

ALBERTA TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (ATTA)

TEAM ALBERTA POLICY AND SELECTIONS

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PURPOSE

The Alberta Table Tennis Association (ATTA) Team Training Program is based on ATTA's Long-Term Athlete Development objectives. The program is designed to develop athletes progressively through appropriate training, competition and athlete-development opportunities, while recognizing differences in age, skill level, competitive experience and individual development.

Training program admission and Team Alberta selection are based on eligibility, demonstrated ability, athlete development needs, commitment, sportsmanship, and the coaching and financial resources available to ATTA.

1. MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

To participate in an ATTA provincial training program or be considered for Team Alberta selection, an athlete must:

- Hold a valid ATTA membership and be a member in good standing for the applicable program and selection year.
- Meet applicable citizenship, residency and eligibility requirements.
- Meet any applicable Table Tennis Canada (TTCAN) or competition-specific eligibility requirements.
- Comply with ATTA policies, procedures and program requirements.

Where an athlete has recently been affiliated with another provincial or territorial table tennis association, applicable residency and ATTA membership-duration requirements must also be satisfied.

2. PROVINCIAL JUNIOR TRAINING PROGRAM

For the 2026–2027 season:

- Junior athletes seeking to participate in ATTA provincial team tryouts and be considered for selection to represent Alberta at national championships or other out-of-province team competitions must enroll in an applicable ATTA provincial junior training program, unless an exception is approved by ATTA.
- Participation in the official ATTA tryout process is required for admission to the provincial training program.
- Tryout results will be used to determine the appropriate training level and placement of accepted athletes.

- Training groups may be divided into **Division A and Division B** according to demonstrated skill level and developmental needs.
- ATTA may limit enrollment based on current ratings, skill level, age-group requirements, coaching resources, facility capacity and available financial resources.
- Participation in a provincial training program does not guarantee selection to Team Alberta.

Divisions

Division A is intended primarily for athletes demonstrating a higher skill level and, where appropriate, athletes in the normal older age groups. Division B is intended for athletes demonstrating developing skill levels, and, where appropriate, athletes in the normal younger age groups.

Junior Hopes

For the 2026–2027 season, the Junior Hopes training program is available in Edmonton only, unless ATTA establishes an additional location. The number of athletes accepted will be determined according to available coaching resources, program capacity and athlete-development needs.

3. TRAINING COMMITMENT

Acceptance into an ATTA provincial training program requires a reasonable commitment from the athlete and, where applicable, the athlete's parent or guardian.

Athletes are expected to:

- Attend scheduled training sessions and mandatory camps.
- Arrive on time and prepared to train.
- Participate actively and respectfully.
- Follow reasonable coaching instructions.
- Report absences or lateness to the designated ATTA coach or ATTA office as soon as reasonably possible.
- Fulfil required training and competition commitments.
- Respond to official ATTA communications within the requested timeframe.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and positive team conduct.

Repeated failure to fulfil training commitments may result in a review of the athlete's continued participation or placement in the program and/or consequences under the **ATTA Athlete Conduct, Commitment and Discipline Policy**. Reasonable consideration may be given to illness, injury, family emergency, academic obligations and other circumstances accepted by ATTA.

4. QUALIFIED COMPETITIONS AND TEAM TRYOUTS

Where applicable, qualified competitions may include:

- ATTA-sanctioned or ATTA-hosted tournaments;
- TTCAN-sanctioned competitions;
- designated Alberta provincial tournaments;
- Alberta Junior Open; and
- official ATTA team tryouts.

For junior athletes seeking selection to national championships:

- participation in the required ATTA provincial training program is required;
- participation in the official ATTA team tryouts designated for the selection process is required; and
- where ATTA designates Tryout #1 and Tryout #2 as required selection events, completion of both is required unless an exception is approved by ATTA.

ATTA may amend the competition schedule or designate additional qualified competitions as necessary.

5. TEAM SELECTION AND POINTS

Where the points-based selection system is applicable:

Points Calculation:

- Rankings
 - 1st place - 5 points
 - 2nd place - 4 points
 - 3rd place - 3 points
 - 4th place - 2 points
- Performance: 10 points, at discretion of coaching team

Performance Points

Up to **10 performance points** may be awarded at the discretion of the ATTA coaching team where applicable.

Performance considerations may include:

- training performance;
- positive attitude;
- persistent effort;
- attendance and commitment;
- sportsmanship;
- competitive readiness; and
- other relevant athlete-development considerations.

Where applicable, **80% of final standings** will be based on ranking points and **20% on performance points** awarded by the coaching team.

6. JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION

To be considered for selection to represent Alberta, a junior athlete must:

- meet ATTA membership and eligibility requirements;
- participate in the required provincial training program;
- satisfy applicable training and competition commitments;
- complete required official team tryouts;
- comply with ATTA policies and procedures;
- demonstrate good sportsmanship; and
- meet the applicable selection criteria for the competition.

