

Selection of Junior Teams for 2008 Canadian Table Tennis Championships

Eligibility

All competitors must:

1. Be Canadian Citizens, or Permanent Residents; and
2. Be Members of OTTA in good standing.
3. Reside in Ontario

Importance Notices to Players

After selection into the team, players must continue to be in good standing with OTTA and make good efforts to prepare themselves physically, mentally, and technically for the championships. If a player is found to be in breach of any of these requirements, the President (or in his/her absence a Vice President) of OTTA may at the recommendation of the appointed Team Manager (or the Team Coach) removes a player from the team and selects a replacement player.

Due to the young age of CA11 players and the attention required for them, a parent or a guardian must accompany the CA 11 player to the Championships. On best efforts basis, OTTA will facilitate the communication amongst parents to see if arrangement can be worked out by themselves for parents who attend the Championships to act as guardians for CA 11 players on a voluntary basis.

Funding

The executive committee of OTTA determines either before or after the Selection Tournament the total amount of funding available to the players. This funding will be in the form of a credit or payment made to Table Tennis Canada on behalf of the players and will be distributed equally to the players who have been selected and participated in the Canadian Table Tennis Championships. (Example: If the amount of funding totals to \$4.800.-, and there are 24 players, each player will receive the sum of \$200.-.) A player who has been selected, but cannot or chooses not to play in the Championships is not eligible for funding.

All expenses for the Championships including transportation and hotel costs and entry fees are for account of the player.

Players' Responsibilities

Selected players undertake to:

- ◆ comply with the rules and regulations of TTCAN and OTTA;
- ◆ comply with the instructions of the Team Manager and the Team Coaches;
- ◆ properly train and prepare themselves physically, mentally and technically for the Championships;
- ◆ attend training camps organized by OTTA in preparation for the Championships; and
- ◆ provide to OTTA with proof of age/citizenship/permanent residence status.

Selection

A team will comprise of up to three players in each age category (CA11, CA13, CA15, and JR18) and a Selection Tournament will be held to allocate these spots. The Team Manager will generally also serve as the tournament director of the Selection Tournament.

Players may enter one age category of their choice in the Selection Tournament, for which they are eligible to play. The winners, first runners-up and second runners-up of each age category will earn the three spots in the team. The third runners-up will become the alternate of the team and will be offered a spot in the event that a selected player in that age group cannot play or declines to participate in the Championships.

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of TTCAN and OTTA. All matches will be decided on the best three of five games of 11 points.

Seeding of players shall be done by rating points. The latest rating period available at the time of the Draw shall be used to determine the seeding order for all events. The referee and tournament director may assign an estimated rating to unrated players.

The tournament director reserves the right to cancel any event due to insufficient entries or with the approval of the referee alter the format of competition if the circumstance warrants it.

Format of Competition – Option 1

For up to 5 players in an age category: Single Round Robin

For 6 to 10 players: Players will be divided into two groups and play single round robin with the winner and the first runner-up in each group advancing into the final stage. The group match result between the winner and the first runner-up will be counted towards the final stage round robin competition. Players in each group will played against the two players in the other group in the final stage competition. The overall results will be used to determine the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions in that age category.

- ◆ **For 6 Players:** Group A -- Seeds 1, 4 and 5; Group B -- Seeds 2, 3, and 6.
- ◆ **For 7 Players:** Group A -- Seeds 1, 4, and 5; Group B -- Seeds, 2, 3, 6 and 7.
- ◆ **For 8 Players:** Group A -- Seeds 1, 4, 5 and 8; Group B -- Seeds 2, 3, 6 and 7.
- ◆ **For 9 Players:** Group A -- Seeds 1, 4, 5 and 8; Group B -- Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9.
- ◆ **For 10 Players:** Group A -- Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9; Group B -- Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10.