

GB Training Group

Selection Criteria

Background

The introduction of UK Sport investment into a GB Para-Badminton WCPP has been a hugely welcomed development as we approach the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. However, whilst there are many positives regards this investment, there is an awareness that what has been established in Sheffield for the UK Sport funded athletes, has a finite lifespan unless steps are taken to maintain the success of Para-Badminton beyond Tokyo.

As a result, the GB Board recently approved a proposal to establish a GB Training Group to underpin the WCPP, helping to support the development of further GB athletes whilst also taking account of the possible changes to future Sport Classes and events to be included in the Paralympic competition programme in 2024 and beyond.

GB Training Group

The establishment of the GB Training Group will be selected based upon the objective criteria stated below for each class, gender and event. The below Selection Criteria is likely to evolve as the individual Sport Classes develop further, with the criteria being reviewed annually.

Selection Criteria

The following World Ranking criteria, based upon current World Ranking list dated 1 January 2019, will be utilised in order to select athletes to be invited to the GB Training Camps. It should be noted that the ranking criteria is based on the total number of ranking places within each Sport Class discipline as noted in the two tables below;

Singles Events

Total World Ranking places in Sport class	Ranking Criteria for Selection
0-49 Ranking places	Top 10
50-69 Ranking places	Top 15
70-80 Ranking places	Top 20
80+ Ranking places	Top 25

Doubles Events

Total World Ranking places in Sport class	Ranking Criteria for Selection
0-49 Ranking places	Top 5
50-100 Ranking places	Top 10
100+	Top 15

World Ranking Criteria (based on 1 January 2019)

WH1/WH2 Ranking Criteria

MS WH1	Top 20
MS WH2	Top 20
WS WH1	Top 10
WS WH2	Top 10
MD WH1/2	Top 15
WD WH1/2	Top 10
XD WH	Top 15

SL3/SL4/SU5 Ranking Criteria

MS SL3	Top 25
MS SL4	Top 25
MS SU5	Top 20
WS SL3	Top 10
WS SL4	Top 10
WS SU5	Top 10
MD SL3/4	Top 15
MD SU5	Top 10
WD SL3/5	Top 5
XD Standing	Top 15

SS6 Ranking Criteria

MS SS6	Top 15
WS SS6	Top 10
MD SS6	Top 5
WD SS6	Top 5
XD SS6	Top 5

N.B Athletes should be actively competing in domestic / international Para-Badminton competition i.e. have competed within the last 12 months.

Selection / Review Meetings

A selection / review meeting will be held twice a year with the following objectives;

- Review those athletes that have met criteria for invite onto the GB Training Group
- Review those athletes on the Training Group (every 12 months) to ascertain if:
 - The athlete has met criteria to gain another 12 months on the Group or;
 - The athlete has not met further criteria and therefore removed from Group
- Review of the Selection Criteria - any amendments being published and notified to athletes for subsequent use in future Selection / Review meetings

Selection / Reviews are planned to take place as follows;

- March 2019 (to start the Programme)
- July 2019
- December 2019 (review of March 2019 cohort)
- July 2020 (review of July 2019 cohort)
- December 2020 (review of Dec 2019 cohort)

Athletes who have met criteria will receive an invite onto the GB Training Group following these meetings and will be provided with access to 12 months of GB Training Camps (approximately 5-6 Camps).

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel will be made up of the following members who will ratify those athletes who qualify for the Training Group under the above criteria;

- Chair - Performance Director (or nominated deputy)
- GB Para-Badminton Head Coach
- GB Board Member

N.B See Appendix 1 for Camp Details

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Appendix 1 –

Training Group / Camp Information

Venue

All GB Training Camps will be held at the following location;

EIS Sheffield
Coleridge Road
Sheffield
S9 5DA

The yearly provision of Camps will include the following support to athletes;

- 2-day weekend camps (5-6 per year)
- 4-5 hours of on-court coaching/training
- Guidance on Strength & Conditioning
- Guidance on Nutrition
- Guidance on Performance Analysis & match observation
- Education on pre and post-match preparation and debrief
- Opportunities for match play and sparring

2019 Camp Dates

- 1-2 June
- 20-21 July
- 5-6 October
- 23-24 November
- 14-15 December

Athlete Commitment to the GB Training Group

Athletes who are invited onto the GB Training Group will be expected to commit to a **minimum of 4 Camps** per year. Should athletes not be able to commit to this requirement, the GB Para-Badminton Programme management, consisting of the GB Para-Badminton Head Coach and the Performance Director, reserve the right to remove an athlete from the GB Training Group.

There will be no charge to athletes for their attendance at these Camps, however athletes will be expected to cover the cost of their travel, accommodation and subsistence for each Camp attended.

Athletes should also be actively competing in Para-Badminton domestic / international competition during the 12 months they are on the Training Group.

N.B Athlete invite and attendance will be subject to a modest contribution from their Home Nation.

Additional Invitations to Camps

The GB Para-Badminton Programme Management reserves the right to invite any additional athlete/s to any Camp, who have not met criteria, if they believe that the athlete/s will positively impact the Training Camp environment and benefit those athletes already in attendance i.e. for match play/sparring.