

Athlete Allocation System

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TABLE TENNIS - International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 10 December 2021 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, the CGF and ITTF will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary. For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and ITTF reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

Updated 10 December 2021:

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the ITTF's international calendar of events and their ability to confirm hosts for certain events. As such the CGF and ITTF have amended this Athlete Allocation System, to ensure a fair and equitable Athlete Allocation System. The changes in the system are summarised below and are reflected in full in the document:

- The ITTF World Team Ranking and ITTF World Ranking periods will be from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 (Rankings as of January 2020). These are considered the last rankings where all CGAs had a fair and equitable opportunity to achieve ranking points.
- The Regional Qualification slots for the Team and Singles events will be determined via Bipartite Invitation
- The Commonwealth Championships slots will revert to the next highest ranked Team or Singles athlete not otherwise qualified from ITTF World Rankings (Rankings as of January 2020).

1 OVERVIEW

The Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System focuses on the following methods of qualification:

- 1. Host CGA**
(Automatic Qualification)
- 2. ITTF World Team Ranking (Ranking period 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019)**
(Direct Qualification)
- 3. Regional Qualification**
(Determined by ITTF and CGF Bipartite Invitation)
- 4. Commonwealth Championships**
(Reverts to ITTF World Rankings)
- 5. Bipartite Invitation (excluding Team Event)**
ITTF and CGF Bipartite Invitation

2 MEDAL EVENTS (7)

a) Medal Events

Men's (3)	Women's (3)	Mixed (1)
Singles Doubles Team	Singles Doubles Team	Doubles

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a) Allocations per Gender

Men	Women
80	80

b) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

SPORT	Events		
TABLE TENNIS	Maximum Entry per CGA		4 Men and 4 Women Athletes
	Men	Team	1 Team per CGA (maximum of 4 Athletes, minimum of 3 Athletes)
		Singles	3 Athletes*
		Doubles	2 Pairs*
	Women	Team	1 Team per CGA (maximum of 4 Athletes, minimum of 3 Athletes)
		Singles	3 Athletes*
		Doubles	2 Pairs*
	Mixed	Doubles	3 Pairs*

*CGAs qualifying Athletes in Singles events only may enter a maximum of 2 Athletes in Singles events, 1 Pair in Doubles events and 2 Pairs in Mixed Doubles events (see section 4b)

c) Type of Allocation by Slot

The slots are allocated to the CGA(s) qualified for the Team Events in the first instance, in accordance with the qualification pathway outlined below. These places are allocated to the CGA.

All remaining Singles slots (including Bipartite Invitation slots) will be allocated to the CGA by Athlete by Name.

4 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

a) Team Qualification

The slots are allocated to the CGA(s) qualified for the Team Events in accordance with the qualification pathway outlined below.

A maximum total of 64 slots per medal event will be allocated to the 16 CGAs that have qualified in the Team Event (Men and Women). Each CGA is eligible to qualify a maximum of 4 slots per Team but must enter a minimum of 3 athletes to compete in the Team Event.

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Maximum allocation per medal event (Team)	Maximum slot allocation per gender (Team)	Method of Qualification	Slot Allocation
1	4	1. Host CGA The host CGA shall be issued the maximum slot allocation of one (1) Team per medal event	To CGA
8	32	2. Direct Qualification The top eight (8) CGA Nations per medal event on the ITTF World Team Ranking as at January 2020 will earn Direct Qualification	To CGA
6	24	3. Regional Qualification* In the absence of confirmed hosts for the Regional Qualification events as at 01 October 2021, the Regional Qualification slots will be determined via Bipartite Invitation. One (1) CGA from each of the six (6) CGF Regions will be issued a place to compete in the Team event (maximum four (4) Bipartite Invitation slots per Team), taking into consideration the factors listed in section d). Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA.	To CGA
1	4	4. Commonwealth Championships In the absence of a confirmed host for the Commonwealth Championships as at 01 October 2021, the Commonwealth Championships Qualification slots will be allocated to the highest ranked team, not otherwise qualified, on the ITTF World Team Ranking as at January 2020. For the avoidance of doubt, the issue of Regional Qualification slots will take precedence over the award of Commonwealth Championships slots.	To CGA
16	64	TOTAL	

Athletes qualified within the Team Event may be cross-entered in the Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles events while respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal event. For the avoidance of doubt, a CGA will be eligible to enter a maximum of 3 athletes in Singles Events, 2 pairs in Doubles Events and 3 pairs in Mixed Doubles events (subject to both Men and Women Team qualification).

CGAs must confirm if all 4 eligible slots for Team Event qualification will be used when accepting their qualified slots in the Team Event. If entering the minimum of 3 athletes for the Team Event, unused slots will be issued in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots process outlined below.

