

Selection Policy

2020 U17 6 Nations Championships 9-13 April 2020 (Bordeaux, France)

- Regulation Individual Event entry: Max. 5 BS, 5 GS, 3BD, 3GD & 5XD
- Regulation Team size: minimum 6 males, 6 females; maximum 8 males, 8 females
- Team Event format: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD & 1XD
- Provisional Team Selection date: 9 March 2020
- Confirmed Team Announcement: 24 March 2020

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

1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

1.1. Primary Objective (Individual Event)

- 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 (Team Event)

- 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 EJP aim.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

2.1 Primary Objective (Individual Event):

- 2.1.1. To achieve a medal in each discipline.

2.2. Secondary Objective (Team Event):

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

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 2004 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

4.1 Athletes who meet any of the following criteria within 12 months of the selection date will be **automatically** selected in respect to Performance Objectives 1.1.1 and 2.1.1 for this Event.

- Medal at 2019 U17 European Championships
- Final of 2019 U17 Danish Cup
- Final of 2020 U17 Sweden International
- Last 16 of 2020 Dutch/German JGP
- Medal at U19 BE identified Junior International Series (as listed [here](#))

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 athletes to fulfil/provide sufficient cover for the Team Event (minimum 6 male and 6 female), consider further athletes against the Policy Objective 1.2.1 who have met criteria under 4.2. For the avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting criteria 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 one or more criteria below within 12 months of the selection date and take account of the additional consideration points stated below where relevant;

- Final at U17 BE identified Badminton Europe International
- Medal at 2019 U17 Danish Junior Cup
- Medal at 2020 U17 Sweden International
- Win at U17 National Championships

Tertiary Selection Process

Should there still be insufficient athletes to fulfil a Team following the conclusion of the above, consideration will be given to those athletes who have met any of the below criteria listed in 4.3 relevant to Policy Objective 1.3.1, where relevant the additional consideration points will once again be taken into account. For the avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting criterion under 4.3 does not automatically guarantee selection at this point in the process;

4.3 The process of selection at this tertiary stage will in the first instance consider the meeting of criterion below within 12 months of the selection date and take account the additional consideration points stated below where relevant;

- Significant results and/or performances – defined as wins over or performances against athletes who are performing at the highest European and/or World level in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel
- Final of Singles/Win in Doubles at 2020 U15 European Championships
- Medal by an U15 athlete at U17 BE identified Badminton Europe International

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 an athlete's performance level i.e. byes, walk-overs and withdrawals;
- Impact of partnering a senior athlete;
- Where similar results are present, age will be a factor when considering selecting an athlete who is one or two years young and performs consistently against recognised older opposition;
- 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.

N.B In exceptional circumstances, should the above criteria not provide sufficient players to fulfil a Team, the Panel will consider reducing the specific result criteria to consider athletes hitting one result below those criteria which are published under 4.1 first. If this does not allow the Panel to fulfil the Team, the Panel will then consider one result below the published list of criteria under 4.2 (in priority order) and if this does not allow the Panel to fulfil the Team, the Panel will consider one result below under 4.3.

5. DESELECTION

5.1. An athlete selected for the 2019 U17 6 Nations may be de-selected 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 (reviewed against the Athlete Agreement).

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 de-select 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:

- Pathway Manager (Chair)
- Pathway Coach
- Pathway Coach or nominated deputy
- Consultant 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 U17 6 Nations will take place on 9 March 2020.

7.2. Those provisionally selected as well as other athletes considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional team selection via email at 10 March 2020. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England [website](#) and social media on the 10 March by 3pm.

- 7.3. Provisionally selected athletes 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 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 e-mailed by 24 March 2020 and the Team will be announced by 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on the 24 March 2020.

8. APPEALS

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