

Table Tennis England Selection Policy

v1.0

European Youth Championship, Gondomar, Portugal 10th - 19th July 2026

1. Event-Specific Qualification Period & Selection Timeline

Event	From	To
Qualification Period	01/09/2025	20/05/2026
TTE Application Deadline	01/05/2026	
Selections notified by	22/05/2026*	
Entry Deadline	TBC	
Selection Announcement by	TBC	
Preparation Camp	28/06/2026	5/07/2026
Travel	08/07/2026	20/07/2026*
Competition	10/07/2026	19/07/2026

*Provisional dates, subject to change

2. Event Purpose

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

- 2.1** To reach the top category or beyond in the team events;
- 2.2** To reach the Quarterfinal or beyond in the singles or doubles;
- 2.3** Support the development of young players with a rising international profile.

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 - <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2025/12/J-Affiliation-and-Registration-Nov-26.pdf>;
- 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 notified Table Tennis England that they wish to be considered for this event **by 9am 1st May 2026**. Players are required to notify the Performance Department in by email (performance@tabletennisengland.co.uk), that they wish to be considered for selection by this date.
- 3.6 Are eligible to compete in either the Cadet and/or Junior categories. For the avoidance of doubt, players need to have been born on or after the following dates:
 - Cadet - born on or after 1st January 2011
 - Junior - born on or after 1st January 2007

4. Scope of the Team

Table Tennis England may select up to the number of players authorised by the ETTU in the following order;

4.1 Team Competition

4.1.1 The selection panel may select a team to represent England at this event up to the maximum team size (Cadet = 4, Junior = 5);

4.2 Singles Competition

4.2.1 The selection panel may select up to the number of players authorised by the ETTU to represent England in this event;

4.2.2 Players selected for the team competition will be given a singles competition entry.

4.3 Doubles & Mixed Doubles Competitions

4.3.1 The selection panel may select up to the number of pairs authorised by the ETTU to represent England in the doubles and mixed doubles events;

4.3.2 Players selected for the team competition will be given a doubles and mixed competition entry.

5. Selection 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 both European and WTT events.
- Current national champion in relevant age category (U15 and U19)
- International Ranking Trajectory in relevant age category
- Adherence to the Performance behaviours (as outlined in the GBTS policy)
- Domestic results including National Championships, National Series and 4* events (2025-26 season)
- Have attended and embraced all of England/GB Camps to maximise performance outcomes unless extenuating circumstances apply (preparation camp will be mandatory or de selection may apply, please see section 10.iv)
- Physical readiness and capability to compete at this level in line with the physical testing programme.
- Team commitment and cohesion
- Current illness or injury status

6. 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.

7. Selection Panel

A selection panel will be established comprising:

- a) Table Tennis England Director of Performance Development
- b) 4 x Table Tennis England Age Group Youth Lead Coaches
- c) 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



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travelling to and from the event with the team and stay 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/SafeguardingSocial-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 Table Tennis England.

10. De-Selection

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

- i. The player is no longer eligible for selection for this event;

The player does not adhere Table Tennis England Players Expected Behaviours <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2026/02/TTE-Players-expected-behaviours-document-2026.pdf>

Or is in breach of Table Tennis England's Code of Conduct

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2025/02/SafeTT-Code-Of-Conduct-1.pdf>;

- ii. 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;
- iii. The player fails to comply with any reasonable training or competition programme set out by Table Tennis England performance staff;
- iv. 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:

- i. The criteria was not applied correctly;
- ii. A player was de-selected under Point 10 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/2026/02/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) **by 9am on 1st 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)



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