2021-22
National Team Plan

		BEFORE
Maximum number of HP tournaments per player	14	1-3
National HP tournaments organized by TTCAN	42	2-3
Expected number of matches	110	0-25

Targets. Execution may be delayed because of health imposed restritions

TTCAN COMPETITION SYSTEM targeting National Team athletes consists of:

- Canadian Championships
- National Circuit (the national final and five regional events); details to follow (Competition Committee)
- Challenge Tournaments organized at each National High-Performance Center on monthly basis.

Calendar is designed to BRIDGE IDENTIFIED GAPS:

- Low number of matches and national tournaments for High Performance athletes
- Tournaments are organized only in a few provinces.
- High costs for organizers and participants.
- Dates, events and formats are constantly changing making it hard for planning.

New competition calendar will:

- Enable annual periodization PLANNING
- Use Canadian Championships and National Circuit Final for National Team SELECTION
- Make ATHLETES' PATHWAYS work effectively
- Provide FLEXIBILITY and INCLUCISION for athletes catching up with HP program.
- Give PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL competitions opportunity to become important qualification events for regional events.
- Provides better COMPETITION/PRACTICE RATIO

TTCAN will work on constant improvement of **DAILY TRAINING ENVIRONMENT** by:

- Consistently working on improvement of table tennis High Performance culture
- Investing and strengthening National High Performance Training Centers
- Actively organizing and supporting athletes, coaches and leadership education
- Creating partnership with major stakeholders (Canadian Olympic Committee, Sports Canada, Canadian Sports Centers network, Own The Podium, PTSOs, clubs, parents).

Seniors National Team – Calendar and Financial support

Month / Week	1	2	3	4
APR				
MAY				
JUN				Challenge
JUL			Olympic Games	Challenge
AUG		NT Camp – Evaluation, Testing, Planning		
SEP				Canadian Championships
OCT	National Team List published		National Circuit Events	Challenge
NOV	National Circuit Events	Pan Am Championships	National Circuit Events	World Championships, USA 22-30 PanAm Junior Games, COL 25/11-05/12
DEC	National Circuit Events	North American Championships USA Open		Challenge
JAN	National Circuit Final	National Team List published WTT Cup Finals (W)	WTT Cup Finals (M)	Challenge
FEB				Challenge
MAR				Challenge

Targeted financial support for eligible players:	Elite & International	Continental	National
Major international events	100%	50%	10%
Olympic Team preparatory events	100%		
Canadian events	None	None	None
Other events and activities	Based on level, age category, annual plan, evaluation and testing		

Financial support for participation in all other events will be considered by HPC based on the submission of NT player's annual plans and TTCAN's approved budget.
Players eligibility for financial support:

- NT player who lives within 100 km from a HPTC practicing at least 8 hours weekly in HPTC
- NT player who lives withing 250 km from a HPTC practicing at least 100 hours annually in HPTC
- NT player who lives more than 250 km from HPTC practicing at least 10 days annually in HPTC

Juniors & Cadets National Team – Calendar and Financial support

Month / Week	1	2	3	4
APR				
MAY				
JUN				Challenge
JUL				Challenge
AUG		NT Camp – Evaluation, Testing, Planning		
SEP	PanAm Championships ARG 30/8-05/09	PanAm Junior Games COL 9-19/09		Canadian Championships
OCT	National Team List published		National Circuit Events	Challenge
NOV	National Circuit Events		National Circuit Events	Challenge
DEC	World Junior Championships POR 1-5/12 National Circuit Events	North American Championships US Open		
JAN	National Circuit Final	National Team List published		Challenge
FEB				Challenge
MAR				Challenge

Financial support for participation in all other events will be considered by HPC based on the submission of NT player's annual plans and TTCAN's approved budget.
Players eligibility for financial support:

- NT player who lives within 100 km from a HPTC practicing at least 8 hours weekly in HPTC
- NT player who lives withing 250 km from a HPTC practicing at least 100 hours annually in HPTC
- NT player who lives more than 250 km from HPTC

Hopes (U11, U12, U13) - Calendar and Financial support

Month / Week	1	2	3	4
APR				
MAY				
JUN				Challenge
JUL				Challenge
AUG		NT Camp – Evaluation, Testing, Planning	Canadian Championships	National Team List published
SEP				Challenge
OCT			National Circuit Events	Challenge
NOV	National Circuit Events		National Circuit Events	Challenge
DEC	National Circuit Events	North American Championships (U11 and U13), USA		
JAN	National Circuit Final	National Team List published		Challenge
FEB				Challenge
MAR				Challenge

Team 2028

This is first year of formation of Team 2028.
Phase 1 2022 will identify and make program for U12 players

- 2023 – U13
- 2024 – U13
- 2025 – U12 and U14
- 2025 – U13 and U15

Phase 2 select a Target Group of the best U-16 players and continue until 2027-2028 based on a yearly selection.

Financial support for participation in all other events will be considered by HPC based on the submission of NT player's annual plans and TTCAN's approved budget.

Selection tournaments, list of major events, criteria for selection of NT coaches for major events

TTCAN will organize one selection tournament - Canadian Championship in the Summer of 2021 and one – National Circuit Final (last week of December of first week of January).

Additional selection tournaments may be organized for selecting athletes for World Championships (seniors) if Board of Directors find that eligibility criteria or timing of the World Championships requires additional selection tournament.

If health conditions are favorable, another selection tournament will be organized for U21 Men and U19 and U15 Boys and Girls to allow for selection of players to represent Canada in major Junior and Cadet events in September 2021.

If selection tournaments cannot be organized or held due to unforeseen circumstances, athlete selection for participation in major events will be decided based on the current National Team Points List.

