



Table Tennis Western Australia (Inc)



STATE TEAMS POLICY

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November 2018	1.1	Amendment to the Minimum Qualification Requirements <i>9.a have participated in at one half of TTWA sanctioned tournaments.</i> Change to: <i>9a. have participated in at one third of TTWA sanctioned tournaments.</i>

Name

1. This policy shall be referred to as the **State Teams Policy**.

Purpose

2. This policy is intended to inform and regulate:
 - The eligibility and selection criteria of Table Tennis players into State and Presidents teams for Australian National Championships.
3. This policy should be read in conjunction with **State Selectors, Coaches, Team Managers, Captains, and Players Policy (Pending)**

Aim

4. Table Tennis Western Australia seeks to ensure any State Team includes the best performing players in the relevant period to maximise the chances of winning team and individual events at Australian National Championships.
5. Table Tennis Western Australia seeks to maximise the results of a State Team by providing support through a team management structure which may include the appointment of team managers and team coaches where desirable.

Selection period

6. The selection period for State Teams for the Australian National Championships period commences 12 months preceding the event/s for which the players nominates.

State Selection Panel

7. The State Selection Panel shall select all players for State Team representation at Australian National Championships in accordance with this Policy.

Team eligibility

8. To be eligible for selection in a State Team for participation in an Australian Championships, a player shall:
- be a full registered member of Table Tennis Western Australia;
 - satisfy the requirements set down by Table Tennis Australia for State representation – see *Regulations for National Championships (Senior & Youth)*, *Regulations for National Championships (Junior)* or *Regulations for National Championships (Veterans)*;
 - complete and forward to Table Tennis Western Australia the prescribed state Team nomination form (*Pending*); and
 - have played at least the minimum number of approved tournaments and pennants as set out in rule 9.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

9. The number of approved pennant competition and tournaments in the relevant selection period for the purposes of State Team eligibility for State Men's and Women's Team's, Junior, Youth and Veterans Team selection is:
- a. have participated in at one third of TTWA sanctioned tournaments.
 - **Explanation:** If there are 9 approved tournaments in a selection period, then a player must play at least 3 tournaments (30%) to be eligible for selection in a State Team. To be eligible for an age category, the player must have played in that age category at the prescribed minimum number of tournaments. Thus, if a player played only in the O/40 events at 5 tournaments, he or she is eligible for selection in the O/40 teams event but not eligible for the O/30 teams event.
 - b. have participated in at least half of TTWA winter pennant competition, or, have participated in at least half of both TTWA summer and spring pennant competitions.
 - c. have participated in both 9 (a) *and* 9 (b) unless special dispensation from the Coordinator of Senior State Selectors has been obtained.
 - d. country members are exempt from point 9 (b).

Discretionary exemption from eligibility criteria

10. The State Selection Panel may grant a Table Tennis player an exemption from the eligibility criteria set out in rule 9 in the following circumstances:
 - where the Panel is satisfied that a player has suffered a significant injury preventing that player from participating in the prescribed minimum number of tournaments; or
 - where the Panel is satisfied that a player has by virtue of other official State, National, Oceania or International tournament, playing or training commitments been prevented from participating in the prescribed minimum number of tournaments; or
 - where the Panel is satisfied that a player is required to complete the numbers in a State Team (where there is insufficient eligible players) and the addition of that player is in the best interests of the sport; or
 - where there are other material and significant events that preclude a player from complying with rule 8.
11. A player seeking exemption from the eligibility criteria as set out in rule 8 shall submit an exemption in writing to the Coordinator of the relevant State Selection Panel as soon as practicable.
12. An exemption shall not be granted by the State Selection Panel unless the vote to do so is unanimous.

State Teams Selections

13. Subject to the exercise of powers by the State Selection Panel, Table Tennis Western Australia shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that State “A” teams are selected for relevant age categories to participate in Australian National Championships.
14. The State Selection Panel may only nominate a State “B” or State “C” team (where relevant) where the Panel is satisfied that such team shall be “reasonably competitive” or is in the best interests of the “future development” of those teams in that age category at the Australian National Championships.

Number of Players in Team

15. A State Team shall generally consist of the number of players required to play each team match with the option of plus 1 (one) player. This option of “plus 1 (one) player” may be varied by the State Selection Panel where it is in the interests of the sport to do so.

Player Eligibility for Multiple Age Categories

16. Where a Table Tennis player is eligible for 2 (two) or more age categories at an Australian National Championships, the State Selection Panel may select the player in any category but shall give preference to selecting the player in their actual age category.

Selection of Players into “A” Teams

17. State “A” teams shall be selected from Table Tennis players meeting all eligibility criteria as set out in rule 8 and 9 (and including any player who has been granted an exemption under rule 10) based on their ranking points on the *Ratings Central* System as follows:
 - a. the player with the highest-ranking points as determined by *Ratings Central*.
 - b. the player with the next highest-ranking points as determined by *Ratings Central*.
 - o and so on (as required)..
18. To complement the State “A” team the State Selection Panel may select 1 (one) additional player (or 2 (two) additional players in exceptional circumstances) in the exercise of their discretion in consultation with the appointed State Coach.

Selection of Players into “B” Teams and “C” Teams

19. State “B” teams and State “C” teams (where applicable) shall be selected from Table Tennis players meeting all eligibility criteria as set out in rule 8 and 9 (and including any player who has been granted an exemption under rule 10) based on their ranking points on the *Ratings Central* System (after excluding all players selected for the respective State “A” team) until the required team complement is satisfied.
20. Notwithstanding rule 19, the State Selection Panel shall exercise a discretion in the selection of the “plus 1 player” option into any State “B” Team or State “C” team, but in exercising this discretion shall give preference to the player with the highest-ranking points as determined by *Ratings Central*.

Nomination of Players for Presidents Team

21. A Western Australian player (who has not been selected in a State Team) may be nominated by the State Selection Panel for inclusion in a President's team where such player has:
- satisfied the team eligibility requirements as set out in rules 8 and 9 (or has been granted an exemption under rule 10); and
 - the Panel is satisfied that the inclusion of the player in a President's team is in the best interests of the sport to do so.

Deviation from Selection Rules

22. The State Selection Panel may deviate from the selection rules set out in rules 15 - 21 only in exceptional circumstances and provided where the decision to do so is unanimous.

Selection of Para Athletes

23. The State Selection Panel may, in its absolute discretion, select para athletes to represent the State at the relevant Australian National Championships.

Appeal Against Decision of Panel

24. A player aggrieved by a decision of the State Selection Panel may appeal against the decision to Table Tennis Western Australia's Board of Management.

Announcement of State Teams

25. Table Tennis Western Australia shall announce all State Teams (and nominations for Presidents teams) on its website as soon as practicable after the decision is made by the State Selection Panel.

Team Uniform

26. All players shall wear the prescribed State Team uniform during Australian National Championships. Players must wear the prescribed State Team uniform during the Opening Ceremony, whilst playing the teams event and at the team's event medal ceremonies.
27. Players are not required to wear the State Team uniform whilst playing individual events and at the individual events medal ceremonies (but players must not wear the prescribed uniform of another state, territory, or country).
28. All Team Managers and Team Captains shall wear the prescribed State Team uniform during the Australian Championships.
29. No other person (including a member of the President's team) is permitted to wear the prescribed State Team uniform during the Australian National Championships (apart from participation in the Opening Ceremony and any matter incidental thereto).
30. The name of a player may be added to a State Team playing shirt but not to any other item of the State Team uniform.
31. TTWA reserves the right to amend the playing uniform from time to time.