



Team PNG

Athletes Selection Policy



PNG TENNIS ASSOCIATION

1. Introduction

1.1 Background –

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) has developed this policy for the selection of athletes to represent PNG at respective Games from 2022 to 2024.

The (Games) being considered under this selection policy are:

- 2022 Pacific Mini-Games
- 2023 Pacific Games
- 2024 Olympic Games

The PNGOC is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the National Olympic Committee for Papua New Guinea. The IOC is the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Olympic Games.

PNGOC is also recognised by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and the Pacific Games Council (PGC) as members of the respective bodies. The CGF is the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Commonwealth Games as is the PGC the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Pacific Games.

The PNGOC has the sole and exclusive authority to determine its representation at the Games.

The PNGOC wishes to promote awareness and clear understanding of the process for nomination of Athletes by the National Federations (NF) and selection by the PNGOC for Team PNG (the Team) to compete in the Games.

The NF and its athletes wish to have a clear understanding of the process for nomination and selection of Athletes for the Team, and has agreed to the terms and conditions of this Policy for that purpose.

This Policy sets out the application, nomination and selection process by which eligible Athletes may be considered for nomination by the NF, and selection by the PNGOC, for Team PNG.

This Policy also sets out the procedures that must be followed for any appeal against a decision by the NF regarding an Athlete's nomination or non-nomination or a decision by the PNGOC regarding an Athlete's selection or non-selection to the Team.

This policy is to be referred to in the nomination criteria to be adopted by each National Federation (NF) for all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to Team PNG to compete in the Games.

1.2 Purpose –

For PNGOC to select a team that:

- Has high performing athletes to represent Team PNG at the Games.
- Has a high percentage of athletes meeting the Performance Standards.
- Achieves the targets set out by PNGOC for the respective games.

2. Process

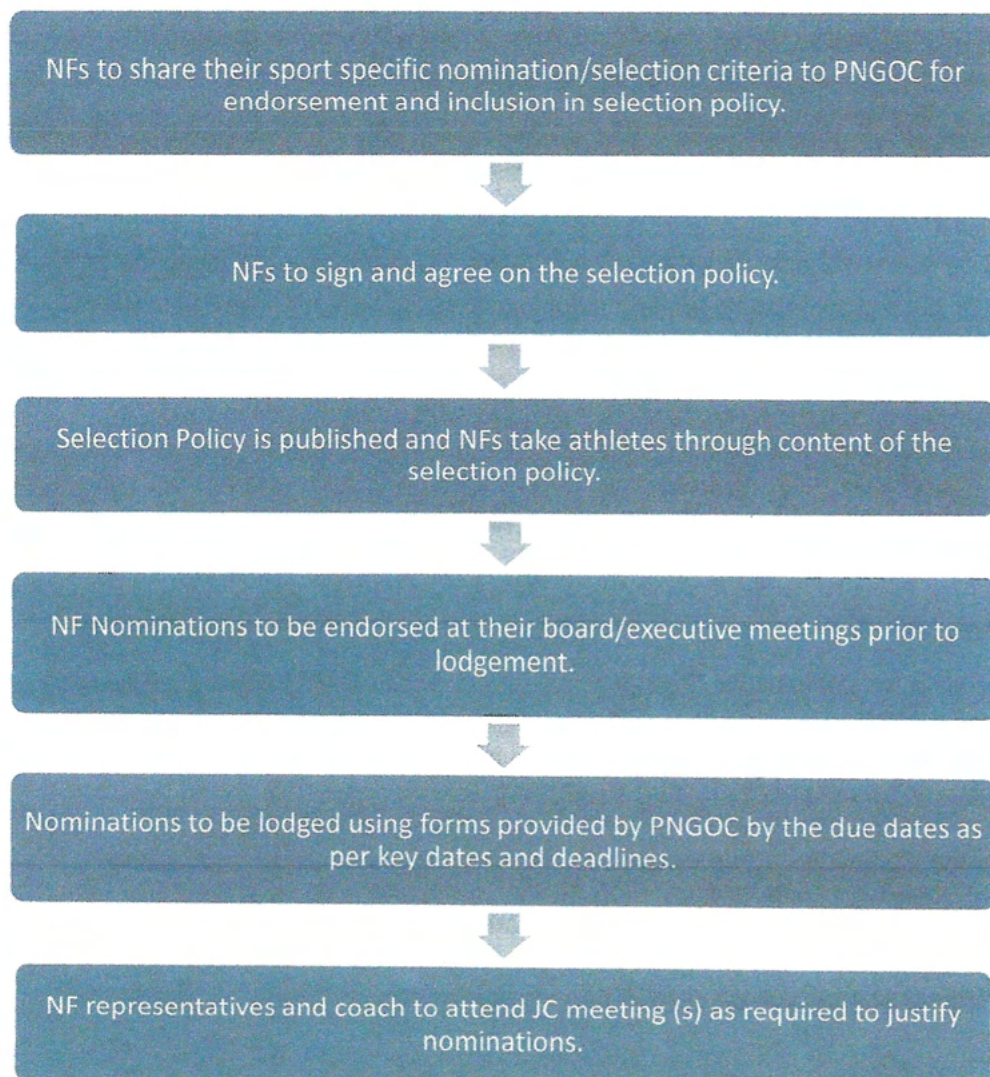
This policy has been adopted by the PNG Olympic Committee.

