



NATIONAL & YDP TEAM SELECTION RULES FOR 2022

These rules are meant to be read in conjunction with TAM Notice no. N/19/2021- Procedure for composing YDP training groups from 2022 published on 15th September 2021.

Dates, venue and times

1. The annual round of selection matches for 2022 will held in -January-February 2022.
2. The Team Selection will be held at the National Tennis Centre.
3. The Selection will be played from 0700 hrs. to 2200 hrs. daily.
4. Matches of players going to school in the morning hours will be scheduled for the afternoon hours.
5. Matches of players going to school in the afternoon will be scheduled for the morning hours or during the afternoon, after school hours.
6. Dates proposed for selection are subject to change for the delays of selections or any other unforeseen circumstances.

1. NATIONAL A TEAM & NATIONAL B TEAM (MEN'S & WOMEN'S)	
Entry Open	5th January 2022
Entry Deadline	1500hrs 10 th January 2022
Draw	14 th January 2022
Selection	20 th January -27 th January 2022
2. PLAYOFF- RANKING NATIONAL A TEAM & NATIONAL B TEAM (MEN'S & WOMEN'S)	
Draw	29 th January 2022
Matches	1 st -3 th February 2022
3. JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM (BOYS & GIRLS)	
Entry Open	29 th January 2022
Entry Deadline	1500 hrs 31 st January 2022
Draw	1 st February 2022
Selection	4 th – 8 th February 2022

4. 14 & UNDER ELITE TEAM (BOYS & GIRLS)	
Entry Open	9 th February 2022
Entry Deadline	1500 hrs 10 th February 2022
Draw	11 th February 2022
Selection	12 th -16 th February 2022

Eligibility

Please refer to eligibility criteria as defined in the TAM notice: Procedure for composing YDP training groups from 2022 (N/19/2021)

Scheduling of matches

1. The organizing committee reserves all rights to schedule the matches of the Selection.
2. All players are expected report to their match on time.
3. A player may be required to play 2 or more matches per day, depending on the draw.
4. If a player fails to report to their match on the scheduled time, the match will be awarded to the player who reported on time, after giving a 10-minute period. If both players fail to report to a match on time, the match will be cancelled.
5. No matches may be postponed, under any circumstance. All participating players are advised to avoid any conflicting commitments during the selection period.
6. Any player who gives a walk over will be given a warning in the first instance. Any player who gives more than 1 walk over will be removed from the Selections.

Recovery time in between matches

If a player has to play two or more scheduled matches a day, recovery times will be provided in between matches, according to the following schedule:

Duration of previous scheduled match	Eligible Break time
More than 3 hours	2 nd match will be re-scheduled to another day
Between 2- 3 hours	2.5 hours
Less than 2 hours	1.5 Hours

Umpiring and disciplinary action

1. All players must respect the umpire assigned for the match and the decision of the umpire is final.
2. The ITF point penalty rule will be applied during the selections
3. Depending on the nature of offence, the Disciplinary Committee may choose to take additional disciplinary action.

Director

Kumar Adhikari

Organizing Committee

1. Yusuf Riza, General Secretary
2. Hassan Shaam, Executive Committee Member
3. Ahmed Ifshad, Administrator
4. Kumar Adhikari, Coach
5. Sankha Atukorale, Coach

Disciplinary Committee

1. Hassan Shaam
2. Yusuf Riza
3. Ibrahim Hussain

Selection process for National A and National B teams

1. All entries accepted by the Organizing Committee, except those players who receives an automatic wild card in the main draw (either by being a current national team player or are appropriately ranked to receive an automatic slot in the main draw) will be placed into 4 groups in the Qualifying Draw as shown in Table 1 (below)
2. Matches in the qualifying draw will be played first to identify entries who qualify for the Main Draw (Table 2).
3. Entries will be placed into qualifying draw groups based on National Ranking and Junior open rankings, as the primary criteria.

4. In the event a player in the Current National Team/ National Ranking/ Junior Ranking do not enter the selection matches, the next player in the ranking sequence will get the slot.

