



By-Law 8

STATE SELECTION PANEL

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Name

1. This By-Law shall be referred to as the **State Selection Panel By-Law**.

Source

2. This By-Law is made pursuant to rule 33 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated.

Scope

3. This By-Law is intended to regulate the appointment of a panel of State selectors (herein referred to as the “State Selection Panel”) for the purpose of the provision of seeding of players for all Table Tennis Victoria sanctioned open tournaments, selection of players for State representation at Australian Championships and any other matters as requested by Table Tennis Victoria.

4. The State Selection Panel is empowered to make all decisions in relation to seedings for open tournaments and State representation for all players (juniors, seniors, veterans and paras) and all other matters incidental thereto.

Delegation

5. This By-Law constitutes a formal delegation of functions to a committee pursuant to rule 32 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated.

State Selection Panel

6. Table Tennis Victoria shall appoint a State Selection Panel for each calendar year.
7. At the expiry of each calendar year, the State Selection Panel shall automatically dissolve.
8. A person may be appointed to the State Selection Panel in consecutive years.

Nomination process

9. Table Tennis Victoria shall call for expressions of interest for selection to the State Selection Panel for the following calendar year at least 1 month prior to 31 December of the current year.
10. All nominations must be in writing on the Table Tennis Victoria prescribed form.
11. After the prescribed expiry date for expressions of interest, Table Tennis Victoria shall appoint a State Selection Panel for the following calendar year (to commence operation on 1 January of the relevant year).

Qualifications of nominee

12. A nominee for appointment to the State Selection Panel must be over the age of 18 years, reside in Victoria and be able to attend open tournaments conducted in Victoria.
13. In appointing persons to the State Selection Panel, Table Tennis Victoria must give preference to those nominees who demonstrate an ability to act impartially, to exercise sound judgment and profess a general interest in all the table tennis player divisions – juniors, seniors, veterans and para players.
14. In appointing persons to the State Selection Panel, Table Tennis Victoria shall give gender equity due consideration.

Composition of Panel

15. The State Selection Panel shall consist of 5 persons.
16. Of the 5 persons appointed to the State Selection Panel, Table Tennis Victoria shall nominate 1 person as Chair and 1 person as Deputy-Chair.

17. Of the persons appointed as Chair or Deputy-Chair, at least one must be a Director of Table Tennis Victoria.
18. In circumstances where a person is appointed as either Chair or Deputy-Chair and at the time of that appointment holds the position of Director of Table Tennis Victoria but ceases to hold that position of Director during a calendar year, the position of Chair or Deputy-Chair is automatically declared vacant and a casual appointment shall be made provided any such appointment is in compliance with regulation 17.

Ex-officio member

19. Pursuant to rule 32.4 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated, a Director of Table Tennis Victoria or the Chief Executive Officer is deemed to be an ex-officio member of the State Selection Panel.
20. Subject to regulation 21, an ex-officio member shall not be entitled to vote on any resolution to be determined by the State Selection Panel.
21. For avoidance of doubt, any Director of Table Tennis Victoria who has been appointed to the position of Chair or Deputy-Chair pursuant to regulation 17 shall be entitled to cast a vote.

Casual vacancy

22. Table Tennis Victoria may appoint any person to fill any position which has become vacant (for whatever reason) during a calendar year and that person will act as a member of the State Selection Panel for the remainder of that calendar year.

Powers of Panel

23. The State Selection Panel has the power to perform all such acts as appear to the Panel to be essential to the proper management and affairs of the Panel.
24. The Chair or Deputy-Chair of the State Selection Panel is charged with the responsibility that all decisions are made in a timely manner and in accordance with any directive issued by Table Tennis Victoria.
25. Subject to above, the State Selection Panel is expected to act as a single body with joint decision-making as the preferred mode of determination notwithstanding that each member is empowered to act independently in the discharge of his/her duties.

Procedures of Panel

26. The procedures for the State Selection Panel shall, with any necessary or incidental amendment, be the same as that applicable to meetings of the Board of Table Tennis Victoria as set out in rule 28 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated. For avoidance of doubt, such procedures may include telephonic and electronic communication in respect of any resolution or decision.

Conflict of interest

27. A person appointed to the State Selection Panel may not act where a conflict of interest arises and shall absent himself/herself from discussions of such matter and shall not be entitled to vote in respect of such matter.
28. For avoidance of doubt, a conflict does not arise where a member of the State Selection Panel is registered at or affiliated with the same association or club as the player the subject of a relevant resolution or decision.