NFs must nominate athletes in the sport for selection for Team PNG for the Games, by the due dates.

The Justification Committee (JC) of the PNGOC will review the nominations and make the final selection in line with this policy and the NF nomination/selection criteria.

2.1 Nomination Process – National Federations

The process for NFs to nominate athletes in their respective sports is as follows



A National Federation must not represent that a nomination of a candidate guarantees or secures selection to the sport or within the team.

It is recommended that the NF nomination/selection panel includes independent representation and that one position is given to the Head Coach.

2.2 Selection Process – Justification Committee

The JC has the task of ensuring the nominated candidates become the right team or individual to fulfil the PNGOC overall vision. This means selecting the right people that give Team PNG the best chance of achieving our Games goals. The JC may request additional advice from external specialists where required.

Any discretion used by JC must be transparent, accountable, and logical and acted upon in good faith.

Outcomes of all selection processes will be communicated both verbally and in writing by the JC to the NF.

2.3 General Criteria & Eligibility (For all Athletes)

- 2.3.1 Must be a Papua New Guinean Citizen with a valid Papua New Guinea (PNG) passport (with a six-month minimum expiry as at the conclusion of the Games);
- 2.3.2 Must meet all eligibility requirements set out in the International Olympic Committee Charter, Commonwealth Games Federation Charter, Pacific Games Charter and rules applicable to the respective Games, this policy, and any requirements of the sport.
- 2.3.3 Must complete all required documentation correctly and in a timely manner.
- 2.3.4 Must adhere in full to all general Team PNG policy, athlete's agreement and PNGOC policy including satisfactorily meeting event requirements. This will include completion of all medical, fitness and other testing protocols not yet conducted or still underway at time of squad selection. *The candidate will be notified in writing of areas they need to address if non-compliant. If after such notification the candidate still fails to meet criteria, the candidate can be removed from consideration of selection.*
- 2.3.5 Must be fully vaccinated under the existing COVID19 environment, or where the athlete is exempt, proof of certificate of exemption from an approved authority. The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee retains the right to independently verify authenticity of all certificates provided by the athlete(s).
- 2.3.6 Willingness to engage in and encourage participation in PNGOC and Team PNG activities and programs.
- 2.3.7 Must agree to the terms of this Selection Policy.
- 2.3.8 Must sign and agree to the terms of the athlete agreement before and during the Games.
- 2.3.9 Have achieved Performance Standards (as set out in clause 3.1) within the timeframe as pointed out for the respective Games.

2.4 Physical Fitness, Injury Monitoring and Wellbeing –

All nominated athletes must submit to medical and physical assessments and examinations as follows

- 2.4.1 All athletes must report any injury, medical condition or medication / treatment of an injury or medical condition to the National Head Coach & Team PNG appointed medical personnel, where it has an impact on the athletes' ongoing training plan.

2.4.2 All athletes must comply with set physical and medical assessments as set out by PNGOC and JC requirements.

2.4.3 All athletes must provide any information required by PNGOC in relation to a medical or physical assessment, injury or medical condition.

2.5 Exclusions –

A nominated athlete can NOT be considered for selection for any sport in the following circumstances. If the candidate:

2.5.1 is currently serving a ban imposed by the National Federation; or

2.5.2 is currently serving a ban imposed by any Regional or International Federation; or

2.5.3 has been involved in activity that contradicts the policies and laws of the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA), PNG Sport Anti-Doping Organisation (PNGSADO) and the event's governing body anti-doping policies and laws; and is not currently serving a ban for anti-doping related offences.

2.5.4 is convicted of a criminal offence.

2.5.5 is not fully vaccinated under the existing COVID19 environment or is unable to provide a satisfactory proof of exemption certificate from an approved authority.

A nominated athlete May be excluded from consideration if the candidate:

2.5.6 breaches general team policy such as behaviour or conduct bringing sport in PNG and Team PNG into disrepute;

2.5.7 does any action that is contrary, inconsistent with or opposing to the brand, values, best interest or image of PNGOC and Team PNG;

2.5.8 does not comply with all agreements such as General Team Policy including areas such as gambling policy, social media guidelines and formal guidelines set by PNGOC, Team PNG Chef de Mission and Management.

2.6 Consideration of Extenuating Situations –

In the case of illness or other reasonable circumstances that prevent the candidate from fulfilling their requirements, written notification to the JC must be made prior to or within reasonable time of the failure to comply. This can include, but is not limited to, attendance at daily training, camps, testing, international and domestic events, training and development and other key events as per calendar. With relevance to an overseas based athlete, a case by case decision will be made by the JC in consultation with the Chef de Mission if needed.

