

SELECTION POLICY

2024 U15 Home Countries Quadrangular 26th -28th APRIL 2024 (Milton Keynes, England)

SELECTION DATE: 12th March 2024

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: 25th March 2024

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England at the 2024 U15 Home Countries Quadrangular in England.

2. POLICY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The primary performance objective for this event is to select the strongest players in order to achieve a minimum of a final placing in each discipline, including a minimum of four Gold medals in the Individual Event
- 2.2. The secondary performance objective for this event is to select players to who will provide the necessary strength and balance to the Team in order to achieve a Gold 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:
 - Be a current member of Badminton England
 - Meet the eligible age criteria (born 2010 or later)
 - Meet the eligible criteria for international representation under the BWF General Competition Regulations found under 6.3 [here](#) or have not represented any other Member Association and have resided in the country for a minimum of three years immediately preceding the date of the Championships
 - 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 as noted on the 2024 EJP Pathway Planner found on the BE website [here](#)

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Panel will select eligible players in accordance with the regulations applicable to this Event (bullet pointed below) and in respect to the policy objectives 2.1 - 2.2:

- Regulation Team size: 5 male and 5 female
- Badminton England will select a Team size of: 5 males and 5 females
- Regulation Individual Event entry: Max 5BS, 5GS, 2BD, 2GD, 5XD (the Host will pair off the 5th boys/girls to play in BD/GD event to make additional entries)
- Team Event format: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD, 1XD

- 4.1. The Panel will consider players for selection in reference to achieving the Policy Objectives 2.1 and 2.2, who have met at least one of the below criteria within 12 months of the selection date.

N.B meeting any of the below does not guarantee selection:

- Medal performance at the 2023 U15 National Championships

- Medal performance at 2023-24 U15 Gold Tournaments (for singles, the Panel will consider Gold Star Singles Event only)
- Win at 2023 U13 National Championships
- Wins at 2023-24 U13 Gold Tournaments (for singles, the Panel will consider Gold Star Singles Event only)
- Players that have achieved a significant result / performance against higher performing or older opposition, in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel, gained at the following:
 - 2023 U17 National Championships
 - 2023 U15 National Championships
 - 2023-24 U15 Gold Tournaments

N.B Players meeting any of the above criterion will then be considered for selection in respect to the considerations below and selection decisions will be taken by the Panel exercising its expert opinion and to ensure the selection of the Team has the required cover and balance. This is to fulfil all Individual & Team Matches as per the format noted under section 4 and in line with achieving the Policy Performance Objectives under 2.1 and 2.2.

4.2 Selection Panel Additional Considerations

Where necessary, the Panel will consider the following during their discussion:

- Quality of the Event/discipline/opposition
- Head to heads between players / pairs (not limited to events listed in 4.1)
- Player's performance trajectory / consistency
- Impact of partnering an older player
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote a player's / pairs performance level
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury or illness
- Achieving balance and flexibility with objective 2.1 in mind in respect to the Team Event

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 or provide sufficient cover and balance across the Team in the opinion of the Panel, they will consider reducing the specific result criteria listed under 4.1 in order to consider players in the relevant disciplines, who have met one result level below the criteria published i.e., a semi-final is listed in criteria, the Panel would then consider a quarter final result.

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 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 rationale for the de-selection
- 5.6. Any replacement player 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 one National Pathway Coach and nominated Coaching Panel (up to five voting members), an Independent Observer (non-voting), and Administrator (Senior Co-ordinator or nominated deputy - non-voting)
- 6.2 The selection panel will conduct the Selection Panel meeting in line with the agreed Terms of Reference 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 2024 U15 Home Countries Quadrangular will take place on 12th March 2024
- 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 midday on 13th March 2024 and provisional selection will also be added to the Badminton England website by 3pm on the same day.
- 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 10 working days from the deadline for receipt of appeals (see section 8 – Appeals).
- 7.5. The confirmed Team members will be e-mailed by midday on 25th March 2024 and the Team will be announced by 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on the same day.

8. APPEALS

- 8.1 Any appeals against non-selection must be made within 72hrs from the email notification of the provisional selection. The appeals process is available [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.