

# Eligibility requirements for Auckland Squad members

The purpose of the Auckland Squads is to prepare players to represent the Auckland Table Tennis Association at the New Zealand Open Table Tennis Championships each year. Eligibility requirements for Auckland representative teams each season are as follows:

- Players must attend a minimum 50% of squad training sessions before the team entry deadline to be eligible for selection to represent Auckland at the New Zealand Open. Those who do not meet this requirement will not be selected for the event, will not be invited back to the squad next year, and will be removed from the squad immediately. Additionally, players must maintain a minimum of 50% attendance across the entire year to remain in the squad and be eligible for selection in the following year. Players are required to notify the Head Coach when they will not be attending a given session. Note that players must attend a minimum of 50% of squad training regardless of school commitments, medical conditions, injury, or any other factor which may prevent a player from attending squad training sessions. Attendance will be taken at each session. Squad training sessions are on the following times:
  - Mondays: 5.00p.m. – 7.00p.m. (Intermediate squads)
  - Tuesdays: 5.00pm – 7.00pm (Intermediate squads)
  - Tuesdays: 7.00pm – 9.00pm (Elite squads)
  - Sundays: 12.45pm – 2.45pm (Intermediate squads)
  - Sundays: 3.00pm – 6.00pm (Elite squads)
- All players who take part in the Auckland Squads for the 2024 season must be stadium keyholder members. The cost of a student stadium keyholder membership is \$535.00 per annum
- Enter the following tournaments: Auckland Summer Open, ANZAC Open, Auckland Max-Play (only eligible players), Auckland Junior Open (for players under the age of 18), Auckland Open, and Auckland Spring Open
- Enter a team in Winter Interclub and compete in at least 50% of interclub fixtures.

**Please note:** Any reasons for not attending squad training, Winter Interclub, or the required tournaments must be submitted **before** the event takes place. Special dispensation may be granted to players who **are injured, have medical conditions**, or are training/competing overseas either for a club or as representatives of Table Tennis New Zealand. Dispensation decisions will be at the discretion of the Auckland Coaching Team.

**No special dispensation will be granted for missing Auckland Squad Qualification Tournaments. Failure to participate in any qualification or play-off match due to injury, illness, or any other reason will be treated as if the player had competed and lost.**