3. Selection Overview Sport Specific requirements

3.1 Performance Standards

The following Performance Standards shall be used as the main criteria for selection of athletes for the various Games. It shall however, be used in combination with PNGOC's *National Federation and Athlete tiering system*

policy and other factors such as demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions, athlete commitment to training and preparation for games and no disciplinary issues.

Performance history shall also be from various international and national events from the last twenty-four months prior to the commencement of the respective games.

3.1.1 2022 Pacific Mini-Games

3.1.1.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Pacific Mini-Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in Oceania, top 3 in the Pacific and top 2 nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.1.2 Must be capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event.

3.1.2 2022 Asian Games

3.1.2.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Asian Games shall be ranked in the top 3 in the Oceania region and 1st nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.3 2023 Pacific Games

3.1.3.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Pacific Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in Oceania, top 3 in the Pacific and top 2 nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.3.2 Must be capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event.

3.1.4 2024 Olympic Games

3.1.4.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Olympic Games shall be ranked in the top 3 in Oceania, 1st in the Pacific and nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.4.2 Must be capable of achieving a placing in the top half in their respective event.

¹Team Events are events that feature a team of individual athletes e.g. 100m Relay, Tennis Doubles, Lawn Bowls Fours.

3.2 Events / Competitions & Fitness, Physiological criteria (Elite focus) –

The following criteria will be used as a part of the JC review process for all athletes for Team PNG.

3.2.1 Training & Competition Plan

Each National Head Coach has submitted a training and competition plan. Attendance and ongoing commitment to this plan is vital for inclusion in selections for the final team. Attendance records for training and activities will be recorded and submitted to JC.

3.2.2 Sport Specific Criteria

PNGOC recommends that NFs provide information on the following to support the selection of athletes for Team PNG:

- Previous international and national performances
- Current international and national performances
- Current level of skill and physical fitness (sport specific requirements attached)
- Current or potential injury or condition that will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the expected elite level
- Composition and balance of the team based on position coverage (where applicable)
- Which competitions and/or trials where selections will be made
- Period of when selections will be done
- How the NF has communicated the selection criteria to the athletes

3.2.3 Events

PNGOC recommends that selections be made through the following events as submitted by National Federation's:

- International events – Oceania/ Pacific Championships
- National Championships
- National League/ Provincial League
- HP Camps, selection camps and targeted training sessions
- Selection trials

3.3 Events/Competitions & Fitness, Physiological criteria (Best of Rest focus)

Should the full team requirements not be met from the standards and criteria set out in above, then a policy of Best of the Rest will apply. This is where PNGOC may decide to endorse athletes who have not met the standards and criteria laid out in this policy whose inclusion in Team PNG is within the allowable athlete allocation numbers and is in line with PNGOC's Games' goals.

This will be done on similar grounds as the criteria above, i.e.

- 3.3.1** Event and competition performance
- 3.3.2** Results from Specific Testing Data
- 3.3.3** Results from Medical and Physical assessments
- 3.3.4** Other factors considered by selectors to be important
- 3.3.5** PNGOC's *NF and Athlete tiering system policy*

Discretion will be used in this situation where the data and information is more objective and less definitive.

4. Appeal Process

An athlete who fails to be selected for the squad or final team pursuant to the criteria set out in this policy may appeal against omission.

