

Memo

To: National Para Squad Members – Class 11 athletes

From: Sue Stevenson – General Manager – National Para Program

**CC: Alois Rosario – National Head Coach (Para)
Maggie Meng – National Coach (Para)**

Date: 8 December 2022

Re: 2022 Virtus Global Games

The 2023 Virtus Global Games will be held in Vichy, France from **4th – 10th June 2023**. Table Tennis Australia (TTA) is working in partnership with Sport Inclusion Australia (SIA) to coordinate the Australian Table Tennis Component. This event will feature 12 official sports (Athletics, Basketball, Cycling, Equestrian, Futsal, Judo, Karate, Rowing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, and Tennis) and 2 demonstration sports (Handball, Indoor Hockey).

The table tennis event will be held at the **Complexe sportif des Darcins, 42 avenue de l'Europe, 03300 Cusset, from 5 - 10 June**. The event is waiting on sanctioning by the ITTF-PTT as a Factor 20 event and if sanctioned will provide II-1 international classification opportunities for selected athletes.

TTA is now calling for expressions of interest for athletes with an intellectual impairment in class II-1 to make themselves available for selection into the Australian Table Tennis Team for this event. In order to be selected you must meet the SIA General Selection Criteria and the TTA Sport Specific Selection Criteria requirements and be willing to cover costs of your participation as outlined below.

Cost per athlete

Depending on final details, SIA are indicating that at this point in time the total cost per athlete will be approximately **\$6,900 - \$7,900**. This amount includes:

- Uniform
- All Meals
- Virtus Levy
- Transport (Flights/On-ground)
- Accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- Entry Fees
- Staff including a Coach & Admin contribution

Athletes will also need some of their own spending money for snacks, merchandise and some sightseeing. All other costs whilst in France are covered by the Games organisers.

Funding Assistance:

Table Tennis Australia may be able to financially contribute some funding towards this event for any selected athletes. The final contribution amount from Table Tennis Australia will be based on available Para Program funding at the time and will be negotiated with the individual selected athletes based on their AIS athlete categorisation level. Table Tennis Australia will also provide competition and training uniforms to each selected athlete free of charge.

Team Manager / Coach

Table Tennis Australia will send either the National Head Coach (Para), Alois Rosario, or National Coach (Para), Maggie Meng, with the selected athletes.

Selection Criteria

The TTA National Selection Panel will select athletes to nominate to SIA to compete in the 2023 Virtus Global Games. Attached are the General Selection Criteria and Sports Specific Selection Criteria. Please read through them carefully so that you are familiar with the criteria for selection into the Australian Team prior to making yourself available for selection.

Eligible Classifications – The events on the schedule will be:

- II-1 > Athletes with an intellectual impairment who meet the ITTF-PTT Class 11 classification criteria;
- II-2 > Athletes with down syndrome;
- II-3 > Athletes with high functioning autism.

Events on the Schedule – The following table tennis events will be conducted at the 2023 Virtus Global Games:

- Singles – Men and Women
- Doubles – Men / Women / Mixed
- Teams Events – Men and Women

Virtus Games Sport Information

For information about the 2023 Virtus Global Games you can visit the website via the following link: [2023 Global Games - VIRTUS](#)

NB: All AUS team members must attend for the duration of the 2023 Virtus Global Games. Team members will not be permitted to source their own accommodation and on-ground transport.

Uniform

SIA is organising the Delegation wear for all team members. TTA will supply, to all Team Members, the competition shorts, playing and training shirts through their sponsorship with DHS/Nittaku.

Selected Athletes

Once the TTA National Selection Panel select the team and nominate athletes to SIA, they will endorse the team and proceed sending out documentation directly to the Team Members.

In order to be considered for selection into the Australian Table Tennis Team for the 2023 Virtus Global Games please complete the attached expression of interest form and then email it back to Sue Stevenson at sue@tabletennis.org.au no later than:

Friday 10th February, 2023

