Team PNG
Athletes Selection Policy

TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (PNG)
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 2017 to 2020.

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

- 2017 Pacific Mini-Games
- 2018 Commonwealth Games
- 2018 Youth Olympic Games
- 2019 Pacific Games
- 2020 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

1. NFs to share their sport specific nomination/selection criteria to PNGOC for endorsement and inclusion in selection policy.

2. NFs to sign and agree on the selection policy.

3. NFs to take athletes through content of the selection policy.

4. NF Nominations to be endorsed at their board/executive meetings prior to lodgement.

5. Nominations to be lodged using forms provided by PNGOC by the due dates as per key dates and deadlines.

6. NF representatives and coach to attend JC meeting(s) as required to justify nominations.

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 Willingness to engage in and encourage participation in PNGOC and Team PNG activities and programs.

2.3.6 Must agree to the terms of this Selection Policy.

2.3.7 Must sign and agree to the terms of the athlete agreement before and during the Games.

2.3.8 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.

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

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

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

2.5.7 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 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 2017 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 2018 Commonwealth Games

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

3.1.2.2 Must be capable of achieving a placing in the top third in their respective event.

3.1.3 2018 Youth Olympic Games

3.1.3.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Youth Olympic Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in the Oceania region and 1st nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.4 2019 Pacific Games

3.1.4.1 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.

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

3.1.5 2020 Olympic Games

3.1.5.1 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.

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

Team 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)

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

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

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:

1. Athlete to write a letter to their NF of their decision to appeal within 14 days

2. If the Athlete is not satisfied with the response from the NF, the Athlete can write to the JC seeking advice within 21 days total from beginning of process of appeal.

3. If the Athlete is not satisfied with the response from the JC, the Athlete can appeal in writing to the Sports Disputes Tribunal within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification of the decision of the JC

4. If the Athlete is not satisfied 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 the decision of the Sports Disputes Tribunal.

5. The decision of ICAS is final.
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:

Athlete and / or the National Federation can write to the Justification Committee to reconsider its decision.

If the Athlete is dissatisfied with the decisions of the Justification Committee, the Athlete 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.

5. Annexes

Annexure 1 – Team PNG Performance Standards Summary
Annexure 2 – Pacific Games: Athlete Eligibility
Annexure 3 – Commonwealth Games: Athlete Allocation Guideline
Annexure 4 – Youth Olympic Games: Qualification Guidelines

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 2017 to 2020.

Dated this .................. day of .................., 2016.

Auvita Rapilla  
Secretary General  
PNG Olympic Committee

Name of NF Executive  

Signature of NF Executive  

NF Executive Position  

Name of Witness  

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TEAM PNG SELECTION POLICY  

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**Selection Policy Criteria**

- Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2015.
- 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 2015.
- 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 2015.
- Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Pacific (Number 1)/Oceania (Top 3)
- Is capable of achieving a top half placing in their respective event.
- Commitment to training and preparation for the Games
- No disciplinary issues

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- Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Pacific (Number 1)/Oceania (Top 3)
- Is capable of achieving a top half placing in their respective event.
- Commitment to training and preparation for the Games
- No disciplinary issues
ARTICLE 26
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


   (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
         Cook Islands PGA – New Zealand Passport
         Fiji Islands PGA – Fiji Islands Passport
         Federated States of Micronesia PGA – FSM Passport
         French Polynesia PGA – France Passport
         Guam PGA – USA Passport
         Kiribati PGA – Kiribati Passport
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         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 challenge. 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, confirmed, and posted on the PGC and OC websites 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games.

**ARTICLE 27**

**Symbol, Flag and Emblems**

1. The Council shall establish the emblem and may establish other symbols of the Pacific Games and the Pacific Mini Games. All rights to the emblem and/or other symbols shall belong exclusively to the Council.

2. The Council shall establish the flag of the Pacific Games and the Pacific Mini Games. All rights to the flag shall belong exclusively to the Council.

3. The emblem and/or other symbols and flag of the Pacific Games and the Pacific Mini Games, or any representation thereof, shall not be used for any purpose without the express written approval of the Council.

4. Each PGA may and each OC shall incorporate the emblem of the Council along with a design of its own choosing to make its own emblem, subject to the written approval of the Council.

5. The emblems of a PGA and OC shall not be used for commercial purposes except as specifically allowed under Article 28.
**Open Allocation Events**

This means that CGAs must use one of their pre-defined CGA Quota Allocations to enter an athlete in one of these events.

CGAs must also comply with the discipline and event-specific rules listed below.

For the avoidance of doubt, it would not be possible for a CGA to remain within their CGA Allocation and also exhaust the event and discipline specific quotas below.

