

SELECTION POLICY

2024 U17 6 NATIONS

28th MARCH – 1st APRIL 2024 (Sweden)

SELECTION DATE: 22nd February 2024

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: 5th March 2024

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England at the 2024 U17 6 Nations in Sweden.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The primary objective for this event is to select the strongest players, combinations, and balance for the Individual & Team Events to achieve the optimal performance outcome
- 2.2. The secondary performance objective for this event is an opportunity 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:
 - Be a current member of Badminton England
 - Meet the eligible age criteria (born 2008 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 any Badminton England Championship preparations plans as noted on the 2024 EJP Pathway Planner found on the BE website [here](#)

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- Regulation Individual Event entry: 5BS, 5GS, 3BD, 3GD and 5XD
- Event Regulation Team Squad Size: Max. 8 male and 8 female players (with a max. 6 male and 6 female nominated for each Team match)
- Team Event format: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD and 1XD (no player can play in more than 2 ties in any one Team match)
- Badminton England will select a minimum Team size of 5 male and 5 female (up to a max. of 8 and 8 as per the regulations, taking into account that only 6 male and 6 female players can be named per match)

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 U17 National Championships

- Medal performance at 2023-24 U17 Gold Tournaments (for singles, the Panel will consider the Gold Star Singles Event only)
- Medal performance at 2023-24 U19 Gold Tournaments
- Win at 2023 U15 National Championships
- 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 U19 National Championships
 - 2023-24 U17 & U19 Gold Tournaments
 - 2023-24 U17 & U19 Identified International 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 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 / Performance 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 de-selected
- 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 de-selected
- 5.4. A player who no longer fulfils the selection conditions outlined in 3.1 above may be de-selected
- 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, up to two National Pathway Coaches and a 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 Standard Operating Procedures for the Selection Panel.

7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

- 7.1. Selection of the provisional players to attend this Event plus any nominated non-travelling reserves for the 2024 U17 6 Nations will take place on 22nd February.
- 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 23rd February. Provisional Team 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 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 5th March and the Team will be announced by 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on the same day.

8. APPEALS

- 8.1. Badminton England's 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 may need to be identified and considered by the Panel at the time of selection.