

## NTA Policy Regarding Men's/Women's Player Protection and Selection

### ***Effective April 5, 2026***

The NTA has established a player selection process necessary for the establishment of Men's and Women's Tennis Teams for ITF and IOC affiliated international events. This policy is designed to ensure that the best of tennis players represent Nepal for a chance at bringing home as many championship accolades as possible. The NTA strives to provide a very fair process so that the most deserving candidates are selected, for which the national rankings established using NTA sanctioned tournaments, is used as the base.

**Player Protection and Selection Policy:** *"In order to promote the growth in tennis and strive to make Nepal's tennis a powerhouse in the world, NTA will participate in as many international competition events as possible. Team formation for such events will be carried out ensuring a fair process in which recognized international tennis rankings, achievements, and the Nepal Tennis Association national ranking system are used to the extent possible."*

1. The NTA will announce the date of the selection matches, as well as the mandatory camp dates, participation expectations and rules for the entire team event, starting from the selection matches to the end of the event travel and return.
2. NTA reserves the right to grant Protected Player Status to deserving players based on their past performance and achievements for direct entry into the team.
3. A total 8 spots are reserved for the NTA ranking system for a **typical** selection match format.
4. NTA reserves the right to grant wild cards for 4 additional players for the selection matches in addition to the 8 from the NTA ranking system, for a total of 12.
5. In the case of top 8 ranked players not showing up at the time of sign-in, next ranked player will be allowed to join the selection matches, provided he/she is present at the time of sign-in.
6. Based on the number of Protected Player Status granted by the NTA, who are not required to undergo the selection process, the remaining spots for team formation will be announced after the sign in deadline. The 12 potential candidates will need to fight for the announced number of spots with round-robin style matches through which players with the most number of matches won will be prioritized for team formation. In the case of a two-way tie, head to head will first be accounted. In the case of a three-way tie, percentage of games will be used for prioritization.
7. In order to ensure 12 players are included in the selection process, all interested players will be required to sign in at the registration desk at the designated date, time, and place.
8. All players accepted for the selection process will be required to play a minimum of two matches per day.
9. Any injury related retirement, walkover will be considered having forfeited the selection process and the matches held with players in the past will also be disregarded in the calculation.
10. All selection participants will be required to sign a Code-of-Conduct agreeing to abide by all regulations established by the NTA at time of sign-in.
11. All candidates need to be in good-standing with the ITF and NTA regulations regarding ITF-International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) obligations for players.
12. All selected players are required to attend the 3 week mandatory camp (or as determined by NTA) and also follow the discipline required during the camp duration.

13. In the case of disciplinary action or inability to meet fitness and playing expectations, the Team Captains can eliminate the selected player from the team and can replace with the next potential candidate for the vacant spot.
14. The NTA will initiate the entire process 3 months prior to the event departure date, if possible, starting with the candidate selection to team departure in the following manner:
  - a) 12 weeks prior – Candidate Selection (Protected Players-Already in Team, Top 8 NTA Players, 4 Additional Protected Players Abroad (for selection players' group)
  - b) 11 weeks prior - Selection Matches Announcement
  - c) 8 weeks prior - Selection Matches Sign-In and Matches Start;
  - d) 7 Weeks Prior - Selection Process Complete
  - e) 6 Weeks Prior - Send Names for Visa and Player Name Submission and Administrative Processes
  - f) 3-5 Weeks - Camp (Duration to be finalized by the committee before player selection process is initiated)