



**TABLE TENNIS
WALES**

Self-Funding Application Policy

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Purpose

To set out the requirement players must comply with to be entered by Table Tennis Wales to any event in which Table Tennis Wales must enter the player into the event such as and including:

- a. ITTF Events
- b. World Table Tennis Events
- c. World Table Tennis Youth Events
- d. ETTU Events

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should apply in writing to the Selection Panel as soon as possible, providing full explanation why their TTW ranking is no longer active and evidence of injury or other relevant information (membership@tabletennis.wales))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;
8. Must have competed at the previous Welsh National Championships (athletes should apply in writing to the Selection Panel as soon as possible, providing full explanation why they were unable to compete in the previous Welsh National Championships and evidence of injury or other relevant information (membership@tabletennis.wales)).
9. Must, where possible, have made an effort to competed in Welsh domestic competitions (athletes should apply in writing to the Selection Panel as soon as possible, providing full explanation why they were unable to compete and evidence of injury or other relevant information (membership@tabletennis.wales)).
10. Met the legal requirement set out by TTW in this document for funding events
11. Met the safeguarding requirements set out by TTW (Players Under 18)

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

Entry Process

1. Players should complete the online application form and submit it no less than one month before the closing date for that event.
2. All entered players are required to submit payment for selected entry fees to Table Tennis Wales before the event, Table Tennis Wales will send an invoice for payment.
3. Players who have received an invoice from Table Tennis Wales but not made payment before the competition may be withdrawn from the event and are still liable for any event entry fees that Table Tennis Wales is charged. The player is also liable for any ranking penalties should they withdraw or be withdrawn after the ITTF specified date. Players will not be entered in future competitions until all outstanding fees are paid.
4. All withdrawals should be done in writing to membership@tabletennis.wales and until receipt of confirmation of withdrawal from Table Tennis Wales should continue to compete as entered.

Payment

As noted above, players are responsible for all their own costs associated with entering, travelling, and competing in the events covered by this policy unless otherwise agreed in writing with Table Tennis Wales. In the event that the player is under eighteen then the parent or guardian who signed the self-funding form accepts full responsibility for this payment. Players choosing option 1, ie entry fee only should make payment in cash on arrival. Table Tennis Wales will only make payment on receipt of a valid invoice for player choosing another option, these costs will be charged to the player as per the rest of this policy.

Players may be withdrawn from events unless all payments have been received in advance.

Official Event Support

Unless otherwise notified Table Tennis Wales will not send or fund any official or unofficial support for athletes to attend an event that they are selected and entered for. Should an athlete wish to bring and pay for a person to be accredited as an official support person they must request this on their initial entry form and if selected complete all payments necessary for their requested person. Provided the player is entered, Table Tennis Wales will enter the requested support person unless:

1. Table Tennis Wales are sending a Table Tennis Wales Official in which case Table Tennis Wales may choose not to enter the requested support person at its sole discretion.
2. There are insufficient accredited places to support the request, the highest ranked players will get priority where places are limited.
3. Table Tennis Wales believe or have cause to believe that the requested person may give cause to a child protection issue with that athlete or any other Wales athlete attending the event
4. The requested person is not in good standing with Table Tennis Wales or serving any ban for disciplinary, doping, integrity, child protection or any other relevant issue or facing an investigation that may give rise to a disciplinary process.

In the event that Table Tennis Wales decline to select the athletes' nominated official staff member the athlete accepts that they have no right of appeal no matter whether the decision may impact on their ability to attend or perform at the event in question. In doing so, Table Tennis Wales accept that they have no jurisdiction to prevent the person(s) travelling to or attending the event, merely that Table Tennis Wales may choose not to nominate them as an official accredited member or convey any other status on them.

Should Table Tennis Wales decide to send a Table Tennis Wales staff member, they will be officially accredited to the event they are attending. This staff member will have specific responsibilities that may or may not preclude them from supporting individual athletes at each event and that Table Tennis Wales will confirm their role to all attending the event as soon as practical.

Players under 18 remain the responsibility of their legal parent or guardian and it is the legal parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that any player under 18 is appropriately cared for or supported throughout the competitions that they are entering through this process and meet all relevant travel requirements (eg airline).

Entry Form

The online entry form for ITTF Events can be found here: [Click Here](#)

Approved Entry

All entry applications must be approved by the Table Tennis Wales Selection Panel before entry is made. Written confirmation of decision will be provided within a reasonable time frame so that arrangements can be made.

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 deemed no longer 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 selection's 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, any appeal must be done so in writing (e-mail is acceptable) no later than 48 hours after they have been notified of their non-selection. As part the selection process notification of selections will be displayed on the Table Tennis Wales website and will for the purpose of the policy account as a notification of non-selection.
3. The athlete must, by not later than 48 hours after notifying Table Tennis Wales that they wish to appeal a selection, 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 96 hours** 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 **48 hours** 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 Table Tennis Wales 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.