**TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO**

**ADULT SELECTION POLICY**

  **1. The Aim of this Selection Policy**

 The aim of this policy is to set out the process for the selection of TATT national teams, squads and players to represent Trinidad & Tobago at national and international events, including eligibility for selection for wildcards and designated places at ITF events. **This policy is not applicable to selection of Junior teams**.

 **2. Application of this Selection Policy**

 2.1. This policy is issued by the National Council of TATT

 2.2. This policy shall take effect from January 1st 2010 and will apply to the selection of

 the teams, squads and players to represent Trinidad & Tobago at national and

 international events, including eligibility for selection for wildcards and

 designated places at ITF, ATP and WTA events.

 2.3. This policy applies to all members of TA TT wishing to be considered for selection

 to Trinidad & Tobago Teams and squads, including selection for wildcards and

 designated places at ITF, ATP and WTA events.

 **3. Selection Committee**

 3.1. The Selection Committee will consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of

 five members and will be appointed for a two year term with a review after 1 year.

 3.2. The Selection Committee will be appointed by the Council of the TATT. The

 Chairperson of the Committee will be appointed by the members of the

 Selection Committee

 3.3. The Chairperson may direct any member of the Selection Committee to vacate the

 Committee for such period as is considered appropriate where it is considered, in

 the discretion of the Chairperson, that the member has an association with a

 player which may give rise to a question of bias or conflict of interest in the

 selection process.

 3.4. Where any selector advises the Chairperson that he considers he is unable to meet

 his responsibilities as a selector, the Chairperson will appoint a replacement

 upon approval by the Council to assume that selector’s role on the Committee.

 **4. Eligibility for Selection**

 4.1. To be eligible for selection under this policy all players must meet the following

 criteria:

1. Players must be nationals of Trinidad & Tobago and holders of a valid passport at
2. the time of selection. Such players must conform to the ITF regulations regarding qualifications of a player to represent a country.
3. Players must compete in the Open National Championships within the year in which

 selection is being considered unless granted an exemption by the Committee.

 4.2. To be eligible for selection under this policy, for places and/or wildcards into ITF, ATP or WTA Closed Tournaments and other individual international tournaments all players must meet the following criteria:

 (a) Players must meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of the tournament for

 which selection is being made.

 (b) Players must compete in the Open National Championships within the year in

 which selection is being considered unless granted an exemption by the

 Committee.

 4.3. Subject to the right of appeal set out in clause 9, the decision of the Selection

 Committee in selecting the players shall be final.

 4.4. The selection panel will determine selection for the Teams by dates which have

 been determined in consultation with the TATT Executive.

 4.5 Where specific criteria are set for eligibility of players by other bodies e.g. Beep Test

 by TTOC, such criteria shall apply.

 **5. Criteria for Team Selection**

 5.1. The Selection Committee will consider the following factors in selecting players for

 TATT Teams to compete in national and international team events as follows:

 (a) Tournament performances in the past 12 months. Performances and results from

 the following tournaments will be taken into account:

1. ITF tournaments
2. Performance and results on all national team tours
3. TATT sanctioned Tournaments
4. Other National and International events

 (b) ATP or WTA Rankings, ITF rankings, TATT Rankings

 (c) Performance in Singles and Doubles

 (d) Head to head results in the past 6 months

 (e) Team requirements in respect to discipline, positive attitude, fitness, conditioning,

 commitment and teamwork

 (f) Teams are ambassadors for Trinidad & Tobago and are expected to behave in an

 exemplary fashion. Each player's ability to meet and maintain this standard and

 comply with the “rules of tennis”, the Policies of TATT and the TATT Code of

 Conduct;

 5.2. The Selection Committee may consider such further matters which it considers

 relevant to its selection decision under this policy.

 5. The Selection Committee may decide in its discretion to take account of any

 exceptional circumstances which may have resulted in a player’s performance being

 adversely affected. The existence of exceptional circumstances will be for the

 selectors to determine. Exceptional circumstances will usually relate to the

 personal circumstances or fitness of the player, which have significantly affected

 the player’s performance.

 5.4 The various factors set out in clauses 5.1 to 5.3 will be considered by the Committee

 by using their experience and expertise in selecting individuals to form a team

 which, in their opinion, best fulfills the aim of achieving the objectives for that

 team. The selectors will weigh and consider the various factors as they think fit.

 5.5 Whenever there are more than one player in contention for a position on a team,

 the Selection Committee in its discretion may arrange playoff matches to assist in

 determination of selection. Such playoffs will be supervised by the Selection

 Committee and must be held at such time as to allow the selection process to

 be undertaken as stated in this policy.

 **6 Selection for TATT National Squads**

 6.1. The Selection Committee will consider the following factors when selecting players

 for Tennis TT National Squads as follows:

 (a) Criteria as outlined in Clause 5.

 (b) The Selection Committee may select players to National Squads for development

 reasons

 **7. Notification of Selection**

 7.1. When the Selection Committee has selected the players, the Chairperson shall

 advise the TATT Executive of the names of the selected players and if found

 necessary in cases of contention, the TATT Executive will meet with the Selection

 Committee to ratify and confirm selections

 7.2. Players shall be notified by the TATT Executive that they have been selected as

 soon as practicable after the Selection Committee has made its decision but not

 less than one month prior to the event.

 7.3. Any public announcement of any selections will be made by the TATT Executive

 only.

 **8. Appeal**

 8.1. A player may appeal against his or her selection or non-selection to a TA TT team.

 The appeal shall be to the TATT Executive. There shall be no further right to

 appeal. The appeal must be lodged within 5 days of the notification of the

 selection by the TATT Executive.

 8.2. All time limits for appeals are mandatory and there shall be no right of appeal if an

 appeal is not brought within the time limits.

 **9. Removal/Withdrawal from Selection**

 9.1. If a player is selected to a Team under this policy the player acknowledges and

 agrees that:

 (a) The TATT Teams Player Agreement immediately comes into full force and effect;

 (b) He or she may be subject to drug testing by any recognized drug testing

 authority, and shall comply with the TATT Doping Policy as well as the ITF and

 TTOC policy where applicable; and

 (c) He or she must maintain a designated level of fitness and standard of

 competitiveness prior to the tournament for which he/she has been selected

 as set out in the TATT Player Agreement.

 9.2. A selected player may be withdrawn from the Selected Team if he/she:

 (a) Breaches any of the provisions of 9.1;

 (b) Breaches or fails to comply with the Constitution or any other applicable official

 policies or regulations.

 (c) Brings the Team, another selected player, an official, TATT or the sport of tennis

 into disrepute; or

 (d) Has an illness, injury or medical condition which in the Selection Committee’s

 opinion prevents the player from continuing to meet the criteria for selection or

 which poses a threat to any member of the team

 9.3. Before withdrawing a player under clause 9.2, the TATT Executive and/or Selection

 Committee shall notify the player in writing of the alleged breach or grounds for

 the withdrawal.

 9.4. A selected player may withdraw from selection by giving notice in writing to the

 TATT Executive, giving a valid reason as soon as practical once the situation causing

 the withdrawal arises. In the case of medical reasons a doctor’s certificate must

 be presented

 9.5. If a selected player is withdrawn from selection, the Selection Committee may

 consider another player who in their opinion meets the criteria set out in this

 regulation.

 **10. Changes to this Policy**

 10.1. The Council of TATT may change this policy from time to time in accordance with

 the Tennis TT Constitution provided that it shall provide at least one month’s

 notice of such change to all affected players and members of TATT.

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