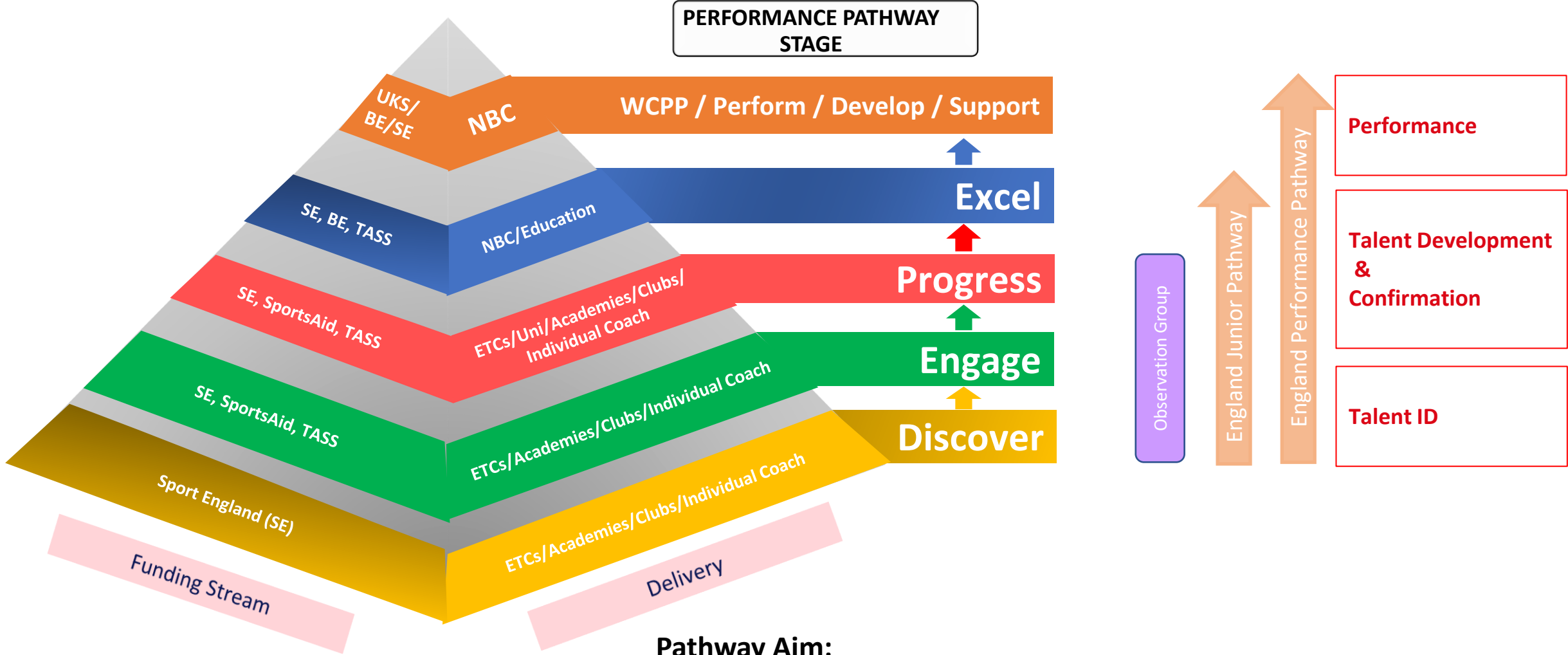


# BADMINTON ENGLAND PERFORMANCE PATHWAY 2021-2022



**Pathway Aim:**

‘To inspire, support and develop individuals to be the best they can be’

# ENGLAND JUNIOR PATHWAY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA 2021-22

The aim of the assessment criteria is to select players for the Pathway who demonstrate the attributes and **future performance potential to win medals at major Senior International events**. Results are not the only predictor of future performance and performance trajectory, commitment and performance behaviours will also be taken into account when selecting players for the Pathway.

Players are considered for the Pathway at annual reviews held around May/June for those on the England Junior Pathway (EJP) and in January for the Senior/Perform Programme. Those players that have met published results criteria during the previous 12 month period will be considered at Junior Pathway Reviews along with all current EJP Pathway players. At these reviews, players will be assessed in the 4 key areas against the Pathway levels (page 5) for selection to Pathway.\*

\*Due to Covid-19, in 2021 players will be considered for Pathway through invitation to attend Trials with consideration also given to their results from the first set of June / July 2021 Gold tournaments