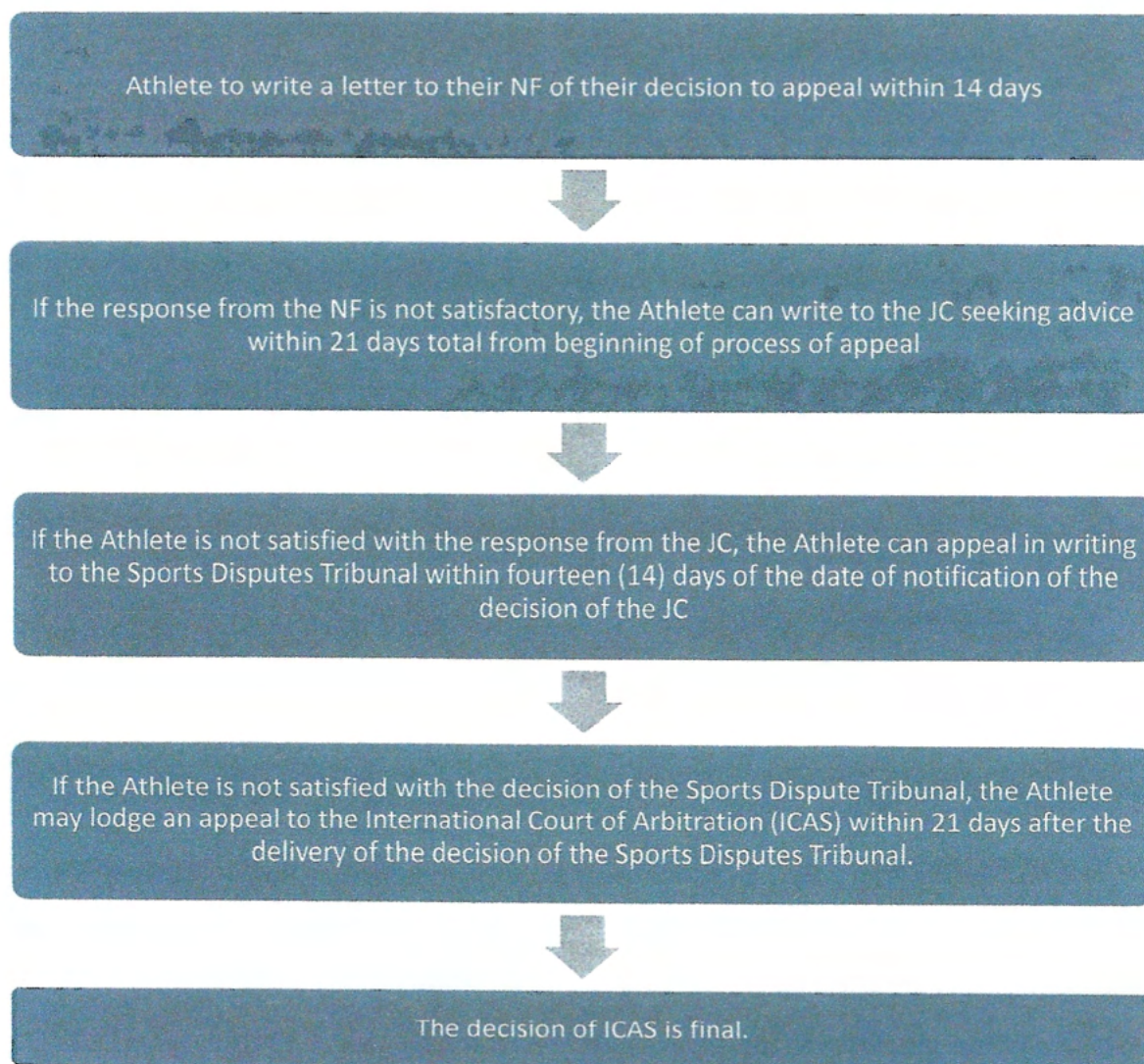
The only grounds for such an appeal are that the JC, in making their final decision, failed to comply with this policy.

There is no right to appeal where a sanction or ban exists in relation to WADA or International Federation.

Appeals – Appeals can be made through the standard sports appeal process, with ultimate arbitrator being the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS).

Scenario 1 - Athlete is not nominated by the NF

Process for an athlete to appeal if they haven't been nominated by the NF is as follows:



Scenario 2 - Athlete is excluded by the JC

Process for an athlete and/or the NF to appeal if the athlete is excluded by the JC is as follows:

If the Athlete and / NF is dissatisfied with the decisions of the Justification Committee, the Athlete and / or NF can appeal in writing to the Sports Disputes Tribunal within fourteen (14) days after the date of notification of the decision of the JC.



If the Athlete is dissatisfied with the decision of the Sports Dispute Tribunal, the Athlete may lodge an appeal to the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS) within 21 days after the delivery of decision.



The decision of ICAS is final.

The appeal process will not be extended beyond 21 days. A final decision is to be made in due course but no later than the due date for final nominations.

Indemnity: - *It is a condition of nomination and participation in selection that PNGOC and its directors, officers, employees, servants, and agents be indemnified from and against all claims, demands, action, proceedings, costs and expenses including legal costs and liabilities to third parties arising out of incidents of any breach by the National Federation and/or athletes.*

We, the undersigned are in agreement of this Selection Policy to select athletes to represent PNG at respective Games from 2021 to 2024.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2021.

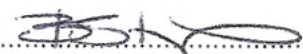
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PNG Olympic Committee

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Name of NF Executive

: BARBARA STUBBINGS

Signature of NF Executive

:  05/01/2022

NF Executive Position

: President

Name of Witness

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Signature of Witness

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Team PNG - Performance Standards (Individual Sports)					
Games					
Year	2022			2023	2024
Games	Pacific Mini Games	Commonwealth Games	Asian Games	Pacific Games	Olympic Games
Host City	Saipan	Birmingham	Hangzhou	Honiara	Paris
Host Country	Northern Mariana Islands	England	China	Solomon Islands	France
Date	June 17-25	July 27 - Aug 7	Sept 10-25	Nov 19 - Dec 2	July 26-Aug 11
Performance Standards					
Oceania	Top 5	Top 3	Top 5	Top 5	Top 3
Pacific	Top 3			Top 3	1st
National	Top 2	1st	1st	Top 2	1st
Selection Policy Criteria	• Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019 and Pacific Mini Games 2017. • Ranking in the National (Top 2) /Pacific (Top 3) /Oceania (Top 5) • Is capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event and/or team event. • Commitment to training and preparation for the Games • No disciplinary issues	• Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019. • Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Oceania (Top 3) • Is capable of achieving a top 15 placing in their respective event and top 10 in team event. • Commitment to training and preparation for the Games • No disciplinary issues	• Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. • Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Oceania (Top 5) • Is capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event and/or team event. • Commitment to training and preparation for the Games • No disciplinary issues	• Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019. • Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Oceania (Top 5) • Is capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event and/or team event. • Commitment to training and preparation for the Games • No disciplinary issues	• Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. • Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Pacific (Number 1)/Oceania (Top 3) • Is capable of achieving top 20 placing in their respective event and/or team event. • Commitment to training and preparation for the Games • No disciplinary issues