*Where there is no Bipartite Invitation application for a Regional Qualification slot (Team event) from a CGF Region, the Bipartite Commission in their discretion may award this slot to a CGA submitting a Bipartite Invitation application from any region, taking into consideration the factors outlined in section d).

b) Singles Qualification

A CGA that has not qualified in the Team Event may qualify **up to 2 athletes** per gender for Singles in accordance with the qualification pathway outlined below.

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A maximum total of 16 slots per medal event will be allocated to CGAs by Athlete by Name, not otherwise qualified via the Team Qualification method.

Maximum allocation per medal event (Singles)	Maximum entry per CGA per gender	Method of Qualification	Slot Allocation
48	3	1. Team Qualification CGAs qualifying Athletes in the Team event, may enter up to a maximum of 3 athletes per CGA per medal event (see section 3b)	To CGA
12	2	2. Regional Qualification* Regional Qualification* (maximum 12 slots per gender): In the absence of confirmed hosts for the Regional Qualification events as at 01 October 2021, the Regional Qualification slots will be determined via Bipartite Invitation. Bipartite Invitation Slots will be issued to two (2) athletes not otherwise qualified per medal event, per CGF region, taking into consideration the factors listed in section d). Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable	CGA by Athlete by Name by Event
2		3. Commonwealth Championships Commonwealth Championships (maximum 2 slots per gender): In the absence of a confirmed host for the Commonwealth Championships as at 01 October 2021, Commonwealth Championships Qualification slots will be allocated to the two (2) highest ranked athletes per medal event, not otherwise qualified, on the ITTF World Rankings as at January 2020, while and respecting the maximum CGA representation per event. The slot will be allocated to the CGA by Athlete by Name For the avoidance of doubt, the award of Regional Qualification slots will take precedence over the award of the Commonwealth Championships slots.	CGA by Athlete by Name by Event
2		4. Bipartite Invitation Two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots may be issued to athletes of widely and regularly practising CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable	CGA by Athlete by Name by Event
64		TOTAL	

* Where there is no Bipartite Invitation application for a Regional Qualification slot(s) (Singles event) from a CGF Region, the Bipartite Commission in their discretion may award this slot to a CGA submitting a Bipartite Invitation application for a Regional Qualification slot(s) from any region, taking into consideration the factors outlined in section d).

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c) Doubles

For the avoidance of doubt, athletes must first qualify through Team or Singles slots to enter Doubles and Mixed Doubles events in accordance with the qualification process outlined below:

Doubles (Men's Doubles & Women's Doubles)

Maximum field size (Doubles)	
32 Pairs	Up to Two (2) pairs from each CGA with a qualified Team
8 Pairs	One (1) pair from CGAs qualifying athletes in Singles
40 Pairs	TOTAL

Mixed Doubles

Maximum field size (Mixed Doubles)	
48 Pairs	Up to three (3) pairs from each CGA with a qualified team in BOTH Team Events (Men and Women)
16 Pairs	Up to two (2) pairs from each CGA qualifying athletes in Men's and Women's Singles and/or a Team Event (Men and Women) with eligible representation
64 Pairs	

d) Bipartite Invitation

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Table Tennis athletes who have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots per singles event may be issued i.e., two (2) men's singles and two (2) women's singles slots.

Due to the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Bipartite Commission will also determine all Regional Qualification slots (Teams and Singles) on a region-by-region basis i.e., six (6) teams places per gender & twelve (12) singles slots per gender

Applications for Bipartite Invitation slots and Regional Qualification slots (Teams and Singles) are to be submitted by the CGA via the Bipartite Invitation process in accordance with the prescribed deadlines. It is at the sole and absolute discretion of the ITTF and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot and Regional Qualification slot in an instance where no application has been received.

All athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have competed in at least one (1) ITTF Recognised Competition within the qualification period of 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019. Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) ITTF Recognised Competition within the qualification period, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. CGAs may request this consideration when applying for the Regional Qualification and or Bipartite Invitation slots.

These slots are non-transferable and, in the event, the CGA is no longer able to accept the Regional Qualification and or Bipartite Invitation slot it will be redistributed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission with consideration for the factors listed below.

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Allocations for Bipartite Invitation slots and Regional Qualification slots are made at the sole and absolute discretion of the ITTF and CGF.

Regional Qualification Slots (Teams and Singles)

For the award of Regional Qualification slots only, the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- ITTF World Team Ranking results and ITTF World Ranking results since 1 January 2019
- Any results that have occurred at ITTF recognised competitions since 1 January 2019
- Other results that have occurred since 1 January 2019, e.g., national level Table Tennis events
- Demonstrated levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but an athlete has not otherwise attained qualification
- Development trajectories – athletes on an identifiable development pathway
- Regional representation within the event at the end of the qualification period
- Depth of field and strength of competition
- Opportunity to maximise cross-entry of Athletes from a CGA in multiple Table Tennis medal events
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result or ranking within the qualification period.