Functions of Panel

29. The State Selection Panel shall provide the seeding of players for all Table Tennis Victoria sanctioned open tournaments in accordance with *By-Law 16 – Player Rankings*.
30. The State Selection Panel shall select all players for State representation at Australian Championships in accordance with *By-Law 10 – State Teams*.
31. The State Selection Panel shall make a decision on any other matter when requested to do so in writing or by electronic transmission by Table Tennis Victoria.
32. The State Selection Panel shall use its best endeavours to ensure the attendance of at least 1 Panel member at each Table Tennis Victoria sanctioned open tournament.

Advisory opinion

33. Each member of the State Selection Panel shall provide advice to table tennis players when requested to do so on the processes governing the seeding of players and selection of players for State representation but such advice shall not disclose the voting of individual members of the State Selection Panel on any matter involving any player.
34. A member of the State Selection Panel shall not advise a player as to his or her seeding or likely seeding in any tournament in advance of any formal resolution (for the seedings in that particular tournament) by the State Selection Panel. Likewise, a member of the State Selection Panel shall not advise a player as to his or her State representation or likely State representation in advance of any formal resolution (for State representation in any Australian Championships) by the State Selection Panel.

Decisions of Panel

35. The State Selection Panel shall use their best endeavours to ensure all decisions are in made in accordance with all relevant by-laws and the Objects of Association as set out in rule 2 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated.

Quorum of Panel

36. In the provision of seedings for any tournament (other than the Victorian Open and Victorian Closed), the State Selection Panel may act with a minimum of 3 selectors.
37. In relation to the provision of seedings for the Victorian Open and Victorian Closed, the State Selection Panel may act with a minimum of 3 selectors but either the Chair or Deputy-Chair or both must sit.

38. In relation to the nomination of players for State representation (and all matters incidental thereto, including the seeding of Victorian players for Australian Championships), the State Selection Panel may act with a minimum of 4 selectors.
39. In all other matters, including a decision on any matter made pursuant to regulation 33 of this By-Law and a decision made under any other by-law, the State Selection Panel may act with a minimum of 4 selectors.

Voting

40. Each member of the State Selection Panel is entitled to 1 vote.
41. In the event of any evenly divided vote, the Chair (if presiding) shall cast a second vote, or where the Chair is absent, the Deputy-Chair (if presiding) shall cast a second vote.

Proxy

42. In circumstances where a member of the State Selection Panel is outside the Australian jurisdiction, he or she may authorise (in writing) another member of the Panel to act as proxy and such authorisation shall only last for such time as the member remains outside the Australian jurisdiction.

Appeal against decision of Panel

43. A player aggrieved by a decision of the State Selection Panel may appeal against the decision to Table Tennis Victoria within 48 hours of publication of the decision.
44. Any appeal against a decision of the State Selection Panel must be in writing on the prescribed form and state briefly the decision appealed against and the grounds for grievance.

Determination of any appeal

45. Subject to regulation 46, a decision of the State Selection Panel shall not be revoked, reversed or amended by Table Tennis Victoria unless the relevant decision is demonstrated by the player to be either contrary to the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria, contrary to any by-law made thereunder or is “manifestly unreasonable” in all the circumstances [a decision is manifestly unreasonable if no reasonable person sitting in the position of a member of the State Selection Panel could have, if acting reasonably, made such a decision].
46. Notwithstanding regulation 45, a decision of the State Selection Panel shall not be revoked, reversed or amended by Table Tennis Victoria unless such decision can be revoked, reversed or amended in a timely manner and without causing detriment to the sport of table tennis in general.
47. In determining any appeal under this By-Law, any Director of Table Tennis Victoria who has been appointed to the State Selection Panel pursuant to regulation 17 must not sit or vote on the appeal due to a conflict of interest deemed under this regulation.

Remuneration

48. Each member of the State Selection Panel is entitled to remuneration of \$250 for each calendar year in which he/she sits (provided he/she has sat as a member for at least 9 months in the relevant year).
49. Any payment under regulation 48 to a Director of Table Tennis Victoria is deemed to be a payment made in good faith as set out in rule 44.3 of the Constitution of Table Tennis Victoria Incorporated.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – STATE SELECTION PANEL MEMBER

[Return to TTV via email, fax or mail by](#)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H/B/M) _____

EMAIL: _____

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH STATE SELECTION:

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A STATE SELECTOR:

I wish to be considered for a position as Member of the State Selection Panel for the year _____.

I have read TTV By-Law 8 and understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the State Selection Panel and agree to discharge such duties in a fair and considered manner should I be appointed.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____