



BTTAD Self Funding at International Events 2011 onwards

General Information

All entries to international events must come through the governing body and not be independent – the International Table Tennis Federation Para Table Tennis (ITTF Para TT) has stated this and therefore organisers will not accept individual entries directly from the individual.

All the information regarding international tournaments is on the ITTF Para TT website <http://www.ittf.com>, then click Para TT. (end of row). Once on this, if you go to calendar, you will find general information and dates of the tournament, first and second entry forms as well as costs and factor.

Entries to an event come in two stages. The Governing Body sends in the first entry indicating just the number of players and staff who they are likely to enter – no names. They also pay a deposit, usually around 25 – 30% of the total entry fee at this time. The second entry, sometime later, will include the actual names and must not exceed the numbers in the original. This means that players selected in the first entry are not automatically guaranteed to be on the second entry form. Also, it is unlikely that extra players can be added at this stage. The balance of the final entry fee must be paid when sending the second entry form.

It is therefore vital that players who wish to self fund to a tournament indicate that desire well in advance of the date of the first entry submission and have paid the deposit at least one week before the entry form is submitted.

The Selection Panel will make a decision as to who they wish to fund for a particular tournament.

The procedure for a player who wishes to self fund their entry to play in an international event is as follows.

Guidelines for Self Funding

A player wishing to play in a tournament should write to the Performance Manager, expressing that wish at least one month before the deadline for the first entry form..

The Selection Committee will then consider the request when deciding entries for the event. Please note that it is the BTTAD that will select players for the event funded or not. Entries to international events are made through the National Body not individually. It will then be considered in light of the following

- ***The Selection Panel will first decide whether the athlete satisfies the Selection Criteria. These are given at the end of this document.***

- Players must fulfil their national obligation, which involves entering **at least two domestic disability competitions** – one of which should be the Michael Hawkesworth Championships (BTTAD Nationals) but could, in agreed circumstances, involve playing in other specified national tournaments instead.
 - Funded players will have priority when places are allocated. If there are remaining places then other players' requests for entries will be considered.
 - Players who play in international events are acting under the umbrella of BTTAD and therefore must accept the same code of conduct that funded players do. Failure to adhere to this code may lead to disciplinary action which could include non selection for future events.
 - In tournaments of factor 40 or below, players from different countries can form a team in the team event, but if there are 2 or more players in the same event from the same country they must form a team. If more than 2 players in the same event from the same country, only the lowest ranked player(s) can form a team, if needed, with a player from another country. In a factor 20, two teams are allowed from each country so with five players, again only the lowest ranked can form a team, if needed, with a player from another country.
- In light of this ITTF Para TT ruling, prioritisation will be given to the requirements of the funded players with regard to selection of teams and doubles.

The Selection Committee will then decide what entries BTTAD will make, **taking into account all the above** and inform the players of the decision.

Any player who has been accepted as a self funder for a tournament must provide the deposit the money for entry and travel, where applicable, at least 1 week before the closing date of the first entry. Otherwise they will not be entered. The balance must be paid at least one week before the second entry.

That money should be sent to Brian Skinner at the ETTA, current details as follows

Brian Skinner or Amanda Barber
English Table Tennis Association Limited
Queensbury House, Fourth floor
Havelock Road
Hastings
East Sussex TN34 1HF
Tel 01424 722525

Email bskinner@etta.co.uk abarber@etta.co.uk

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The process is explained in more detail on page 4

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 calendar 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

Self-funders at International Para Table Tennis events- application process for BTTAD members building on approved policy documents on Self funding and Selection criteria .

1 Any BTTAD member may apply to self – fund in order to play in any Factor 20 or Factor 40 ITTF Para TT event but not in the European and World Championships nor in the Paralympic Games. According to international regulations , all applications need the approval of the National Governing Body which then enters all approved players .

2 All applications must be sent by email or in writing to the BTTAD Performance Administrator- Louise Larcombe - on btff.sheffield@btconnect.com - at least 28 days before the first entry date for the event as shown on the ITTF Para TT website. Any support arrangements eg for carers or juniors must be clearly identified at this stage and the costs included in the payments made below.

3 Louise will then advise the Selection Panel who will decide on each application made by the due date; that decision should be advised to the applicant by Louise no later than 21 days before the first entry date . Applicants rejected by the Selection Panel have the right of appeal ; appeals may only be made against decisions of the Selection Panel .

4 Successful applicants must then pay the first entry fee in total before the first entry date. This payment must be made by cheque or direct into the BTTAD account held at ETTA (Louise will advise the account details and transfer information for each successful applicant); payment must be received at least 7 days before the first entry date. The sum paid must be only the relevant first entry fee for that event. Any other sums paid will be refunded

5 The second entry fee including any additional sums eg for extra nights, single supplements must be received by the above account at least 7 days before the second entry date .

6 Failure to pay either of these entry fees or any additional sums by the due dates will result in non-payment of these sums by BTTAD to the Event Organiser. In other words , only sums paid by the appropriate dates will be paid ; without such sums being paid , the entry will not progress and in the case of non -progression at the second stage, the first entry fee deposit will be lost. BTTAD funds will not pay for the entry of any player unless the entry is part of an approved WCP programme.

7 BTTAD will not arrange or pay for travel for self -funded players and any supporters.

8 If further sums are levied by the Event Organiser or arise as a result of financial transactions , these are the responsibility of the player; any debts outstanding will be advised to Selection Panel

9 Please note that the process will be run by the Performance Administrator – Louise Larcombe ; members of the Selection Panel are involved appropriately as selectors but are not organising the process. Please direct all enquiries to Louise by email or in writing and not to the Selection Panel

10 World Class Performance Squad members must discuss any such application with the Performance Manager before application. Self - funded participation in any event would have to be viewed in the context of the programme for that player and for the squad. Exceptional circumstances could be dealt within this context.

11 Any matters of interpretation will be dealt with by the BTTAD Officers

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