Annexures:

1. PNG Tennis Association Athlete Selection Policy
2. PGC Charter –
 - a. Article 25 - Athlete Eligibility
 - b. Regulation 5 – Individual Sports Events
 - c. Regulation 6 – Maximum Number Of Entries For Individual Sports For Each PGA
3. Olympic Games – Paris2024
 - a. Qualification System

ARTICLE 25

Eligibility

1. An athlete to be eligible to compete in the Pacific Games or Pacific Mini Games shall:

- (a) Complete all entry and other applicable contractual documentation.
- (b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Council, or their respective PGA or International Federation or under the World Anti Doping

Code.

- (c) Comply with:

- (i) The applicable rules and regulations of the Council and this Constitution
 - (ii) The applicable rules and regulations of the relevant International Federations subject to the provisions of this Charter
 - (iii) The provisions of the World Anti Doping Code.
- (d) Meet the following citizenship and residency conditions for inclusion in a team selected by the PGA to represent its Country/Territory:
 - (i) Be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete is to represent at the Games and be able to demonstrate residency in that country/territory.
 - (ii) For the purposes of this clause:

“citizen” means the holder of a current valid and applicable passport of the country/territory the athlete represents.

“applicable passport” for countries/territories is as follows:

American Samoa PGA – USA Passport
Australia PGA (Associate member) – Australian Passport
Cook Islands PGA – New Zealand Passport
Fiji PGA – Fiji Passport
Federated States of Micronesia PGA – FSM Passport
French Polynesia PGA – France Passport
Guam PGA – USA Passport
Kiribati PGA – Kiribati Passport
Marshall Islands PGA – Marshall Islands Passport
Nauru PGA – Nauru Passport
New Caledonia PGA – France Passport
New Zealand PGA (Associate member) – New Zealand Passport
Niue PGA – New Zealand Passport
Norfolk Island PGA – Australian Passport

Northern Mariana Islands PGA – USA Passport
Palau PGA – Palau Passport
Papua New Guinea PGA – PNG Passport
Samoa PGA – Samoa Passport
Solomon Islands PGA – Solomon Islands Passport
Tonga PGA – Tonga Passport
Tokelau PGA – New Zealand Passport
Tuvalu PGA – Tuvalu Passport
Vanuatu PGA – Vanuatu Passport
Wallis and Futuna PGA – France Passport

“residency” means that the athlete shall be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete represents and have resided for not less than five years (cumulatively, whether consecutively or not) at any time in that country/territory of the PGA.

For the avoidance of doubt the temporary absence of an athlete from the country/territory of their citizenship for purposes such as education and sports training, military service and health care and other legitimate absences of a like kind shall be considered as residency.

- (iii) The Executive Board shall have the discretion to waive the provisions of sub-paragraphs (d) (i)-(ii) above. These discretionary powers shall include, but are not limited to, utilising the prevailing eligibility rules of an International Federation where the following conditions are satisfied by the applicant International Federation no later than fifteen months prior to the Pacific Games:
- (a) The Pacific Games event will be utilised as a qualification pathway event to World Championship, or Olympic Games, or Commonwealth Games events and thus limit the requirement for duplicate events within the Pacific region; and/or
 - (b) The Pacific Games event will provide participants with international ranking points to facilitate their further participation in international events; and
 - (c) The Pacific Games event will receive additional resources or assistance from the applicant International Federation beyond what is required under the Charter, including assistance with monitoring eligibility; and
 - (d) The adoption of the International Federation's eligibility rules will not lead to distorted outcomes from the basic philosophy of the Pacific Games being facilitated for the benefit of the people of the Pacific.

In the event that a PGA believes the application of an International Federation's eligibility rules leads to an unintended discriminatory outcome for one of its athletes, the PGA shall have a right of recourse to the Executive Board who shall have the power to resolve the matter in its discretion.

If applied, the International Federation's eligibility rules shall be sent to all PGAs fifteen months prior to the Pacific Games.

