

SELECTION POLICY

BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES 28 JULY – 8 AUGUST 2022 (BIRMINGHAM, UNITED KINGDOM)

Mixed Team Event: 29 July – 02 Aug 2022
Individual Competition: 03 Aug – 08 Aug 2022

Team size: Maximum of 10 players
Selection Date: 8 Feb 2022
Team Announcement: **TBC** (www.badmintonengland.co.uk)

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England and Team England at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

2. POLICY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

The primary performance objective for this event is to select players to achieve the strongest medal performances for Team England. In so doing, Badminton England will only select players that clearly show a strong potential to achieve specific performance criteria as follows:

- 2.1. **Individual:** To select players that give greatest opportunity for Team England to win medals in the individual competition.
- 2.2. **Team:** To select a team of players who are considered to have sufficient ability to reach the final of the team event.

3. SELECTION CONDITIONS

PLAYERS MUST:

- 3.1. Be eligible to represent Team England in the Commonwealth Games under Badminton World Federation (BWF) and Commonwealth Games Federation [Regulations](#)
- 3.2. Be eligible to represent Team England under BWF regulations in place from time to time, including but not limited to:
 - 3.2.1. Be an affiliated member of Badminton England (BE)
 - 3.2.2. Hold a passport of a country whose territory Badminton England has jurisdiction over
 - 3.2.3. Have not represented any other BWF Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the Commonwealth Games.
 - 3.2.4. Comply with the rules and regulations (including the regulations in respect of restriction of prescribed substances, methods and techniques) of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) as well as those of the Commonwealth Games Federation and the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)
 - 3.2.5. Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF
 - 3.2.6. Sign up to Commonwealth Games England - Team Members' Agreement
 - 3.2.7. Complete appropriate UKAD education and training
 - 3.2.8. Sign the Commonwealth Games Federation Entry and Eligibility form
 - 3.2.9. Commit to all Badminton England Championship preparations and competition plans

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 4.1. Badminton England will select and nominate players in accordance with the policy objective 2.1 and 2.2 as follows:

4.2. The highest ranked English Men's and Women's Singles players, who are ranked 1-24 in the world, and the highest ranked English Men's, Women's and Mixed doubles pairs, who are ranked 1-16 in the world will be selected.

4.2.1. The qualification period will run from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022. The [BWF World Ranking list](#) of Tuesday 1 February 2022 will be used.

4.2.2. This only includes players and doubles partnerships that are currently active i.e., recognised and being entered for tournaments by the England Performance Programmes in 2021-2022.

4.3. Accounting for the players that have been selected above (4.2) the panel will then consider selection based upon players with medal potential in the individual competition and who would add further strength and/or flexibility to the team for the team competition. These players will be assessed against the following criteria under 4.4. No particular weighting or priority will be applied to the below criteria. Each player under consideration will be assessed against each of the criteria and selection decisions will be taken by the Selection Panel exercising its discretion taking into account all relevant facts.

4.4. The process of assessment against criteria will be a comparison within each discipline to fulfil the Performance Objectives outlined in Section 2. These will be around the tournaments played, quality of the oppositions played, and the Championship events played, forming each criterion below:

4.4.1. BWF World Ranking on Tuesday 1 February 2022

4.4.2. Results in international tournaments ([Grade 3 and above](#)) over the preceding twelve months (1st Feb 2021 – 31st Jan 2022); in the event where players/pairs are deemed to have similar outcome, results in the recent 6 months would carry greater weighting.

4.4.3. Results and performances against international opposition in tournaments ([Grade 3 and above](#)) over the preceding twelve months (1st Feb 2021 – 31st Jan 2022). In the event where players/pairs are deemed to have similar outcomes, results in the recent 6 months would carry greater weighting.

4.4.4. Results and performances from International Team and Individual Championships ([Grade 1](#)) in the recent two years*. In the event where players/pairs are deemed to have similar outcome, results in the recent 12 months would carry greater weighting.

*This is due to the nature of the Team Championship events being on a bi-annual rotational basis.

5. OVERRIDING FACTORS

5.1. Should a player with an established record of high-level results historically (outlined in 4.4) become injured and unable to compete in the majority of listed events ([BWF World Tour](#)), the player may be considered for selection based on previous performances subject to having been passed fit by the Badminton England physiotherapist and/or Doctor prior to the event.

