



## **2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA LIMA, PERU**

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The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Table Tennis Canada to select athletes to the Lima 2019 PAN AMERICAN Games.

The objective of the procedures is to outline a clear and fair process of how athletes are identified and selected to the national team competing at the Lima, Peru 2019 PAN AMERICAN Games.

### **Decision Making Authority**

The High Performance Committee (HPC) is responsible for developing, approving and implementing the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the 2019 PAN AMERICAN Games. The HPC will approve or the automatic selection process of player slots 1 and 2 and will ratify the National Coach's decision on player slot 3\*. The same process will occur if there is the need for an alternate player to be named.

\* The third player will be selected by the National Team Coach, taking into consideration the best possible performance in the PANAM Games team competition as the best chance for a podium finish; i.e., since the doubles is an important match in the team competition, the coach may select a player whom he/she considers a better doubles player over a singles player who, in the opinion of the coach, has less chance to contribute a point to the team.

The High Performance Committee (HPC) will consist of:

- 1) Men's Team Coach
- 2) Women's Team Coach
- 3) Member Council Voting Member
- 4) High Performance Director\*
- 5) TTCAN BOD Member
- 6) Athletes Representative

\*Due to the even number of HPC members, the High Performance Director will be a non voting member.

### **Team Eligibility**

The 2019 PAN AMERICAN Games Table Tennis team will consist of up to three men and three women. The number of quota places earned will be determined by the Panam Sports (OSP) Qualification System, available [here](#). This document is based on the OSP Qualification System and in the event of any discrepancies, the Qualification System will prevail. If there are any changes by OSP to the



eligibility and selection criteria, TTCAN is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible. The selection date is: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The team will be announced on June 3, 2019.

In order to be eligible for nomination to the Canadian Olympic Committee for Pan American Team selection, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian Citizen as per the Regulations of the Pan American Games
- Be a member in good standing with his/her Provincial/Territorial Association National and a member in good standing with Table Tennis Canada
- Sign, submit and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Lima 2019 Conditions of Participation Form.

### **CANADIAN TEAM SELECTION POLICY:**

- Two players will qualify directly by the qualification outlined below.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Player: Top Canadian ranked in the top 100 of the Olympic World Ranking (the latest available ranking on June 1<sup>st</sup>/2019 and 'active').
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Player: Second Canadian ranked in the top 100 of the Olympic World Ranking (the latest available ranking on June 1<sup>st</sup>/2019 and 'active').
- In case there is only one or no Canadian Player in the top 100 Olympic World Ranking, Player 1 and / or 2 are selected based on a ranking determined by the sum of points:
  - International Table Tennis Federation World Ranking (the latest available ranking on June 1<sup>st</sup>/2019)  
ITTF World Ranking points/10
  - Canadian Championships (MS, WS)
    - Champion 100 pts
    - Finalist 50 pts
    - Semi Finalist 25 pts

### **Working Example:**

Event/Ranking	Player X	Player X Points	Player Y	Player Y Points
ITTF Ranking	850 ITTF pts/10	85	580 ITTF pts/10	58
Sr. Nationals	Finalist	50	Champion	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>158</b>

- In this situation, Player Y would be selected due to 158 points being greater than 135
- All rankings refer to the Senior rankings (Men, Women)
- In the unlikely event of a tie in point score between two players, the tiebreak will be determined by the National Team Coach, taking into account:
  - International Table Tennis Federation World Ranking (the latest available ranking)
  - Result at international competitions (January – May 2019)



- Canadian Ranking (the latest available ranking)
- Ability as a doubles player
- The third player will be selected by the National Team Coach, please refer to Decision Making Authority section for details on coach selection.

3<sup>rd</sup> Player: Selection based on:\*

- International Table Tennis Federation World Ranking (the latest available ranking)
- Result at international competitions (January – May 2019)
- Canadian Ranking (the latest available ranking)
- Ability as a doubles player
- Commitment to training and preparation

\*The National Team Coach (men or women, dependent on the gender of the third player) will be given discretion to assign weightings to the above criteria, and consider the criteria as they see fit.

### **Injuries**

Once selected, athletes who do not remain competitive ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. The head coach will consider medical recommendations in making a final decision.

### **Alternate**

#### *Removal of an athlete once selected / nominated*

The committee may, at any time and at its discretion, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior of the athlete that is inconsistent with Table Tennis Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available on the Table Tennis Canada website in Table Tennis Canada's athlete selection policy.

An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping rules, regulations or policies as outlined by the International Table Tennis Federation, World Anti-Doping Agency, and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

If an athlete is removed following team nomination, an alternate athlete will be nominated to the team using the same selection procedure as player 3.

### **Alternate Player Selection Process**

- International Table Tennis Federation World Ranking (the latest available ranking)
- Result at international competitions (January – May 2019)
- Canadian Ranking (the latest available ranking)
- Ability as a doubles player
- Commitment to training and preparation



Any removals following nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such removals after June 26, 2019 are also subject to the Lima 2019 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

### **Appeals**

Table Tennis Canada nominations to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the Lima, Peru 2019 PANAMERICAN Games may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Table Tennis Canada's Appeals Policy, a copy of which is available on the Table Tennis Canada website under Governance / Policies / Appeals. If both parties are in agreement, the Table Tennis Canada Appeal Policy may be bypassed and the matter brought directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeal.

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