



PARA TABLE TENNIS NATIONAL TEAM

Policy + Selection Criteria

Athlete Selection Process

A formal National Para Team review is done twice a year: after the Canadian Para Championships are held and at the beginning of a new calendar year.

The National Para Table Tennis Team Head Coach will annually prepare an initial athlete selection list with reference to selection criteria for the Para Table Tennis National Team as well for particular competitions and submit it to the Para Table Tennis High Performance Committee (PTTHPC) for review.

The Para Table Tennis Committee, in consultation with the Head Coach, will make the final selection determinations.

Team selection criteria and athlete status will be communicated in a timely manner through a variety of communication means as appropriate: email, phone, display on the Table Tennis Canada website.

National Team Squad Selection Criteria

Prerequisites - Potential squad members must:

- Have the ability to meet the minimal disability standards within the IPTTC classification system
- Have a current membership in a Canadian Provincial Table Tennis Association
- Be a Canadian citizenship or Permanent Resident status
- Have a demonstrated recent history of participation in competitive table tennis (i.e. have TTCAN ranking points or equivalent; must submit a training log book outlining personal table tennis training schedule signed by a certified coach.)
- Submit a yearly training and competition plan signed by a Certified Coach to the Para National Team Coach and Para Project Coordinator at Table Tennis Canada. (see attached template)
- Submit quarterly training and competition logs to the Para National Team Coach and the Para Project Coordinator at Table Tennis Canada. (see attached template)

NOTE: Beginning in 2008 there will be an additional requirement to have competed in the most recent Canadian Para Table Tennis Championships that may or may not be held in conjunction with the annual Canadian Senior Championships.

For the year 2013, an exception will be made. An athlete must have competed in either of the following competitions: 2013 Canadian Para Table Tennis Championships OR the 2013 Canadian Para Open (sanctioned ITTF Para competition – to be confirmed).

Given that these basic requirements are met, the following criteria will be used to determine the national team squad pool (*in order of importance*):

- Current national champion in category (standing, wheelchair, and Intellectual Disability (when added)); male and female
- Top ranked IPTTC Canadian player in category; male and female



- Medallist or top 16 (and top half) singles result in the most recently held regional championships, Para World Championships or Paralympics
- 2nd place singles result in national championships in category and gender
- Committee choice up to four additional members will be selected based upon demonstrated outstanding performance potential in competition and the Para National Team Coach's recommendations

All athletes in the squad pool will be considered for training and competition projects to prepare for the Regional Championships, Commonwealth Games, Parapanamerican Games, Para World Championships and the Paralympic Games as appropriate.

Competition Event Priorities (in order of importance):

- Participation in 2013 Parapanamerican Championships
- Preparation for 2013 Parapanamerican Championships
- Participation in 2014 IPTTC World Championships
- Preparation for 2014 IPTTC World Championships
- Participation in 2015 Parapanamerican Games
- Preparation for 2015 Parapanamerican Games
- Preparation for 2016 Paralympic Games
- Participation in 2016 Paralympic Games

Funded Events Selection Criteria Priorities:

- Paralympics: medal or top 16 (result or demonstrated potential)* under current review by the Canadian Paralympic Committee, possibly top 8.
- Para World Championships: medal or top 16 (result or demonstrated potential)* under current review by the CPC, probably top 8 instead of 16.
- Parapanamerican Games: medal or top 6 (singles result in last regional championships or demonstrated potential)
- Canadian Champion in category and gender
- International preparation event(s): medal or defeating a top 20 player in class or higher
- Top third performance in class event at an international tournament
- 2nd place in Canadian Championships in category

All fully funded athletes will be required to make a contribution to their travel expenses to attend international events. Subject to change, dependent upon core funding support level.

- For events outside of Canada but within Continental North America the athlete contribution will be \$250
- For events in Central or South America, Europe, Africa or Asia, the athlete contribution will be \$500

Additional assessments may be required for participation in Major Games Events (Commonwealth Games, Parapanamerican Games, and the Paralympic Games).



Athletes meeting the selection criteria standards but not selected as a fully funded athlete may be invited by Table Tennis Canada to participate in a competition on either a significant cost-sharing basis by the athlete or at their own total expense. Other athletes wishing to attend international events at their own cost may also apply to the TTCAN Para Table Tennis Committee for team squad inclusion for a specific event. Such requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Note: squad selections and funding levels are subject to funding restrictions from funding sources and performance standards dictated by the IPTTC and the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

Code Of Conduct

Sanctions will be imposed upon an athlete who exhibits behavior that may be considered damaging to the image of the Canadian Team (e.g. excessive consumption of alcohol for Senior athletes; abuse of tournament officials).

The TTCAN Para Table Tennis Committee will recommend an appropriate sanction to TTCAN. It can be expected that a typical sanction may involve the athlete taking responsibility for the total player cost of attending the event (travel, hotel, entry fees) and there may be further repercussions (such as removal from future team selection) based on the severity of the incident(s).

Team Uniforms

The TTCAN Para Table Tennis Committee will work with TTCAN to ensure that all Para Table Tennis National Team members have parity access to current TTCAN National Team uniform outfitting.

Note: the uniform might differ from the TTCAN National Team uniform.

The Para National Team uniform will be worn at all designated Team Events without exception. Players will wear the Para National Team uniform if fully or partially funded to an international competition. When participating in an international event at their own expense players can wear the playing clothes of their choice or they can choose to purchase the official uniform from TTCAN at a reasonable cost.

Barry Butler, Para TT Committee Chairman – November 30, 2011

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