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## **FIRST AMENDMENT**

### **A- Procedure for composing National team and the YDP training groups**

1. The Executive Committee of TAM has decided to adopt a revised YDP grouping framework.
2. The new grouping framework is proposed on the experience and practical challenges of the previous procedures published under TAM notice N/19/2021.
3. Under this framework, effective 2023, TAM will conduct a selection for the Men's and Women's National team ONLY during the first quarter of every calendar year.
4. The purpose of selecting the National teams is to identify players who will benefit from the Government's National Team Allowance Scheme.
5. The Executive Committee of TAM will establish a 5-member Technical Committee (TC) which will be responsible for advising the Executive Committee on all matters relating to the conduct of YDP. The composition and responsibilities of the TC are provided under section D of this notice.

### **B- National Team Selection Rules**

#### **Eligibility**

6. Players must have reached 14 years of age by the commencement date of the annual national team selection.
7. Players must not have reached 40 years of age by the commencement date of the annual national team selection.
8. Players who have not reached 14 years but have reached 11 years by the start date of the selections, may apply to play this selection. However, this option is only open to players who have played the finals in the Open category, Junior Open Category, 14 & under or 12 & under of any TAM commissioned tournaments (excluding weekend tournaments) in the last 2 years. These entries will be further vetted by TC and a decision on allowing/ disallowing such entries in the selection draw will be made entirely at the discretion of the TC.

### Format of the selection

9. Players for the National Team will be selected from a single selection process. Depending on the number of entries received the TC may decide to include a qualifying draw and a main draw in the national team selections.
10. The format of the selection draw will be decided by the TC after the entry deadline for the National team selections. The draw format and other rules pertaining to the national team selection will be decided based on the number of entries received and will be published prior to the commencement of the selection.
11. The Player with the highest-ranking points in the latest Men's & Women's Open Singles Category, published by TAM immediately before the annual selection matches commences, will get an automatic position in the National Team.
12. Players ranked 1-5 at the end of the selection matches plus the highest-ranking player as defined in (12) above, will be eligible for the National Team allowance provided by the Government in accordance with the contract signed with TAM.

### **C- Youth Development Program Format**

13. Upon completion of the 2023 National teams' selection every year, the TC will review the existing YDP training squads, based on the rankings of the national team selection, past performance of individual players and the technical/ tactical potential of players and group the current players in YDP into the training squads as defined below
14. The following training squads will be maintained in the YDP.

	<b>Squad Name</b>	<b>Expected player numbers in the training squad</b>
1	Men's National Team	8-10 (6 players will be decided by selection + 2-4 players to be decided by TC based on selection rankings/technical potential)
2	Women's National Team	8-10 (6 players will be decided by selection + 2-4 players to be decided by TC based on selection rankings/technical potential)
3	Men's National B Team	8-10 (8 players will be decided by the TC based on technical potential)
4	Women's National B Team	8-10 (8 players will be decided by the TC based on technical potential)
5	Junior National Team Boys	8-10 (8 players will be decided by the TC based on technical potential)

6	Junior National Team Girls	8-10 (8 players will be decided by the TC based on technical potential)
7	Elite Team Boys	8-10 (8 players will be decided by the TC based on technical potential)
8	Elite Team Girls	8-10 (8 players will be decided by the TC based on technical potential)

#### Changing players within groups/ addition of players/ removal of players from YDP

15. The TC may review the performance/ commitment of players in the various training squads at the conclusion of each of the TAM commissioned tournaments throughout the year (excluding weekend tournaments) and may decide to change the training squad of players.
16. The TC may decide to remove a player from a YDP training squad, based on the players commitment to tennis/ attendance and other disciplinary factors.
17. The TC may decide to consider requests to add a new player to a YDP training squad, based on the players tennis ability.
18. Similarly, a new player may be invited to join the YDP, if such a player is identified by the TC through tournaments, super-shots, visits to school etc.

#### YDP attendance

19. The attendance for all groups will be marked by coaches and reported to the TAM management at the end of each calendar month.
20. Players reporting for their session after the scheduled start time, but before 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, will be marked as 'Late'.
21. Players reporting for their session, after 30 minutes of their scheduled start time, will be marked as absent for the session, but will be allowed to undertake training.

#### Super-shot program

22. TAM will continue to focus on ensuring that new talent is scouted to tennis at very young age.

#### Transition plan

23. At the end of the annual selection process in 2023, the TC will allocate the current YDP players into the squads as defined under point 14, above.
24. The new groups will be made effective from 1st March 2023.

## TAM High Performance Squad

25. A High-Performance Squad of 6 men and 6 women will be identified by the TC.
26. The High-Performance squad aims to provide an additional platform for intensive and focused training for national team players with outstanding tactical skills/ senior players identified by the TC with a proven track record in tennis.
27. In addition to the regular YDP training, the players selected to the High-Performance Squad will get additional and specialized training.
28. TC may review the composition of the high-performance squad at the conclusion of the TAM commissioned tournaments (except the weekend tournaments).

### **D- Player selection for international competitions**

29. For junior events and other development tournaments for juniors, organized by ITF/ ATF, players will be selected by a selection process, amongst eligible players. In the event a large number of entries are received, the TC has the discretion to limit the number of entries for the selection.
30. In cases where the selection process is conducted to identify players to represent in a development tournament as defined above, the TC reserves the right to exercise 1 wild card in the selection. The TC may choose to use the wildcard as and when necessary.
31. In cases, where there is not enough time to conduct a selection, due to late notification of tournament dates or other practical consideration the TC may decide to use the order of rankings as the primary criteria to identify players for such international competitions. In such situations, the TC will short list players out of all eligible players (by age) based on their rankings in the following categories in the below order.
  - i. Open category
  - ii. Junior Open category
  - iii. 14 & under
  - iv. 12 & under
  - v. 10 & under
32. For international events that representation of National team is required, the TC will nominate players for the team from the national squad and the high-performance squad, based on format of play and match play situations. Such competitions include Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, Indian Ocean Island Games, South Asian Games, Asian Games, Islamic Solidarity Games, Commonwealth Games etc.

**E- Technical Committee (TC)**

33. A 5-member TC is established by the Executive Committee with the following composition:
1. Technical Director of TAM- Chairperson
  2. General Secretary of TAM
  3. Head Coach
  4. Senior Coach
  5. An additional member nominated by the EXCO
34. The TC's primary mandate is to provide advice to the Executive Committee on the overall organization of TAM's YDP.
35. The TC is responsible for grouping of players for the training squads and regularly evaluate YDP players.
36. The TC is responsible for making necessary changes to the composition of the YDP squads as per the provisions of this notices.
37. The TC will consider and make decisions relating to accepting new players to YDP and removal of players from YDP as per the provisions of this notice.

**F- Other important information**

38. Rankings published by TAM after each tournament will be used for seeding players in TAM commissioned tournaments.
39. Once the YDP groupings are done, players are expected to attend regular training sessions and failure to meet set monthly attendance targets set by TAM, without a valid reason, may result in the player being moved to a different training squad or removed from YDP.
40. A fee of MVR 300 per month will be charged from all YDP players as per TAM notice N/22/2021 dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
41. TAM shall arrange scheduled and supervised on court and fitness training for the players who have been included in the YDP squads.

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