2. It shall be the responsibility of the PGA to ensure that all competitors comply with this Constitution and its eligibility conditions. In satisfying the PGC requirements for entries of athletes it shall be a requirement that the PGA completes an Entry and Eligibility Conditions form, in the form contained in the regulations certifying that the competitor complies with this Article of the Constitution.
3. An athlete who has already competed in the Pacific Games or Pacific Mini Games for one PGA may represent another PGA at a future celebration of the Pacific Games provided that athlete complies with the provisions of this article and the approval of both PGAs.
4. A PGA shall be required to submit competitor entries by name at least 45 days prior to the commencement of the Games and each entry shall be accompanied by all necessary certification.
5. Late Entries by Name will not be accepted.
6. The OC shall be required to post, fax or email all entries by event, name and country on the official PGC website and to the PGAs, International Federations and Executive Board at the close of entries.
7. PGAs shall have 10 days thereafter to challenge to the Executive Board the eligibility of a competitor. A US\$50 bond must be posted by the challenging PGA to the PGC per challenge in order for it to proceed. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful but is forfeited if it is unsuccessful. A PGA whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a US\$100 penalty payable to the PGC at the Delegation Registration Meeting. If the penalty is unpaid, the PGA will not be able to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.
8. In the event of a challenge to an athlete's eligibility the Executive Board shall within 5 days refer the challenge to the Disputes Tribunal established by this Charter, for decision within a further 10 days from receipt of the last challenges. All Disputes Tribunal decisions should therefore be finalised at least 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games). The Disputes Tribunal's decision shall be final. No further challenges shall be considered thereafter.
9. In the event of a challenge to an athlete's eligibility, the burden of proof for residency shall rest with the sponsoring PGA rather than the challenging PGA. Documents proving residency must be submitted by the sponsoring PGA in the event of a challenge, and shall include where appropriate:
 - (a) School records certified by the school principal or the highest official of the relevant government ministry;
 - (b) Employment records certified by the employer or the highest official of the relevant government ministry for labour issues;
 - (c) Tax records;

- (d) Official government birth or immigration records;
- (e) Any other official government record which proves residence.

10. PGA delegation entries are required to be finalised (including satisfying all International Federation requirements), confirmed, and posted on the PGC and OC websites 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games.

Regulation 5 – Individual Sports Events

21. TENNIS

MEN

Singles
Doubles
Team Event
Mixed Doubles

WOMEN

Singles
Doubles
Team Event

Regulation 6 – Maximum Number Of Entries For Individual Sports For Each PGA

21. TENNIS

Maximum of 8 players, with no more than 5 of the same sex



PAPUA NEW GUINEA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

**PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA
FOR
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DUTY**

2020 - 2024

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TENNIS

Selection Criteria for National Representative Duty

1. General Selection Policy Aim

PNG Tennis Association (PNGTA) selects individuals or a team that performs with distinction for the period 2020 – 2024, achieving success by way of medals or improved individual/team rankings in the Pacific Oceania region and on the greater international stage.

PNGTA together with the PNG Olympic Committee (PNGOC) will provide our athletes with the opportunity to compete at various international meets against the world's best athletes, to further enhance the development of our athletes in their pursuit of a career on the ATP or WTA tour.

These guidelines have been established by PNGTA to outline the process by which players and teams are selected to represent PNG at the junior and senior level, and to receive various coaching and training opportunities to enhance their development.

2. Selections

PNGTA wishes to state that in keeping with the Policy Aim of developing players that can represent PNG at the highest level internationally, including the 2020 Olympic Games, there will be an emphasis on development (youth) in the selection and formation of these squads.

Selections will be made by PNGTA Executive Committee, on the recommendation of PNG Tennis coaches using any one or a combination of the criteria outlined below:

2.1 International/Overseas based elite athletes

The level of international/overseas competitions that the player is competing in and the rankings and performances of the player in these competitions as follows:-

- a) ATP/WTA, Challenger and Futures Professional competitions. ATP/WTA rankings and performances in these competitions will carry considerable weight in the making of all decisions related to selections outlined herein
- b) Tennis Australia Senior/Junior Competitions. TA rankings and performances in these competitions will also carry considerable weight in the making of all decisions related to selections outlined herein
- c) NCAA collegiate competitions: NCAA Division 1, NCAA Division 2, NCAA Division 3/Junior Collegiate (NJCAA)
- d) USTA sanctioned senior level open and professional tournaments
- e) Past Davis Cup/Federation Cup experience

f) ITF World Junior ranking (18 and under) and performance in ITF World ranking junior competitions

2.2 Local Based Athletes

The local rankings and the performances of players in local competitions:

- a) Head to head results of players over a 12 month period prior to the selection can be considered.
- b) Trials may be conducted in a format determined by the PNGTA Executive.

PNGTA understands a round-robin format trial for all players, would be the fairest selection process, however, due to geographical locations of elite players, this is not always possible. Results of local competitions conducted in the year prior to Representative duty will also be considered, should the need arise.

The PNGTA Executive can use discretion to nominate players who it determines can enhance the performance of a squad/team based on team needs and competitive conditions, e.g. doubles, surface, etc. The PNGTA Executive will use its discretion while applying the above guidelines as it recognizes the difficulty of capturing all variables and scenarios.

