



STATE TEAMS AND RANKINGS POLICY

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Name

1. This policy shall be referred to as the **State Teams and Rankings Policy**.

Source

2. This policy is made pursuant to rule 32 of the Constitution of Table Tennis South Australia Incorporated (TTSA).

Purpose

3. This policy is intended to regulate:
 - the selection of Table Tennis players into State teams and Presidents teams for the Australian Championships and
 - the selection of state rankings.
4. This policy should be read in conjunction with **State Selectors, Coaches, Team Managers and Players Policy**.

Aim

5. Table Tennis South Australia seeks to ensure any State Team includes the best performed players in the relevant performance period to maximise chances of winning team and individual events at the Australian Championships.

Selection period

6. The selection period for State Teams for the Australian Championships commences immediately following the close of the previous year's selection period and continues until at least 12 weeks prior to the date set down for the Championships in the relevant year (unless varied by Table Tennis South Australia).

Team eligibility

7. To be eligible for selection in a State Team for participation in an Australian Championships, a player shall:
 - be a registered member of Table Tennis South Australia;
 - satisfy the requirements set down by Table Tennis Australia for State representation – see *Regulations for National Championships (Senior & Youth)*, *Regulations for National Championships (Junior)* or *Regulations for National Championships (Veterans)*;
 - complete and forward to Table Tennis South Australia the prescribed State Team Availability form; and
 - have played at least the minimum number of approved tournaments prescribed for the relevant age category as set out in rule 8.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

8. The number of approved tournaments and winter competition (where required) in the relevant selection period for that particular age category prescribed for the purposes of State Team eligibility is:

- have participated in at least half of TTSA winter pennant competition and have participated in at least half of TTSA sanctioned tournaments to be eligible for State Men's and Women's Team selection, unless they have obtained special dispensation from the Coordinator of Senior State Selectors
- have participated in at least half of all relevant tournaments to be eligible for Junior, Youth and Veterans Team selection.

Discretionary exemption from eligibility criteria

9. The State Selection Panel may grant a Table Tennis player an exemption from the eligibility criteria set out in rule 8 in the following circumstances:
 - where the Panel is satisfied that a player has suffered a significant injury preventing that player from participating in the prescribed minimum number of tournaments; or
 - where the Panel is satisfied that a player has by virtue of other official State, National, Oceania or International tournament, playing or training commitments been prevented from participating in the prescribed minimum number of tournaments; or
 - where the Panel is satisfied that a player is required to complete the numbers in a State Team (where there is insufficient eligible players) and the addition of that player is in the best interests of the sport; or
 - where there are other material and significant events that preclude a player from complying with rule 8.
10. A player seeking exemption from the eligibility criteria as set out in rule 8 shall submit an exemption in writing to the Coordinator of the relevant State Selection Panel as soon as practicable.
11. An exemption shall not be granted by the State Selection Panel unless the vote to do so is unanimous.

State Teams Selections

12. Subject to the exercise of powers by the State Selection Panel, Table Tennis South Australia shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that State "A" teams are selected for all relevant age categories to participate in the Australian Championships.
13. The State Selection Panel may only nominate a State "B" or State "C" team (where relevant) where the Panel is satisfied that such team shall be "reasonably competitive" or is in the best interests of the "future development" of those teams in that particular age category at the Australian Championships.

Number of Players in Team

14. A State Team shall generally consist of the number of players required to play each team match plus 1 (one) player. This requirement of "plus 1 (one) player" may be varied by the State Selection Panel where it is in the interests of the sport to do so.

Player Eligibility for Multiple Age Categories

15. Where a Table Tennis player is eligible for 2 (two) or more age categories at an Australian Championships, the State Selection Panel may select the player in any category but shall give preference to selecting the player in their actual age category.

