Team PNG
Athletes Selection Policy

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 Youth Commonwealth Games
- 2017 Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games
- 2017 Pacific Mini-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:

- NFs to share their sport specific nomination/selection criteria to PNGOC for endorsement and inclusion in selection policy.
- NFs to sign and agree on the selection policy.
- NFs to take athletes through content of the selection policy.
- NF Nominations to be endorsed at their board/executive meetings prior to lodgement.
- Nominations to be lodged using forms provided by PNGOC by the due dates as per key dates and deadlines.
- 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 Commonwealth Youth Games

3.1.1.1 All individual athletes and team events\(^1\) eligible for the Commonwealth Youth Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in Oceania and the Pacific and 1\(^{st}\) nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.2 2017 Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games

3.1.2.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games shall be ranked in the top 3 in the Oceania region and 1\(^{st}\) nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.3 2017 Pacific Mini-Games

3.1.3.1 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.

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

3.1.4 2018 Youth Olympic Games

3.1.4.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Youth Olympic Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in the Oceania region and 1\(^{st}\) nationally to be considered for final selection.

3.1.5 2019 Pacific Games

3.1.5.1 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.

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

3.1.6 2020 Olympic Games

3.1.6.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Olympic Games shall be ranked in the top 3 in Oceania, 1\(^{st}\) in the Pacific and nationally to be considered for final selection.

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

\(^1\)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 response from the NF is not satisfactory, 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
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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 : ........................................

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# Tennis Association PNG - Performance Standards

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## Performance Standards

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## Selection Policy Criteria

- Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months
- Age - ranking in the National (1st in PNG) /Pacific (Top 5 in Pacific)
- Commitment to training and preparation for the Games
- No disciplinary issues - Part of a youth program
- 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
PAPUA NEW GUINEA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA
FOR
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DUTY

2016 - 2020
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 2016 – 2020, 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.

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, eg, 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.
2017 – 2020 CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2017

West Pacific Regional Championships, 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: 27 February, 2017
Tour Coaches:
Tour Dates: Mon 1st May - Fri 5th May 2017. Entry Deadline 3rd March 2017
Departure Date: Fri 28th April 2017
Selection Criteria
i. Age Requirement
   a. 12&Under – 2005 to 2007, aged 10+ or turning 10 in 2017
   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 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
   Boys
   Girls:

Estimated Financial Cost – K800/athlete
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: Monday 14th August – Wednesday 23rd August 2017
Departure Date: Friday 11 August 2017
Selection Criteria
1. Age Requirement
   a. 12&Under – 2005 to 2007, aged 10+ or turning 10 in 2017
   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
Commonwealth Youth Games, Bahamas

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

Selection Date: 15 January 2017
Tour Coaches: Mark Lewis or Patrick Apisah
Tour Dates: Wednesday 19th July – Sunday 23rd July 2017
Departure Date: Friday 14 July 2017
Selection Criteria
i. Age Requirement
   a. male & female – 1999 to 2002

ii. Ranking Requirement
   a. ATP/WTA 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//WTA/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: Matthew Stubbings
   Girls: Violet Apisah, Patricia Apisah

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete – Nil
Ashgabat Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games, Turkmenistan

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

Selection Date: 
Tour Coaches: 
Tour Dates: Friday 15th September – Sunday 24th September 2017
Departure Date: Monday 11th September 2017
Selection Criteria
i. Age Requirement
   a. male & female –
ii. Ranking Requirement
   a. ATP/WTA 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/WTA/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
Mini Pacific Games, Vanuatu

Tour Description: Smaller version of the Pacific Games, held every 2nd years from the Pacific Games to give athletes the opportunity to gauge where they are in relation to peers in the Pacific Region.

Selection Date:
Tour Coaches:
Tour Dates: Saturday 2nd December – Thursday 14th December 2017
Departure Date: Tuesday 28 November 2017
Selection Criteria
i. Age Requirement
   a. minimum age of 13 years in 2017

ii. Ranking Requirement
   a. ATP/WTA 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/WTA/TA/US or NZ tennis sanctioned senior tournaments prior to games.

v. Endorsement
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   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 in Focus
   Boys  Mark Gibbons, Matthew Stubbings, Lochlan Kitchen, Eddie Mera
   Girls: Abigail Tere-Apisah, Marcia Tere-Apisah, Violet Apisah, Patricia Apisah

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete– Nil
2018

West Pacific Regional Championships – criteria remains as per 2017
Pacific Oceania Junior Championships – criteria remains as per 2017

Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires

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

Selection Date: 6 January 2017
Tour Coaches: PatrickApisah
Tour Dates: 1 October – 12 October 2018
Departure Date: 25 September 2018
Selection Criteria

i. Age Requirement

a. male & female – 2000 to 2003

ii. Ranking Requirement

a. ATP/WTA 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/WTA/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: VioletApisah, PatriciaApisah

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete – Nil
2019

West Pacific Regional Championships – criteria remains as per 2017
Pacific Oceania Junior Championships – criteria remains as per 2017

Pacific Games, Tonga

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 2017
ii. Ranking Requirement
   a. ATP/WTA 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/WTA/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 assessments;

vii. Wildcards
   a. No Wildcards are available on this tour.