Events/Selection	Number of players	Based on Selection Standing Table (each team)	Based on Coach's Pick	Notes	Qualifying Event	Coaches	Selecting Coaches
North American Championships (All categories)	40	Top three	One or based on Prospectus		PanAm events in 2022	Ten (one for each team)	HPC will select one coach for each team based on the position of the athletes selected by Selection Standing Table: - The Coach with the highest number of selected athletes will be appointed as a Team Coach for the event - In the event that more than one coach has the same number of selected athletes, the coach of the highest-ranking player will be selected
PanAm Junior Games	2	*based on highest ITTF ranking	None	Sophie Gauthier and Jeremy Hazin has selected based on letter from ITTF America	None	One	
PanAm Championships (All categories)	24	Top three	One	Maximum 4 players per team	World Junior Championships	Ten	
World Senior Single Championships	Max 4	Top two	One	To be announced by ITTF		One-Two	
World Junior Championships (U19)	6-8	Top two or three (to be decided)	One	To be announced by ITTF		One per team	
WTT Cup	2	None		WTT selection/qualification criteria		To be decided	HPC will select the coach

Selection Standing Table - Calculations

Placement at Selection Tournaments	Points
1st/Winner	1000
2nd/Finalist	800
3rd/Semi-finalist	700
4th	600
5th/Quarter-finalist	550
6th	500
7th	450
8th	400
9th/ R16	375
10th	350
11th	325
12th	300
13th	285
14th	270
15th	255
16th	240

	Last event (Canadian Championships or National Circuit Final)	Events before last (Canadian Championships or National Circuit Final)	National Team Points List
Percentage of points contributing to Selection Standing Table	60%	15%	25%

Athletes will earn a certain number of points based on the results at selection tournaments (Canadian Championships or National Circuit Final). See table Placement at Selection Tournaments.

Those points will be multiplied by 0.6 for the most recent tournaments and by 0.15 for previously organized tournaments.

The total points for the Selection Standing Table will be made up of the sum of those two numbers + points from the National Team Points List multiplied by 0.25.

Example of Selection Standing Table March 1, 2021		Total points	Canadian Championships (Sep 2021)			National Circuit Final (Jan 2022)			National Team Points List		
			Placement	Points	Calculations	Placement	Points	Calculations	NT Points	Points	Calculations
1	Alicia Ramirez	**918**	Winner	600	=0.6*1000	3rd	105	=0.15*700	850	213	=0.25*850
2	Marry Smith	**850**	2nd	480	=0.6*800	2nd	120	=0.15*800	1000	250	=0.25*1000
3	Joy Chan	**740**	4th	360	=0.6*600	Winner	150	=0.15*1000	920	230	=0.25*920

Participation at other international events

All National Team athletes pursuing participation in other than the major international events will be registered by TTCAN free of charge.

Athletes that are not on the NT List, participation in international events needs approval from HPC Chair and PTSO representative. The player to provide a list of planned events and If approved, the athlete will purchase a participation package for up to 5 events for a onetime fee of $200.00.

Financial support for the athletes in other events will be decided based on athlete's level, age category, annual plan, evaluation and testing. Annual Plan and Coach's report to be submitted using TTCAN Athletes' Educational platform with detailed annual periodization plan that includes:

- At least five performance and five developmental goals
- A list of planned events
- A detailed periodization plan
- A list of other coaches/clubs/centers that are participating in the athlete's activities with details on how those activities are going to be coordinated
- Detail description of daily training environment

Participation at national events

Participation in all national events is mandatory for all National Team athletes with the following exceptions:

- Elite and International level athletes can attend Canadian Championships and Canadian Cup without participating at regional qualification events.
- Athletes selected to participate in major international events or any other events scheduled to take place at the same time as the Challenge Tournaments with HPC agreement.

All Canadian athletes, including those living outside of Canada, will have the opportunity to participate in qualification events scheduled to be held one day before the start of the selection tournament and to compete for previously announced number of spots per age and gender category.

Annual Training Camp - Evaluation, Testing and Planning

TTCAN will organize mandatory training camps in each of the High-Performance Training Centers. During the camp the athletes will:

- Be evaluated by at least three different coaches using Talent Identification (Talent ID) Tools
  - Nine attributes Talent ID matrix
  - Twenty-three attributes Talent ID matrix
- Complete series of physical fitness and technical skills sets designed by HPC. Each National High Performance Center may add other tests in cooperation with Canadian Sports Centers/Institutes.

HPC representative, coordinator, athlete's coach and the athlete will:

- Identify five annual performance and developmental goals
- Discuss other details from annual periodization plan
- Identify and agree on communication protocols if more than one coach is involved in athlete's development.

Athletes and Coaches obligations

All athletes and coaches representing Canada will:

- follow Canadian Centers of Ethics in Sport (CCES) procedures and recommendations
- respect TTCAN policies and the Code of Conduct
- communicate with TTCAN representatives in a timely manner (responding to emails within 48 hours).

Selected athletes prevented from participation or decided not to participate in major international events will inform HPC Chair and HPTC Coordinator (if the athlete is affiliated with the HP Training Center) as soon as possible. In case of injury or other health related reasons, it is mandatory for athletes to provide doctors report (preferably from Canadian Sports Center/Institute). HPC will review and decide to accept reasons for athlete's absence or decide to reduce athlete's national team level and national team points.

Same procedure will be followed for athlete's participation in National Selection tournaments. If HPC decision is to accept reasons for athlete's absence, the athlete will still be considered for selection by the coach.

All coaches selected for major international events need to obtain Professional Coaching Status (ChPC) from Coaching Association of Canada and complete Introduction to Competitions certification. Competition Development certification is mandatory for Coaches selected for the Olympic Games.