

# ENGLAND MASTERS INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENTS (Excluding McCoig)

## SELECTION POLICY \*

### 1. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

To select players for each age group that will produce the best possible result for the England Team.

### 2. PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY

In order for players to be selected they must:

- Be an affiliated member of, and in good standing with, BADMINTON England (BE)
- Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the event
- Hold a British passport for Badminton World Federation (BWF) and Badminton Europe (BEu) events, or be eligible to hold a British passport for events in the UK
- Have competed in at least three BADMINTON England sanctioned Masters tournaments in the preceding 12 months (exclusion from this clause can be requested where exceptional circumstances such as injury apply however exclusion on this basis cannot be guaranteed – see Important Notes below).

### 3. TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

Utilising the following criteria, the Selection Panel will endeavour to select players for the team that, in the Selectors' view, are the strongest performing players and most likely to achieve the primary objective.

- Results of the most recent English National Masters Championships and All England Masters Championships
- Results in most recent World and/or European Seniors' Championships
- Performance record in BADMINTON England selected International team competitions
- Performance record of a player across disciplines (applies where the event regulations restrict the number of players, therefore an individual may be required to compete in more than one discipline – specifically the Nations Cup)
- Ability of a player to play in more than one age group (applies where the event regulations restrict the number of players, therefore an individual may be required to compete in more than one age group – specifically the Nations Cup)
- Results from the preceding season's Gold and Silver tournaments
- Individual circumstances whereby the Selection Panel consider that inclusion of a player may significantly strengthen the Team.

#### Important Notes:

- While Championship and International tournament success is considered significant, winning the above named tournaments DOES NOT guarantee selection.
- Where a player is moving up an age group, they may be considered both for the age group they are leaving and the one they are moving into as deemed appropriate by the Selection Panel.
- In exceptional circumstances, where a player/pair has an outstanding record of achievement within International Masters' badminton over many years, but has been unable to compete in the most recent season, performances from the previous season may be considered. This circumstance will only be applied where, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, it might increase the opportunity to achieve the primary objective of this policy.

#### **4. DESELECTION**

- A player will be deselected in the event of them breaching or failing to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of BADMINTON England, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies.
- A player will be deselected in the event that it comes to light that they fail to meet the eligibility criteria described above.
- A player will be deselected in the event that it comes to light that the player is no longer in good standing with BADMINTON England between initial selection and the competition.

*\* This Selection Policy is based on the current competition calendar and regulations, if at any point these are amended this policy will be subject to review.*