

Supplementary Conditions of contest for TN Inter-State trials – Sep 30/Oct 1, 2023

HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY

The selection process will combine objectivity as well as subjectivity by first selecting the top pairs in a pair-based selection trial (with ranking points) on Sep 30 & Oct 1, 2023 and then enabling a selection committee of senior players to decide upon the teams and pairs to represent Tamil Nadu

APPROACH & DETAILS

- The TNBA EC has decided to send at most 7 pairs in total to Guwahati, to represent Tamil Nadu
- Number of teams and pairs to represent Tamil Nadu will be determined by the Selection committee, based on prior performance & potential, subject to the constraint in the previous bullet. This can be a combination of 2 teams plus 1 pair or any other combination thereof. The committee may also decide to send fewer than 7 pairs if it deems that not all of the top 7 pairs meet expectations. The Selection committee will also decide which pairs play both teams and pairs, which pairs play only the teams and which pairs play only the pair event
- All pairs entered in the trials will receive relative ranking points based on their historical performance in local and national events and their potential to do well in current and future national events. Ranking points will be published in the public forums, a few days after the last date for entries. Players who feel that their ranking points are too low are free to opt out of the trials
- The results of the trials will be cumulative based on the ranking points and the points from the selection event. The selection committee will determine the weightage of ranking points vs. selection event points
- Selection committee will be announced well before the last date for entries

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Sep 15, 2023 will be the last date for entries. The names of both players and their MP registration numbers must be provided along with the entry. Last date for withdrawal of entries is Sep 25, 2023
- Only players who are registered and paid-up members of the TNBA in 2023, as of Sep 15, 2023 are eligible to participate. Subscription fees must be up to date (including penalties for non-payment in previous years) by Sep 15th, 2023
- Only players who are registered under the BFI's Master Points scheme are eligible to participate
- Teams can co-opt 1 or 2 players in case of emergency or health issues to players, with the prior approval of the TNBA Executive committee. Co-opted players need not have participated in the trials
- If one of the players selected for the pair event is not able to participate due to unforeseen circumstances, the partner can choose a replacement, with the prior approval of the TNBA Executive committee. Co-opted players need not have participated in the trials
- If a pair selected for only the pair event is unable to participate for some reason, the TNBA Executive committee may or may not designate another pair to replace them
- BFI & WBF Conditions of contest will apply wherever this document does not provide clarity
- The decision of the Selection committee will be final & binding in all respects and on all participants

FORMAT & SCHEDULE

- Depending on the number of entries, the event may be of 1 or 2 days. If there are 10 pairs or fewer, we will have a 1 day event on Sat, Sep 30th. Otherwise, the event will be of 1.5-2 days duration
- The event will be on all-play all round-robin basis, with Butler IMP scoring across the field. The tournament committee reserves the right to change the format based on number of entries and convenience of organization

ENTRY FEES

Rs. 2,000 per pair if the event spans 2 days. Rs. 1,500 per pair if it's a 1 day event. To be paid at the venue

COSTS AND LEVEL OF SUPPORT

- The EC has decided that an individual selected to represent Tamil Nadu in the teams event at Guwahati will be given Rs. 25,000 (or actuals, whichever is lower) for air travel, accommodation, meals and taxi charges. TNBA will pay the entry fee for all events
- The EC has decided that an individual selected to represent Tamil Nadu in only the pair event (i.e. if not selected for the teams) at Guwahati will be given Rs. 20,000 (or actuals, whichever is lower) for air travel, accommodation, meals and taxi charges. TNBA will pay the entry fee for all events
- Participants will need to make their own arrangements for travel & lodging
- All participants will need to submit receipts for all expenses to the Treasurer, TNBA within 10 days of tournament completion

This is a new direction for the Tamil Nadu selection trials, which the TNBA EC has worked on, with the purpose of producing laurels for Tamil Nadu at the national level, nurturing talent and potential among aspiring players and ensuring that we spend a reasonable amount of money in this process. The appointment of senior players to the selection committee is with the objective of providing a level of evaluation beyond that in a single selection event. We hope that the intent of the Executive Committee is understood and appreciated and we sincerely request all Tamil Nadu players to take the selection process in this spirit.