

## Procedure for the selection of the National Tennis Team

### Benefits of being in the National Team

1. Priority training in the Association training calendar
2. A monthly salary paid by the government to all players in the national team
3. Automatic selection into any senior tennis teams representing the country in any international events.

### Eligibility

All players holding a National ID card are eligible to compete in the selection of the National Team provided all of the following criteria is met:

1. The player has reached 14 years of age by or before the commencement of the national team selections. (Despite this minimum age requirement, the TAM executive committee may consider players under this age to participate in the selections, provided that they have an *excellent* track record of recent tournament achievements in his or her age category and is recommended by the Head Coach.
2. The player has not reached 36 years of age on the date of commencement of the national team selections.

### Selection process

1. The selection of the National team will be held in November of every year. For the current year, the TAM exco can decide on a possible date for selections and make an announcement in advance for players to prepare for the selections.
2. A round robin format amongst all players who enters the selection will be applied in the selections.
3. Matches will be played on a best of 3 format as per the format adopted in the TAM commissioned Championships.
4. 6 players with the highest points after the round robin matches will qualify as National team players in both men's and women's categories.
5. The selected players will be maintained in the National team until the selection of the national team in the subsequent year
6. The dates for the National Team selection will be included in the TAM annual calendar

### Selection of players to represent Maldives at international events

1. While the National team will be selected as per the above procedure and an intensive training will be conducted throughout the year
2. In the event a senior team is required to represent tennis in any international event, the following rules will be applied.
3. If any player not in the national team is the singles champion in the most recently held TAM commissioned championships, the player will automatically qualify into the team representing Maldives, even if the player does not meet the age criteria defined for the National team.

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