

Selection Policy

2020 EUROPEAN U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

14-16 February 2020 (Lievin, France)

- This is an Individual Event only Championships
- Regulation Individual Event maximum entries: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD, 2 XD (athletes can compete in a maximum of two Events).
- Individual Entry Numbers: Min. 2 male and 2 female and max. 4 male and 4 female
- Provisional Team Selection Date: **Dec 2019/Jan 2020 TBC**
- Confirmed Team Announcement: **January TBC**

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

1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

1.1. Primary Objective (Individual Event)

1.1.1. Priority is to select athletes capable of achieving the Individual Event Performance Objective (2.1).

1.2. Secondary Objective

1.2.1. To provide opportunity for athletes to experience and challenge junior European level opposition as part of their development.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

2.1. Primary Objective (Individual Event)

2.1.1. To select players considered to have sufficient ability to achieve a medal.

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 2006 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

Athletes will be considered against the Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1.1, against the following criteria. For the avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting criteria under 4.1 does not guarantee selection.

4.1. The process of selection at this stage will consider the following criteria (listed in order of priority) from 1st April 2019 to the selection date and take account of the additional consideration points stated below where relevant:

- 4.1.1 Medal performances at the following identified Badminton Europe U15 Junior Circuit tournaments; U15 Olve, U15 Swedish Youth Games, U15 Victor Denmark Junior (Youth) & U15 Estonian Youth;
- 4.1.2 Finals at other Badminton England identified Badminton Europe U15 International Junior Circuit tournaments (as listed on the BE website page [here](#))*;
- 4.1.3 Final at 2019 U15 Junior Quadrangular;
- 4.1.4 Medals at Badminton England identified Badminton Europe U15 International Junior Circuit tournaments (as listed on the BE website page [here](#))*;
- 4.1.5 Medal at 2019 U15 National Championships;
- 4.1.6 Finals at domestic U15 Gold Star Singles Events and U15 Gold Doubles Events;

**Additional 2020 U15 International tournaments could be included on this listing when released by Badminton Europe. If so, Badminton England will publish note of the additions via social media.*

At the conclusion of the above selection process against Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1.1 the Panel will, should any further selection of athletes be required for the Event to fulfil the minimum number required, consider further athletes against Policy Objective 1.2.1. For the avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting criteria under 4.2 does not guarantee selection.

4.2 The process of selection at this stage, if required, will consider the meeting of one or more criteria below (listed in priority order) and take account of the additional consideration points stated below where relevant;

- 4.2.1 Finals in Singles at the following Badminton England identified Badminton Europe U13 International Junior Circuit tournaments (as listed on the BE website page [here](#))* - Swedish Youth, Denmark Youth & Estonian Youth;
- 4.2.2 Quarter final performances in singles at the following Badminton England identified Badminton Europe U15 Junior Circuit tournaments; U15 Swedish Youth Games, U15 Victor Denmark Junior (Youth) & U15 Estonian Youth;

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Additional Considerations (re. 4.1 and 4.2)

When considering 4.1 and 4.2, the Panel will also take into account the following during their discussion;

- Quality of the Event/discipline and opposition
 - Wins against U15 Danish Junior Cup medallist/s,
 - 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, an athlete's current results and consistency will take priority;
- Extenuating circumstances e.g. significant/long term injury or illness, which 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 prior performance level will be considered;
- For EJP athletes, the Panel will take into account adherence to the EJP Athlete Agreement i.e. commitment to Pathway activity, progress against agreed goals etc.

N.B In exceptional circumstances, should the above criteria not provide sufficient players to fulfil a minimum numbers required, the Panel may consider looking at reducing the specific result criteria to consider athletes hitting one result below those criteria which are published under 4.1 first and working in order of priority. If this does not allow the Panel to fulfil the Team, the Panel will then follow the same process under 4.2 as necessary.

5. DESELECTION

- 5.1. An athlete selected for the 2020 U15 European 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:

- Head of Performance Operations (Chair)
- Assistant Pathway Coach
- 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 2020 U15 European Championships will take place on [TBC].
- 7.2. Those provisionally selected as well as other athletes considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional team selection via email at 10am on [TBC]. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England [website](#) and social media on the [TBC] at 3pm.
- 7.3. Provisionally selected athletes must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition as well as any preparation activities outlined in the athlete invitation letter.
- 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 emailed by 10am on [TBC] and the Team will be announced at 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on [TBC].

8. APPEALS

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