



BTTAD SELECTION CRITERIA

B.T.T.A.D. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Selection of players to be included as part of an elite squad capable of representing Great Britain will be the overall responsibility of the BTTAD Selection Panel. Selection will be undertaken in the first instance by the Performance Manager and Head Coach who in turn will be advised by their coaching colleagues. They will in turn report to the Selection Panel and through that Panel to the National Committee.

In order to be chosen to represent Great Britain, it will be necessary for players to demonstrate:

1. That they must be current members of BTTAD
2. That they have made every possible effort to attend all elite training camps to which they have been invited, (accepting that there may have been occasions when, owing to illness or injury, they were unavailable for training - on this point, the Selection Panel reserve the right to ask for evidence of medical confirmation, such as a doctor's note).
3. That they abide by the BTTAD Code of Conduct which underpins membership of the elite squad (which should be read in conjunction with this procedure)
4. A professional, self disciplined and self motivated commitment to training both at elite squad training camps and in the periods between training camps, following the advice and guidance offered by the squad coaches. Players will be expected to give an account of their training and practice between camps.
5. That they take part to the best of their ability in all competitions for which they are selected to represent Great Britain.
6. Consistent results in domestic disability table tennis competitions which confirm that they are capable of competing and succeeding at an international standard. Players in the elite squad must take part in at least 2 domestic competitions each year from the Disability Grand Prix Series, one of which should be the Michael Hawksworth Championship (BTTAD Nationals), accepting that there may be exceptional reasons which prevent them from participating, as for instance outlined in 2. above.
- 7 **For selection for the major championships - Paralympic Games, World and European Championships** - players must be able to demonstrate a pattern of results in their particular classification, which, in turn, indicates the ability to compete with medal winning potential. It follows therefore, that through success in the international arena, players will achieve an international ranking which confirms their status as a Major Championships medal contender. The selection of players to represent Great Britain for the Paralympic Games will also accord with any over-riding principles introduced by the British Paralympic Association that may be applicable to all Paralympic sports.
8. In normal circumstances , self or non BTTAD funding for the European or World Championships is not allowed . However if a player fulfils the selection criteria for the European or World Championships but, for whatever reason, cannot be fully funded by BTTAD , then the Selection Panel will consider whether other funding support would be permitted before deciding on final selection. Such other funding support would have to be received by BTTAD before final selection.
9. In the case of the Paralympic Games, self funding is not relevant as BPA will fund all players in the final selection to the Paralympic Games