

## Selection Policy

### 2019 U19 WORLD JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

30<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (Kazan, Russia)

- Badminton England Squad size: minimum 2 male, 2 female; maximum 12 athletes
- Regulation Team Event entry: Min. 2 male, 2 female, max. 20 athletes
- Provisional Team Selection date: 6 August 2019
- Confirmed Team Announcement: 29 August 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 for the Team Event will be completed under the following objective;

##### 1.2. Secondary Objective

1.2.1. To provide opportunity for players to experience and challenge junior world level opposition as part of their development in line with the England Performance Programme aim

#### 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

##### 2.1. Individual Events (Primary Objective):

2.1.1. To achieve a minimum of one quarter final

#### 3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

3.1. To be considered for selection under this policy, an 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 2001 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

##### Automatic Selection Process

Athletes will be **automatically** selected based on their performance profile in respect to Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1.1.

4.1. Performance profile – Athletes will be **automatically** selected based on meeting any of the following results criterion within 12 months of the selection date:

- Minimum Quarter final at 2018 World Junior Championships
- Medal at 2018 U19 European Championships
- Quarter final at 2019 Dutch/German JGP
- Medal in singles at Senior BE identified Future Series
- Medal in Singles/Final at Senior BE identified International Series
- Quarter Final in Singles/Medal in Doubles at Senior BE identified International Challenge
- Final in Singles/Win in Doubles at U19 6 Nations\*
- Win at U19 Danish Junior Cup\*
- Final of Singles/win in Doubles at U17 European Championships\*
- Win at U17 6 Nations\*
- Win by an U17 athlete at U19 BE identified Junior International Series

\*Standardised performance level required for World Junior Championships Selection. **N.B** No event in this Selection Period.

##### Secondary Selection Process

At the conclusion of the automatic selection process against Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1.1, the Panel will, if there are insufficient athletes to fulfil the Team (minimum 2 male, 2 female), consider further athletes against the Policy Objective 1.2.1 who have met criterion under 4.2. For the avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting a criterion under 4.2 does not automatically guarantee selection.

4.2 The process of selection at this secondary stage will, in the first instance, consider the meeting of any of the listed criterion below within 12 months of the selection date and account for, where relevant, the additional consideration points stated below;

- Win at U19 BE identified Junior International Series
- Medal by an U17 athlete at U19 BE identified Junior International Series
- Significant results and performances – defined as wins over or performances against athletes who are performing at the highest European and/or World level in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel.

Should there still be insufficient athletes to fulfil a Team following the conclusion of the above, consideration will be given to those athletes who have met a criterion under 4.3 below against

Policy objective 1.2.1. For the avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting criterion under 4.3 does not automatically guarantee selection.

4.3 The process of selection at this stage will, in the first instance, consider the meeting of the listed criterion below within 12 months of the selection date and account for, where relevant, the additional consideration points stated below;

- Win in singles at U17 BE identified BEC Tournament

#### **Additional Considerations (re. 4.2 and 4.3)**

When considering 4.2 and 4.3, the Panel will take into account the following during their discussion;

- Quality of the Event/discipline and opposition
  - Wins against World Junior/European Junior/6 Nations medallist/s;
  - World Junior Rankings where applicable;
  - Draw size;
  - Number of seeds;
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote an athlete's performance level i.e. byes, walk-overs and withdrawals.
- Impact of partnering a senior athlete;
- Where similar results are present, age will be a factor when selecting an athlete who is one or two years young and performs consistently against recognised older opposition;
- Where similar results are present, an athlete's current results and consistency will take priority;
- Athlete's rate of development and commitment;
- Significant/long term injury or illness that has impacted on an athlete's ability to compete during the period during which athletes are required to have met criteria. Where this is the case, the athlete's previous performance level will be considered.
- For EJP athletes, the Panel will take into account adherence to the Athlete Agreement i.e. commitment to Pathway activity, progress against agreed goals etc.

#### **5. DESELECTION**

5.1. An athlete selected for the 2019 U19 World Junior Championships 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 or nominated deputy
- Assistant Pathway Coach or nominated deputy
- Pathway Coach x 1 or nominated deputy
- 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 U19 World Junior Championships will take place on 6 August 2019.

7.2. Provisionally selected as well as non-selected athletes who are funded through the Badminton England Pathway, and other athletes considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional team selection via email at 10am on 7 August. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England [website](#) and social media on the 7 August at 3pm.

7.3. Provisionally selected athletes must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition as well as any noted team preparation activities within 24 hours, following receipt of the email of their notice of provisional selection as noted 7.2.

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 e-mailed by 10am on 29 August and the Team will be announced at 3pm on [www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk) on 29 August.

## **8. APPEALS**

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