



**TABLE TENNIS
WALES**

Major Competitions Selection Policy

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Purpose

To set out the requirement players must comply with for selection by Table Tennis Wales to represent Wales at major competitions which include:

- a. World Individual Championships
- b. World Team Championships
- c. European Individual Championships
- d. European Team Championships including qualifying rounds
- e. Commonwealth Games
- f. Commonwealth Championships
- g. European Youth Championships
- h. UK Home Nations
- i. UK Senior Schools
- j. UK Primary Schools
- k. Euro Minis

Eligibility

Table Tennis Wales will only consider athletes for selection who:

1. Are affiliated to a Table Tennis Wales and holds a valid TTW Player Licence;
2. Are eligible to represent TTW in ITTF and ETTU approved competitions and have a valid British Passport;
3. Have an actual and active (i.e. have competed within the relevant time period as determined by the ITTF, which as at the date of this policy is 4 months but may be subject to change) Table Tennis Wales ranking on the most recent list at the time of selection unless Table Tennis Wales Selection Panel have accepted mitigating circumstances in writing prior to selection (athletes should apply in writing to the Selection Panel as soon as possible, providing full explanation why their TTW ranking is no longer active and evidence of injury or other relevant information (membership@tabletennis.wales)
4. Have not retired from representing Wales in international competition;
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 the Table Tennis Wales Director of Coaching or selectors. This includes fitness and training history data;
6. Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis Wales or ITTF or ETTU;
7. Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules;

Selection Panel

The selection panel is made up of the following people:

- Stephen Jenkins – TTW National Coach
- Joshua Morgan – TTW National Coach
- Matthew Porter – TTW Swansea Regional Officer
- Catherine Jones – Independent player representative
- Neil Robinson – British Para Table Tennis Coach

Selection Process

The selection panel will meet and discuss all selections and should they not be agreed they will then go through a voting process where all members of the panel will have an equal voting right (1 vote per panel member leading to a majority vote).

De-Selection

Table Tennis Wales retains the right to deselect any selected athlete under any of the following circumstances (whether automatic or wild card selection):

- 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 Table Tennis Wales 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 Wales Selection Panel;
- v. Any exceptional circumstances exist which in the reasonable opinion of the Selection Panel justify the non-selection or de-selection of the athlete concerned.
- vi. If the competition is cancelled all selections will be void
- vii. If a competition is postponed by more than 8 weeks all selected players will be de-selected and new selections made for the rearranged event

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.

Appeals

The appeals process is set out here:

1. Eligible athletes are entitled to appeal a decision by the Selection Panel not to select them for this event, in accordance with the procedure set out here. The appeal process is intended to be quick, fair, and independent.
2. If an athlete wishes to appeal, he or she must notify Table Tennis Wales Board via membership@tabletennis.wales that they wish to appeal as soon as possible, and in any event no later than by 4pm on the working day after they have been notified of their non-selection. Such a notification must be given in writing (e- mail is acceptable).
3. The athlete must, by 4pm on the working day following such notification, provide to Table Tennis Wales Board a written document setting out the grounds for the appeal (the "Grounds of Appeal"). The Grounds of Appeal must include the fullest explanation possible, in the time available, of the basis for the athlete's appeal, together with any evidence (such as performance data or results) that they rely on. Athletes should note that the only available grounds of appeal are: there has been a failure to apply the applicable selection criteria; and/or there has been a failure to adhere to the procedure set out in the applicable selection policy. An athlete does not have a right of appeal against any judgment or discretion exercised in the course of making nomination decisions, or against the content of the applicable selection criteria.
4. If, in the reasonable view of the Table Tennis Wales Board, the appeal may affect other athletes ("Affected Athletes"), then they must provide the Grounds of Appeal to any such persons as soon as possible.
5. Table Tennis Wales must, as soon as possible and by no later than by 4pm two working days after receipt of the Grounds of Appeal, serve on the appealing athlete and on any Affected Athlete a written response to the appeal, including the fullest explanation possible, in the time available, of the basis for that response together with any evidence that Table Tennis Wales wishes to rely on.
6. Any Affected Athlete may also, as soon as possible and by no later than by 4pm two working days after receipt of the Grounds of Appeal, serve on Table Tennis Wales a written response to the appeal, including the fullest explanation possible, in the time available, of the basis for that response together with an evidence that they wish to rely on. Table Tennis Wales must provide this written response to the appealing athlete as soon as possible.
7. The appeal will then proceed, on the earliest possible date, by way of oral hearing in front the appeals panel. The appealing athlete, is entitled to attend such a hearing, with representatives if they so wish.

8. The Board members decision will be final: if an athlete's appeal is dismissed, he or she will have no further right of appeal. If the appeal is upheld, then this appeal process may be invoked in respect of the fresh selection decision, time allowing.