

ALBERTA TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (ATTA)

2026–27 JUNIOR PROVINCIAL TRAINING PROGRAM & TRYOUT INFORMATION

Program Year: 2026–2027

Policy Reference: ATTA Team Alberta Policy and Selections — Updated August 2026

1. PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The ATTA Junior Provincial Training Program is part of ATTA’s Long-Term Athlete Development objectives.

The program is intended to develop junior athletes progressively through appropriate training, competition and athlete-development opportunities while recognizing differences in:

- age;
- skill level;
- competitive experience;
- developmental needs; and
- individual circumstances.

The program is intended to provide a structured pathway for Alberta junior athletes seeking athlete-development opportunities and, where applicable, future consideration for Team Alberta.

Admission to a provincial training program does not guarantee selection to Team Alberta.

2. 2026–27 PROGRAM LOCATIONS

For the 2026–27 season, ATTA anticipates provincial junior training programs in:

Edmonton

Location: The Paddleroom/Pickleball HUB, #115, 25 Chisholm Ave., St. Albert, Alberta.

Calgary

Location: Calgary United Sports Table Tennis Association (CUSTTA) - Bay 6, 401-33rd St. N.E., Calgary, AB.

ATTA may establish, modify or discontinue training locations depending upon:

- coaching resources;
- facility availability;
- enrollment;
- funding;
- program capacity; and
- other operational considerations.

Material changes will be communicated through appropriate ATTA communication channels.

3. TRAINING PROGRAM DIVISIONS

ATTA may divide accepted athletes into:

Division A

Generally intended for athletes demonstrating a higher level of skill and, where appropriate, athletes in the normal older junior age groups.

Calgary Training Program:

- The top six (6) eligible athletes based on the Calgary Canadian ranking will automatically qualify for Division A.
- Four (4) additional Division A positions may be earned by other eligible athletes through the applicable qualifying process following the tryout.
- Division A 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 Division A.
- Four (4) additional Division A positions may be earned by other eligible athletes through the applicable qualifying process following the tryout.
- Division A will consist of eight (8) athletes.

Division B

Generally intended for athletes demonstrating developing skill levels and, where appropriate, athletes in the normal younger junior age groups.

- Following the tryout and applicable selection process, the remaining eligible athletes will be considered for Division B.
- The Calgary Division B will consist of ten (10) athletes.
- The Edmonton Division B will consist of eight (8) athletes.

Placement will consider the athlete's demonstrated ability, developmental needs and the applicable ATTA selection criteria.

Division placement is a training-program placement and is not itself a Team Alberta selection. ATTA may adjust an athlete's training placement where appropriate based on athlete development, program needs, coaching resources and other legitimate considerations.

4. JUNIOR HOPES PROGRAM

For the 2026–27 season, the Junior Hopes training program is available in Edmonton only, unless ATTA establishes an additional location.

The number of athletes accepted into Junior Hopes will depend on:

- available coaching resources;
- program capacity; and
- athlete-development needs.

5. TRAINING FEES and SCHEDULE

ATTA is committed to providing transparent information about the financial commitment before athletes participate in the tryout process.

Training Fees:

The anticipated 2026–27 training fees are available in the tryout/registration e-mail send-out.

Training schedules:

Designated training days and camp schedules are available in the tryout/registration e-mail send-out.

Important

- These fees apply to participation in the applicable provincial training program after an athlete has been accepted and the placement has been accepted by the athlete/parent or guardian.
- Payment is not required merely to register for the tryout.
- Applicants will have the opportunity to review the applicable fee before deciding whether to participate in the tryout.
- After an athlete is offered a training-program placement, acceptance and payment must be completed by the deadlines communicated by ATTA.

Funding

- ATTA may receive provincial, federal, organizational or other funding that could affect program fees.
- No subsidy, reimbursement or fee reduction should be assumed unless and until ATTA confirms it in writing.
- If confirmed funding permits ATTA to reduce or adjust participant fees, ATTA will communicate the applicable adjustment to affected participants.

6. WHAT THE TRAINING FEE COVERS

- The applicable training fee covers participation in the ATTA provincial training program for the applicable 2026–27 program period, subject to the terms communicated by ATTA.
- Specific additional costs may apply to activities that are not included in the training fee, including, where applicable:
 - tournament registration;

- travel;
- accommodation;
- meals;
- equipment;
- uniforms;
- national championship expenses; and
- other competition-related expenses.
- ATTA will communicate applicable additional costs when reasonably available.

7. ELIGIBILITY

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

- hold a valid ATTA membership;
- be a member in good standing for the applicable program and selection year;
- meet applicable citizenship, residency and eligibility requirements;
- satisfy applicable Table Tennis Canada (TTCAN) or competition-specific eligibility requirements; and
- 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.

ATTA may verify eligibility before or after the tryout.

8. REQUEST/APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRYOUT

Participation in the official ATTA tryout process is required for admission to the provincial training program, unless an exception is approved by ATTA.

The tryout request/application is required to be assessed for admission. It is not an acceptance into the program.

Applicants should therefore carefully consider the:

- program fee;
- training schedule;
- attendance requirements;
- conduct expectations;
- travel and competition commitments;
- applicable policies; and
- other responsibilities

before submitting a request and/or application to ensure that athletes and families understand the program before deciding to participate in the tryout.

Late requests/responses may be considered only if ATTA determines that doing so is operationally appropriate and does not compromise the fairness or integrity of the selection process.

9. TRYOUT PROCESS

The official ATTA tryout will be conducted using criteria established by ATTA.

Tryout results will be used to determine the appropriate training level and placement of accepted athletes.

ATTA may consider:

- match results;
- demonstrated skill level;
- competitive performance;
- current ratings;
- applicable national or provincial standings;
- age-group considerations;
- athlete-development needs;
- competitive readiness;
- sportsmanship;
- training commitment;
- available coaching resources; and
- available program resources.

The applicable selection criteria will be applied consistently to the extent reasonably possible.

10. CURRENT RANKING AND STANDING CONSIDERATIONS

The August 2026 Team Alberta Policy and Selections will apply. All placements will be determined substantially on the basis of official ATTA tryout results and the applicable selection criteria, and subject to program eligibility and capacity.

11. COACHING DISCRETION

The ATTA coaching team has reasonable discretion to make training and placement decisions based on legitimate athlete-development and competitive considerations.

Such considerations may include:

- 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.

12. PROGRAM CAPACITY

ATTA may limit enrollment based on:

- coaching resources;
- facility capacity;
- athlete skill levels;
- age-group requirements;
- available funding;
- program structure;
- athlete-development needs; and
- other legitimate operational considerations.

Accordingly, meeting a minimum level of athletic ability or participating in the tryout does not automatically guarantee a training-program placement.

The number of athletes accepted will depend upon the available positions and applicable program requirements.

13. 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;
- attend 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; and
- 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.

14. ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE REPORTING

If an athlete will be absent or late, the athlete or parent/guardian must notify the Designated Coach or ATTA Office via E-mail: info@attaabtt.com as soon as reasonably possible.

Repeated failure to report absences or lateness may be considered a failure to meet program commitments.

15. 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.

Athletes must respect:

- teammates;
- opponents;
- coaches;
- officials;
- volunteers;
- parents and spectators;
- facilities; and
- equipment.

Misconduct may affect an athlete's continued training participation, eligibility or future Team Alberta selection.

16. COACHING EXPECTATIONS

ATTA-appointed coaches are responsible for delivering the program in accordance with ATTA policies and program objectives.

Athletes and parents/guardians are expected to respect ATTA coaching assignments and reasonable coaching directions.

Coaching decisions must be exercised fairly and objectively. ATTA's coaching framework recognizes that coaches may need to prioritize individual matches, training needs and athlete-development considerations based on the size and needs of the program.

Where a parent, personal coach or other person has questions concerning coaching assignments or competition support, the appropriate ATTA coaching team or ATTA representative should be approached rather than interfering with an active coaching assignment.

17. TEAM ALBERTA COACHING AND COMPETITION ETIQUETTE

The ATTA Coaching Rules apply to parents, personal coaches, club coaches and spectators as applicable.

In particular, individuals should not improperly coach against Alberta Junior athletes who are teammates or fellow Alberta junior participants where doing so conflicts with ATTA's coaching expectations.

ATTA may permit parents or other coaches to provide competition support where appropriate, particularly when ATTA coaching resources must be prioritized among a large number of athletes.

Any such support must remain consistent with ATTA's applicable coaching rules and competition requirements.

18. 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 and official ATTA team tryouts is required, subject to the applicable policy and any approved exception.

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.

19. TRAINING PROGRAM ADMISSION IS NOT TEAM ALBERTA SELECTION

This distinction is important.

