

Table Tennis England Selection Policy

v2.0

European Under 13 Championship: Nevsehir, Turkey 11th – 15th November 2026

**To be confirmed*

1. Event-Specific Qualification Period & Selection Timeline

Event	From	To
Qualification timeframe	01/08/2025	31/07/2026
Returned policy deadline	31/07/2026	
Selections notified by	07/09/2026	
Entry deadline	05/10/2026*	
Selection announcement by	09/10/2026	
Preparation camp	04/11/2026*	07/11/2026*
Travel	09/11/2026*	15/11/2026*
Competition	11/11/2026	15/11/2026

**provisional dates, subject to change*

2. Event Purpose

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

Primary Objective

2.1 To reach the quarter final or beyond in the Team event;

2.2 To Reach last 16 or beyond in the singles event;

Secondary Objective

2.3 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) that they wish to be selected for this event by **9am on Friday 31st July 2026** by emailing **performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk**
- 3.6** Are eligible to compete in either the Under 13 age categories. For the avoidance of doubt, players need to have been born on or after the following dates:
- Under 13 - born on or after 1st January 2014

4. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England will select through the following selection process;

a. European Under 13 Challenge Mixed Team Event

The selection panel will select 2 boys and 2 girls to represent England in this event;

b. European Under 13 Challenge Singles Event

The players selected for the Mixed Team Event will also represent England in the Singles Event.

Eligible players will be considered under the criteria set out in point 4 of the policy;

5. Criteria

Primary Criteria

- International Profile based on best results at WTT events and European events
- Results at 2025-26 National Championships
- Results at the National Series and 4* events
- Overall readiness and capability to compete at this level
- Attendance at England Hopes Camps
 - o To be in contention for the U13 European 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 x 1;
- d) England Hopes support Coach x 1;
- e) Independent Observer (non-voting).

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 or team members agreement;
- 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.

10. 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>

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 **9am on Friday 31st July 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)