

# SELECTION POLICY – TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES



## 1 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

1.1 GB Badminton have delegated responsibility to manage the Great Britain Para-Badminton Performance Programme to Badminton England. With the guidance of ParalympicsGB as the Great Britain National Paralympic Committee (NPC), GB Badminton have used the qualification regulations of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Eligibility Code, to set the selection criteria for the 2020 Paralympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan (“the Games”). N.B Whilst Badminton England have delegated responsibility, GB Badminton will be responsible for nomination of athletes to the ParalympicsGB.

1.2 During the Games, there will be fourteen Medal Events as listed below:

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
7	6	1	14
Men’s Singles WH1 Men’s Singles WH2 Men’s Singles SL3 Men’s Singles SL4 Men’s Singles SU5 Men’s Singles SS6 Men’s Doubles WH1-2	Women’s Singles WH1 Women’s Singles WH2 Women’s Singles SL4 Women’s Singles SU5 Women’s Doubles WH1-2 Women’sDoubles SL3-SU5	Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5	

1.3 The following entry numbers will be observed;

Men		Women		Mixed	
<b>MS WH1</b>	8*	<b>WS WH1</b>	8*	<b>XDSL3-SU5</b>	6 pairs*
<b>MS WH2</b>	8*	<b>WS WH2</b>	8*		
<b>MS SL3</b>	6*	<b>WS SL4</b>	6*		
<b>MS SL4</b>	6*	<b>WS SU5</b>	6*		
<b>MS SU5</b>	6*	<b>WD WH1-WH2</b>	6 pairs		
<b>MS SS6</b>	6	<b>WD SL3-SU5</b>	6 pairs		
<b>MD WH1-WH2</b>	6 pairs				

\*Minimum entry number

- 1.4 Final selection is at the sole discretion of ParalympicsGB and will be based on GB Badminton nominations made against this selection policy. Nominations will be submitted to ParalympicsGB and the team will be announced following ratification from and in accordance with the Paralympic Qualification Standard Agreement entered into with ParalympicsGB.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 To be eligible for selection, all athletes must have participated in a minimum of three designated qualifying BWF tournaments counting towards the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking list published on 2 April 2020 and be ranked on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 2 April 2020.
- 2.2 To be considered for selection under this Policy, an athlete must be eligible to represent Great Britain under ParalympicsGB and IPC rules in place from time to time, including, but not limited to being:
- (a) a holder of a valid British passport;
  - (b) eligible under the provisions of the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy published in the IPC Handbook.
  - (c) be an affiliated member of and in good standing with the respective Home Nation National Governing Body;
  - (d) eligible under any other eligibility criteria imposed by the IPC and/or ParalympicsGB including in respect of anti-doping; and
  - e) be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a fixed review date after 31 December 2020.

## **3 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE**

- 3.1 To select athletes that have demonstrable potential to reach the knock-out stages (subject to review following confirmation of competition format publication).

## **4 SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 The Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on 2 April 2020 (post qualification period on 29 March 2020) will be used to determine who is eligible for selection to ParalympicsGB for the Games.

### **Process for Nomination and Selection**

The Selection Panel will convene on each of the below dates (if applicable) following the allocation of qualification slots in each of the below disciplines, based on Ranking List allocation method by the BWF. The Selection Panel will convene on any of the following applicable dates to nominate those athletes to ParalympicsGB who are eligible and have qualified (eligible athletes being those that meet eligibility criteria noted in Section 2 of this

Policy). The below dates allow GB Badminton to nominate athletes in a timely manner to ParalympicsGB and in accordance with the deadlines for nominations noted within the IPC Qualification Regulations for Para-Badminton (refer to [IPC Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification Regulations](#) for timelines pages 5-6);

- 3 April (Doubles Ranking qualification slots)
- 10 April (reallocation of unused Doubles slots)
- 22 April (Singles Ranking qualification slots)
- 29 April (reallocation of unused Singles slots)
- 8 May (Mixed Doubles qualification slots)
- 19 May (reallocation of unused Mixed Doubles slots)

Please note that final entries will be submitted to the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee by the BWF no later than **3 August 2020**.

#### 4.2 **Bipartite Commission Invitations**

Between 7 May and 25 May 2020 (final deadline to submit Bipartite Commission applications), subject to the NPC being notified of the opportunity to apply for Bipartite slots, an athlete/s could be nominated by the Selection Panel to ParalympicsGB for their consideration for a Bipartite application based on the following IPC guiding principles and in respect to the Performance Objective noted in section 3 of this Policy;

- To ensure participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances
- To ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs
- To ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and/or
- To enable greater representation by gender

Please note, there are no grounds for appeal in relation to an athlete not being nominated by GB Badminton, to ParalympicsGB, for a Bipartite slot.

Additionally, all Bipartite Commission Invitation decisions by the IPC are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal of declined applications. Reference 6.6-6.8 of this policy regards Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation.

#### 4.3 **Announcement of Selection**

ParalympicsGB will formally announce selection to the Team on 17 June 2020 (unless such date is varied by agreement between ParalympicsGB and GB Badminton).

Nominated/selected players are not permitted to make any announcements to the media or the general public in any form whatsoever (including via any

social media platforms) of their possible or confirmed selection or non-selection prior to official announcement by ParalympicsGB of such selection.

All dates in this clause 4.1 may be subject to variation. Any such variations will be notified to all players eligible for selection.

## **5 SELECTION PANEL**

- 5.1 A Paralympic Selection Panel comprising of six representatives will be responsible for the administering of this policy, ensuring all qualified athletes meet the eligibility criteria for nomination. The Panel will comprise of the Team Leader, Paralympic Head Coach, one further member with Paralympic high-performance experience, a non-voting observer from the GB Board, a non-voting independent observer and a non-voting ParalympicsGB observer.

