

Selection Policy

2021 U15 8 NATIONS

16th – 19th December 2021 (Nantes, France)

- Badminton England Squad size: Min. 4 male, 4 female; maximum 6 male, 6 female
- Regulation Individual Event minimum entry size: 4BS, 4GS, 2BD, 2GD and 4XD (max. 6 boys, 6 girls)
- Regulation Team Event entry: Min. 4 male, 4 female, max. 6 male, 6 female
- Team Event Format: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD, 1XD
- Provisional Team Selection date: **2nd November 2021 TBC**
- Confirmed Team Announcement: **18th November 2021 TBC**

This Policy takes into account the current global pandemic and therefore some of this Policy has been adapted due to these exceptional circumstances. 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 players capable of achieving the Individual Event Performance Objective (2.1.1)

In the instance that the players selected under 1.1 do not provide us with a Team for the Team Event, further consideration of players for the Team Event will be completed under the following objective.

1.2. Secondary Objective

- 1.2.1. To select players that are capable of performing at a level to enable the Team to achieve the Team Event Performance Objective (2.2.1)

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

2.1. Individual Event (Primary Objective):

- 2.1.1. To achieve a minimum of one medal in each discipline

2.2. Team Event (Secondary Objective):

- 2.2.1 To achieve a medal in 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 a member of Badminton England

3.1.2. Meet the eligible age criteria (born in 2007 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 or Badminton England

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Panel will consider selection of players for these Championships by following the below:

4.1 Players will be considered for these Championships in respect to Policy Objective 1.1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1.1 following the meeting of the below criteria:

- Medal performances at the following identified 2021 Badminton Europe U15 Junior Circuit tournaments; U15 Denmark Junior and U15 Swedish Youth Games
- Gold Medal at 2021 U15 Gold Tournaments (for singles the Panel will consider Gold Star Singles Event only)
- Gold Medal at 2021 U15 Junior Quadrangular

4.2 Following selection of players against 1.1.1, the Panel will consider further players for selection for the Team Event against Policy Objective 1.2.1 by considering the below:

- Reaching finals in 2021 U15 Gold Tournaments (for singles the Panel will consider Gold Star Singles Event only)
- Reaching final at the 2021 U15 Quadrangular
- Achieving a significant result/performance in the following identified 2021 Badminton Europe U15 Junior Circuit tournament; U15 Denmark Junior, U15 Swedish Youth Games

When taking into account the above information under 4.1 and 4.2, the Selection Panel will consider the following whilst utilising their expert knowledge and opinion during deliberations:

- Ability to perform under pressure and against higher ranked players/pairs at the above identified Tournaments
- When considering selection of doubles pairs, the Panel will consider previous results at the above identified Tournaments and performances by pairings at Trial Days which may include newly formed pairings
- Quality of the Tournament/discipline and opposition
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote a player's performance level i.e., byes, walk-overs and withdrawals
- Impact of partnering an older player
- Where similar results are present, age will be a factor when selecting a player who is one or two years young and performing consistently against recognised older opposition
- Where similar results are present, a player's current results, head to heads and consistency will take priority

- Significant/long term injury or illness that has impacted a player's ability to compete/attend Trial Days as per this Policy criteria. Where this is the case, the player's previous performance level will be considered

N.B Following consideration of the above, if there are sufficient players selected for the Team Event under 1.2.1, those players may be entered in the Individual Event in one or more discipline at the discretion of the Pathway Coaching Team. Furthermore, if there are insufficient players to make up a Team Event entry which the Panel believe is capable of achieving the Policy and Performance objectives, the Panel will only select players for the Individual Event.

5. DESELECTION

5.1 A player selected for the 2021 U15 8 Nations may be deselected if the player:

- 5.1.1 Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the Performance Team Management, 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. Non-travelling reserves may be selected for this Event.

6 SELECTION PANEL

Panel:

- Programme Manager or nominated deputy
- Minimum of Pathway Coach x 3 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's vote will be 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 considered for selection (e.g. family, personal coach etc). The panel member can take part in discussions but will not be eligible to vote 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 2021 U15 8 Nations will take place on **2nd November 2021 TBC**.
- 7.2 Those provisionally selected as well as other players considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional Team selection via email at 10am on **3rd November 2021**. Provisional Team selection will also be added to the Badminton England website and social media on the 3rd November 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 under 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 e-mailed by 10am on **18th November 2021** and the Team will be announced by 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on **18th November 2021**.

8 APPEALS

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