

Selection Policy

2021 EUROPEAN MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

17-21 February 2021

Vantaa, Finland

- Regulation Team size: minimum 2 male & 2 female, maximum 10 male & 10 female
- Team Event format: 1 MS, 1 WS, 1 MD, 1 WD & 1 XD
- Provisional Team selection date: 25 January 2021
- Confirmed Team Announcement: 9 February 2021

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

1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

1.1. Primary Objective

1.1.1. To select athletes who can significantly contribute to the Performance Objective (2.1).

In the instance that athletes selected under 1.1 do not provide us with sufficient cover for all events at these Championships, further selection of athletes will be completed under the following secondary objective;

1.2. Secondary Objective

1.2.1. To expose athletes who can contribute to future medal success at Team Championship Finals

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

2.1. To win the 2021 European Mixed Team Championship Finals

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. Hold a passport of a country whose territory Badminton England has jurisdiction over

3.1.3. Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the Championships

3.1.4. Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

Automatic Selection Process

4.1 Athletes who have met any of the following criterion in the relevant Events (MS, MD, WS, WD & XD) within 24 months of the selection date will be **automatically** selected in respect to Performance Objectives 1.1 and 2.1 for this Event);

- Top 60 BWF World Ranking
- Wins against top 50 on the BWF World Ranking
- World Tour 750/1000 – minimum last 16
- World Tour 300 / 500 – minimum quarter final
- World Tour 100 – minimum semi final
- International Challenge win

Should there be more athletes/pairs meet the above criteria than required for the Team Event, the Selection Panel will refer to the Additional Considerations below to determine the selection for this Event, with reference to the Policy and Performance Objective (1.1 and 2.1).

Secondary Selection Process

At the conclusion of the automatic selection process against Policy Objective 1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1, the Panel will, if insufficient athletes to fulfil/provide necessary cover for the Team matches, consider further athletes against the Policy Objective 1.1 & 1.2 who have met the below. For avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting any of the 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 athletes that have met one or more criteria below within 24 months of the selection date and will take account of the additional consideration points stated below where relevant;

- Excel and/or Transition Group athletes
- Athletes achieving other significant international results in International Tournaments (in the opinion of the Selection Panel)
- Previous selection for Senior Team Championship Events (within the last 2 years)

***N.B** No weighting or priority will be applied to the above criteria. Each athlete will be assessed against the additional considerations and selection decisions will be taken by the Panel exercising its expert opinion and taking into account those disciplines in which athletes are required to be able to fulfil all Team Matches.*

Additional Considerations

The Panel will take into account the following during their discussion;

- Quality of the Event/discipline and opposition the listed athletes have competed in/against within the last 24 months of the selection date

- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote an athlete's performance level i.e. byes, walk-overs and withdrawals
- Where similar results are present, an athlete's current results and consistency will take priority
- Athletes rate of development and commitment
- 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.

5. DE-SELECTION

- 5.1. An athlete selected for the 2021 European Mixed Team Championship Finals may be deselected if the athlete:
- 5.1.1. Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the responsible Head 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 of 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:

- Performance Director (Chair) or nominated deputy
- Head Coach
- Minimum of three National Coaches or relevant nominated deputies
- Performance Board Observer (*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 being 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 2021 European Mixed Team Championship Finals will take place on 25 January 2021.
- 7.2. Those provisionally selected as well as other athletes considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional team selection via email by 10am on 26 January 2021. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England website and social media on 26 January by 3pm.
- 7.3. Provisionally selected athletes must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition as well as any championship preparation activities within 24 hours, following receipt of the email of their notice of selection noted in 7.2.
- 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 will be announced by 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on 9 February.

8. APPEALS

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

9. COVID

- 9.1. Badminton England reserves the right to de-select and/or select additional players in the event of disruption to the Team at short notice due to a Covid-19 issue