Selection of Players into “A” Teams

16. State “A” teams shall be selected from Table Tennis players meeting all eligibility criteria as set out in rule 7 and 8 (and including any player who has been granted an exemption under rule 9) based on the accumulated points earned during the competitive season.
17. In order to complete the complement for a State “A” team (thus satisfying the “plus 1 (one) player” requirement), the State Selection Panel may select 1 (one) additional player (or 2 (two) additional players in exceptional circumstances) in the exercise of their discretion in consultation with the appointed State Coach.

Selection of Players into “B” Teams and “C” Teams

18. State “B” teams (where applicable) and State “C” teams (where applicable) shall be selected from Table Tennis players meeting all eligibility criteria as set out in rules 7 and 8 (and including any player who has been granted an exemption under rules 9 and 10) in the order of the players with the next highest total State Team Points (after excluding all players selected for the respective State “A” team) until the required team complement is satisfied.
19. Notwithstanding rule 18, the State Selection Panel shall exercise a discretion in the selection of the “plus 1 player” into any State “B” Team or State “C” team, but in exercising this discretion shall give preference to the player with the highest ranking points.

Nomination of Players for Presidents Team

20. A South Australian player (who has not been selected in a State Team) may be nominated by the State Selection Panel for inclusion in a President’s team where such player has:
 - satisfied the team eligibility requirements as set out in rules 7 and 8 (or has been granted an exemption under rules 9 and 10); and
 - the Panel is satisfied that the inclusion of the player in a President’s team is in the best interests of the sport to do so.

Deviation from Selection Rules

21. The State Selection Panel may deviate from the selection rules set out in rules 14 - 20 only in exceptional circumstances and provided where the decision to do so is unanimous.

Selection of Para Athletes

22. The State Selection Panel may, in its absolute discretion, select para athletes to represent the State at the relevant Australian Championships.

Appeal Against Decision of Panel

23. A player aggrieved by a decision of the State Selection Panel may appeal against the decision to

Announcement of State Teams

24. Table Tennis South Australia shall announce all State Teams (and nominations for Presidents teams) on its website as soon as practicable after the decision is made by the State Selection Panel.

Team Uniform

25. All players shall wear the prescribed State Team uniform during the Australian Championships. All players must wear the State Team uniform during the Opening Ceremony, whilst playing the teams event and at the teams event medal ceremonies. For avoidance of doubt, players are not required to wear the State Team uniform (but players must not wear the prescribed uniform of another state, territory or country) whilst playing individual events and at the individual events medal ceremonies.
26. All Team Managers and Team Captains shall wear the prescribed State Team uniform during the Australian Championships. For avoidance of doubt, no other person (including a member of the President's team) is permitted to wear the prescribed State Team uniform during the Australian Championships (apart from participation in the Opening Ceremony and any matter incidental thereto).

Responsibilities of Table Tennis South Australia

27. Table Tennis South Australia shall pay the team entry fee for all State "A" and "B" teams (but not State "C" teams).
28. Where junior players are travelling interstate to and from an Australian Championships, such players must travel with the Team Manager unless such player has previously advised Table Tennis South Australia of his or her satisfactory alternative arrangements (to include travelling accompanied by an adult).
29. Where junior players are travelling interstate to and from an Australian Championships, such players must stay at the designated accommodation with the Team Manager unless such player has previously advised Table Tennis South Australia of his or her satisfactory alternative arrangements (such dispensation shall only be granted in exceptional circumstances).