# ENGLAND JUNIOR PATHWAY RESULTS CRITERIA 2021-22

The below provides an overview of the performance standards and player progression expectations required for England Junior Pathway inclusion. Pathway inclusion is not based on results in isolation, but instead the meeting of result criteria is a trigger for a player to be considered at the next Junior Pathway Review where the player will be considered in conjunction with the 3 further areas of criteria (listed on page 5) to determine allocation of pathway places. N.B \* Denotes international event as listed in BE 2021 and 2022 Pathway Identified Tournaments documents – click [here](#)

PATHWAY LEVEL

**Discover**

**Engage**

**Progress**

**Excel**

**Aim- Introduce young players to the early stages of the performance pathway**  
Age Range: Up to 13 years

**Aim – To embed the knowledge and principles of the performance pathway whilst moving towards Progress**  
Age Range: 14 to 19 years

**Aim – To accelerate player development and performances towards Excel**  
Age Range: 14 to 19 years

**Aim - To prepare players for potential transition to England Performance Programme (Perform/Develop)**  
Age Range: 16 to 21 years\*\*

RESULTS OVER 12 MONTH PERIOD TO REVIEW

**International**

- U13 Badminton Europe sanctioned International Tournament Win

**Domestic**

- U13 Nationals Top 4 Finish in Singles
- 2 x U13 Gold Tournament Top 4 Finish in Singles
- U12 Top 4 Highest placed in Singles at U13 Nationals (Quarter Finals Minimum)
- 2 x U11 Gold Final placing in Singles

**International**

- Identified U15/U17/U19 Junior International Final\*

**Domestic**

- Senior Nationals Medal
- Junior Nationals Win (Doubles) or Final (Singles)
- U14 Top 2 highest placed in singles at U15 Nationals (Quarter finals Minimum)
- 2 x Senior Gold Wins (Same discipline)
- 2 x Junior Gold Star Wins (Singles)
- 2 x Junior Gold (Doubles) Tournament Wins (Same event)

- **N.B** The Review Panel will consider a Gold medal in the Individual Event at the U15 Quadrangular as a Junior Gold Star Singles win / Doubles win, within the last two bullet points above

**International**

- Identified Senior International Series Medal (Doubles) or Quarter Final (Singles)\*
- Identified Senior International FS Win (Doubles) or Final (Singles)\*
- U19 Dutch/German Grand Prix Quarter Final
- U15/17 European Championships Individual Medal
- U17 6 Nations Individual Medal
- U15/U17/U19 Danish Cup Individual Final
- U15 8 Nations Individual Medal
- Identified U15/U17/U19 Junior International Win\*

**Domestic**

- Senior Nationals Final

**International**

- Identified Senior International FS Win Singles\*
- Identified Senior International Challenge Finalist (Doubles) or Medal (Singles)\*
- Identified Senior International Series Finalist (Singles) or Win (Doubles)\*
- World Junior Championship Individual Top 8
- U19 European Championship Individual Medal
- U17 European Championships Individual Gold Medal (Doubles) or Finalist (Singles)
- U17 6 Nations Individual Gold Medal
- U19 Dutch/German Grand Prix Medal