## **6 PARALYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

- 6.1 An NPC may be allocated a maximum of 11 male and 10 female qualification slots for a maximum total of 21 slots. Exceptions may be granted via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

An NPC may enter a maximum of two eligible athletes per Singles medal event except in the Men's Singles SS6 where an NPC can enter a maximum of one athlete and in the Women's Singles SL4 where an NPC can enter a maximum of three athletes if all qualified via Paralympic Doubles Ranking List allocation.

An NPC may enter a maximum of one Doubles pair comprised of two athletes per Doubles event which must have qualified via the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Doubles Ranking List.

An NPC may enter a maximum of one Mixed Doubles pair comprised of two athletes in the Mixed Doubles event (subject to the provisions set out in Clauses 6.3 to 6.5).

- 6.2 The Road to Tokyo List Paralympic Ranking List published on 2 April 2020 (the "List") will be used to allocate qualifying slots under the Paralympic Doubles Ranking List Allocation method, followed by Paralympic Singles Ranking Allocation method, followed by the Paralympic Mixed Doubles Ranking Allocation method.

### **PARALYMPIC DOUBLES RANKING LIST ALLOCATION**

- 6.3 The Paralympic Doubles Ranking List Allocation method is used to allocate qualification slots as follows:
- (i) Men's Doubles WH1-WH2: the six highest ranked Doubles pairs on the List each obtain two qualification slots for their NPC.

- (ii) Women's Doubles WH1-WH2: The six highest ranked Doubles pairs on the List each obtain two qualification slots for their NPC.
- (iii) Women's Doubles SL3-SU5: The six highest ranked Doubles pairs on the List will each obtain two qualification slots for their NPC.
- (iv) Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5: The four highest ranked Mixed Doubles pairs on the List each obtain two qualification slots for their NPC. In case the female in the Mixed Doubles pair has already obtained a slot via the Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 allocation (above), the available slot will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

#### PARALYMPIC SINGLES RANKING LIST ALLOCATION

6.4 Following the Doubles Ranking allocation, further slots will be allocated to the highest ranked athletes (not yet qualified) on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Singles Ranking List according to the following matrix. Slots will only be allocated via this method to a maximum of one slot per athlete per NPC and event. If two or more slots have already been allocated to an NPC for a relevant gender and sport class via Doubles Ranking List allocation, no further slots will be allocated to the NPC via the Singles Ranking List allocation.

Class	Men	Women	Remarks
WH1	0-2	0-2	Exact number of slots per event allocated via this method depends on the number of slots already allocated via the Doubles Ranking List Allocation
WH2	1-3	1-3	
SL3	3	0	
SL4	3	2	
SU5	3	2	
SS6	5	0	

#### PARALYMPIC MIXED DOUBLES RANKING LIST ALLOCATION

6.5 The two highest ranked SL3-SU5 Mixed Doubles pairs on the List (not yet qualified) of which the male athletes have already obtained a slot via the Singles Ranking list allocation method (above) each obtain one female qualification slot. If one or both of these slots cannot be filled, the available slot(s) will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

#### BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION

6.6 One male and one female Bipartite slot are reserved for the host country. In case the host country obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot reservation for the respective gender automatically expires

- 6.7 One male and one female Bipartite slot are reserved for each continent. If a continent obtains any slot(s) via the allocation methods above, the Bipartite slot reservation for the respective gender automatically expires.
- 6.8 To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs (including host country) must submit an official application in writing to the BWF by 25 May 2020.

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

- 6.9 Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest eligible athlete or Doubles pair on the respective Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List.

### **7 WITHDRAWAL**

- 7.1 Prior to the entry deadline (3 August 2020), no player will be nominated to ParalympicsGB if, at the time of nomination and in accordance with Clause 3.1:
- (i) They are injured or unfit, unless they can satisfy to the Selection Panel that they will be able to compete in the Games to the best of their ability (this may include carrying out a pre-determined sports specific physical assessment and a medical examination by GB Para-Badminton Medical Officer and/or ParalympicsGB Chief Medical Officer;
  - (ii) They have not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Selection Panel their full commitment to the required training and competition programme.
- 7.2 In the event of there being a query over the ability of an athlete to be able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or illness post 3 August 2020, the following procedure will be adhered to:
- (i) the ParalympicsGB Chief Medical Officer can require an athlete to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate which at this stage will be determined based on an assessment of whether or not the injury and/or illness is such that the player risks causing medical harm to him or herself, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators. The ParalympicsGB Chief Medical Officer will carry out this examination or another doctor delegated by him/her. If the athlete fails the medical examination he/she will be withdrawn from the Team.
  - (ii) if the player passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with (i) above but GB Badminton and/or ParalympicsGB have concerns over whether or not the player is able to compete to the level ordinarily expected of them due to the underlying injury or illness, the Team GB Chef de Mission can require the athlete to undergo a set of pre-determined sports specific performance tests. Those tests will be agreed in advance following consultation with the Team Leader, a

physiotherapist and ParalympicsGB's Deputy Chef de Mission for Performance.

## **8 APPEALS**

8.1 In the event that a player wishes to appeal against a decision made by GB Badminton in relation to selection or deselection, the player shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure" which is published alongside this Policy. It should be noted that a player may only appeal against a decision of GB Badminton on the grounds that the procedure set out in this policy has not been applied correctly.

8.2 In the event that:

- (i) ParalympicsGB fails to select a player nominated by GB Badminton;

GB Badminton shall have the right to appeal in accordance with ParalympicsGB's "Selection Appeals Process".

GB Board  
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