

## Selection Policy

### 2020 U19 EUROPEAN JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – 8<sup>th</sup> November (Gliwice, Poland)

- Badminton England Squad size: minimum 2 male, 2 female; maximum 12 players
- Regulation Team Event entry: Min. 2 male, 2 female, max. 20 players
- Provisional Team Selection date: 15 September 2020
- Confirmed Team Announcement: 30 September 2020

Players selected for the above event must commit to all Badminton England Team preparations and competition plans and to both the individual and team event.

#### 1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

##### 1.1. Primary Objective

- 1.1.1. Priority is to select athletes capable of winning medals in the Individual Event in relation to the Performance Objective (2.1.1)

In the instance that the athletes selected under 1.1 do not provide sufficient athletes to fulfil/provide cover 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 select athletes who can significantly contribute to the Team Event Performance Objective (2.2.1)

In the instance that the athletes selected under 1.2 do not provide sufficient athletes to fulfil/provide sufficient cover for the Team Event, further selection of athletes for the Team Event will be completed under the following objective;

##### 1.3 Tertiary Objective

- 1.3.1 To provide an opportunity for athletes to experience and challenge the highest level of European Junior opposition as part of their development in line with the with the England Performance Programme aim to win World, Olympic, European and Commonwealth medals.

#### 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

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

- 2.1.1. To achieve a medal in each discipline.

##### 2.2. Team Event (Secondary Objective):

- 2.2.1. To achieve a minimum of a place in the final of the Team Event.

### 3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. To be considered for selection under this policy, a player 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 2002 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\***

Players 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 – Players will be **automatically** selected based on meeting any of the following results criterion within 12 months of the selection date:
- Minimum of last 16 at 2019 World Junior Individual Championships
  - Minimum of quarter final at 2020 Dutch/German Junior Grand Prix
  - Minimum of semi-final in Singles/Final in Doubles at Senior Future Series
  - Minimum of quarter final in Singles/Semi-final in Doubles at Senior International Series Event
  - Final at U19 Danish Junior Cup
  - Minimum of final in Singles/win in Doubles at 2019 U17 European Championships or win at U17 2020 Six Nations
  - Win by an U17 athlete at U19 BE Listed Pathway Qualification Event (Junior International Series)

**\*Automatic selection is subject to consideration of results not being due to any unforeseen circumstances that over-promote an athlete's performance level i.e. byes, walk-overs and withdrawals**

#### **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 players to fulfil the Team (minimum 2 male, 2 female) or those selected do not provide sufficient cover for the Team Event, the Panel will consider further athletes against the Policy Objective 1.2.1 who have met one or more 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 criteria below within 12 months of the selection date and account for, where relevant, the additional consideration points stated below;

- Minimum of quarter-final in Singles or semi-final in Doubles at Senior Future Series or last 16 in Singles or quarter-final in Doubles at Senior International Series Event
- Win at U19 BE Listed Pathway Qualification Event (Junior International Series)
- Minimum of semi-final by an U17 player at U19 BE Listed Pathway Qualification Event (Junior International Series)
- Medal at U17 European Championships or U17 Six Nations
- Significant results and performances – defined as wins over or performances against players who are performing at the highest European and/or World level in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel.

Should there still be insufficient players 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 one or more 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 criteria below within 12 months of the selection date and account for, where relevant, the additional consideration points stated below;

- Win in Singles or Doubles at U17 BE listed Pathway Qualification Event 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 a player’s performance level i.e. byes, walk-overs and withdrawals
- Impact of partnering a senior player
- Where similar results are present, age will be a factor when selecting a player who is one or two years young and performs consistently against recognised older opposition
- Where similar results are present, a player’s current results and consistency will take priority
- Player’s rate of development and commitment
- Significant/long term injury or illness that has impacted on a player’s ability to compete during the period during which players are required to have met criteria. Where this is the case, the player’s previous performance level will be considered
- For England Junior Pathway players, the Panel will take into account adherence to the Player Agreement i.e. commitment to Pathway activity, progress against agreed goals etc

- For non-England Junior Pathway players, the Panel will take into account any previous engagement with Pathway and ability of the player to contribute to both the individual and team event
- Due to exceptional circumstances related to COVID-19, the Panel reserve the right to consider additional identified Pathway Event results (including Championship Events) up to 18 months prior to the date of the selection meeting, should there not be sufficient players to fulfil a Team under criteria 4.1-4.3. The Panel may also choose instead to consider, if insufficient players to fulfil a Team, reducing the specific result criteria to consider those hitting one result below the criteria published under 4.1 first e.g. Round of 32 at 2019 World Junior Championships etc. If this does not allow the Panel to select players to fulfil/provide sufficient cover for the Team in the expert opinion of the Panel, the Panel would then consider one result below the published list of criteria under 4.2 and again, if this does not allow the Panel to fulfil the Team sufficiently, the Panel will consider one result below under 4.3.

## **5. DESELECTION**

- 5.1. A player selected for the 2020 U19 European Junior Championships may be deselected if the player:
  - 5.1.1. Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the Pathway Manager, 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 a player 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 players will be completed in accordance with this selection policy. A minimum of 2 non travelling reserve players (min 1 female and min 1 male) will be selected for this event, subject to meeting criteria under 4.1-4.3 as applicable.

## **6. SELECTION PANEL**

Panel:

- Pathway Manager (Chair) or nominated deputy
- Minimum of Pathway Coach x 2 or nominated deputies
- 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 players 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 player(s) in question.

## **7. SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 7.1. Selection of the provisional Team plus any nominated non-travelling reserves for the 2020 U19 European Junior Championships will take place on 15 September 2020.
- 7.2. Provisionally selected as well as non-selected players who are funded through the Badminton England Pathway, and other players considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional team selection via email at 10am on 16 September. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England website and social media on the 16 September by 3pm.
- 7.3. Provisionally selected players 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 players 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 announced by 3pm on [www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk) on 30 September.

## **8. APPEALS**

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