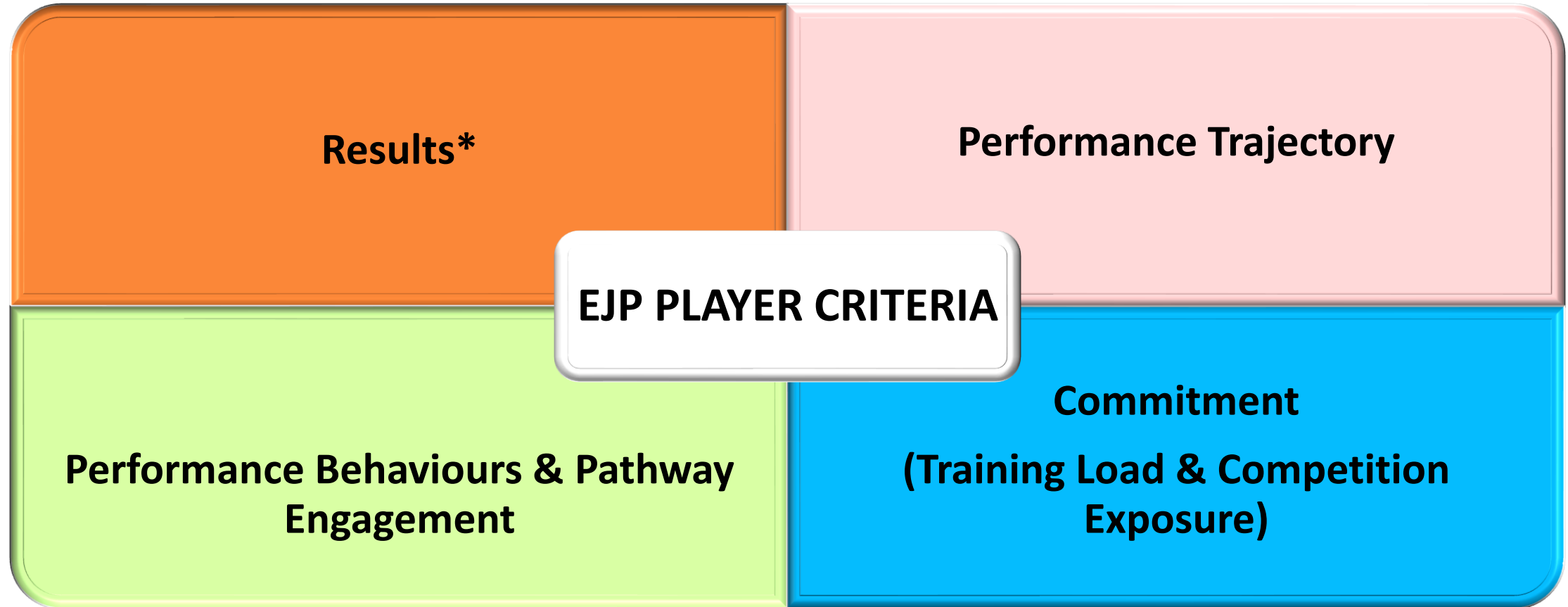
**Domestic**

- Senior Nationals Win

\*\* The type of support provided to players meeting Excel criteria will be based in respect to the player either transitioning to/fully integrated at the NBC i.e., centralised, or still in education i.e., non-centralised

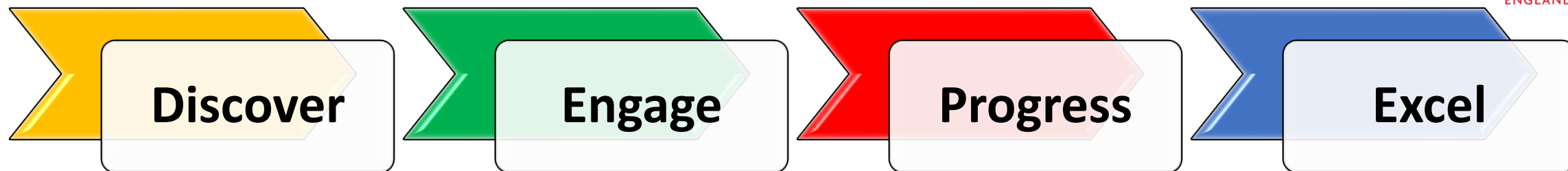
## ENGLAND PATHWAY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AT PATHWAY REVIEW 2021-2022

Players at the Junior Pathway Review will be assessed in **4 key areas** against the EJP Pathway levels. Players will need to meet the criteria in all 4 assessment areas to retain a place on the Pathway. \*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pathway Team understand that it has not been possible for players to meet results criteria due to lack of competition. For the July 2021 EJP Reviews, the Review Panel will consider individuals for Pathway at the upcoming Trial days. Assessment will be undertaken related to the below areas and which relate to technical, tactical, physical, performance behaviours and character competencies. Player's results at the 2021 Gold Tournaments that take place prior to the conclusion of the Trial days will also feed into the 2021 review.



**NB** When considering and applying the criteria, the Review Panel will, at their sole discretion, consider a number of additional mitigating circumstances for the period being reviewed. The list below is not exhaustive but provides examples of additional factors that the Review Panel can consider:

- Injury or illness to a player
- Strength and depth of the opposition at a BE identified competition
- Any unforeseen circumstance that adversely affects or over promotes a player's performance level
- For 2021, Covid-19 pandemic affecting ability to achieve Result criteria for 2021 EJP Review (as per above)

PATHWAY  
LEVEL

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### Results

- Over 12-month period to review in accordance with results criteria (page 4) and considered against the Pathway levels

### Performance Trajectory

Demonstrating upward progression in performances and player benchmarking

- Level of results and performance on upward trajectory (i.e. year on year improvement in performance level)
- Discover level: progression of physical competency (from introductory assessment) and demonstrating progression in any identified development areas
- Engage level and above: Meeting technical & tactical expectations and physical progression aligned to benchmarks for age/stage of development along with demonstrating progression in any identified development areas

### Performance Behaviours & Pathway Engagement

Demonstrating appropriate level of performance behaviours and Pathway engagement in accordance with stage of development and Pathway level

