

Youth Development Programme

Guidelines for grouping

(Effective 20th October 2016)

1. YDP grouping to be done once a year

- TAM will undertake its YDP grouping once every calendar year, at the end of the final tournament of the year. This will be done once TAM publishes the rankings at the end of the final tournament of the year.
- The YDP groups will be maintained until the end of the final TAM championship of the following calendar year, except for any changes that are brought to the groups as per the section 3 on 'Procedures for changing groups'

2. Basic criteria for grouping

- The YDP grouping is made with the player's singles ranking in his/ her age category as the basic criteria.
- Players ranked 1-8 in their respective age group are grouped together. These 8 players will be in the Group A of their respective age category.
- Players ranked 9 and below in their respective age group are grouped together. These players along with any new players who qualify and join the YDP will be in Group B of their respective age category.
- Players may be promoted to the group immediately above their respective age group, provided, that they hold a 1-8 ranking in the age group, immediately above their respective age group.

3. Procedures for changing players within YDP groups

- There are two ways that a player may be moved from one group to another, during the year.

- Option 1: The parent/ player may appeal to the association, with a justification as to why he/ she believes that a player has to move to the next group, immediately above his/ her current group, as determined as per procedures laid out under Section 2 of this Guidelines. However, this option must be exercised within 10 days of TAM publishing the groupings, in the Notice Board. For 2016 groups, published on 20th October 2016, the deadline for submitting appeals is 1st November 2016.
- Option 2: During the year, TAM coaches may identify a prospective talent or a player who is not competent to remain in a group, when grouped according to their singles rankings, and feels that the player should be moved up or down from his/ her existing group.
- Under both options, the request must be received by the TAM Administrator, who will forward the request to the technical committee established by TAM.
- The Technical Committee will consist of the following officials:
 - General Secretary of TAM
 - A member assigned by EXCO
 - A Senior coach
- The Technical Committee, upon receiving an appeal from a parent or Coaches will/ may evaluate the player/ players records and based on the players playing ability/ skill level will make a decision on the request received by the Committee. Based on the decision by the Committee, which will be final, the Player may be moved to higher group/ or retain the player in his/ her current group or moved to a lower group.

4. Training hours

- The YDP schedule provides for 1.5 hours of training every other day (3 days a week for all age categories).

5. Attendance

- The attendance for all groups will be marked by coaches and all players are instructed to report to training on time.
- Players reporting for their session after the scheduled start time, but before 10 minutes of the scheduled start time, will be marked as 'Late.
- Players reporting for their session, after 10 minutes of their scheduled start time, will be marked as absent for the session.
- Players reporting for their session, after 30 minutes of their scheduled start time, will be marked as absent and will not allowed to join training for the session.

6. Joining TAM YDP

- A new player may join TAM YDP, after competing in a TAM championship, and after having won a singles match in a TAM tournament.

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