The number of athletes selected will depend on the number of positions available and the applicable competition requirements.

7. SENIOR TEAM SELECTION

Senior Team Alberta selection is open to eligible Alberta athletes who satisfy the applicable membership, residency, competition and selection requirements.

Senior athletes must:

- meet ATTA membership and eligibility requirements;
- satisfy applicable tournament participation requirements;
- comply with ATTA policies and procedures;
- demonstrate good sportsmanship; and
- meet the applicable ranking and/or selection criteria.

Where applicable, priority may be given to athletes achieving the required top-ranking positions.

8. SELECTION PRIORITY AND COACHING DISCRETION

For provincial training-program placement, athletes will be prioritized based on applicable Canadian rankings, official ATTA tryout results, and the applicable selection criteria, subject to program eligibility and capacity.

Calgary Training Program:

- The top six (6) eligible athletes based on the Calgary Canadian ranking will automatically qualify for **Group A**.
- Four (4) additional Group A positions may be earned by other eligible athletes through the applicable qualifying process following the tryout.
- **Group A will consist of ten (10) athletes.**

- The remaining eligible athletes will be considered for **Group B** following the tryout and applicable selection process.
- **Group B will consist of ten (10) athletes.**

Edmonton Training Program:

- The top four (4) eligible athletes based on the Edmonton Canadian ranking will automatically qualify for **Group A**.
- Four (4) additional Group A positions may be earned by other eligible athletes through the applicable qualifying process following the tryout.
- **Group A will consist of eight (8) athletes.**
- The remaining eligible athletes will be considered for **Group B** following the tryout and applicable selection process.
- **Group B will consist of eight (8) athletes.**

Remaining placements will be determined substantially on the basis of official ATTA tryout results and the applicable selection criteria. The ATTA coaching team has reasonable discretion to make training and selection decisions based on legitimate athlete-development and competitive considerations, including:

- skill level;
- competitive performance;
- training needs;
- age-group requirements;
- attendance and commitment;
- sportsmanship;
- coaching resources; and
- available program resources.

Coaching discretion must be exercised fairly and objectively. Personal relationships, club affiliation, conflicts of interest or improper favouritism shall not influence selection or training decisions. Any conflict of interest shall be managed in accordance with applicable ATTA policies.

9. TEAM ALBERTA COMMITMENT

An athlete selected to represent Alberta shall confirm acceptance of the selection by the deadline communicated by ATTA.

Once an athlete accepts Team Alberta selection, the athlete is expected to honour the commitment and attend the applicable championship or competition.

If an athlete subsequently becomes unable to attend, ATTA must be notified as soon as possible. Health, injury, serious family circumstances or other exceptional circumstances accepted by ATTA may constitute an approved withdrawal.

Where an athlete declines an accepted Team Alberta selection for reasons that are not accepted by ATTA as an exceptional circumstance, ATTA may impose an **administrative commitment charge of up to \$300** and/or other appropriate consequences in accordance with applicable ATTA policies.

The purpose of this provision is to protect Team Alberta planning, registration commitments and financial resources and is not intended to penalize athletes for circumstances beyond their reasonable control.

10. ATHLETE CONDUCT

All athletes participating in ATTA programs are subject to the **ATTA Athlete Conduct, Commitment and Discipline Policy**.

Athletes are expected to represent ATTA and Alberta with:

- respect;
- integrity;
- accountability;
- commitment;
- sportsmanship; and
- professionalism.

Failure to comply with ATTA policies or program requirements may affect an athlete's training participation, eligibility or Team Alberta selection.

11. PROGRAM CAPACITY AND CHANGES

ATTA's training programs are subject to available coaching, facilities, funding and other operational resources.

ATTA may therefore:

- establish enrollment limits;
- modify training groups;
- adjust training locations or schedules;
- change program structures; and
- amend competition or tryout dates.

Material changes will be communicated to affected athletes and/or parents through appropriate ATTA communication channels.

12. EXCEPTIONS

ATTA may consider individual exceptions to program or selection requirements where exceptional circumstances exist. Requests for an exception should be submitted to ATTA as

soon as reasonably possible. Approval of an exception is at the discretion of ATTA and is not automatic.

13. APPEALS

Where an ATTA decision is subject to appeal, the applicable appeal process shall be governed by the **ATTA Appeals Policy**.

14. POLICY AMENDMENTS

This Policy is subject to review and amendment by the ATTA Board of Directors. Dates, schedules, competition information and other operational details may be updated as necessary. All training programs, competitions, selection criteria and schedules are subject to change and amendment by ATTA. Athletes and parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing official ATTA communications for the most current information.