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<th>Badminton: Max 5 Men and 5 Women entered by CGA. Within this max, a CGA can enter a max 3 Athletes in Single Events and 2 Pairs in single gender Doubles events. Max 4 Pairs in Mixed Pairs event. Excluding Team event.</th>
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<td><strong>Boxing:</strong> Max 1 Athlete per CGA per event, CGA can enter a max of 11 athletes across the possible 13 Medal events.</td>
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<td><strong>Lawn Bowls:</strong> Max 5 Men and 5 Women per CGA. With athletes able to enter up to two Medal events. Max 1 athlete per CGA in Single events. Max 1 Pair per event in Doubles Events. Max 1 Triple per event in Triples events. Max 1 Four per event in Fours event.</td>
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<td><strong>Swimming:</strong> Max 65 athletes across all Aquatic events (Diving and Swimming) per CGA. Max 3 athletes per event. Max 1 Relay Team per event including max 6 relay-only swimmers per gender (not entered in an Individual event).</td>
<td><strong>Squash:</strong> Max 5 Men and 5 Women per CGA, Max 3 athletes per event in Men’s and Women’s Doubles events. Max 2 Pairs per CGA in Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Doubles.</td>
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INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Table Tennis

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3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Age

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.
**D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

### QUALIFICATION PLACES

**MEN & WOMEN**

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| **D.1.** 14 Men 14 Women | **D.1. Continental Qualification Events**  
The top ranked male and female athletes at the respective Continental Qualification Events will be qualify for the YOG according to the following distribution:  
- Europe – Top four (4) ranked athletes  
- Asia – Top four (4) ranked athletes  
- Latin America – Top two (2) ranked athletes  
- Africa – Top two (2) ranked athletes  
- Oceania – Top ranked athlete  
- North America – Top ranked athlete |
| **D.2.** 12 Men 12 Women | **D.2. “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series”**  
The “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series” is a series of six (6) special competitions held immediately before or after the ITTF Junior Circuit competitions for athletes in the YOG age category. Each NOC may be represented by only one (1) athlete per competition per gender.  
There will be two (2) direct elimination competitions, on two (2) consecutive days, the top ranked athletes in each gender per competition from NOCs not qualified through D.1 will qualify for the YOG. |
| **D.3.** 3 Men 3 Women | **D.3 ITTF Under-18 World Ranking**  
The top three (3) ranked age-eligible athletes from an NOC not yet qualified through D.1 and D.2 on the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018 will qualify for the YOG. |
| **D.4.** | **D.4 Mixed Team Event**  
For the mixed team event, teams will be composed of one (1) male athlete and one (1) female athlete from athletes qualified for the individual competitions.  
Teams will be formed according to the following order:  
i. Same NOC team - One (1) boy and one (1) girl from the same NOC  
ii. Continental team - One (1) boy and one (1) girl from different NOCs but from the same continent  
iii. Intercontinental team - One (1) boy and one (1) girl from different NOCs |
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will automatically qualify one (1) male and one (1) female on the condition that both athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C of this document.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Two (2) male Universality Places and two (2) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG.

To be considered for a YOG Universality Place athletes must have participated in the last continental junior championships before the selection and at least one ITTF Junior Circuit event in the two years prior to the Youth Olympic Games and that the athletes meet the criteria under section C.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality Places (date TBC). The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs, in collaboration with ITTF, in March 2017.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

ITTF shall publish the list of NOCs’ qualification places immediately after every Continental Qualification Event and “Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series” on their website at www.ITTF.com

ITTF will confirm all NOCs’ qualification places (from D.1, D.2 and D.3) on 10 July 2018.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks until 24 July 2018, to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to ITTF and BAYOGOC by 10 July 2018 the use of its Host Country Places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the athlete qualified through D.1, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete, from an NOC not yet qualified, at the respective Continental Qualification Event. If there are no more eligible athletes from the respective continent to reallocate the quota place to, the unused quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete, from an NOC not yet qualified, from the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.
- If the athlete qualified through D.2, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete, at the respective "Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series" competition from an NOC not yet qualified.

- If the athlete qualified through D.3, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete on the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018 from an NOC not yet qualified.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

If the host country achieved its quota places through D.1, it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified at the Latin America Continental Qualification Event.

If the host country achieved its quota places through D.2, it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified from the respective "Road to Buenos Aires 2018 series" competition.

If the host country returns or achieved its quota places through D.3, it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified from ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.

If the host country declines the quota place it will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified from ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES**

Any unused Universality Place, including those returned after the final allocation by YUG Interimite Commission, will be reallocated to next best-ranked athlete, from an NOC not yet qualified, of the respective gender from the ITTF Under-18 World Ranking as of July 2018.
# G. Qualification Timeline

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