

Table Tennis England Selection Policy V2.0

Euro Mini Championships, Schiltingheim, France – 28th – 30th August 2026

**To be confirmed*

1. Event-Specific Qualification Period & Selection Timeline

Event	From		To
Qualification timeframe	01/08/2025		08/05/2026
Returned policy deadline	08/05/2026		
Selections notified by	29/05/2026		
Entry deadline	30/06/2026*		
Selection announcement by	01/07/2026		
Preparation camp	22/08/2026*		25/08/2026*
Travel	27/08/2026*		30/08/2026*
Competition	22/08/2026*		25/08/2026*

**provisional dates, subject to change*

2. Event Purpose

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

- a. To deliver a credible performance and reach a top 8 finish at the event;
- b. To provide the opportunity for younger players to gain international experience;

3. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only select athletes to represent England who:

- 3.1 Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Player Licence and in good standing;
- 3.2 Are eligible to represent England in ITTF, WTT and ETTU approved competitions and have a valid British Passport;
- 3.3 Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU;
- 3.4 Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules;
- 3.5 Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed acknowledgement (as set out at the end of the Selection Policy) and that they wish to be selected for this event **by 9am on Friday 8th May 2026** by emailing performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk

3.6 Are eligible to compete in either the Under 11 or Under 13 age categories. For the avoidance of doubt, players need to have been born on or after the following dates:

- Under 11 - born on or after 1st January 2015;
- Under 13 - born on or after 1st January 2013.

4. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England will select through the following selection process;

4.1 Euro Mini Under 11 Singles Competition;

4.2 Euro Mini Under 13 Singles Competition.

The selection panel may select up to three players per age category (per gender), to represent England at this event, with a maximum squad of 10 players. Eligible players will be considered under the criteria set out in point 4 of the policy;

5. Criteria

Primary Criteria

- Results at the 2025-26 U10-U13 National Championships
- Results in the National Series and 4* events in the 2025-26 calendar year
- International profile based on best results at WTT Youth Contender Events and European Events
- Overall readiness and capability to compete at this level
- Attendance at England Hopes Camps
 - o To be in contention for the Euro Minis Championships, it is expected that players attend 75% of the camp dates offered to them (exceptional circumstances at the discretion of performance staff will apply)

Secondary Criteria

- Ranking Trajectory in relevant age category
- Team Commitment and cohesion
- Current illness or injury status

*For players not currently in the England Hopes squad who wish to put their name forward for selection, alongside your submission you will have to provide evidence around why you think you should be considered.

6. Medical

At the time of selection, a player should advise the England Hopes coach of any injury or illness that may impact their performance at the event.

7. Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- a) Table Tennis England Head of Pathway Development (Chair);
- b) Table Tennis England Talent Pathway Support
- c) England Hopes lead Coach;
- d) England Hopes support Coach x 1;
- e) 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 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. Any member with a conflict of interest shall not be entitled to vote on that issue.

8. Team Travel, Supervision & Kit

All selected athletes will be under the supervision of Table Tennis England staff for the duration of the event. In signing this selection policy, players are committing to travelling to and from the event with the team and staying together in the accommodation arranged for the event. England Kit will be issued to all athletes for this event.

9. 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/content/uploads/2021/08/Safeguarding-Social-Media-Guidelines-for-Pathway-Athletes-Jan-21.pdf>

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.

10. De-Selection

Table Tennis England retains the right to deselect any selected player under any of the following circumstances:

- a) The player is no longer eligible for selection for this event;
- b) The player does not adhere to the code of conduct
- c) 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;
- d) The player fails to comply with any reasonable training or competition programme set out by Table Tennis England performance staff;
- e) 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.

11. Appeals

Eligible players only have the right to appeal in the following cases:

- a) The criteria were not applied correctly;
- b) A player was de-selected under Point 9 above;
- c) 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>

12. 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 9am on Friday 8th May 2026** to Table Tennis England, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, 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)