

Self Funding Policy International Competitions



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BPTT Self Funding – International Competitions

Purpose

The purpose of the British Para Table Tennis (BPTT) Self Funding Policy is to advise athletes of the process of how to apply to self fund for an international competition.

Introduction

All athletes wanting to self fund to attend any international competitions must enter the competition through BPTT.

Self funding athletes are not allowed to contact any members of ITTF / IPC staff responsible for organising the competitions / involved in classification etc. Any queries should be raised with BPTT.

Competition dates, deadlines, and info, can be found on the ITTF website: http://www.ipttc.org/calendar/

Eligibility

To be eligible to self fund for international competitions via BPTT, you must;

- Hold membership with the BPTT.
- Must meet the minimal eligibility criteria, as set out in the ITTF Classification Rules for Para Table Tennis.
- Sign the Self Funded Athlete Code of Conduct.
- Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the Paralympic Games.
- Have a current, valid, British passport.
- Not be serving a ban from competition from BPTT / their home nation, as a result of being found guilty of a doping offence or any other breach of conduct.

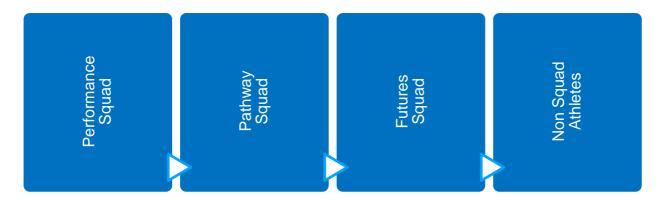
Priority Structure

Below is a priority structure for International competitions.

BPTT Performance Squad athletes will take priority when places are allocated at competitions / selections are made. If there are no BPTT Performance Squad athletes attending a competition, then the priority is BPTT Pathway Squad athletes, and then BPTT Futures Squad athletes. This may mean that self funding requests are rejected by the BPTT Selection Committee.

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Competition Structure

Competition	Rationale
Factor 20	You may request to self fund this level competition to the BPTT Selection Committee who will review your application.
Factor 40	You may request to self fund this level competition to the BPTT Selection Committee who will review your application.
Major Competitions: European Para Championships World Para Championships World Qualification Tournaments Paralympic Games	No self funding requests will be accepted.

Please note that selection for the Commonwealth Games is the responsibility of the home nations.

Self Funding Timeline

- Requests to self fund to be made a minimum of 1 month prior to the related competition's 1st entry deadline.
- Requests to be emailed to Shaun Marples (SM), BPTT Programme Manager: shaunmarples@britishparatabletennis.com, cc Louise Larcombe (LL), BPTT Performance Operations Manager: louiselarcombe@britishparatabletennis.com.
- Request to include a scanned picture of the photo page of the athlete's valid GB passport if applying for the first time, or if the athlete's passport has expired.

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- The request will then be sent to the BPTT Selection Committee for deliberation. Self funded applications will then be considered along with all World Class Programme (WCP) athletes.
- BPTT Selection Committee to communicate the outcome of the self funded applications no later than the related competition's first entry deadline.

Subject to the BPTT Selection Committee's approval:

- Performance Operations Manager to confirm the estimated costs, travel information deadline and payment deadline, and any other relevant information to the self funded athlete.
- ITTF competition first entry deadline.
 After this date the athlete will be liable to pay a cancellation fee if they withdraw regardless of the reason:
 - Cancellation after 1st entry, before 2nd entry: 30% of the total package price
- Invoice sent to athlete. Competition invoices received from BPTT must be paid in full prior to the second entry deadline. Failure to do so may result in BPTT requesting that you be withdrawn from the competition.
- ITTF competition second entry deadline.
 After this date the athlete will be liable to pay a cancellation fee if they withdraw regardless of the reason:

Cancellation after 2nd entry, before 10 days of arrival: 60% of the total package price

Cancellation with 10 days of arrival: 100% of the total price

Competition.

Important Protocols

- Self funding athletes will be accommodated in either a single room or a twin room with another athlete, unless there is an agreement between BPTT and the self funded athlete prior to the 2nd entry submission.
- All athletes must wear a Butterfly playing shirt when playing at international
 competitions, with their surname and GBR printed on the back of the shirt. Ideally
 an athlete should have two printed shirts in different colours. Home Nation playing
 shirts are not permitted. The self funded athlete is responsible for organising and
 funding the cost of the shirts unless they have already been allocated to them. You
 will need to wear the official GBR Butterfly playing kit for doubles purposes if you
 are entered with a funded athlete. Please contact the Performance Operations
 Manager for full details of the kit.
- Self-funded athletes are responsible for organising and funding their own travel insurance.

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- All self funded athletes shall be allocated a British team partner where possible as per the ITTF rules. The lead member of performance staff in attendance at the competition will manage the organisation of teams. Priority will be given to WCP athletes with regard to the selection of the doubles formations. In some circumstances self funded athletes may have to play with an athlete of another class and or country. There is no guarantee that we will be able to get you a doubles and/or mixed doubles partner. If this is the case, this will be communicated to the self funded athlete as soon as possible, this may be as late as the day before the competition starts.
- Self funded athletes are to book their own flights (after being given the go ahead by BPTT to do so, athletes to liaise with the Performance Operations Manager), please then inform BPTT of the flight details to be added to the second entry form.
- When self funding, it is an athletes' responsibility to ensure that they are fully fit to
 compete in regard to their physical and mental health. Where appropriate, and in
 circumstances of known recent events in an athlete's health, a mental health and /
 or physical health fit to fly certificate may be required. If an athlete cannot attend the
 competition due to illness/injury, BPTT cannot guarantee that you will receive a full
 refund.

BPTT Selection Committee

The BPTT Selection Committee is responsible for authorising which athletes are allowed to self fund their entry to attend international competitions.

The BPTT Selection Committee will comprise of the following members:

- Chair of the Committee (Independent Committee Member)
- BPTT Performance Director
- BPTT Head Coach
- BPTT Programme Manager

The quorum shall be three members.

When a self funding request is considered, members of the panel shall declare any conflict of interest and the Chair will decide if that committee member can contribute to the discussion as per the BPTT Conflict of Interest Policy. Where a genuine conflict of interest exists, the relevant committee member will not be permitted to contribute to discussions about the athlete in question or be entitled to vote.

In the event of a tie vote, the Chair of the Selection Panel has the casting vote.

BPTT staff and or support staff may be asked to provide evidence and/or advise the BPTT Selection Committee, at the request of the Chair of the Selection Panel.

Appeals

There will be no opportunity to appeal the decision by the BPTT Selection Committee. Their decision is final.

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