

SELECTION POLICY

2024 EUROPEAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – QUALIFICATION (8TH – 10TH DECEMBER 2023, MEN'S TEAM – MILTON KEYNES, WOMEN'S TEAM – GERMANY)

SELECTION DATE : 7th November 2023

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: 17th November 2023

REGULATION TEAM SIZE: Minimum 2 Men and 2 Women; maximum 10 Men and 10 Women

TEAM EVENT FORMAT: Men's Team: 3x MS, 2x MD. Women's Team: 3x WS, 2x WD

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England at the European Men's & Women's Team Championships – Qualification stage.

2. POLICY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The primary performance objective for this event is to select the strongest available team to qualify for the 2024 European Men's & Women's Team Championships (to take place on 14th – 18th February 2024 in Lodz, Poland).
- 2.2. The secondary performance objective for this event is to expose players who are indicating progress towards representing England in future Team Championship events.

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. Hold a passport of a country over whose territory Badminton England has jurisdiction;
 - 3.1.3. Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the Championships
 - 3.1.4. Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF, including WADA & UKAD.
- 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 policy objective 2.1 and 2.2 as follows:

- 4.1. Players/pairs who are eligible to represent Badminton England under section 3 in the relevant Events (MS, MD, WS & WD) will be considered for selection in respect to performance objectives 2.1 and 2.2 for this event). The Selection Panel will refer to the considerations below to determine the selection for this Event (in no particular order or weighting):
 - 4.1.1. Players/pairs achieving a significant Senior result/performance in International and Domestic Tournaments (based on evidence and assessment of the Selection Panel) gained within 6 months of the selection date. This is due to the recent volume of overseas entries with significant ranking in all levels of tournaments.

4.1.1.1. For U19 players, in addition to the above the Panel will also consider significant international and Domestic Junior results/performances (based on evidence and in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel).

4.1.2. Performance trajectory of players/pairs shown in tournaments and training (based on evidence and input from Multi-Disciplinary Team).

4.1.3. At the time of Selection, if the group has been drawn, the Panel will consider the most balanced team for this Event with the objectives 2.1 and 2.2 in mind.

***N.B** Each player/pair will be considered and assessed against the additional considerations below and selection decisions will be taken by the Panel exercising its expert opinion and in which disciplines the Team require further depth/cover to be able to fulfil all Team Matches.*

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Panel will take into account the following during their discussion;

- Quality of the Event/discipline and opposition the listed athletes have competed in/against within the last 6 months of the selection date
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote an athlete's performance level i.e. byes, walk-overs and withdrawals
- Where similar results are present, a player/pair's most recent results, consistency and current stage of development (age relevant to level) will be given a higher weighting in the deliberations of the Panel
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury or illness, which has impacted on a player's ability to compete during the period in which athletes are required to have met criteria. Where this is the case, the player's prior performance level will be considered

5. NOTIFICATION

- 5.1. Players provisionally selected, and all other players/pairs considered for selection, will be notified via email about the provisional team selection on 8th November 2023. Provisional team selection will also be added to the Badminton England [website](#) by 3pm the same day.
- 5.2. 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).
- 5.3. Provisionally selected players/pairs must confirm should they be unavailable for the duration of the competition as well as any team preparation activities within 24 hours following receipt of the email of their notice of selection.
- 5.4. Non-selected players will have 72 hours to submit an appeal from publication of the provisional team on the Badminton England website – see section 8.
- 5.5. Confirmation of the final selection for the 2024 European Men's & Women's Team Championships – Qualification stage will be published on the BE website by 3pm on 17th November 2023.
- 5.6. In the event of these Championships being re-scheduled for any reason, Badminton England may re-consider the selections and selection policy for this Championship.

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. Players who become ill or injured and deemed unable to perform to the required standard set by the Head Coach/National Coach may be asked to seek medical advice, which may result in the player being de-selected, at the discretion of the Head Coach & Medical Team
- 6.2. 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

- 6.3. 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
- 6.4. A player who no longer fulfils the selection conditions outlined in 3.1 and above may be deselected
- 6.5. 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
- 6.6. 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

7. SELECTION PANEL

- 7.1. The selection panel will consist of:
 - 7.1.1. Performance Director (Chair) or nominated deputy
 - 7.1.2. Minimum of three National Coaches if diaries permit or nominated deputies
 - 7.1.3. Independent Observer (Non-voting)
 - 7.1.4. Administration: Senior Co-ordinator or nominated deputy (Non-voting)
- 7.2. The selection panel will conduct the Selection Panel meeting in line with the agreed Standard Operating Procedures for the Selection Panel.

8. APPEALS

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