3. Athlete Eligibility

At the time of event selection, the Athlete must satisfy the following eligibility requirements;

- ITF Citizenship requirements;
- Pacific Games Charter Eligibility Criteria, in particular, the "Residency" requirement.
 - "Residency" means that the athlete shall be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete represents and have resided for not less than five years (cumulatively, whether consecutively or not) at any time in that country/territory of the PGA.
 - The temporary absence of an athlete from the country/territory of their citizenship for purposes such as education and sports training, military service, health care and other legitimate absences of a like kind shall be considered as "residency."
- Specific tournament age eligibility rules.
- Must be a current registered member of their local Tennis Club. That Club must be affiliated to the PNG Tennis Association

Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from Team PNG under their guidelines

Athletes will be rated according to their physical readiness to tour, they may be asked to participate in pre and post tour fitness assessments.

Athletes will be expected to sign and comply with the Team PNG Code of Conduct, and are expected to maintain excellent behaviour and will be disciplined accordingly. Immediate discipline will be implemented by the official coaches on the tour, additional disciplinary measures will be controlled by selected Team PNG Officials.

Athletes should also be aware of, understand and comply with the following with all Team PNG athlete-based policies, e.g., Team PNG Code of Conduct; Team PNG Anti-Doping Policy..

PNG Tennis may declare a player to “not be in good standing” and thus be regarded as ineligible for selection. Such reasons may vary from a breach in their Code of Conduct or failure to pay previous tour fees.

4. Other Factors for Consideration

PNG Tennis will only nominate players who have demonstrated continued improvement and a commitment to the PNG Tennis programmes, including progression to meet performance targets, set out in individual athlete’s performance plans and elite athlete behaviours during training sessions, competitions and training camps. Players will be required to undertake regular health and fitness checks.

The PNG Tennis Association will advise the PNG Olympic Committee of the players to be nominated to various international events, in accordance with the agreed selection standards. The PNG Tennis Executive Committee will ratify all nominations

PNGTA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND, MODIFY AND/OR ALTER ANY OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA. THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

5. Funding – National Representation

Although the majority of costs associated with PNG Representative duty are covered by PNGOC, PNG Tennis or ITF Development Grants, PNG Tennis will, at certain events, set a levy for selected athletes, especially at an earlier age. This is to ensure the athlete (and their family) understands the privilege of National Representation, as well as accepting a professional outlook toward a possible career on the ATP/WTa tour.

All athletes selected on an official PNG Tennis or Team PNG tour receive funding in the form of full tour arrangements, at no cost to the athletes as detailed below:

- all travel/flights on approved schedule.
- accommodation on approved schedule.
- Professional team management – Tour Coach and/or Tour Manager,
- Official PNG Team Tracksuit, playing uniform and Travel Polo (if applicable),
- Coordination of all tour travel and accommodation arrangements and training base logistics.

PNG Tennis will endeavour to make sure each tour is financially suitable.

2020 – 2024 CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2020

West Pacific Regional Championships, Port Vila Vanuatu and Lautoka, Fiji

Tour Description: An opportunity for our emerging junior athletes to compete against the best athletes within the West Pacific Region, to gain selection in the West Pacific Team to the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Selection Date: by February of respected year

Tour Coaches: min. 1 x tour coach

Tour Dates: 1st week of May annually, with Entry Deadline -1st week of March

Selection Criteria

i. Age Requirement

- a. 12&Under – 2005 to 2007, aged 10+ or turning 10 in year
- b. 14&Under – 2003 to 2006, age 11+
- c. 16&Under – 2001 to 2004, age 13+

ii. Ranking Requirement

- a. 12&Under
 - must be able to serve and rally consistently, in a best of 3 games format match.
- b. 14&U, 16&U
 - local rankings and performances of players in local competitions
 - head to head results of players over a 6-12 month period prior to the selection can be considered.

iii. Result Requirement

- a. Performance in recent ITF tournaments and National Championships/local tournaments. Round robin playoff matches will be considered.

iv. Participation Requirement

- a. Players must have competed in selection trials above;

v. Endorsement

- a. Athletes must be endorsed for selection by the relevant Coach and have signed a PNGTA Consent Form

vi. Physical Requirement

- a. Athletes will be rated according to their physical readiness to tour, they may be asked to participate in pre and post tour fitness assessments;

vii. Wildcards

- a. No Wildcards are available on this tour.

*Athletes Selected - ** Noting 12&Under event is a team's event (min. 2 athletes)*

Boys

Girls:

Estimated Financial Cost – K800/athlete levy

Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, Fiji

Tour Description: The tournament which brings together the top junior athletes in each age division following the completion of the Regional Championships. Players at the POJC vie for places on the Pacific Oceania touring teams to various events in the Asia/Pacific region

Selection Date: post West Pacific Regional (WPR) Championship

Tour Coaches: to be advised

Tour Dates: Mid-August annually

Selection Criteria

i. Age Requirement

- a. 12&Under – 2005 to 2007, aged 10+ or turning 10 in year
- b. 14&Under – 2003 to 2006, age 11+
- c. 16&Under – 2001 to 2004, age 13+

ii. Ranking Requirement

- a. Top 4 finisher in age category at the WPR Championships

iii. Result Requirement

- a. Top 6 finisher in age category at the WPR Championships to be considered for wildcards.

iv. Participation Requirement

- a. Players must have competed in WPR Championships

v. Endorsement

- a. Athletes must be endorsed for selection by the ITF Development Officer, Fiji

vi. Physical Requirement

- a. Athletes will be rated according to their physical readiness to tour, they may be asked to participate in pre and post tour fitness assessments;

vii. Wildcards

- a. Wildcards are available on this tour.

