



NEW ITTF PAN AMERICAN GAMES
AND OLYMPIC GAMES
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please note that in May 2018 the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Board of Directors adopted new eligibility requirements for participation in the Olympic Games. Upon approval by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) also confirmed the same eligibility requirements for the Pan American Games, which includes the 2019 Pan American Games.

The new eligibility requirements, which can be found in the ITTF Handbook (https://d3mjm6zw6cr45s.cloudfront.net/2018/02/2018ITTFHandbook_v2.pdf_0.pdf) are as follows:¹

4.5.1.3.3 In addition to provisions of 3.8, players who have acquired a new nationality and wish to represent the NOC of the new association in the Olympic Games shall register with ITTF through this new Association. A player is considered as registered either from the date of ITTF player registration confirmation or from the date the player is granted his or her new nationality, whichever is earlier.

4.5.1.3.4 A player shall not represent the new NOC before:

4.5.1.3.4.1 3 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 15 when registered, but only 1 year after the date of registration if the player has never represented another association;

4.5.1.3.4.2 5 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 18 but at least 15 years of age when registered;

4.5.1.3.4.3 7 years after the date of registration, if the player is under the age of 21 but at least 18 years of age when registered.

4.5.1.3.4.4 9 years after the date of registration, if the player is at least 21 years old when registered.

4.5.1.3.5 If an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a new NOC is recognized by the IOC, a player may continue to represent the country to which he or she belongs or belonged. However, he or she may, if he or she prefers, choose to represent his or her country or be entered in the Olympic Games by his or her new NOC if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.

¹ Note that any reference to Olympic Games eligibility shall also include eligibility for the Pan American Games.

4.5.1.4 A player having participated already in the Olympic Games shall retain his or her eligibility.

4.5.1.5 All disputes relating to the determination of the country which a player may represent in the Olympic Games and in particular issue specific requirements relating to nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of the player, including the duration of any waiting period, shall be resolved by the IOC Executive Board.

To view the current eligibility list, please visit <https://www.ittf.com/eligibility-world-events/>

Please direct any eligibility questions directly to the ITTF at itf@ittf.com.