Bipartite Invitation Slots

For the award of Bipartite Invitation slots only, the Bipartite commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- Regional representation within the event at the end of the qualification period
- Depth of field and strength of competition
- Opportunity to maximise cross-entry of Athletes from a CGA in multiple Table Tennis medal events
- Demonstrated levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but an athlete has not otherwise attained qualification
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result or ranking within the qualification period.

e) Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated as follows:

Team Event

- Any unused slots earned from the Host CGA method shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified on the ITTF World Team Ranking as at January 2020. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the World Team Ranking, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF.
- Any unused slots earned from the Direct Qualification method (ITTF World Team Ranking) shall be

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reallocated to the next highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified on the World Team Ranking as at January 2020. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the World Team Ranking, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF.

- Any unused slots within the maximum 80 Athletes (male and female) due to CGAs with Team Qualification electing to bring their minimum 3 Athletes (note maximum entitlement of 4 Athletes) may be reallocated by the CGF and ITTF at their sole and absolute discretion. The decision to reallocate unused slots in this instance would have consideration for factors including, but not limited to:
 - Availability of slots within Singles, Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles maximum field sizes
 - Regional representation within the event
 - Depth of field and strength of competition
 - Opportunity to maximise cross-entry of Athletes from a CGA in multiple Table Tennis medal events
 - Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but an athlete has not otherwise attained qualification
 - Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result within the qualification period
- Any unused Regional Qualification slots, awarded via Bipartite Invitation, shall be reallocated to another CGA from the same CGF region, not otherwise qualified, in accordance with the factors listed in section d). Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining from the same CGF region, the Regional Qualification slots may be reallocated to another CGA from any region. Where there are no further eligible CGAs remaining from any region then the remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF.
- Any unused slots earned from the Commonwealth Championships method (i.e., ITTF World Team Ranking) shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified on the World Team Ranking as at January 2020. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the ITTF World Team Ranking, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF
- The CGF and ITTF reserve the right not to reallocate a slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to a CGA or Athlete whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

Singles Event

- Any unused Regional Qualification slots, awarded via Bipartite Invitation, shall be reallocated to another eligible athlete from the same CGF region, not otherwise qualified, in accordance with the factors listed in section d). Where there are no eligible athletes remaining from the same CGF region, the Regional Qualification slots may be reallocated to another eligible athlete from any region. Where there are no further eligible athletes remaining from any region,, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF
- Any unused slots earned from the Commonwealth Championships method (i.e., ITTF World Rankings) shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked Athlete not otherwise qualified on the ITTF World Rankings as at January 2020. Where there are no eligible Athletes remaining on the World Rankings, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and ITTF
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5 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible to represent a CGA, an athlete must;
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or ITTF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
 - Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, ITTF and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
 - Have complied with the minimum age regulations, as stipulated by the ITTF; and
 - Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution;

6 TIMELINES

Date(s)	Team/Singles	Milestones
January 2020	Team	ITTF qualification date at which ITTF World Team Rankings will determine selected CGA
By 1 October 2021	Team & Singles	Details of the ITTF Regional Qualification events and Commonwealth Championships to be confirmed
27 January 2022		Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
By 31 January 2022	Team	CGF to confirm qualified CGAs through ITTF World Team Rankings and Host CGA
By 11 February 2022	Team & Singles	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications for Bipartite Invitation slots and Regional Qualification slots
By 11 February 2022	Team	CGAs to confirm acceptance of qualified slots through ITTF World Team Rankings and Host CGA (qualified CGAs to also confirm maximum slot usage of 4 athletes per Team)
By 18 February 2022	Team	Re-allocation of returned slots through ITTF World Team Rankings and Host CGA (if necessary)
By 25 February 2022	Team	CGF to confirm qualified CGAs for Team Events through Regional Qualification and Commonwealth Championships (World Team Ranking)
By 07 March 2022	Team	CGAs to confirm acceptance of qualified Team Event through Regional Qualification and Commonwealth Championships (World Team Ranking). CGAs qualifying for the Team event to also confirm maximum slot usage of 4 athletes per Team
By 14 March 2022	Team	Re-allocation of returned slots through Regional Qualification and Commonwealth Championships (World Team Ranking), if necessary.
By 14 March 2022	Singles	CGF to confirm qualified Singles athletes through Regional Qualification and Commonwealth Championships (World

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		Ranking)
18 March 2022		Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
By 25 March 2022	Singles	CGAs to confirm acceptance of qualified Singles athletes through Regional Qualification and Commonwealth Championship (World Ranking)
By 01 April 2022	Singles	Re-allocation of returned Singles slots through Regional Qualification and Commonwealth Championships (World Ranking); if necessary.
By 01 April 2022	Singles	CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots
April 2022		Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
29 June 2022		Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information
July 2022		Delegation Registration Meetings

BIPARTITE COMMISSION

1 Governance

- 1.1 The membership of the CGF/ITTF Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the ITTF Secretary General (or appointed designate).
- 1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.

2 Purpose

The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendation to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots