



Hong Kong Tennis Association (HKTA)

Selection Criteria for Junior Team Competitions

Introduction

This selection criteria refers directly to the selection of players competing in ITF events, such as 12U, 14U (World Junior Tennis), 16U (Junior Davis Cup, and Junior Fed Cup) teams. The following selection criteria is to be used, by the elected PDC and Captains, in selecting all junior Hong Kong Tennis Association National Representative Teams/Tours.

Selection

3 positions on a Junior Team and a 4th position as reserve

Criteria

The selection criteria is in priority order.

1. Eligibility

- a. Players must be of the appropriate age at the designated time, as stated by the governing body of the event.
- b. Players must be in good standing with HKTA.
- c. Players must agree to, and sign, the HKTA Representative and Touring Player's Code of Conduct.
- d. At least one parent must agree to, and sign, the HKTA Representative and Touring Player's Code of Conduct, including the Parent Declaration.

2. Selection of 1st position in the team.

- a. If the selection process is within six (6) months* of the Hong Kong National Junior Championships, then,
 - i. The winner of the Hong Kong National Junior Tennis Championships, in the applicable age group, will gain automatic selection in the team.
 - ii. If the winner is ineligible, or unable to represent in the event, then selection will revert to ranking as for 2.b.
- b. If the selection process is after six (6) months* since the Hong Kong National Junior Championships, then,
 - i. The highest ranked player** in the applicable age group will gain automatic selection in the team.
 - ii. If the highest ranked player is ineligible, or unable to represent in the event, then the No.2 ranked player will gain automatic selection.
 - iii. If the No.2 ranked player is ineligible, or unable to represent in the event, then the No.3 ranked player will gain automatic section, and so on.

**The six (6) month period is defined as six (6) calendar months from the day of the completed final, to the receipt of the invitation to the captioned event, at the HKTA office.*

***The highest ranked player is defined as the No.1 ranked player in the applicable age group, according to the most recent published HKTA rankings, on the day of receipt of the invitation to the captioned event, at the HKTA office.*



3. Selection of 2nd position in the team.
Next top ranked player other than the winner of the nationals.

4. Selection of 3rd position in the team.
 - a. This will be the Captain's Pick.
 - b. The Captain will pick a team member that will add to the potential success of the team.
 - c. The Captain will select the team member based on, but not limited to, the following criteria. The criteria is not in order of importance or priority.
 - i. ITF, ATF and/or HKTA National Rankings at the time of selection.
 - ii. Relevant head-to-head results.
 - iii. Past international success as an individual or when representing Hong Kong.
 - iv. Recent tournament performances.
 - v. Singles ability and/or Doubles ability.
 - vi. Always gives best-effort in training and competition.
 - vii. A good communicator with coaches and team mates.
 - viii. Demonstrates sportsmanship in both victory and defeat.
 - ix. Has demonstrated a history of self-improvement.
 - x. Team work and team spirit.
 - xi. Leadership amongst peers.
 - xii. Effort, commitment and resilience in training and competition.
 - xiii. Punctuality, attendance and reliability toward training and competition.
 - xiv. Attention to detail with regard to organisation, preparation, warm-ups, and recovery.
 - xv. Professional approach to preparing equipment including racquets, string, clothing, shoes, and general racquet bag contents.
 - xvi. Positive impact on the team, both on and off the court.
 - xvii. Competitive spirit on the court, regardless of winning or losing.
 - d. The Captain's Pick will be approved by the HKTA Player Development Committee (PDC).
 - i. The Captain may have to justify (provide evidence) the selection to the HKTA PDC.
 - ii. The Captain or PDC may ask for a play-off if deemed appropriate.

5. Selection of Reserve (4th position).
 - a. This will be a Captain's pick.
 - b. The primary purpose of the reserve is to be part of the training sessions leading in to the event.
 - c. The reserve may also be called upon to replace an injured or unavailable player, at short notice, leading into the regional play-offs and/or international finals.
 - d. The same selection criteria will be used as for the Captain's Picks (2nd and 3rd position).
 - e. This Captain's Pick will be approved by the HKTA PDC.
 - i. The Captain may have to justify (provide evidence) the selection to the committee.
 - ii. The Captain or PDC may ask for a play-off if deemed appropriate.

This selection policy is reviewed by PDC annually.