

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a fair, transparent, objective, and consistent process for selecting athletes to represent the Northwest Territories in Table Tennis at the 2027 Canada Winter Games.

Table Tennis North is committed to providing every eligible athlete with multiple opportunities to demonstrate their readiness to represent Team NT through competition and athlete development.

Athlete selection will be based entirely on published competition results and participation in approved Table Tennis North development activities. No subjective evaluations, coach rankings, interviews, or discretionary scoring will be used in determining the final athlete selections.

Guiding Principles

The Team NT athlete selection process will be guided by the following principles:

- Fairness
- Transparency
- Consistency
- Objectivity
- Accountability
- Athlete development
- Equal opportunity

All athletes will be evaluated using the same published criteria.

Team Composition

In accordance with the 2027 Canada Winter Games Technical Package, Team NT Table Tennis may register:

- Three (3) male athletes
- Three (3) female athletes

Athletes must satisfy all eligibility requirements established by the Canada Games Council, Team NT, and Table Tennis North.

Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for selection, an athlete must:

- Meet the Canada Winter Games age eligibility requirements.
- Meet Team NT residency requirements.
- Be a member in good standing with Table Tennis North.
- Participate in the published selection process.
- Remain eligible throughout the selection period.
- Complete all required Team NT registration.
- Sign the Team NT Table Tennis Participation Agreement.
- Agree to follow the Team NT Table Tennis Handbook.
- Follow the Table Tennis North Sport Integrity Policy Suite.

Selection Period

The official selection period begins on the date published by Table Tennis North and concludes following the completion of the Canada Winter Games Trials. Only results and participation earned during the official selection period will count toward athlete selection.

Athlete Selection Criteria

Athletes will be evaluated using a 100-point mathematical scoring system.

Selection Component	Weight
NWT School Table Tennis Championships	20%
NWT Territorial Championships	20%
Canada Winter Games Trial Tournament #1	25%
Canada Winter Games Trial Tournament #2	25%
Athlete Development Participation	10%
Total	100%

No other factors will contribute to an athlete's final selection score.

NWT School Table Tennis Championships

The NWT School Table Tennis Championships will contribute 20% toward the final selection score. Only the official Singles competition results will be used.

NWT Territorial Championships

The NWT Territorial Championships will contribute 20% toward the final selection score. Only the official Singles competition results will be used.

Canada Winter Games Trials

The Canada Winter Games Trials will contribute 50% toward the final selection score. The Trials are expected to include:

Friday

- Athlete meeting
- Team training session

Saturday

- Morning training session
- Trial Tournament #1

Sunday

- Morning training session
- Trial Tournament #2

Only the results from Trial Tournament #1 and Trial Tournament #2 will be used for athlete selection. The training sessions and athlete development activities are intended to prepare athletes for major Games and do not contribute points toward selection.

Athlete Development Participation

Table Tennis North believes that athlete development extends beyond competition. During the selection period, Table Tennis North intends to provide approximately 20 approved athlete development opportunities.

These opportunities may include:

- Aerobic Table Tennis
- Virtual Team NT learning sessions
- Athlete mentorship sessions
- Regional or territorial training camps
- Competition preparation sessions
- Mental performance workshops
- Nutrition workshops
- Rules and officiating education
- Safe Sport education

- Other approved athlete development activities

Athletes will receive one participation point for each approved activity attended. A maximum of 10 participation points may be earned. Participation beyond ten approved activities will not increase an athlete's final selection score. Table Tennis North will maintain the official attendance records.

Tournament Point Allocation

Each tournament will use the same mathematical scoring system.

Final Placing	Base Score
1st	100
2nd	80
3rd	60
4th	40
Participation	10

Each tournament's base score will be converted according to its published weighting. Participant points will be given to anyone that is part of the tournament, but not in the top 4 of the event.

For example:

First place at the School Championships:

$$100 \times 20\% = 20 \text{ selection points}$$

Second place at Trial Tournament #1:

$$80 \times 25\% = 20 \text{ selection points}$$

Final Athlete Ranking

Following the completion of all selection events, each athlete's scores will be combined to produce a final score out of 100 points.

Athletes will be ranked separately within the male and female categories. The three highest-ranked eligible male athletes and the three highest-ranked eligible female athletes will be selected to Team NT.

Tie-Breaking Procedure

Should two or more athletes finish with identical final scores, there will be a playoff match, best of 5.

Final Team Announcement

The final Team NT Table Tennis roster will be announced at the conclusion of the Canada Winter Games Trials.

The announcement will occur after:

- Tournament results have been verified.
- Athlete Development Participation records have been confirmed.
- Final scores have been calculated.
- Eligibility requirements have been verified.

Alternates

Alternates will be ranked using the same mathematical scoring system and tie-breaking procedure. Should a selected athlete decline, withdraw, or become ineligible, the highest-ranked eligible alternate may be offered the position.

Exceptional Circumstances

Table Tennis North recognizes that circumstances beyond the control of athletes or the organization may affect the selection process.

Examples include:

- Severe weather
- Facility closures
- Public health restrictions
- Travel disruptions
- Event cancellations

Should a published selection event be cancelled or substantially altered, Table Tennis North may adjust the selection process provided that any changes:

- remain objective,
- remain mathematical,
- are communicated publicly,
- apply equally to all athletes.

Appeals

Athletes may appeal a selection decision in accordance with the Team NT Table Tennis Selection Appeals Policy.

Appeals may address:

- Mathematical calculation errors.
- Administrative errors.
- Failure to follow the published selection policy.
- Eligibility errors.

Appeals may not be submitted solely because an athlete disagrees with the published selection criteria or another athlete's performance.

Related Documents

This policy should be read together with:

- [Team NT Table Tennis Handbook](#)
- [Team NT Table Tennis Participation Agreement](#)
- [Team NT Table Tennis Selection Appeals Policy](#)
- [Canada Winter Games Technical Package](#)

Contact

Questions regarding this policy may be directed to: info@tabletennisnorth.ca