

SELECTION POLICY

2022 U17 6 NATIONS 14-18th APRIL 2022 (NETHERLANDS)

SELECTION DATE: 9th March 2022
SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: 21st March 2022

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England at the 2022 U17 6 Nations.

2. POLICY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The primary performance objective for this event is to select players capable of achieving a minimum of one medal in the Individual Event

In the instance that the players selected under 2.1 do not provide appropriate coverage for the Team Event to assist in meeting the below Team Event objective, further consideration of players for the Team Event will be completed aligned to the following objective.

- 2.2. The secondary performance objective is to select players who can significantly contribute to achieving a medal in the Team Event

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 2006 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 noted on the 2022 EJP Pathway Planner found on the BE website [here](#)

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

Badminton England will select players in accordance with the regulations applicable to this Championship Event (bullet pointed below) and in respect to the policy objective 2.1 and 2.2:

- Regulation Individual Event entry: Max. 5BS, 5GS, 3BD, 3GD and 5XD
- Regulation Team size: Minimum 6 males, 6 females, maximum 8 males, 8 females
- Team Event format: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD & 1XD

NOTE: Where reference is made to BE Identified 2021-22 Badminton Europe International Tournaments within Section 4 below, please refer to the following BE website page [here](#), to download the 2021 and 2022 EJP Pathway Planner where these criteria Tournaments are listed by age group.

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 criteria within 12 months of the selection date** and whilst taking into account the additional considerations during their deliberations. **N.B** meeting any of the below criteria does not guarantee selection:

- Medal or above at the 2021 U17 European Championships
- Medal or above at BE identified 2021-2022 Badminton Europe U17 Junior Circuit tournament
- Quarter final or above at BE identified 2021-2022 Badminton Europe U19 Junior Circuit tournament

4.2 Following selection of players against 2.1, the Panel will only consider further players for selection for this Event against Objective 2.2 if selection under 4.1 has provided insufficient players to fulfil and provide necessary cover for the Team Event as per the Event Regulations, Policy Objective 2.2 and in the expert opinion of the Panel. 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 criteria within 12 months of the selection date** and whilst taking into account the additional considerations during deliberations. **N.B** meeting any of the below criteria does not guarantee selection:

- Quarter-final at the 2021 U17 European Championships
- Quarter-final at BE identified 2021-2022 Badminton Europe U17 Junior Circuit tournament
- Final of singles or above / Win in Doubles Events at the 2021 U17 National Championships
- Medal or above in singles / final or above in Doubles Events at the 2021 U19 National Championships

4.3 Following selection of players against Objectives 2.1 and 2.2, utilising 4.1 and 4.2 above, the Panel will only consider further players for selection for this Event against Objective 2.2 should selection under 4.1 and 4.2 have provided insufficient players to fulfil and provide necessary cover for the Team Event, as per the Event Regulations, Policy Objective 2.2 and in the expert opinion of the Panel. 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 criteria within 12 months of the selection date** and whilst taking into account the additional considerations during deliberations. **N.B** meeting any of the below criteria does not guarantee selection:

- Semi-final of singles / semi-final or final in doubles at the 2021 U17 National Championships
- Quarter-final in singles / semi-final in doubles at the 2021 U19 National Championships
- Gold medal in singles at the 2021 U15 National Championships
- Final (or above) at U17 Gold Tournaments (for singles, the Panel will consider Gold Star only)
N.B The Panel will only consider level and mixed doubles Gold results from start of August 2021 to the selection date due to Covid regulations in place prior to this, which restricted entries in these Doubles Events
- Significant performance at above listed BE identified 2021-22 Badminton Europe U17 or U19 International Junior Circuit tournament, in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel

N.B In exceptional circumstances, should the above criteria not provide the minimum number of players to fulfil a Team in line with the Event regulations (minimum of 6 male and 6 female), the Panel will consider reducing the specific result criteria to consider players who have met one result below the criteria published where these have not been considered within section 4 already i.e., where a semi-final is listed in the criteria, the Panel would then consider a quarter final result in that event. If this is required, the Panel will consider results one level lower under 4.1 first. If this does not provide sufficient players, the Panel will then consider players who have met one result level lower under 4.2 criteria, followed by 4.3 (if necessary).

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELECTION

When taking into account the above result criteria under 4.1-4.3, 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:

- 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. Any player who becomes ill or injured and is deemed unable to perform will be asked to seek medical advice, which may result in the player being de-selected, 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 Event 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 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 player(s) 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 this Event plus any nominated non-travelling reserves for the 2022 U17 6 Nations will take place on **9th March 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 by 10am on **10th March 2022**. Provisional Team selection will also be added to the Badminton England website by 3pm on **10th March 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 **21st March 2022** and the Team will be announced by 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on **21st March 2022**.

8. APPEALS

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

9. COVID-19

Badminton England reserves the right to amend this Policy due to exceptional circumstances based upon the impact of Covid-19: these circumstances will include the following but this list is not exhaustive:

- Postponement of the actual Event which would amend the timeframe for pre-event tournaments eligible for selection
- The situation where the list of identified criteria Tournaments may be impacted by Covid-19 i.e., Tournaments are postponed by the Host Organisation
- UK travelers not being permitted entry to the Event host Country to compete
- UK residents not being permitted to travel to the host country by the UK government
- Any other Covid-related circumstances which will need to be identified and considered by the Panel at the time of selection.