

## Selection Policy

### 2019 U15 8 NATIONS

21 - 24 February 2019 (Netherlands)

- Regulation Individual Event entries: Min 4 BS, 4GS, 2BD, 2GD & 4XD (max. 6)
- Regulation Team size: minimum 4 boys & 4 girls, maximum 6 boys & 6 girls
- Team Event format: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD & 1XD
- Provisional Team Selection Date: 16 January 2019
- Confirmed Team Announcement: 30 January 2019

Athletes selected for the above event must commit to all Badminton England Team preparations and competition plans.

#### 1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

##### 1.1. Primary Objective

- 1.1.1. Priority is to select athletes capable of achieving the Individual Event Performance Objective (2.1.1).

In the instance that the athletes selected under 1.1 do not provide us with a Team for the Team Event, further selection of athletes will be completed under the following objective;

##### 1.2. Secondary Objective

- 1.2.1. To select athletes who can significantly contribute to the Team Event Performance Objective (2.2.1)

#### 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

##### 2.1. Individual Event (Primary Objective);

- 2.1.1. Achieve a minimum of one medal in each discipline

##### 2.2. Team Event (Secondary Objective);

- 2.2.1. Achieve a medal

#### 3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

3.1. To be considered for selection under this policy, a athlete must be eligible to represent Badminton England under Badminton World Federation (BWF) regulations in place from time to time, including but not limited to:

- 3.1.1. Be an affiliated member of Badminton England;
- 3.1.2. Meet the eligible age criteria (born in 2005 or later);
- 3.1.3. Hold a passport of a country whose territory Badminton England has jurisdiction over;
- 3.1.4. Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the Championships;
- 3.1.5. Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF;

#### **4. SELECTION CRITERIA**

Athletes will be selected by assessing their performance profile against the Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1.1.

4.1. Performance profile – The Panel will prioritise the following (listed in order of priority) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to the selection date:

- 4.1.1 Medal performances at the following identified Badminton Europe U15 Junior Circuit tournaments; U15 Swedish Youth Games, U15 Finnish Youth & U15 Estonian Youth;
- 4.1.1 Medal performances at 2018 U15 Glasgow Youth International;
- 4.1.2 Medal performances at 2018 U15 Junior Quadrangular;
- 4.1.3 Finals at Badminton England identified Badminton Europe U15 International Junior Circuit tournaments (as listed on the BE website page [here](#))\*;

*\*Additional 2019 U15 International tournaments could be included on this listing when released by Badminton Europe. If so, Badminton England will publish note of the additions via social media.*

Following selection of athletes against the Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1.1, any further selection of athletes required for the Team Event will be considered as follows against Policy Objective 1.2.1 and Performance Objective 2.2.1. Selections will take into account the strength and depth needed in each event to achieve the performance objective;

4.2 Performance profile – The Panel will prioritise the following (listed in order of priority) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to the selection date:

- 4.2.1 Finals at 2018 U15 National Championships;
- 4.2.2 Medals at Badminton England identified Badminton Europe U15 International Junior Circuit tournaments (as listed on the BE website page [here](#))\*;
- 4.2.3 Finals at domestic U15 Gold Star Singles Events/wins at U15 Gold Doubles Events;

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4.3 When considering an athlete's performance profile, the following will be taken into consideration by the Selection Panel:

- Quality of opposition in Events competed in, with the following considered for competing athletes;
  - Seeding details
  - Domestic Rankings (4.2 only)
- Where similar results are present, an athlete's current results and consistency will take priority;

#### **5. DESELECTION**

5.1. An athlete selected for the 2019 U15 8 Nations may be deselected if the athlete:

- 5.1.1. Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the National Pathway Coach, becomes unable to perform to the required standard. Medical advice may be sought.
- 5.1.2. Demonstrates a lack of adherence and commitment to the specific training requirements and/or tournament programme outlined by the national coaching team in preparation for this event.

5.1.3. Breaches, or fails to fulfil a requirement of, the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton England or the Badminton World Federation.

5.1.4. No longer fulfils the eligibility criteria listed in Section 3 of this document.

5.2. Any decision to deselect an athlete from this event will be taken by the Selection Panel and communicated to the respective athlete in writing explaining the reason(s) for the deselection.

5.3. The selection of any replacement athletes will be completed in accordance with this selection policy.

## **6. SELECTION PANEL**

Panel:

- Performance Director (Chair) or nominated deputy
- National Pathway Coach
- Assistant Pathway Coach
- Pathway Coach x 1
- Observer: Member of Performance Board (*non-voting*)
- Independent Observer (*non-voting*)
- Administration: Senior Co-ordinator or nominated deputy (*non-voting*)

6.1. In the event of a tie, the Chair will hold the casting vote. This is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

6.2. Panel members should declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of the selection meeting such as close personal connections with athletes considered for selection (e.g. family, personal coach etc). The panel member can take part in discussions but will abstain from voting when this involves the athlete(s) in question.

## **7. SELECTION PROCEDURE**

7.1. Selection of the provisional Team for the 2019 U15 8 Nations will take place on 16 January.

7.2. Those provisionally selected as well as non-selected athletes who are funded through the Badminton England performance pathway, and other athletes considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional team selection via email at 10am on 17 January. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England [website](#) and social media on the 17 January at 4pm.

7.3. Provisionally selected athletes must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition as well as any preparation activities outlined in the athlete invitation letter.

7.4. Non-selected athletes will have 72 hours to submit an appeal from publication of the provisional team on Badminton England website and Badminton England will ensure that all appeals have been heard and concluded within seven working days from the deadline for receipt of appeals (see section 8 – Appeals).

7.5. The confirmed Team members will be emailed by 10am on 30 January and the Team will be announced at 4pm on [www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk) on 30 January.

## **8. APPEALS**

8.1. The Badminton England Selection and Nomination 'Fast' Appeals Procedure will be followed.

*N.B Badminton England reserves the right to amend the selection policy or process in the event of unforeseen circumstances.*