

Selection Policy

2021 EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

27 April – 2 May 2021

Kyiv, Ukraine

- Selection Date: 24 February 2021
- Confirmed Selection Announcement: 11 March 2021

This Policy takes into account the current global pandemic and therefore some of this Policy has been adapted to take account of these exceptional circumstances. Players/pairs selected for the above event must commit to all Badminton England Team preparations and competition plans.

1. POLICY OBJECTIVE

1.1. Primary Objective

- 1.1.1 To select players qualified for the 2021 European Individual Championships, according to the Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for European Championships, who can realistically challenge for medals

1.2 Secondary Objective

- 1.2.1 To expose players/pairs who the Panel believe are indicating progress towards future World, Olympic, Commonwealth or European medals

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. To win a minimum of three medals

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 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 fixture or last represented Badminton England;
- 3.1.4 Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF.

4 SELECTION CRITERIA

In accordance with Badminton Europe Confederation Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for European Individual Championships, Badminton England will select and nominate players/pairs in accordance with the Policy Objectives taking into account the BEC allocation of places regards players/pairs who fulfil the below (up to maximum of 4 entries per Member Association in each of the 5 Events);

4.1 Players/pairs who are eligible for selection according to the list of eligible players and pairs released by BEC during the Phased allocation of places;

Eligibility Date (as per Appendix A of Event regulations which can be found [here](#))

The BWF ranking list of 23 February 2021 shall be changed into a European ranking list by removing all players who are not qualified to represent any Member of Badminton Europe Confederation according to BWF and BEC regulations and will be used to allocate places.

Players/pairs ranked 1 to 12 (as per Appendix A of Event regulations)

Players/pairs ranked 1 to 12 in the European ranking list for each event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of four players/pairs from any one Member Association would thereby be exceeded in that event.

A Member Association may have more than four players/pairs ranked 1 to 12 in the European ranking list for a particular event. In such a case, the Member Association can enter any four (or fewer) of such players/pairs.

Players/pairs ranked 13 to 24 (as per Appendix A of Event regulations)

Players/pairs ranked 13 to 24 in the European ranking list for each event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of three players/pairs from any one Member Association would thereby be exceeded in that event.

A Member Association may have more than three players ranked 1 to 24 in the European ranking list for a particular event. In such a case, the Member Association can enter any three (or fewer) of such players/pairs.

Players/pairs ranked 25 to 48 (as per Appendix A of Event regulations)

Players/pairs ranked 25 to 48 in the European ranking list for each event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of two players/pairs from any one Member Association would thereby be exceeded in that event.

A Member Association may have more than two players ranked 1 to 48 in the European ranking list for a particular event. In such a case, the Member Association can enter any two (or fewer) of such players/pairs

Players/pairs ranked 49 and lower (as per Appendix A of Event regulations)

Players/pairs ranked 49 and lower in the European ranking list for each event will be considered in turn and are eligible to enter unless a total of one player/pair from any one Member Association would thereby be exceeded in that event.

A Member Association may have more than one player ranked in the European ranking list for a particular event. In such a case, the Member Association can enter any player/pair.

N.B Selection criteria produced based upon current BEC regulations for eligibility for these Championships. Any subsequent update to these regulations as noted above would render this Policy subject to change.

- 4.1.1 Players and pairs ranked 1-12 in the European Ranking list will be automatically selected in ranking order until the total number of places available to Badminton England have been filled in the respective discipline(s) under 1.1 and 2.1 of this Policy.
- 4.1.2 Taking into consideration the players/pairs that have been selected under 4.1.1, the Panel will consider selecting players/pairs under 1.2 of the Selection Policy who meet at least one of the below criteria, taking into account the Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) Regulations for Eligibility and Processing of Entries for European Championships. N.B This selection may not happen in ranking order.
- Excel and Transition Group players/pairs
 - Players/pairs achieving other significant international results in International Tournaments (in the opinion of the Selection Panel) gained within 24 months of the selection date.

N.B No weighting or priority will be applied to the above criteria. Each player will be considered and assessed where relevant against the additional considerations below and selection decisions will be taken by the Panel exercising its expert opinion. Additionally, should a pair become eligible for selection under the regulations, but not be currently active, selection of that pairing will be at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

Additional Considerations

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

- Quality of the Event/discipline and opposition the listed players/pairs have competed in/against within the last 24 months of the selection date
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote a player's performance level i.e., byes, walk-overs and withdrawals
- Where similar results are present, a player's most recent results and consistency will take priority
- Players/pairs rate of development, application and commitment within training (due to Covid restrictions limiting competition)
- Due to the current impact of Covid and the related exceptional circumstances, recently dissolved pairings that are included within the Badminton Europe ranking list will be considered in this selection alongside all other players/pairs
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury or illness, which has impacted on a player's ability to compete during the period during which players/pairs are required to have met criteria. Where this is the case, the player's prior performance level will be considered
- For England Junior Programme (EJP) players/pairs, the Panel will take into account adherence to the EJP Player Agreement i.e., commitment to Pathway activity, progress against agreed goals etc

5 DESELECTION

- 5.1 A player selected for the 2021 European Individual Championships may be deselected if the player:
- 5.1.1 Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the responsible Head Coach/National 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, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies.
 - 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 player in writing explaining the reason(s) for the deselection.

6 SELECTION PANEL

Panel:

- Performance Director (Chair) or nominated deputy
- Head Coach
- Minimum of 3 x National Coaches or nominated deputies
- Observer: Member of Performance Board (Non-Voting)
- Independent Observer (Non-Voting)
- Minutes Administrator: Senior Co-ordinator or nominated deputy (Non-Voting)

- 6.1 In the event of a tie, the Chair will hold the casting vote.
- 6.2 Panel members should declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of the selection meeting such as close personal connections with players/pairs considered for selection (e.g. family, personal coach etc). The Panel member can take part in discussions however they will abstain from voting when this involves the player(s) in question.

7 SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 7.1 Selection of players/pairs for the 2021 European Individual Championships is dictated by the timelines set out by Badminton Europe and will take place in Phases as noted below.
- 4 March – 1st Phase Deadline for Member Associations to confirm participation
 - 8 March – 2nd Phase Deadline for Member Associations to confirm participation
 - 11 March – Final Phase Deadline for Member Associations to confirm participation
- 7.2 Selection for the 2021 European Individual Championships will take place on 24 February 2021.
- 7.3 Those players/pairs eligible for selection will be informed about the outcome of the selection meeting via email on 25 February 2021.
- 7.4 Should further players/pairs become eligible for selection in subsequent phases of the Eligibility Process, the Panel will reconvene to consider those players/pairs against this Policy. Selection decisions will be communicated at the earliest opportunity and as described above (7.3).

- 7.5 Those selected players/pairs 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 selection noted in 7.3.
- 7.6 Non-selected players/pairs will have 24* hours to submit an appeal from notification of the selection via email. Badminton England will ensure that any submitted appeals have been heard and concluded within the deadline for nominating to Badminton Europe as noted in 7.1 (see section 8 – Appeals).
- 7.7 All nominations will be submitted to Badminton Europe as per the timelines set out in 7.1 and finalised by 11 March 2021.

**Please note, this timescale is necessary due to the timescales required of us by Badminton Europe when confirming through the eligibility phases noted in 7.1.*

APPEALS

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