

**Guidelines for the Selection of Players for the Munster Inter-Provincial Competitions Teams in 2025**

**Principles**

These Guidelines seek to embrace the values of fairness, transparency and integrity.

**General Criteria**

The general criteria for selection to represent Munster are as follows

1. Affiliation to TTI and in good standing with Munster Table Tennis.
2. Born, and/or resident for two years in Munster.
3. Not having represented another Province in the previous year.
4. Are not currently suspended or under disqualification.
5. Are not currently serving any sanctions for anti-doping rules violation.
6. Attendance at Munster ranking events and provincial training camps.
7. Performance. Season rankings which are to be based on national rankings followed by provincial rankings, with the exception of the U/21 and Veterans categories, where provincial rankings solely will be used. Provincial rankings must be based on competing in a minimum number of Munster ranking events, as outlined later in this document. In the case where there is a tie on ranking the player with the highest discard is ranked highest.
8. Any one of a number of exceptional circumstances, occurring in the 2024-2025 season, will apply to qualify a player for consideration for a wild card selection:

(1). There is an option for two wild cards to apply for all six Junior categories, one wild card for the U/21 category and one card for the Senior category.

(2).The player has had an injury/illness that has curtailed them attending the required minimum number of ranking events.

(3). The player has had extenuating personal/family circumstances that has curtailed them attending the required minimum number of ranking events.

(4). The Performance Committee will nominate a player for wild card selection to the Executive Committee for ratification.

1. Nominations of players for each team shall be made by the Performance Committee to the Executive Committee, in accordance with the above criteria, for their ratification. The composition of teams will be in accordance with the TTI Inter Provincial Championships Regulations.
2. Where a selected player is unable to play and subsequently withdraws in advance of the Inter Provincial Competitions, their place will be taken by the next player on the rankings list.

**Junior Category Criteria**

The selection criteria to be used to select the three team players are as follows:

1. Up to two players from the top 10 in the Irish ranking list at time of the selections being made. The highest in the rankings are the first two players to be selected on the team.
2. The next player(s) to be selected is/are the highest player(s) in the Munster rankings who have not yet been selected.
3. If there are no players in the top 10 in the Irish rankings, the first three players in the Munster ranking list at the time of the selections being made will be selected.
4. Provincial rankings must be based on competing in a minimum of three Munster ranking events.
5. Due to the anticipated low number of female players participating at both Under 19 and Under 15 in the 2024/2025 season, team selection will require moving Under 13 and Under 15 qualified players into higher age groups.
6. The Performance Committee, in accordance with the above criteria, may nominate a player for wild card selection to the Executive Committee for ratification.

The Selection of Junior Inter-provincial teams starts with the selection of the Under 13 team first, followed by the Under 15 team, with the Junior team selected last, using the selection criteria above. The players selected for the Under 13 teams are taken out of consideration for the Under 15 team and similarly, the players selected for the Under 15 team are not considered for the Junior team.

**Senior Category Criteria**

Provincial rankings must be based on competing in a minimum of two Munster ranking events.

The selection criteria to be used to select the team players are as follows:

1. Senior Team (3 male and 2 female players)
2. The top two male players from the top 20 in the Irish ranking list and the top female player from the top 10 in Irish ranking list at time of the selections being made.
3. The team selection will be completed by selecting, in order of ranking at the time of the selections, the next player(s) in the Munster rankings who have not yet been selected.
4. Under 21 Team Selection ( 3 male and 2 female players) This selection will only be made if deemed feasible by the Performance Committee and if ratified by the Executive Committee)
5. The team selection will be completed by selecting players in order of ranking at the time of the selections being made, from the Munster ranking list.
6. Players selected for Junior teams may NOT be selected for the Under 21 team.
7. Veteran Team (3 male and 1 female player)
8. Top female in the Munster Veteran rankings list at the time of the selections being made.
9. Top three males taken from the Munster Veteran rankings list at the time of the selections being made.
10. Para Team (Team of 4 players of mixed gender and class)
11. Top four Para players in the Munster Para rankings list at the time of the selections being made.