

Selection Policy

TOTAL BWF THOMAS & UBER CUP FINALS 2020 (held in 2021)
9-17 October 2021
Aarhus, Denmark

- Regulation Team size: Minimum 4 Men and 4 Women; maximum 10 Men and 10 Women (subject to qualification &/or invitation from Reserve List – Men's Team have currently qualified)
- Team Event Format: 3MS, 2MD: 3WS, 2WD
- Selection Date: 20 August 2021
- Confirmed Team Announcement: 30 August 2021

Players 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 the strongest available team that can achieve the Performance Objective at the TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020.

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

1.2 Secondary Objective

- 1.2.1 To expose players who can contribute to future medal success at Team Championships Finals

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. To achieve a minimum of one win against a Team World Ranked higher

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

Automatic Selection Process

4.1 Players who have met any of the following criteria in the relevant Events (MS, MD, WS, WD) between 1 September 2019 and 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
- Win/s 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 insufficient players to fulfil/provide necessary cover for the Team matches following consideration of players meeting criteria above, the Selection Panel will complete additional player selections referring to the section headed 'Secondary Selection Process' below.

Should there be more players/pairs who meet the above automatic selection criteria than required for the Team Event, the Selection Panel will then refer to the section headed 'Additional Considerations' (Page 3) to determine further selection for this Event, with reference to the Policy and Performance Objective (1.1 and 2.1).

Secondary Selection Process

As above, at the conclusion of the automatic selection process against Policy Objective 1.1 and Performance Objective 2.1, the Panel will, if there are insufficient players to fulfil/provide necessary cover for the Team matches, consider further players against the Policy Objective 1.2 who have met the criteria below and will refer to the Additional Considerations (page 3) when making the selections. For avoidance of misinterpretation, meeting any 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 players that have met one or more criteria below between 1 September 2019 and the selection date and will take account of the additional consideration points stated below:

- Excel and/or Transition Group players
- Players achieving 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 player 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 players are required to be able to fulfil all Team Matches.



Additional Considerations

The Panel will take into account the following during their discussion on players/pairs being considered for selection under both 1.1 and 1.2;

- Quality of the Event/discipline and opposition the listed players have competed in/against between 1 September 2019 and the selection date
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote an player's performance level i.e., byes, walk-overs and withdrawals between 1 September 2019 and selection date
- Where similar results are present, an player's current results and consistency will take priority
- Player/pairs rate of development, application and commitment in training, in the opinion of the Panel (due to Covid restrictions limiting competition, particularly for new pairings)
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury or illness, which has impacted on an 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 prior performance level will be considered

5 DESELECTION

- 5.1 An player selected for the TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020 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 an 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.
- 5.3 The selection of any replacement players 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 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 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 the provisional team for the TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020 (subject to qualification &/or invitation from BWF) will take place on 20 August 2021.
- 7.2 Those provisionally selected as well as other players considered for selection, will be informed about the provisional team selection via email on 23 August 2021. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England [website](#) and social media on the 23 August 2021 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 selection noted in 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 on 30 August 2021.

8 **APPEALS**

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