy unless otherwise agreed in writing with Table Tennis England. In the event that the player is under eighteen then the parent or guardian who signed the application form accepts full responsibility for this payment.
- 6.2. Upon acceptance of entry to a WTT Youth series event, players will be required to pay a deposit as follows:
- 6.3. Where it has been possible to make individual arrangements for hospitality, full 'entry only' payment to be made;
- 6.4. Where the event hospitality option has been chosen / necessary, a minimum deposit of £550 per person prior to the event. Table Tennis England will then recharge or refund any outstanding amounts once all necessary payments have been made;
- 6.5. All outstanding amounts will be recharged to the player by Table Tennis England prior to the event where possible, with all outstanding to be paid no later than two weeks from the recharge invoice date;
- 6.6. Players may be withdrawn from events unless all deposit payments have been received. Any uncleared payments from previous events will prevent entry to other events you wish to apply for;
- 6.7. For cancellations, players will be liable for any fees or charges incurred as a result (please refer to the event prospectus for full details of cancellation fees and charges);
- 6.8. Any associated costs required for travel (such as PCR testing, travel insurance, quarantine accommodation if necessary, etc), are the sole responsibility of the applicant unless otherwise advised.

7. Kit

- 7.1. Events where Table Tennis England organise or fund players for an event, the player will be required to wear England kit. Events where players are not funded by Table Tennis England, yet are merely entered by the members association and consequently self-fund, the players will be required to wear their own kit.

8. Entry Form

- 8.1. The online entry form for WTT Youth series events can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Xj0wccgYNRUSs18EgLI1kw9ypzK6BMwBNvi-EK2WWEkpUM0xXSINOWEg5R09aUDFKUDixM0JCR1dQNS4u>

9. Acknowledgement

9.1. Each player shall acknowledge that they have read, understood and accepted the event entry policy by signing and sending this page to performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk before applying for event entry. For all youth players, a parent or guardian will also be required to sign the returned copy. Players should retain the second copy for their own records.

Acknowledged by:

Player
Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian if under 18
Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____