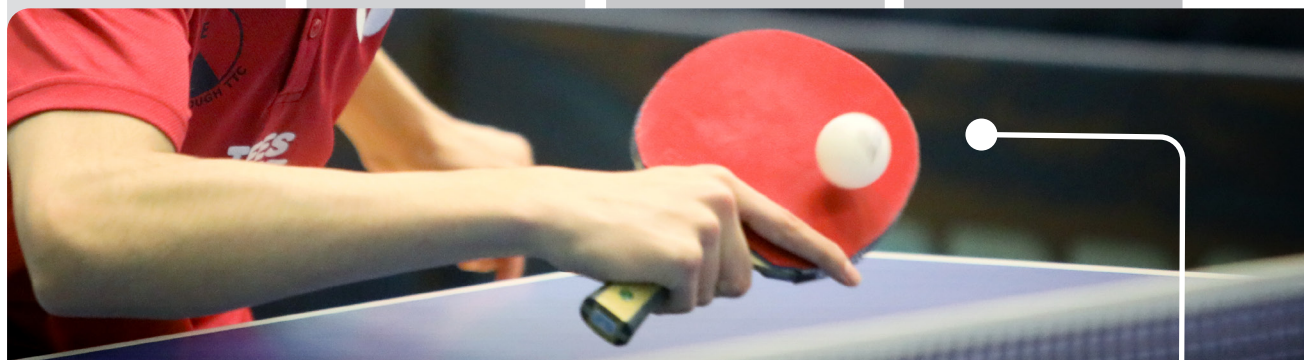


## Player Criteria/Standards (Early Development Group – 8 to 11 years)

The criteria below should be used as a guide to support player entry into the early development group of the PDC. Although technical aspects should be taken into consideration, behaviours, athleticism & commitment are priority criteria for players fairly new to the sport (e.g., aged 8).

Behaviours	Technical competence	Anticipation & decision making	Athleticism & coordination	Game awareness & coachability	Commitment
<p><b>Player:</b> Demonstrates some of the following behaviours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passion and drive</li> <li>• Resilience</li> <li>• Curiosity</li> <li>• Self-management</li> <li>• Gratitude and respect</li> <li>• Adaptability</li> <li>• Thrives in competition</li> <li>• Takes care</li> </ul> <p><i>*An overview of how these behaviours may appear in an U9 and a 9-12yr old player is available in the player development framework* - under development</i></p>	<p><b>Player:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a good grip that is not limiting</li> <li>• Shows they are capable on both wings</li> <li>• Can take the ball early before the top of the bounce on all attacking shots</li> <li>• Ability to hold the table (not running back)</li> <li>• Good ready position and recovery</li> <li>• Minimum of 2-3 services</li> <li>• Has a basic understanding of spin</li> <li>• Has a good forearm speed</li> <li>• Has good feeling in the hand and able to use the wrist</li> <li>• Is able to move laterally and in and out of the table</li> <li>• Is able to undertake basic movement drills on the table</li> </ul>	<p><b>Player:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows good ability to anticipate where the ball is going during irregular play</li> <li>• Has an awareness of the 'right shot at the right time'</li> <li>• Has the ability to change the pace of play (i.e., speed up or slow down)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Player:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can use strength in legs to move around the table</li> <li>• Demonstrates high levels of coordination (or ability to improve) in basic fundamental movement skills activities (e.g., ladders, catching)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Player:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has an awareness of the basic rules of table tennis and how to compete</li> <li>• Is able to take on feedback from a coach and make changes accordingly</li> </ul>	<p><b>Player:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates commitment to attending all PDC based sessions</li> <li>• Shows they are committed to improving their level and progressing in the sport</li> <li>• Shows commitment to start or continue competing</li> </ul>



# Player Criteria/Standards (Pathway Group – 12 to 15 years)

The criteria below should be used as a guide to support player entry OR progression into the PDC pathway group. The criteria should be used as a guide and not as a definitive.

## Behaviours

### Player:

Demonstrates the following behaviours:

- Passion and drive
- Resilience
- Curiosity
- Self-management
- Gratitude and respect
- Adaptability
- Thrives in competition
- Takes care

*\*An overview of how these behaviours may appear in a 12-15yr old player is available in the player development framework\* - under development*

## Performance Criteria

### Player:

- Has a ranking within the top 40 within their respective age group (U13 & U15)
- Competing regularly in 4\* and wider national events

## Technical competence

### Player:

- Demonstrates high level competence on both wings
- Strong variety of service and receive
- High competence in footwork
- Strong tactical development

## Athleticism & coordination

### Player:

- Can use strength in legs to make explosive movements around the table
- Demonstrates high levels of coordination

## Commitment

### Player:

- Demonstrates commitment to attending all PDC based sessions
- Shows they are committed to improving their fitness and table tennis level
- Can evidence a minimum of 10-12 hours a week of training, inclusive of PDC sessions

