

Table Tennis NL Canada Games Selection Plan for 2027

I. Selection Plan Overview

Candidates will be selected from the Canada Games training group that will be established by the August 31st, 2025 deadline. To join, email head coach Jeremy Lehr at jnlehr@mun.ca with you/your child's: full name, gender, date of birth and town/city of residence. The deadline is to be advertised on the NLTTA Facebook page and website, along with word of mouth and flyers given out at various tournaments. In addition, it will be sent out via email to NLTTA members. The training group will include males and females born in 2008 or later to meet the Canada Games eligibility. All members of the training group must also be permanent residents of NL by the conclusion of the last tryout tournament, otherwise they will be disqualified.

The team will be selected based on performance in a number of selection tournaments across the province. Please note there will be a small fee to join each tournament. Given the training group consists of people scattered across the province, athletes are expected to train on their own. They are however, required to attend at least 75% (3 out of the 4) of the selection tournaments/camps to be considered for the team, unless they can provide documented proof of illness or injury preventing them from attending at least 75%. For any tournament missed, no matter the reason, athletes will still receive zero selection points.

The final team will consist of three (3) males and three (3) females in good standing with the NLTTA that will adhere to the age requirements outlined by Canada Games and must sign a Team Member Agreement which dictates code of conduct, roles, and responsibilities. One alternate will also be selected for both male and female. The final Canada Games Team will be selected by August, 2026.

Below, is a detailed breakdown of how the team will be selected:

- Top 3 males and top 3 females with the most points accumulated at the end of the four selection tournaments will make the team. Fourth place will be the alternate and only go in the event one of the top three cannot. If two of the top 3 players cannot go to the Canada Games, the fifth place person will be invited to go.
- A **minimum of three** selection tournaments must be played for an athlete to be considered for the team, unless a documented illness or injury prevents someone from making at least 3 of the events. Only the top **three** tournament points will count towards the total score. (This means that if you play four tournaments, the tournament with the fewest points accumulated will be dropped. If you can only make two tournaments due to documented injury or illness, only your top two tournament placements will count towards your total points, the same applies for if you can only make one).

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- Tournaments will be separated for male and female and will be a round robin or group stage format. If there are 5 players or less, a double round robin will be played. If 6 players or more register, a single round robin will be played. If 10 or more players register for a tryout tournament, a group stage format will be implemented where there are two or more groups with crossovers/knockout stage.
- Points scoring format will be similar to previous years and in line with how the NLTTA selects provincial Team NL for the Atlantic's. The points will be awarded as follows: 1st = 30pts, 2nd = 25pts, 3rd = 20pts, 4th = 15pts, 5th = 10pts, 6th = 8pts, 7th = 6pts, 8th = 4pts, 9th = 2pts, 10th = 1pt. Placing 11th or lower will result in no points accumulated.
- **Tie break rules:** If there is a tie for a placement either in a selection tournament or overall after the four tournaments, the tie break will be based the following criteria:
 1. Head to head matches won between the players that are tied.
 2. Head to head games won between the players that are tied.
 3. Head to head points won between the players that are tied.
 4. If still tied at this point, the higher placement will be awarded to the player that won the most recent head to head match.
- Players are responsible for keeping their own score and if you encounter a problem you must ask for a referee. It is the responsibility of both players to ensure the scores are submitted correctly and once submitted they cannot be changed.
- Each tournament date, time and location will be posted at least two weeks in advance and cannot be changed based on personal requests.
- Tournament 1 is tentatively scheduled for fall 2025
Tournament 2 is tentatively scheduled for fall 2025/winter 2026
Tournament 3 is tentatively scheduled for winter 2026
Tournament 4 is tentatively scheduled for winter/summer 2026
- Team will be selected after the final selection tournament based on points accumulated.

* The NLTTA reserves the right to replace a top three player with a player that has accumulated less selection points and hence, deviate from the criteria above for one or more of the following reasons:

- A player has demonstrated a poor attitude, which has been documented by a team coach/manager or a tournament official and reported to the NLTTA executive and/or Canada Games Coach.
- A player has violated the regulations or by-laws of the NLTTA and has demonstrated a behavior that brings the game of Table Tennis and/or the Association in disrepute.
- A player suffers from significant injury or repeated injuries.

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II. Appeal

Grounds for Appeal

An appeal shall be heard only on the grounds that the process and/or final decision were flawed, not because the athlete disagrees with the outcome.

An appeal can be made if the athlete feels that:

1. The Canada Games selection committee failed to follow the selection criteria outlined in this selection plan.
2. The Canada Games selection committee made a decision that was influenced by bias.
3. The Canada Games selection committee failed to consider relevant information or took into account irrelevant information during team selection.

Appeal Process

The athlete must present their appeal request, by email, to the NLTTA vice-president (technical) vp-technical@nlтта.com. This will then be forwarded to the Appeal Committee Chair to action. The Appeal Committee Chair will review the approved selection plan and decide whether or not the appeal has grounds to proceed.

If the appeal is felt to have no grounds to proceed:

- The athlete will receive notification, by email, within 72 hours of the receipt of the appeal request.

If the appeal is felt to have grounds to proceed:

1. A date and time for a face to face appeal meeting will be set, within 72 hours of receipt of the appeal request. The athlete, an advocate (parent/guardian) and any others deemed necessary (Canada Games coach etc.) will be invited to attend.
2. The Appeal Committee will make a final decision within 72 hours of the appeal meeting.
3. The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final and binding.
4. The Appeal Committee will advise the Canada Games Coach and Team Manager within 24 hours of the final decision.

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5. A formal written letter will be sent to the athlete within 24 hours of the final decision.

Appeal Committee will be made up of:

1. NLTTA Board member, with no conflict of interest
2. One athlete representative (former Canada Games player is preferred)
3. One other impartial individual

If unusual circumstances present themselves in the case of an appeal, the appeal committee will have the authority to overrule the process.