Note: To allow for the scenario described in 4 above, the National team rankings/ National ranking/ Junior Open Rankings positions listed in Table 1 and 2 are indicative and are subject to change depending on the entries received for the selection.

Table 1- Qualifying Draw			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
5 th Highest National Ranked Player	6 th Highest National Ranked Player	7 th Highest National Ranked Player	8 th Highest National Ranked Player
3 rd Highest Junior Open Ranked Player	2 nd Highest Junior Open Ranked Player	Highest Junior Open Ranked Player	9 th Highest National Ranked Player
7 th Highest Junior Open Ranked Player	6 th Highest Junior Open Ranked Player	5 th Highest Junior Open Ranked Player	4 th Highest Junior Open Ranked Player
Unranked by toss	Unranked by toss	Unranked by toss	Unranked by toss

Format for playing the matches in the qualifying draw

1. In the qualifying draw, players in the same group will play on a round robin format to identify the winner and the runner-up in each group.
2. All matches in the qualifying draw will be played in the best of three short set (4 games) format. If a set is tied at 3 games all, a regular tiebreak will be played to decide the winner of the set.
3. In the event of 1-1 set all, a super tiebreak will be played to decide the winner of the match.
4. No add rule will be followed in ALL matches in the qualifying draw

Main Draw format for National A Team & National B Team (Men's & Women's)

Table 2- Main Draw			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
National Team No 1 or No 2	National Team No 3	National Team No 4	National Team No 5
4 th Highest National Ranked Player	3 rd Highest National Ranked Player	2 nd Highest National Ranked Player	National Team No 6
Winners of qualifying rounds by toss	Winners of qualifying rounds by toss	Winners of qualifying rounds by toss	Winners of qualifying rounds by toss
Runners-up of qualifying rounds by toss	Runners-up of qualifying rounds by toss	Runners-up of qualifying rounds by toss	Runners-up of qualifying rounds by toss

1. Highest Nationally ranked player as per the published TAM rankings, immediately before the selection will be automatically selected into the National A team without playing the selections (1 player).
2. A total of 8 entries will be given a wildcard entry into the main draw. These 8 wild card entries will be given to entries into the selection holding the following positions.
 - a. All current national team players (except the highest nationally ranked player, if he/ she is included in the current national team).
 - b. Highest nationally ranked players until 8 slots in the main draw are filled.
3. The 4 winners from the 4 groups in the qualifying draw (Table 1) will be given a slot in the main draw by toss.
4. The 4 runners-up from the 4 groups in the qualifying draw (Table 1) will be given a slot in the main draw by toss.
5. In the main draw, the Winner of each group will qualify for the National A Team (4 players)
6. The runners-up in each group will play a round robin amongst them for identifying the 3 remaining players for the National A- Team.

7. The 4th ranked player in the round Robin of the runners-up and all other players in the main draw but who did not make into the National A Team will be qualify as the national B team.
8. The last positions of each group will play a round robin amongst them for identifying the 3 remaining players for the National B- Team.
9. The ranking amongst the National A team and National B team will be conducted through a round robin amongst the 8 players selected into the National A Team and the 8 players selected for the National B team. This ranking is necessary to decide the 6 players in the National Team who will benefit from the Government allowance for National team players and for qualifying to international events.
10. This ranking of players in the National A and National B teams shall, however, be played once the other YDP teams are selected.

Format for playing the matches in the main draw

1. In the qualifying draw, players in the same group will play on a round robin format to identify the winner and the runner-up in each group.
2. Matches in the main draw will be played on a standard best of 3 format. If a set is tied at 6 games all, regular tie break will be played to decide the winner of the set.
3. In the event of 1-1 set all, a super tiebreak will be played to decide the winner of the match.
4. No add rule will be followed in ALL matches in the main draw.

Format and Rules for Junior National Team (Boys & Girls)/ 14 & Under Elite Team (Boys & Girls)

1. All Matches will be played in best of three short sets (4 games). If a set is tied at 3 games all, a regular tiebreak will be played to decide the winner of the set.
2. In the event of 1-1 set all, a super tiebreak will be played to decide the winner of the match.
3. No add rule will be followed in ALL matches.
4. If 8 or less entries are received for any of these categories, round robin, amongst all players will be played.

