

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF PLAYERS TO REPRESENT MALDIVES IN TENNIS EVENTS

- It is the intention of the TAM management to identify the best players available at any given time to represent Maldives in all international tennis events of all age categories.
- As such, as a general rule, TAM would conduct a selection of players for each and every event that Maldives participates, internationally, from the date this procedure is adopted by the Executive Committee.
- However, it is not always practical to conduct a selection of players for each and every event that Maldives participates internationally, due to the short notice period that TAM gets between the date of receiving the invitation to participate and the deadline for submitting the Entries by Name.
- Therefore, the following 3 options may be utilized by TAM for selecting players.

OPTION 1

Selection of players for international events included in the TAM's Annual Calendar

1. This option will be exercised in selecting players for international events/tournaments, for which invitation for participation by Maldives is received by TAM with 'adequate notice' to conduct a selection of players.
2. For the purposes of exercising this option, 'adequate notice' is defined as 30 calendar days between the date of receipt of the invitation along with the age eligibility criteria and the deadline for submission of Entries by Name.
3. For Championships/ events received by TAM with 'adequate notice' TAM will immediately publish a notice inviting players to enter the selection.
4. In such situations TAM reserves the right to commence selections within 7-10 days of inviting players for the selection.
5. In the event, the age eligibility for the invited event/ championships is open ended, TAM management reserves the right to define the age eligibility to qualify for entering the selections, when issuing the selection invitation.

OPTION 2

Selection of players for international events NOT included in the TAM's Annual Calendar

1. This option will be exercised in selecting players for international tournaments, for which invitation for participation by Maldives is received by TAM with 'adequate notice' to conduct a selection of players.
2. For the purposes of exercising this option, 'adequate notice' is defined as 30 calendar days between the date of receipt of the invitation along with the age eligibility criteria and the deadline for submission of Entries by Name.
3. For Championships/ Events received by TAM with 'adequate notice' but not included in the TAM annual calendar, the Executive Committee will first make a decision to enter a team to the event/ championships.
4. If the Executive Committee decides to enter a team, based on budgetary and other considerations, the management will on the next working day, publish a notice inviting players to enter the selection.
5. In such situations TAM reserves the right to commence selections within 5-7 days of inviting players for the selection.
6. In the event, the age eligibility is open ended, TAM management reserves the right to define the age eligibility to qualify for entering the selections.

OPTION 3

Selection of players for international events for which TAM does not get adequate notice for submitting entries by name

1. This option will be exercised in selecting players for international tournament, for which invitation for participation is received by TAM without 'adequate notice' to conduct a selection of players.
2. If such an event arises, TAM will select the top nationally ranked players in the age category of the championships, for which the invitation is received. i.e. if TAM receives an invitation to send a team 3 boys and 3 girls in the 14 and under age category, the national ranking in the 14 and under age category for boys and girls will be used as the basis for selecting the team.

3. In the event a player selected through national rankings is not eligible for entry due to a restrictive age criteria in the invited Championships, the next ranked player in the respective age category will be invited to represent the Maldives in the Championships.
4. For selections based under this Option, TAM Executive Committee reserves the right to give wild card entries for up to 30 percent of total required entries, for players residing out of the Maldives for education and other purposes.
5. To qualify for a wild card entry, the player must demonstrate and undertake the following:
 - a) involvement in competitive tennis and regular entries in ITF/ ATF commissioned tennis events/ championships, in the last 12 months prior to the application for a wild card.
 - b) Demonstrated success in competitive tennis by collecting ITF/ ATF junior ranking points at the date of application
 - c) Submission of a written request and relevant documents demonstrating the above facts, to be considered for a wild card entry.
 - d) Submit a monthly report to TAM on tennis training programme of the player.
 - e) The TAM executive committee will identify a selection committee to review applications for wild card entries.

This selection procedure was adopted by the TAM Executive Committee on 18th January 2020.

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