

TZ tennis player eyes Mombasa event

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Dar es Salaam. Fourteen-year old Tanzanian table tennis player Sara Alidina will compete in the 'Kenya Secondary School Sports Association' championships scheduled to start in Mombasa County on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast.

Sara – who will represent the Aga Khan Academy in the Mombasa event – is among the top table tennis players in the region who will compete in the championships which will end on Saturday. She is representing Mvita sub-County.

Sara is among the table tennis players to watch in the championships due to her superlative performance in the previous edition last year, when she won 'silverware' in both the country and Coast Region respectively. However, Sara did not compete in the Kenya



Tanzania's up-and-coming Table Tennis player, Sara Alidina, 14, 'returns' the ball during the Mombasa sub-County and County tournament to qualify in the Kenyan regional racquet games to be held in Malindi, Mombasa, next weekend. PHOTO | MAJUTO OMARY

national final, as she was indisposed.

According to Sara's father, Rahim Alidina, Sara will this time round compete in the 'Under-18' category – although she is only 14 years young! This is because of her excellent show in last year's event.

Sara – who emerged top in the Mombasa sub-county and county table tennis tournament in the Girl's category last year – is now in intensive training ahead of the event. Her aim is to also excel in this year's Kenya national championships.