

Selection Policy

2019 TOTAL BWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

19 – 25 August 2019 (Basel, Switzerland)

- Selection Date: **2 May 2019 (TBC)**
- Selection Announcement: 4 June 2019

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

1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

To select athletes from those eligible for the 2019 TOTAL BWF World Championships according to the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for World Championships in respect to the below Objectives;

1.1. Primary Objective

1.1.1. To select athletes who can significantly contribute to the Performance Objective (2.1).

1.2. Secondary Objective

1.2.1. To expose athletes currently on the Performance Pathway who are indicating progress towards representing England in future Individual and Team Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

2.1. To achieve a medal

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

3.1. To be considered for selection under this policy, a player 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. Hold a passport of a country whose territory Badminton England has jurisdiction over;

3.1.3. Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the Championships.

3.1.4. Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

According to the list of eligible Athletes and pairs released by BWF in Phase 1, Phase 2 and through subsequent reserve lists during the Eligibility Process (see BWF Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for World Championships - Section [5.3.9](#)), Badminton England will select and nominate athletes in accordance with the Primary and Secondary Policy Objectives using the criteria below. **N.B** The BWF Ranking list of 30 April 2019 will be used to determine those eligible athletes.

In the selection criteria below, “current pair” refers to doubles and mixed doubles partnerships that are currently active i.e. recognised and being entered for tournaments by the England Performance Pathway. Should a pair become eligible for selection under the BWF regulations, but not be currently active, selection of that pairing will be at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

Eligible athletes/pairs will be selected against the primary Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1 in relation to 4.1 below;

- 4.1 Athletes/current pairs who are ranked 1-24 in the World Rankings (WR) on 30 April 2019 will be selected in ranking order until the total number of places available to Badminton England have been filled in the respective discipline(s).

Any further athletes/pairs who may be eligible for selection will be considered against the Secondary Policy Objective 1.2.1 as follows;

- 4.2 Those athletes/pairs who have gained the following evidence within 12 months of the selection date will be considered for selection:

- Top 60 BWF World Ranking
- Results and performances at Individual and Team Championship events (in the last 2 years);
- Wins against top 50 on the BWF World Rankings;
- Results in international competition as per below;
 - World Tour 750/1000 – minimum last 16
 - World Tour 300 / 500 – minimum quarter final
 - World Tour 100 – minimum semi final
 - International Challenge win

Each athlete/pair under consideration will be assessed against the Policy Objective (1), together with the evidence listed above. Each player under consideration will be assessed against each of the criteria and selection decisions will be taken by the Selection Panel exercising its discretion and taking into account all relevant facts. For example, if an eligible athlete/pair is ranked below another on 30 April 2019 but has potential to achieve medal success beyond 2019 at future World Championships and Olympic Games evidenced by the criteria met as listed under 4.2, they would be prioritised for selection.

5. DESELECTION

- 5.1. A player selected for the 2019 TOTAL BWF World Championships may be deselected if the player:

- 5.1.1. Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the responsible Head Coach/National 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 a player from this event will be taken by the Selection Panel and communicated to the respective player in writing explaining the reason(s) for the de-selection.
- 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
 - Head Coach
 - National Coach or nominated deputy
 - National Pathway Coach or nominated deputy
 - Assistant Pathway Coach or nominated deputy
 - Performance Board Observer (*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 player(s) in question.

7. **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 7.1. The selection of athletes/pairs for the 2019 TOTAL BWF World Championships is dictated by the timelines set out by BWF as follows:
 - 1 May 2019 (Phase 1) - BWF advises Members of the athletes/pairs eligible to enter
 - 9 May 2019 (Phase 1) - Deadline for Member Association's to confirm participation
 - 16 May 2019 (Phase 2) - BWF to invite further athletes/pairs due to declined entries & publishes reserve list
 - 23 May 2019 (Phase 2) – Deadline for Member Association's to confirm participation & athletes/pairs in reserve list will participate should vacancy arise
 - 3 June 2019 – Confirmation of players from Reserve List of participation
- 7.2. Provisional selection for the 2019 TOTAL BWF World Championships will take place **2 May 2019**

- 7.3. 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 **3 May 2019**. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England [website](#) and social media on the **3 May by 3pm**.
- 7.4. Should more athletes/pairs become eligible for selection in subsequent phases of the Eligibility Process, the Selection Panel will reconvene to consider those athletes against the selection criteria. Selection decisions will be communicated at the earliest opportunity and as described above (7.4).
- 7.5. Provisionally selected athletes/pairs must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition as well as any team preparation activities within 24 hours following receipt of the email of their notice of selection noted in 7.4.
- 7.6. Non-selected Athletes will have 24* hours to submit an appeal from publication of the provisional selection on the Badminton England website due to the timelines imposed upon us by the BWF. 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).
** Please note, this timescale is necessary due to the timescales required of us by BWF when confirming through the eligibility phases.*
- 7.7. Confirmation of the final selection for the 2019 TOTAL BWF World Championships will be published at 4pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on 4 June.

8. **APPEALS**

- 8.1. Badminton England's Fast Appeals Procedure will be followed, found at the following location – click [here](#)