Admission to the Provincial Training Program means that an athlete has been accepted for training in the applicable ATTA program and Division.

Team Alberta Selection is a separate process governed by the applicable Team Alberta selection criteria for the relevant championship or competition.

Participation in an ATTA provincial training program does not guarantee selection to Team Alberta.

Athletes must continue to satisfy applicable eligibility, training, competition, conduct and selection requirements.

20. ACCEPTANCE OFFERS

Following completion of the tryout and assessment process, ATTA will issue placement decisions to successful applicants.

Where an athlete is offered a place, the communication will identify:

- training location;
- training division;
- anticipated training schedule;
- applicable fee;
- acceptance deadline;
- payment deadline; and
- any other applicable conditions.

An athlete's placement is not final until the athlete/parent or guardian accepts the offer within the specified deadline and completes required registration/payment procedures.

21. ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE

Placement Offers Issued

Acceptance Deadline

An offer that is not accepted by the stated deadline may expire.

ATTA may then offer the available place to another eligible athlete.

This process is intended to ensure that program positions can be finalized in a timely manner and that other athletes are not unnecessarily prevented from participating.

22. PAYMENT DEADLINE

Payment must be completed in accordance with the instructions provided with the placement offer.

Failure to complete required payment by the applicable deadline may result in cancellation of the offered placement unless ATTA approves an alternative arrangement.

Families experiencing exceptional circumstances should contact ATTA as soon as possible rather than allowing a deadline to pass without communication.

23. WAITLIST

Where more eligible athletes are identified than available program positions, ATTA may establish a waitlist.

The waitlist will be administered using the applicable selection and placement criteria.

If an accepted athlete declines or does not complete the required acceptance/payment process, ATTA may offer the available position to the next appropriate eligible athlete.

Being placed on a waitlist does not guarantee a subsequent training-program placement.

24. DECLINING A TRAINING-PROGRAM OFFER

An athlete may decline a training-program offer.

Because the training fee and program commitments are disclosed before the tryout, families are encouraged to consider their ability to participate before applying.

Once an offer is declined, ATTA may proceed to the waitlist and offer the available position to another eligible athlete.

25. EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

ATTA may consider individual exceptions to program or selection requirements where exceptional circumstances exist.

Requests should be submitted to ATTA as soon as reasonably possible.

Examples may include:

- significant illness;
- injury;
- serious family circumstances;
- academic obligations;
- relocation;
- other circumstances beyond the athlete's reasonable control.

Approval of an exception is at the discretion of ATTA and is not automatic.

26. COMMUNICATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Athletes and parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing official ATTA communications.

ATTA may communicate program information by:

- email;
- official ATTA website;
- registration platform;
- other official communication channels.

Athletes and parents/guardians should ensure that ATTA has current contact information.

Failure to receive an email because contact information was not maintained does not necessarily relieve an athlete of a communicated deadline or requirement.

27. PROGRAM CHANGES

ATTA's training programs are subject to available:

- coaching;
- facilities;
- funding;
- athlete enrollment;
- operational resources.

ATTA may therefore:

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

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

28. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BEFORE TRYOUT REGISTRATION

Before submitting the tryout request/application, the athlete and, where applicable, parent/guardian should confirm:

- I have reviewed the 2026–27 Junior Provincial Training Program & Tryout Information Package/Notice.
- I understand the applicable training fee before registering for the tryout.
- I understand that registration for the tryout does not guarantee admission to an ATTA provincial training program.
- I understand that program placement is subject to eligibility, selection criteria and available program capacity.
- I understand that ATTA may establish Division A and Division B based on demonstrated skill level and athlete-development needs.
- I understand the attendance, training and communication commitments expected of athletes.
- I understand that accepted athletes must accept their placement and complete payment requirements by the deadlines established by ATTA.
- I understand that failure to meet program commitments may affect continued participation or future Team Alberta eligibility.
- I understand that participation in the provincial training program does not guarantee selection to Team Alberta.
- I have reviewed the applicable ATTA Team Alberta Policy and Selections.
- I have reviewed or agree to comply with the ATTA Athlete Conduct, Commitment and Discipline Policy and applicable Coaching Rules.

29. CONTACT

Questions regarding the 2026–27 Junior Provincial Training Program should be directed to:

Alberta Table Tennis Association (ATTA)

Email: info@attaabtt.com