

## SELECTION POLICY

### 2022 EUROPEAN U15 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 18-20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 (LAHTI, FINLAND)

**SELECTION DATE:** 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### 1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England at the 2022 European U15 Junior Championships.

#### 2. POLICY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The primary performance objective for this event is to achieve a minimum of one medal
- 2.2. The second performance objective is to expose players who are showing on an upward performance trajectory at the time of selection, and who the Panel believe are demonstrating a future potential to medal at Individual and/or Team Junior Championships.

#### 3. SELECTION CONDITIONS

Players must:

- 3.1. 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 current member of Badminton England
  - 3.1.2. Meet the eligible age criteria (born in 2008 or later)
  - 3.1.3. Hold a passport of a country over whose territory Badminton England has jurisdiction
  - 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
- 3.2. Commit to all Badminton England Championship preparations and competition plans.

#### 4. SELECTION CRITERIA

Badminton England will select players and pairs in accordance with the regulations applicable to these Championships (bullet pointed below) and in respect to the policy objective 2.1 and 2.2 as follows:

- Regulation Individual Event entry: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD and 2XD **N.B** there is no Team Event
- Players can compete in a maximum of two Events
- BE will select a min. of 4 male, 4 female, max. 6 male, 6 female players for this Event

4.1 Players will be considered for selection for these Championships by the Panel in respect to Policy Performance Objective 2.1, further to meeting any of the below criterion and whilst taking into account the additional considerations during their deliberations:

- Medal performance at the 2021 U15 8 Nations
- Medal performances at the following identified 2021 Badminton Europe U15 Junior Circuit tournaments: U15 Swedish Youth Games and U15 Estonian Youth
- Gold Medal at 2021 U15 Gold Tournaments (for singles the Panel will consider Gold Star Singles Event only) **N.B** The Panel will only consider level and mixed doubles Gold results from August 2021 to selection date due to Covid regulations in place prior to this which restricted entries
- Gold Medal at 2021 U15 Junior Quadrangular
- Final at 2021 U15 National Championships

- Semi-finals 2021 U17 National Championships

4.2 Following selection of players against 2.1, the Panel will consider further players for selection for the Championships against Objective 2.2 should selection under 4.1 not already have reached the maximum number of players for the Events that can be selected according to the Championship regulations. Players will be considered for selection for these Championships by the Panel in respect to Objective 2.2, further to meeting any of the below criterion and whilst taking into account the additional considerations during their deliberations. **N.B** meeting any of the below criteria does not guarantee selection:

- Achieving a significant result/performance at the 2021 U15 8 Nations in the expert opinion of the Panel
- Achieving a significant result/performance in the following identified 2021 Badminton Europe U15 Junior Circuit tournament in the expert opinion of the Panel: U15 Swedish Youth Games and U15 Estonian Youth
- Reaching semi-finals at U17 Gold (for singles the Panel will consider Gold Star Singles Event only) **N.B** The Panel will only consider level and mixed doubles Gold results from August 2021 to selection date due to Covid regulations in place prior to this which restricted entries
- Reaching quarter finals of singles / semi-final of doubles at the 2021 U15 National Championships
- Reaching semi-finals at 2021 U15 Gold Tournaments (for singles the Panel will consider Gold Star Singles Event only). **N.B** The Panel will only consider level and mixed doubles Gold results from August 2021 to selection date due to Covid regulations in place prior to this which restricted entries
- Reaching the final at the 2021 U15 Quadrangular
- Gold medal at the 2021 U13 National Championships

#### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELECTION**

When taking into account the above result criteria under both 4.1 and 4.2, the Selection Panel will consider the following in relation to those Events listed in section 4, whilst utilising their expert knowledge and opinion during the deliberations:

- Ability to perform under pressure and against higher ranked players/pairs
- 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 at the above identified Tournaments
- Where similar results are present, age will be a factor when considering selecting a player who is one or two years young and is performing consistently against recognised older opposition
- Where similar results are present, most recent results, head to heads and consistency will take priority
- Significant/long term injury or illness that has impacted a player's ability to compete. Where this is the case, the player's previous performance level will be considered by the Panel

## **5. DESELECTIONS AND REPLACEMENTS**

- 5.1. A player becoming ill or injured at any time following their selection must notify the Programme Manager immediately. Players who become ill or injured and are deemed unable to perform will be asked to seek medical advice, which may result in the player being deselected, at the discretion of the Programme Manager and Pathway Team.
- 5.2. A player who is unable or unwilling to comply with the Badminton England Championship preparations and competition plans outlined in 3.2 above may be deselected
- 5.3. A player who breaches, or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton England or the Badminton World Federation may be deselected
- 5.4. A player who no longer fulfils the selection conditions outlined in 3.1 and 3.2 above may be deselected
- 5.5. Any decision to deselect a player will be taken by the Selection Panel and communicated to the respective player via email, explaining the reason(s) for the de-selection
- 5.6. Any replacement players will be selected in accordance with this Selection Policy agreed with the Selection Panel and in accordance with the Selection Panel Standard Operating Procedures

## **6. SELECTION PANEL**

- 6.1 The Selection Panel will consist of: Programme Manager (Chair) or nominated deputy, minimum of 3 x Pathway Coaches or nominated deputies, Performance Board Observer (Non-voting), Independent Observer (Non-voting), Administration: Senior Co-ordinator or nominated deputy (non-voting)
- 6.2 The Selection Panel will conduct the Selection Panel meeting in line with the agreed Standard Operating Procedures for the Selection Panel.

## **7. SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 7.1. Selection of the provisional players to attend the Championships plus any nominated non-travelling reserves for the 2022 European U15 Junior Championships will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 7.2. Those provisionally selected as well as other players considered for selection under this Policy, will be informed about the provisional Team selection via email at 10am on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Provisional Team selection will also be added to the Badminton England website by 3pm on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 7.3. Provisionally selected players must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition as well as any noted 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 selection 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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and the Team will be announced by 3pm on [www.badmintonengland.co.uk](http://www.badmintonengland.co.uk) on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## **8. APPEALS**

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