- Attends all Pathway activity offered (screenings, camps, competitions and training opportunities)
- Professional standard in approach to badminton in accordance with stage of development (warm-up, recovery, debriefs, off-court preparation i.e. sleep/nutrition, punctuality)
- Takes responsibility for own performance and pro-active in own development e.g. video analysis, communication (progressing from low to high personal independence)
- Positive attitude to learning, receptive to and able to implement feedback, improving and being the best they can be

### Commitment (Training Load & Competitive Exposure)

Meeting the recommended on and off court training hours/load in accordance to Pathway level and developmental stage. Progression towards the training hours required per week to meet the demands of full-time training and the appropriate quantity and quality of competitive exposure in relation to developmental stage. This includes commitment to identified domestic competitions as identified in Pathway Expectations (and in consultation with Pathway coaches)

- Discover level: 7-10 hours on-court pw, 2-4 off-court hrs pw\*, 10-12 tournaments per year (predominantly domestic)
- Progress and Engage level: 8-12 hours on-court, 3-5 off-court hours per week\*, 14-16 tournaments per year (mix of domestic and international)
- Excel level: 20+ hours pw\* 14-16 tournaments per year (mix of domestic and international)

\*On-court includes training technical, tactical, physical elements and match play. Off-court includes CV (e.g. run, bike, circuits), weights, agility, functional stability exercises



## **\*NEW\* - Observation Group**

**Aim** – To provide opportunity for players to access Pathway / ETC activity by invitation and to support and provide feedback in respect to the Pathway criteria which players will be considered against at the next EJP Pathway Review

The Observation Group will consist of up to a maximum of 16 players (with consideration being given to having representation from each age group and gender by the Pathway Team i.e., U13, U15, U17 and U19).

To be **considered** for a place on the Observation Group, players would have to meet one of the following;

- Have met Result criteria\* for one of the Pathway levels in-between the annual EJP reviews i.e. post July 2021 and are awaiting consideration for Pathway at the next annual review (i.e. May/June 2022)
- At the annual EJP review, a current Pathway player being reviewed for a continuation place on Pathway that has not met Result criteria but has been assessed by the Review Panel as having demonstrated they are competent in all of the three other assessment areas – **NB** players must have met one level lower in term of published results or had numerous notable results for this to be considered by the Panel.

**N.B** The Observation Group does not form part of the England Junior Pathway Programme. A place on Observation will be for a finite period of time which will be confirmed on invitation.

**\*NB** When considering the Result criteria met as per above, the Review Panel will at their sole discretion, consider a number of additional mitigating circumstances. The list below is not exhaustive but provides examples of additional factors that the Review Panel can consider:

- Strength and depth of the opposition at the identified competition
- Any unforeseen circumstance that adversely affects or over promotes a player's performance level e.g. walkover, byes, impact of partnering with an older player
- During the July 2021 Review, the second bullet point above cannot be utilised as written due to players having not been able to meet any result criteria due to Covid-19. In this instance, discretion will be used by the Review Panel in terms of offering places on Observation following the Trial Day assessments

## **\*NEW\* - Observation Group**

### **‘The Offer’**

Players invited onto the Observation group will have access to the following (financial contribution required):

- Access to specified EJP Pathway Camp/Sparring days by invite from the Pathway Team
  - Access to specified Apprentice Training days by direct invitation from the Pathway Team (Engage/Progress only)
  - Access to England Training Centre (ETC) Training by invitation from the ETC
  - Feedback from Pathway Team / ETC Coaches at Camp/Sparring days on key development areas relevant to the areas of the Pathway
- Criteria that will be considered at the EJP Review

### **Invite Process for the Observation Group**

**The Pathway Team will assess results from identified Pathway Tournaments, including any mitigating factors, at three points throughout the year, prior to identified Camps at which the Observation Group members would be invited:**

- Player’s who have met result criteria in-between July 2021 Review and week 41 inclusive, will be invited to attend a Pathway Camp from 26-28<sup>th</sup> October (week 43)
- Player’s who have met result criteria between week 43 and week 50 inclusive will be invited to attend a Pathway Camp from 8-9<sup>th</sup> January (week 1)
- Player’s who have met result criteria post week 50 will be invited to attend the 2022 Easter Pathway Camp (dates TBC)

## ENGLAND JUNIOR PATHWAY – 12 MONTH REVIEW PROCESS



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- Strength and depth of the opposition at the identified competition
- Any unforeseen circumstance that adversely affects or over promotes a player's performance level e.g. walkover, byes, impact of partnering with an older player