Responsibilities of Selected Players

30. Members selected in State Teams will:
- for Junior players - produce a copy of their Birth Certificate or a Statutory Declaration stating Date of Birth and provide proof of residential qualification (if requested)
 - advise the Team Manager of any physical/medical disability conditions
 - advise the Team Manager of any medication being taken, prescribed or other
 - abide by any disciplinary ruling of the Team Manager whilst under the control of the Team Manager

- attend all State Squad practice sessions. Members unable to attend must advise the Team Manager (or State Coach, if a Team Manager has not been appointed) of their unavailability and state their reasons. Attendance at training is compulsory and failure to attend may render that player ineligible for team selection. Commitments to other sporting activities is not an acceptable reason for missing training sessions.
 - be aware that any disciplinary action taken by the Team Manager will be reported to the Board of TTSA and to the State Selection Panel
 - be personally responsible for any damages caused by them through any misconduct whilst under the control of the Team Manager or State Coach(es).
 - abide by all the rules applicable to State Squad Members.
31. It is the responsibility of all selected players to pay the estimated team cost (as advised) of participation in an Australian Championships to Table Tennis South Australia prior to departure for the Championships.
32. The responsibilities of a player selected to play in a State Team is as set out in the respective Table Tennis South Australia - Athlete Agreement.

Jurisdiction of Team Manager

33. Where a junior player (player under the age of 18 years) is travelling interstate to an Australian Championship (and where no satisfactory alternative travelling arrangements have been made), such player falls under the jurisdiction of the Team Manager immediately upon arrival at the point of departure from South Australia until return to the point of the said departure after the closure of the Australian Championships. However, where satisfactory alternative travelling arrangement have been made, such player falls under the jurisdiction of the Team Manager immediately upon arrival at the designated accommodation (and where no satisfactory alternative accommodation arrangements have been made) until departure from the said designated accommodation. And where satisfactory alternative travelling and accommodation arrangements have been made, such player falls under the jurisdiction of the Team Manager from the Opening Ceremony to the Closing Ceremony but only immediately upon the player having presented himself or herself at the playing (or linked) venue.
34. Where a junior player (player under the age of 18 years) is travelling to an Australian Championship conducted in South Australia, such player falls under the jurisdiction of the Team Manager from the Opening Ceremony to the Closing Ceremony but only immediately upon the player having presented himself or herself at the playing (or linked) venue.
35. In all other cases where a player is travelling interstate to an Australian Championship, such player falls under the jurisdiction of the Team Manager from the Opening Ceremony to the Closing Ceremony but only immediately upon the player having presented himself or herself at the playing (or linked) venue.

36. In all other cases where a player is travelling to an Australian Championship conducted in South Australia, such player falls under the jurisdiction of the Team Manager from the Opening Ceremony to the Closing Ceremony but only immediately upon the player having ~~presented~~ presented himself or herself at the playing (or linked) venue.

Playing Uniform

37. The playing uniform will be determined by the Board of TTSA and is to be worn during team match play.
38. TTSA reserves the right to amend the playing uniform from time to time.

State Rankings

39. The TTSA Board has adopted a point scoring system for Tournament results to aid in the determination of State Rankings. Refer to Appendix A.
40. The point scoring system is designed to reward players who enter Tournaments.
41. Points are awarded based on the following criteria:

	Minor Tournament	Sanctioned	State Titles
Position 1	220	300	350
Position 2	160	230	250
Position 3-4	110	175	190
Position 5-8	70	135	150
Position 9-16	40	100	110
Position 17-32	20	80	90
Position 33-64	10	65	70

42. The points are awarded regardless of the amount of entries.
43. If a player gets a bye in the first round (normally a seeded player) then they are still awarded second round points even if they don't win their first match.
44. First round losers are to receive minimum points.
45. If a player enters a tournament and doesn't show thus awarding a player a W/O then the player who didn't show isn't awarded any points.
46. A round robin event can still be awarded points in the same manner, as there is still a finishing order in a round robin event.
47. Where a plate is played for first round losers in any event, points will not be awarded.
48. This system is designed to award players who enter tournaments. Each round win in an event increases the player's points.
49. Points scored from tournaments will be accumulated throughout the year. These points will then be used to determine State Rankings for the year.
50. Tournaments conducted after the relevant State Teams selection period ends, and where there is a sanctioned tournament conducted, points will continue to accumulate towards State Ranking for that year in addition to points carrying over for the following year.