5.2. Due to the nature of the schedule of the event (Team & Individual), players need to have demonstrated the ability to perform for the duration of the events. The Selection Panel will consider the players' level of fitness and injury history.

6. DESELECTIONS AND REPLACEMENTS

6.1. A player becoming ill or injured at any time following their selection must notify the Head Coach/National Coach immediately. Any players who becomes ill or injured and is deemed unable to perform to the required standard set by the Head Coach and/or National Coach may be asked to seek medical advice from the Chief Medical Officer, which may result in the player being de-selected, at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

- 6.2. In the event that a replacement is necessary due to an injury to a selected player after nomination (6.1), the selection panel will select a player that best matches the Performance Objectives (Section 2) and Selection Criteria (Section 4). In the event of a player not fulfilling these two requirements the player that best meets the Performance Objectives will take precedent.
- 6.3. A player who is unable or unwilling to comply with the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games preparations and competition plans outlined in 3.2.9 above may be deselected
- 6.4. 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
- 6.5. A player who no longer fulfils the selection conditions outlined in 3.1 and 3.2 above may be deselected
- 6.6. 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
- 6.7. Any replacement players will be selected in accordance with this Selection Policy agreed with the Selection Panel and only if:
- It is in the interests of the team
 - Permitted by the Event Organising Committee or Federation

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

7.1. The selection of players for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will follow the timelines set out below:

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| 4 Feb 2022 | Any player not on the England Performance Programme wishing to be considered for selection under this policy must inform Badminton England about this and provide a compelling argument why they are in contention for a place on the team. This must be done in writing to the Head of Performance Operations (or nominated deputy) no later than 4 th Feb 2022 to jeanniemo@badmintonengland.co.uk . The Head of Performance Operations or Head Coach will make a formal response within 72hr of receipt of the letter. |
| 8 Feb 2022 | Selection Panel meeting |
| 5 Mar 2022 | Nominations will be submitted to Commonwealth Games England on or before this date. |

7.2. Final selection is at the sole discretion of Commonwealth Games England and will be based on the Badminton England nominations made against this selection policy.

8. NOTIFICATIONS

- 8.1. Selected as well as non-selected players who are funded through Badminton England performance programmes, and other players considered for selection, will be informed about the team selection via email on 10 Feb 2022.
- 8.2. Prior to this, all discussed players will be contacted by telephone to inform them of the pending decision with explanation on the selection. This will be conducted and agreed in the selection meeting to ascertain who makes these respective phone calls (Head Coach & National Coaches).
- 8.3. Should further players become eligible for selection in subsequent timelines of the eligibility process, the Selection Panel will reconvene (if required) to consider additional players against the selection criteria. Selection decisions will be communicated at the earliest opportunity via email

- 8.4. Selected players must confirm their availability by email for the duration of the competition as well as any team preparation activities outlined in the player invitation letter.
- 8.5. Non-selected players will have 72 hrs to submit an appeal from receiving the above email notice and Badminton England will ensure that all appeals have been heard and concluded within five working days of the closing date of the appeal window (see Section 10 – Appeals).
- 8.6. The team will be announced on www.badmintonengland.co.uk following ratification from Commonwealth Games England (date tbc). All selection decisions are to be kept confidential until the selection has been publicly announced.

9. SELECTION PANEL

- 9.1. The selection panel will consist of: Head of Performance Operations (Chair) or nominated deputy (Voting Member), England Head Coach (Voting Member), National Coach (Voting Member), National Coach (Voting Member), National Pathway Coach (Voting Member) , Independent Observer: Commonwealth Games England (Non-Voting, if available), Observer: Member of the Performance Board (Non-Voting), Administration support (Non-Voting), Team Leader (if not one of the above and non-voting if none of the above)
- 9.2. The selection panel will conduct the Selection Panel meeting in line with the agreed Standard Operating Procedures for the Selection Panel

10. APPEALS

- 10.1. Badminton England's selection and nomination "[Commonwealth Games](#)" appeals procedure will be followed.

N.B. These selection criteria remain subject to change as a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars. CGF and BWF will be closely monitoring the Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary. Badminton England therefore reserves the right to amend the selection policy or process in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be notified by email to players and coaches and published on the Badminton England's website.