



2019 ITTF Individual World Championships

SELECTION CRITERIA

Event: Individual World Championships

Dates: April 21st-28th, 2019

Location: Budapest, Hungary

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Table Tennis Canada (TTCAN) for determining those athletes who will be selected to represent Canada at the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships.

1.2 Team Size

TTCAN's team size at the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships will be determined by the number of athletes who meet the selection criteria as outlined in this document. The maximum team size that will be selected will be 2 men and 2 women.

SECTION 2: DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

The High Performance Committee (HPC) is responsible for implementing the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated for the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships. The HPC will approve the automatic selection process of all player slots.

The High Performance Committee (HPC) will consist of:

- 1) National Team Coach
- 2) National Team Coach
- 3) Member Council Voting Member
- 4) TTCAN BOD member
- 5) Athletes Representative
- 6) High Performance Director*(Chair)

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

SECTION 3: ON SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

During the competition period while onsite at the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships, all final decision making authority will reside with the High Performance Director. In the absence of the HPD, the head coach will retain final decision making authority.

SECTION 4: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Players will enter a pool of eligible Canadian players and will be selected from that group on a step by step basis. In order to be eligible to compete at the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships, players must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of TTCAN, and a member in good standing.
- Hold Canadian citizenship by the date of selection that will be outlined by TTCAN.
- Accept nomination to the team by the deadline that has been specified by TTCAN.
- Maintain ITTF eligibility in accordance with the ITTF guidelines for athlete eligibility within the sport.
- Players passports must not expire until at least 6 months after the championships.

SECTION 5: TTCAN SELECTION CRITERIA

For the basis of this selection, athletes will be selected according to ITTF World Ranking. Please see the following table for the selection criteria.

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5.1. Men's Singles	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Athletes ranked within the Top 200 ITTF World Ranking on January 31st, 2019 will automatically be selected to the team to a maximum of 2 athletes.2) If there are more than two athletes ranked within the Top 200 ITTF World Ranking on January 31st, 2019, then they will be ranked in a priority order with the two highest ranked athletes being named to the team.
5.2. Women's Singles	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Athletes ranked within the Top 200 ITTF World Ranking on January 31st, 2019 will automatically be selected to the team to a maximum of 2 athletes.2) If there are more than two athletes ranked within the Top 200 ITTF World Ranking on January 31st, 2019, then they will be ranked in a priority order with the two highest ranked athletes being named to the team.
5.3. Men and Women's Doubles	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) For both men and women's doubles, if two athletes within the same gender meet the selection criteria for the singles events, those two athletes will be entered as a doubles team at the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships.2) If an athlete does not qualify for the singles competition for their respective gender (see sections 5.1. and 5.2.), but is part of a doubles team ranked in the Top 75 ITTF World Doubles Ranking by January 31st, 2019, they will be selected to the team.3) If both athletes have not qualified for the singles competition (see sections 5.1. and 5.2.), but are both part of a doubles team that's ranked in the Top 75 of the ITTF World Doubles Ranking, they will both be selected to the team.

5.4. Alternate

An alternate player will be named to the team if a player nominated to the team has had to withdraw or been removed from the team.

Alternates will be named using the same process as the player they are replacing. In the event that an athlete who initially has been named to the team is removed or withdrawn, alternates will be selected base on the same criteria laid out in sections 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3.

5.5. Performance Readiness

It is implicit that all athletes selected to the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships team will prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Championships. TTCAN will provide a preparation environment to ensure peak performance for its athletes but accepts that some athletes may choose to conduct some or all of their preparation outside the TTCAN program. TTCAN reserves the right to remove an athlete from the team in case of injury or inability to perform at an appropriate level, and to replace that athlete with a nominated reserve athlete or to not replace that athlete at all.

5.6. Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated

An athlete may be removed from the team after their selection/nomination for the following reasons:

- a) If they are in violation of any anti-doping policy as outlined by TTCAN, WADA and CCES
- b) The High Performance Director, in consultation with the Head Coach and HPC will have final authority over dismissal of any athlete from the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships.

Reasons for dismissal include, but are not limited to:

- i. Inability to perform due to injury, illness or other medical reasons.
- ii. Inability to meet performance expectations in competition
- iii. Violation of National Team Policy, Code of Conduct, or Athlete Agreement
- iv. Failure to adhere to all WADA, CCES, and COC anti-doping protocols.

SECTION 6: AMENDMENTS AND UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athletes. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the selection criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may result from changes to the ITTF Qualification Criteria, lack of clarity around definitions or wording, or quota re-adjustment.

SECTION 7: APPEALS

Table Tennis Canada nominations for the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships 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 / 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.

SECTION 8: FUNDING

Participation in the 2019 ITTF Individual World Championships will be fully funded for all athletes.

SECTION 9: CONTACT INFORMATION

For clarification regarding questions related to the selection criteria, please contact:
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