



SELECTION POLICY

2025 U15 8 NATIONS

20th – 23rd February 2025 (Uppsala, Sweden)

SELECTION DATE: 9th January 2025

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: 24th January 2025

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England at the 2025 U15 8 Nations in Sweden.

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 one medal in the Individual Event
- 2.2. The secondary performance objective for this event is to select players who the Panel believe will provide the necessary strength and balance to enable the Team to achieve a medal in the Team Event

3. SELECTION CONDITIONS

Players must:

- 3.1. Be eligible to represent Badminton England under Badminton Europe (BEC) / 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 2011 or later)
 - Hold a UK passport or have resided in the country for a minimum of three years immediately preceding the date of the competition
 - Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules / code of conduct of the BWF and / or Badminton England
- 3.2. Commit to any Badminton England Championship preparations as advised by the EJPP

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Panel will select eligible players in accordance with the regulations applicable to this Event (bullet pointed below and in relation to the eligibility criteria noted under 3.1 above) and in reference to the policy objectives under 2.1 - 2.2:

- Regulation Individual Event entry: Min. 4BS, 4GS, 2BD, 2GD, 4XD
- Team Event format: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD & 1XD
- Regulation Team size: Minimum 4 males, 4 females, maximum 6 males, 6 females
- Badminton England will select a Team size of: Min. of 4 male, 4 female, max. 6 male, 6 female players

- 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 criterion **within 9 months of the selection date** unless specified. **N.B** meeting any of the below criterion **does not** guarantee selection:

- Medal performance at the 2024 U15 National Championships
- Medal performance at 2024-25 U15 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:
 - 2024 U17 National Championships
 - 2024 U15 National Championships
 - 2024-25 U15 Gold Tournaments
 - 2024-25 U17 and U19 Gold Tournaments (including both Gold and Gold Star singles events in these older age groups)

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. This will be completed in line with the purpose of achieving the Policy Performance Objectives under 2.1 and 2.2.

4.2 Selection Panel Additional Considerations

Where necessary, the Panel's decision making may be guided by all or any of the following in any order and with any weighting that they see fit utilising their knowledge and discretion to select players relating to achieving 2.1 and 2.2 of the Policy. The below will be based **within the last 9 months from selection date** and relate to Events listed under 4.1 (unless specified):

- Quality of the Event/discipline/opposition in the opinion of the selection panel
- Head to heads between players / pairs (not limited to events listed in 4.1), excluding Team Events i.e., Shires League
- Player's performance trajectory / consistency
- Observations by EJP Programme (EJP Programme / Age Group Coaches) at EJP activity i.e., Gold tournaments, EJP Camps and Collaboration Days
- Players that have competed in at least half of their own Age Group Gold Tournaments in the listed period
- Significant performances / results gained at BEC sanctioned U15 Junior International tournaments listed on the [BEC International Junior Calendar](#)
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote a player's / pair's performance level i.e., impact of partnering an older player
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury or illness
- A player's conduct and attitude in relation to positively contributing to the performance of the team and the team environment, aligned to BE's [Code of Ethics and Behaviour](#) and the expected minimum standards and performance behaviours, as set out separately by the EJP found on the following BE website page [here](#).

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 EJP Team given the evidence gathered.
- 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, a minimum of one EJP Programme Coach, a minimum of one Age Group Coach and additional nominated Coaching Panel members (up to seven voting members in total), plus an Independent Observer and Administrator (Senior Co-ordinator or nominated deputy) both of which are non-voting
- 6.2 The Panel will conduct the Selection 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 and any nominated non-travelling reserves will take place on **9th January 2025**.
- 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 **10th January 2025** 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 **24th January** and the Team will be announced by 3pm on www.badmintonengland.co.uk the same day.

8. APPEALS

- 8.1 Any appeals against non-selection must be made within 72 hours from the publication of the provisional selection on the BE website. The appeals process is available [here](#).