

World & European Senior Badminton Championships

SELECTION POLICY*

This Selection Policy is based on the current BWF and BEu competition regulations at the point of publication, should at any point these regulations be amended this policy will be subject to review.

1 GENERAL

Players wishing to be considered for selection to compete in the World and European Senior Badminton Championships must meet the players' eligibility requirements set out in Section 2.

Where the number of eligible players entering an event exceeds the Member Associations' allocation, the Badminton England Masters Policy Group Selection Panel will consider the priority for selection using the criteria in Section 3.

Eligible players must submit their entry on or before the Badminton England closing date using the official entry process (as advertised at the time) via BE Tournament Software. Both doubles partners must submit their entry. Badminton England is not obliged to support 'partner wanted' entries although these may be accepted if entry numbers allow. For an entry to be accepted it must be complete and paid for at the point of entry.

Badminton England will inform all entered players of the team selection within 3 weeks of the advertised closing date.

In the event of the withdrawal of one player of a selected pair prior to the final entry date set by the relevant International Federation (BWF/BEu), the remaining player may request to play with an alternative partner. However, the panel reserves the right to disallow the request and select an alternative pair/player.

Any player breaching or failing to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton England, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies will not be considered for selection or if already selected will be deselected.

2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

In order for players to be considered for selection they must meet ALL of the following criteria (unless otherwise indicated):

- a) **Hold a United Kingdom passport**
- b) Be a member of and in good standing with Badminton England

- c) Be resident in England at the time of entry and have been resident in England for a minimum of 3 years*
- d) Have not represented any other BWF Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament
- e) Meet one of the following criteria:
 - i. Born in England
 - ii. Parent born in England (and that parent lived in England for a period of 3 continuous years)
 - iii. If the player is a UK passport holder, but neither they nor their parents were born in the UK then a player may elect to represent England if they have not previously represented Scotland, Ireland or Wales in the last 3 years.

**In exceptional circumstances players not meeting the residency clause may be given dispensation by sending a letter of appeal to the Masters' Policy Group.*

3 PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1 Qualification

To be considered for selection, players must have competed in a **minimum of three** English Masters Circuit Tournaments in the last 12 months, of which at least one must be the English National Masters Championships or All England Senior Championships*.

If an event is oversubscribed (ie. the number of entries exceeds the number of players allowed by the relevant organising body), priority will be given to players meeting the qualification criteria above unless dispensation has been granted (see below). If an event is **not** oversubscribed, any players not meeting the above qualification requirement (but that meet the eligibility criteria in Section 2) will be entered into their requested event(s).

For singles events that are oversubscribed, the three tournament qualification rule still applies and priority will then normally be given to players who participated in singles events for at least 2 of those tournaments.

** This does not apply for the O35 and O75 age categories.*

3.2 Dispensation

Players not meeting the above qualification criteria, for example because of injury, illness or other extenuating circumstances may seek dispensation in writing to englandmasters@badmintonengland.co.uk **before the Badminton England entry closing date** stating their reason.

Badminton England reserves the right to reject any requests for dispensation and the decision is final.

3.3 Nation Priority

English partnerships will normally be given priority over mixed nation pairings, unless in the opinion of Badminton England an English partnership has not demonstrated a level of success appropriate for participation in international competition in comparison to a mixed nation partnership. Badminton

England reserves the right to select a mixed nation pairing over an English partnership and the decision is final.

Players entering doubles events as 'partner wanted' will only be considered if spaces are still available after all those entering as pairs have been considered.

3.4 Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the below criteria in descending order of priority to identify the strongest team.

- a) The winning player in singles events and winning pair in doubles events of the most recent English National Masters Championship will gain automatic selection for that **same event** in the **same age group** (with the **same partner** for doubles events) **provided that they meet the qualification criteria above**.
- b) Results of the most recent English National Masters Championships and All England Senior Championships.
- c) Results from Gold Masters Circuit tournaments in the preceding 12 month period.
- d) Previous results in World and European Seniors' Championships.
- e) Head to Head results, particularly in English National Masters Championships, All England Senior Championships, International competition and domestic Masters Gold tournaments.
- f) Wins against recognised players/pairings on the Masters' domestic tournament circuit (at all levels).

Notes

- Ranking: At the current time, Ranking position is not considered as part of selection due to the current system not being considered to give an accurate portrayal of relative standard. Badminton England is proposing to introduce a new system which, subject to review and testing, may result in ranking position being considered in the future.
- The decision of the selection panel is final and there is no right of appeal. The panel will not respond to specific enquiries regarding selection and any response to requests for further information will be limited to directing players towards the above criteria.