Athletes Selected

Boys

Girls:

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete— Nil

2020/2021

Olympic Games, Tokyo

Tour Description: The epitome for national representation at a premier event, competing against the best athletes in the World.

Selection Date:

Tour Coaches:

Tour Dates: 24 July – 9 August 2021

Departure Date:

Selection Criteria

i. Age Requirement

a. nil

ii. Ranking Requirement

a. ATP/WTB Rankings

b. Tennis Australia Rankings

c. US Collegiate Rankings

iii. Result Requirement

a. Success at Tennis Australia/US/New Zealand tournaments

iv. Participation Requirement

a. Players must have competed in at least 3 ATP/WTB/TA or NZ tennis sanctioned senior tournaments prior to games.

v. Endorsement

a. Athletes must be endorsed for selection by respective coaches and PNGTA.

vi. Physical Requirement

a. Athletes will be rated according to their physical readiness to tour, they may be asked to participate in pre and post tour fitness assessments;

vii. Wildcards

a. Regional Universality for top ranked Oceania Athlete with ITF ranking below 250

Athletes Targeted/Selected

Boys

Girls: Abigail Tere-Apisah

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete– Nil

2022

Commonwealth Games

Tour Description: The epitome for national representation at a premier event, competing against the best athletes in the World.

Selection Date:

Tour Coaches:

Tour Dates:

Departure Date:

Selection Criteria

i. Age Requirement

a. nil

ii. Ranking Requirement

d. ATP/WTB Rankings

e. Tennis Australia Rankings

f. US Collegiate Rankings

iii. Result Requirement

a. Success at Tennis Australia/US/New Zealand tournaments

iv. Participation Requirement

a. Players must have competed in at least 3 ATP/WTB/TA or NZ tennis sanctioned senior tournaments prior to games.

v. Endorsement

a. Athletes must be endorsed for selection by respective coaches and PNGTA.

vi. Physical Requirement

a. Athletes will be rated according to their physical readiness to tour, they may be asked to participate in pre and post tour fitness assessments.

vii. Wildcards

a. Regional Universality for top ranked Oceania Athlete with ITF ranking below 250

Athletes Targeted/Selected

Boys

Girls: Abigail Tere-Apisah

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete— Nil

2023

Pacific Games, Solomon Islands

Tour Description: The epitome of sport in the Pacific Islands, held every 4 years.

Selection Date:

Tour Coaches:

Tour Dates:

Departure Date:

Selection Criteria

i. Age Requirement

- a. minimum age of 13 years in 2023

ii. Ranking Requirement

- g. ATP/WTB Rankings
- h. Tennis Australia Rankings/NZ Rankings
- i. US Collegiate Rankings

iii. Result Requirement

- a. Success at Tennis Australia/US/New Zealand tournaments
- b. Success at Regional Tennis tournaments
- c. Success at National Level/Local Tournaments or Selection events

iv. Participation Requirement

- a. Players must have competed in at least 3 ATP/WTB/TA/US or NZ tennis sanctioned senior tournaments prior to games.

v. Endorsement

- a. Athletes must be endorsed for selection by respective coaches and PNGTA.

vi. Physical Requirement

- a. Athletes will be rated according to their physical readiness to tour, they may be asked to participate in pre and post tour fitness assessment

vii. Wildcards

- a. No Wildcards are available on this tour.

Athletes Selected

Boys

Girls:

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete— Nil

**** Selection of athlete to be in line with Pacific Games Association Residency Rules/Eligibility**

Commonwealth Youth Games

Tour Description: An opportunity for Junior representation at a world class event, competing against the best junior athletes in the Commonwealth.

Selection Date:

Tour Coaches:

Tour Dates:

Departure Date:

Selection Criteria

i. Age Requirement

- a. male & female – 18&Under

ii. Ranking Requirement

- a. ATP/WT A Rankings
- b. Tennis Australia Rankings

iii. Result Requirement

- a. Success at Tennis Australia/New Zealand tournaments

iv. Participation Requirement

- a. Players must have competed in at least 3 ATP/WT A/TA or NZ tennis sanctioned senior tournaments prior to games.

v. Endorsement

- a. Athletes must be endorsed for selection by respective coaches and PNGTA.

vi. Physical Requirement

- a. Athletes will be rated according to their physical readiness to tour, they may be asked to participate in pre and post tour fitness assessments.

vii. Wildcards

- a. No Wildcards are available on this tour.

Athletes Selected

Boys

Girls:

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete– Nil