

WORLD & EUROPEAN SENIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

SELECTION POLICY *

** This Selection Policy is based on the current BWF and BEu competition regulations at the point of publication, should at any point these regulations be amended this policy will be subject to review.*

Players wishing to be considered for selection to compete in the World and European Senior Badminton Championships must meet the players' eligibility requirements set out in Section 1.

Where the number of eligible players entering an event exceeds the Member Associations' allocation, the BE Masters Policy Group Selection Panel will consider the priority for selection using the criteria in Section 2.

Eligible players must submit their entry on or before the BADMINTON England (BE) closing date using the official entry process (as advertised at the time) either via a hardcopy form or online via the BE website. Both doubles partners must submit their entry. BE will not accept entries requesting 'partner wanted'. For an entry to be accepted it must be legible and complete. BE will inform all entered players of the team selection within 3 weeks of the BE entry closing date.

In the event of the withdrawal of one player of a selected pair prior to the final entry date set by the relevant International Federation (BWF/BEu), the remaining player may seek an alternative partner with whom to be reconsidered. However, the panel reserves the right to disallow the revised entry and select an alternative pair.

Any player breaching or failing to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of BE, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies will not be considered for selection or if already selected will be deselected.

1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

In order for players to be considered for selection they must meet ALL of the following criteria (unless otherwise indicated):

- a) Be a member of and in good standing with BADMINTON England
- b) Hold a United Kingdom passport
- c) Be resident in England at the time of entry and have been resident in England for a minimum of 3 years*
- d) Have not represented any other BWF Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament
- e) Meet one of the following criteria
 - i. Born in England

- ii. Parent born in England (and that parent lived in England for a period of 3 continuous years)
- iii. If the player is a UK passport holder, but neither they nor their parents were born in the UK then a player may elect to represent England if they have not previously represented Scotland, Ireland or Wales in the last 3 years.

**In exceptional circumstances players not meeting the residency clause may be given dispensation by sending a letter of appeal to the Masters Policy Group.*

2 PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered for selection players must have competed in a minimum of three Masters Circuit Tournaments in the last 12 months, of which at least one must be the English National Masters Championships or All England Senior Championships.* Players prevented from meeting this requirement, for example by injury, illness or other extenuating circumstances, may seek dispensation in writing to BADMINTON England before the BADMINTON England entry closing date. BADMINTON England reserves the right to reject any requests and the decision is final.

Players not meeting the criteria above whose application for dispensation is accepted will be entered into events which are not oversubscribed, however where events are oversubscribed, unless an exceptional record in previous seasons can be demonstrated selection will normally be based on results in the immediately preceding season.

English partnerships will be given priority over mixed nation pairings, if in the opinion of BE they have demonstrated a level of success appropriate for participation in international competition.

Selection will be based on the Primary Criteria in descending order of priority to identify the strongest team. If this is still unclear then the Secondary Criteria will be applied in descending order of priority.

** This does not apply for the O35 age category or for first year O40 players.*

Primary Criteria

- a) The winning player in singles events and winning pair in doubles events of the latest English National Masters Championship will gain automatic selection for that same event in the same age group with the same partner (for doubles events).
- b) Results of the most recent English National Masters Championships and All England Senior International Championships.
- c) Results from most recent Gold Masters Circuit tournaments in the preceding 12 month period.

Secondary Criteria

- a) Results in most recent World or European Seniors' Championships.
- b) Head to Head results in International competition and domestic Masters Gold and Silver tournaments.
- c) Wins against recognised players/pairings on the Masters domestic tournament circuit.
- d) Ranking position at the time of the Selection.
- e) Results from Masters Bronze tournaments in the preceding 12 month period.