

December 2025

# Table Tennis England Selection Policy

v1.0

World Team Table Tennis Championships – 28<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 London England

## 1. Event Purpose

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

- a. To reach the Top 16 or beyond at this event

## 2. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only consider athletes for selection who:

- 2.1** Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Player Licence and are in good standing;
- 2.2** Are eligible to represent England in ITTF and ETTU approved competitions and have a valid British Passport;
- 2.3** Have not retired from representing England in international competition unless fully re-engaged with the England performance staff;
- 2.4** Have competed in a World Ranking event and / or Major Championship within the Qualification Period set out in point 6 of this policy;
- 2.5** Have satisfied the selection panel of their physical readiness to perform by the date of selection. It is the players' responsibility to provide evidence of this to the panel when requested by any of the selection panel or their delegates. This includes fitness and training history data;
- 2.6** Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England, ITTF, WTT or ETTU;
- 2.7** Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-corruption or anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-corruption or anti-doping rules;
- 2.8** Have provided Table Tennis England with a signed acknowledgement, notifying their intention to be considered for selection, by 12pm 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026
- 2.9** Players agree to the Table Tennis England code of conduct (<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2025/02/Safe-IT-Code-Of-Conduct-1.pdf>) and a commitment to adhere to specified travel dates, to observe Table Tennis England sponsorship guidelines and to wear appropriate team apparel.

### 3. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England may select up to the maximum number of places allowed by the ITTF for Men and Women. Players will be selected through the following selection process based on the criteria set out in section 4 of the policy.

### 4. Criteria

The selection panel will use their expert judgement to select players for this event using the selection criteria set out below.

#### Selection Criteria

- International Profile based on best results at WTT Contender, Star Contender and major championship events, to include World and European championships.
- Players with a rising youth international profile with potential to excel at a senior international event.
- Players readiness and capability to compete at this level including meeting the basic physical standard deemed necessary;
- Players committed to a professional training programme.
- Domestic results at National Championships
- Team Commitment and cohesion
- Current illness or injury status;
- Commitment to the Senior Training Programme

### 5. Medical

At the time of their selection, any selected player may have their medical and/or musculoskeletal status confirmed by a nominated Table Tennis England Medical adviser. Any selected player may, at any time, be required by the Director of Performance Development (and/or his delegate) to undergo fitness or medical assessments to ensure that they have maintained an adequate level of fitness to achieve our event purpose. The Director of Performance Development (and/or his delegate) will specify the process by which a selected player is to confirm his or her continued health and fitness, which might include participating in certain events or undergoing fitness tests.

### 6. Event-Specific Qualification Period & Selection Timeline

Event	From	To
Qualification Period	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026
Application Closing Date	02/02/2026	
Selections notified	03/03/2026	
Entry Deadline (ITTF)	TBC	
Selection Announcement	06/03/2026	
Travel Dates	26/04/2026	
Competition	28/04/2026	10/05/2026

\*Preparation for the event is TBC

## 7. Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- a) Table Tennis England Director of Performance Development (Chair);
- b) Table Tennis England Senior Lead coach
- c) Table Tennis England National Coach
- d) 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. Media & Communication

All selected athletes 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 athletes, whether selected or not are required to keep the notification of their selection or non-selection confidential until directed by the Table Tennis England.

## 9. De-Selection

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

- i. The player is no longer eligible for selection for this event;
- ii. The player does not adhere to the code of conduct or team members agreement;
- iii. The player in the sole 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;
- iv. The player fails to comply with any reasonable training or competition programme set out by Table Tennis England performance staff;
- v. 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:

- i. The selection criteria were not applied correctly;

- ii. A player was de-selected under Point 9 above;
- iii. 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/2026/01/Table-Tennis-England-Selection-Appeals-Policy\\_Dec-25.pdf](https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2026/01/Table-Tennis-England-Selection-Appeals-Policy_Dec-25.pdf)

No appeals will be considered in the following cases:

- i. Selections save for ineligibility;

## 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](mailto:performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk) by 12pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

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 / Guardian – for players under 18 years old)