5. If more than 8 but 16 or less entries are received for any of these categories, players will be divided into 2 groups A and B and round-robin will be played within each group and top 4 players in each group will qualify to the team.
6. Players will be seeded based on the official rankings computed on the results of the last three Championships organized by TAM.
7. The following criteria will be used:
 - a. Player with the highest-ranking points in the respective age group will be given the first seed and placed in Group A.
 - b. Player with the second highest ranking point will be given the second seed and placed in Group B.
 - c. Player with the third highest ranking points will be given the third seed and will be placed in Group B along with the second seeded player.
 - d. Player with the fourth highest ranking points will be given the fourth seed and will be placed in Group A, along with the first seeded player.
 - e. If more than 8 but 16 or less entries, player with the fifth highest ranking points will be given the fifth seed and will be placed in Group B.
 - f. If more than 8 but 16 or less entries, player with the sixth highest ranking points will be given the sixth seed and will be placed in Group A.
 - g. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, players will be divided into 4 groups A, B, C & D round –robin will be played within each group and top 2 players in each group will qualify to the team
 - h. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the highest-ranking points will be given the first seed and placed in Group A.
 - i. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the second highest ranking point will be given the second seed and placed in Group B.
 - j. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the third highest ranking point will be given the third seed and placed in Group C.
 - K. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the fourth highest ranking point will be given the fourth seed and placed in Group D.
 - l. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the fifth highest ranking point will be given the fifth seed and placed in Group D.
 - m. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the sixth highest ranking point will be given the sixth seed and placed in Group C.

- n. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the seventh highest ranking point will be given the seventh seed and placed in Group B.
- o. If more than 16 but 32 or less entries are received, player with the eighth highest ranking point will be given the eighth seed and placed in Group A.

Round Robin Draw Format Rules

1. The final standings in each group will be determined as follows in order:
 - b. Players with the highest points qualify to the teams.
 - c. If two players are tied, the result in the match played between the two players.
 - d. If more than two players are tied, the highest number of sets won out of sets played (if, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two players will be used to break the tie).
 - e. If more than two players have the same number of sets won out of sets played, they will be placed according to the highest number of games won out of games played (if, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two players will be used to break the tie); for categories using tie-break scoring, such players may instead be placed according to the highest number of points won over points played (if, after this calculation, only two Players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two Players will be used to break the tie).
 - f. If more than two players also have the same number of games won out of games played, the positions will be drawn by toss; for categories using tie-break scoring, such players may instead be placed according to the highest number of points won over points played (if, after this calculation, only two players remain tied, the result in the match played between the two players will be used to break the tie).
 - g. For the purposes of the calculations in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e), above, when a match is played with a deciding match tiebreak instead of a final set, the tie-break will count as a set won or lost by one game to nil.
 - h. Each set of a match won by default will be recorded as a 4-0 where short sets are being used). A player winning due to retirement of an opponent will be awarded as many games as are required to achieve a result.

For example, if a player retires when winning 2-1 in the first set, his/ her opponent will win the match 4-2, 4-0

General

1. No players/ parents/ coaches and spectators are allowed to stay on the playing area
2. Access to the playing area is only allowed for the officials, members of the organizing committee, players with scheduled matches for the day and the umpires assigned
3. In the event of a medical break taken by a player, a maximum of 2 Assistants may provide the necessary support to the player in need and no additional Assistant must be allowed on the playing area.
4. No players/ parents/ coaches and spectators are allowed to communicate with the player(s), once the match is commenced. These include giving any instructions to players during the course of the match or applaud while a point is being played.
5. Coaches and parents failing to honour this rule may be advised by the Umpire or Tournament Director. Umpires and the Director have the right to instruct parents and coaches to leave the tournament venue, in the event of repeated non-compliance to this rule.
6. Any complaints against any tournament officials or umpires may be brought to the attention of the Organizing Committee, through the Director.

Extraordinary Circumstances

Notwithstanding any clause in this Rules Book, Director in consultation with the Organizing Committee, reserve the right to amend the rules, where an unforeseen situation/circumstance not covered in the Rules arise during the course of the Selections.