Athletes Selected
   Boys
   Girls:

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete – Nil
2020

West Pacific Regional Championships – criteria remains as per 2017
Pacific Oceania Junior Championships – criteria remains as per 2017

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 2020
Departure Date: 
Selection Criteria
i. Age Requirement
   a. nil

ii. Ranking Requirement
   a. ATP/WTA Rankings
   b. Tennis Australia Rankings
   c. US Collegiate Rankings

iii. Result Requirement
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Athletes Selected
   Boys
   Girls:

Estimated Financial Cost for athlete – Nil
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
             Marshall Islands PGA – Marshall Islands Passport
             Nauru PGA – Nauru Passport
             New Caledonia PGA – France 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, 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.

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INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION

Tennis

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B. ATHLETES QUOTA

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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) and ITF Eligibility Rule. 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.
QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

Additional IF criteria

- Any tennis athlete is eligible for nomination to the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Event provided he/she is in good standing with his/her National Association and the International Tennis Federation ("ITF") and makes himself/herself available to his/her respective National Association for selection to represent his/her NCC in any of the International Team Championships of the ITF during the Olympic cycle preceding the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Event.

- Only NOCs of countries whose National Tennis Associations have been members of the ITF prior to 1 January 2018 may nominate athletes for participation in the 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Tennis Event. For the purpose of such eligibility, both Full and Associate members of the ITF may participate.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN & WOMEN

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| **D.1.** 22 Men 22 Women | **D.1. ITF Junior Rankings**  
The top twenty-two (22) athletes per gender from the ITF Junior Rankings as of 9 July 2018 will be allocated one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.  
Athletes must be ranked ATP 450 or better for men or WTA 200 or better for women in the Professional Singles Rankings of 09 July 2018 to be eligible for a quota place.  
A minimum of twelve (12) athletes will be allocated one (1) quota place based upon the ITF Junior Rankings only. |
| **D.2.** 8 Men 6 Women | **D.2. Regional Representation**  
One (1) quota place will be allocated to the best-ranked athlete on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 9 July 2018 from the Regional Associations and North America not represented after the allocation of quotas in D.1. |
D.3. Composition of Doubles

All athletes participating in the singles events will participate in the doubles events. Doubles teams will have to sign-in on-site.

An NOC who is represented with two (2) men and two (2) women can only enter a maximum of one (1) team per gender.

The draw will take place on Saturday 29 September 2018 (TBC) after the singles draw. The teams will be composed as per the following order of priority:

i. Same NOC
ii. Same region
iii. Same zone
iv. Intercontinental teams

D.3.2 Composition of Mixed Doubles

All athletes participating in the singles events will participate in mixed doubles. Mixed doubles teams will have to sign-in on-site.

The draw will take place on Saturday 29 September (TBC) after the singles and doubles draws. The teams will be composed as per the following order of priority:

i. Same NOC
ii. Same region
iii. Same zone
iv. Intercontinental teams

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

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

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Three (3) male Universality Places and three (3) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG, subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and the eligibility criteria defined 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 ITF, in March 2017.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

ITF will publish the ITF Junior World Rankings and ATP/WTA Professional Singles Rankings as of 9 July 2018 on 11 July 2018 on their website at www.itftennis.com/juniors.

The ITF will confirm in writing to NOCs on 11 July 2018 of the quota places they have achieved.
The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks until 25 July 2018, to confirm to ITF and BAYOGOC by submitting a nomination form if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

**CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

If the host country is not allocated a quota place through D.1 or D.2, the host country must confirm in writing to ITF and BAYOGOC by 25 July 2018 the participation of its athletes.

**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 athletes not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 9 July 2018.
- If the athlete qualified through D.2, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 9 July 2018 of the respective Region.

Unused quota places from D.2 will be allocated to the next best-ranked athletes not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 9 July 2018.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 9 July 2018.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES**

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 9 July 2018.
### G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

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