

World & European Senior Badminton Championships

SELECTION POLICY

This Selection Policy is based on the current BWF and BEu competition regulations at the point of publication, should at any point these regulations be amended this policy will be subject to review.

1 OBJECTIVES

1.1 Primary Objective

To select players that will win the most medals for England (subject to them meeting eligibility and qualification requirements).

1.2 Secondary Objective

Where entry numbers allow, to enable players who support the domestic circuit to participate in international competition.

2 GENERAL

All players wishing to be considered for selection to compete in the World and European Senior Badminton Championships must meet the players' eligibility requirements set out in Section 3.

For events where the number of eligible players entering exceeds the Member Associations' allocation, the Badminton England Masters Policy Group Selection Panel will conduct a selection using the criteria set out in Section 4.

Players must submit their entry on or before the Badminton England closing date using the official entry process (as advertised at the time), normally via BE Tournament Software. Both doubles partners must submit their entry by this date. For an entry to be accepted it must be complete and paid for at the point of entry (or by the specified date if not required at point of entry).

Badminton England is not obliged to support 'partner wanted' entries although these may be accepted if entry numbers allow (see 4.4 below).

Badminton England will normally inform all entered players of the team selection within 3 weeks of the advertised closing date (or by an alternative date if specified).

In the event of the withdrawal of one player of a selected doubles pair after the Badminton England closing date but prior to the closing date set by the relevant International Federation (BWF/BEu), the remaining player may request to play with an alternative partner. However, the panel reserves the right to disallow the request and select an alternative pair from those not previously selected.

Any player breaching or failing to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton England, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies will not be considered for selection or if already selected will be deselected.

All players must be in good standing with Badminton England and BWF / BEu. Any breach of this at any time will result in the player not being considered for selection or, if already selected, being deselected.

3 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

In order for players to be considered for selection they must meet ALL of the following criteria (unless otherwise indicated):

- a) Have not represented any other BWF Member Association, including Scotland, Ireland or Wales, for three years immediately preceding the date of the tournament.
- b) Be a member of and in good standing with Badminton England
- c) Be resident in England at the time of entry and have been resident in England for a minimum of three years*

AND

- d) Meet one of the following criteria:
 - i. Hold a current United Kingdom passport; or
 - ii. Have been registered under England as a “Registered Player for Entry” (have a BWF ID under England) **for a period of minimum 3 years** immediately preceding the date of the Tournament (per BWF Regulation 6.3.1) **. If you are intending to use this option it is your responsibility to ensure that you are eligible this way. Badminton England is not responsible for checking, but BWF/BEu will check and if you are found not to be eligible BE will be unable to help you.

** In exceptional circumstances players not meeting the residency clause may request dispensation by sending a letter of appeal to the Masters’ Policy Group.*

*** If you would like to apply for a BWF ID under Badminton England, more information is available at <https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/on-court/competition-regulations-and-faqs/> (click on “what do I need to do to enter international tournaments). You are essentially required to complete a Player Profile Form found [here](#) and return it with proof of address to internationalentries@badmintonengland.co.uk. This will be reviewed, and if applicable BE will then submit the request to BWF. Please note that you will not be able to play for 3 years following receipt of your BWF ID under England.*

4 PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

4.1 Qualification

To be considered for selection, players should have competed in a **minimum of three** English **Masters** Circuit Tournaments in the 12 months preceding the closing date (or other period if specified in the invitation). One of these should be the most recent English National Masters Championships or All England Senior Championships.

If O35 and O40 age group players do not meet the above criteria because they are still competing on the Senior Circuit, they must have competed in a **minimum of three sanctioned BE Tournaments** in the 12 months preceding the closing date. **One of these** must be the most recent **Masters** Nationals or All England, however the other two can be Senior Circuit tournaments.

Any other age group players wishing to qualify through Senior Circuit tournaments should email englandmasters@badmintonengland.co.uk to seek dispensation.

Please note that participation in Masters County Championships, Masters County Challenge and Senior County Championships **do NOT count** towards this requirement.

Priority in selection will be given to players meeting the above qualification criteria. However, if an event is not oversubscribed (ie. the number of entries of qualified players is less than the total number of players allowed by the relevant organising body), players not meeting the qualification requirement (but that meet the eligibility criteria in Section 2) will be considered for entry into their requested event(s).

For singles events that are oversubscribed, priority will normally be given to players who participated in singles for at least two of their three qualifying tournaments.

4.2 Dispensation

Players not meeting the above qualification criteria for example because of injury, illness or other **significant** extenuating circumstances, may seek dispensation. This should ideally be done by emailing englandmasters@badmintonengland.co.uk but you may also use the comments section of the entry form. You should state clearly the reason for the request, for which you may be asked to provide evidence, and only **exceptional** reasons will normally be considered. Badminton England reserves the right to reject any requests for dispensation and the decision is final.

4.3 Nation Priority

English partnerships will normally be given priority over mixed nation pairings, unless in the opinion of Badminton England a mixed nation pairing has a significant chance of winning a medal and therefore contributing to the primary objective (normally evidenced by previous significant international medal success) versus an English partnership which has **not** demonstrated a level of international success suggesting they are likely to medal. Badminton England reserves the right to select a mixed nation pairing over an English partnership in these circumstances and the decision is final.

4.4 Partner Wanted Entries

Players entering doubles events as 'partner wanted' will only be considered if spaces are still available after all those entering as pairs, including mixed nation pairs, have been considered. You should make your best efforts to find and enter with your own partner. To assist you, there is a partner wanted spreadsheet located via [this link](#) where you can enter your details. **All partner wanted entries must have entered their details on this list to be considered for selection.** Only if you are unsuccessful in finding your own partner via this route will Badminton England consider supporting you with finding you a partner, but please note Badminton England is not obliged to do this.

4.5 Selection Criteria

- The winning player in singles events and winning pair in doubles events of the most recent English National Masters Championship will gain automatic selection for that **same event** in the **same age group** (with the **same partner** for doubles events) **provided that they meet the qualification criteria.**

After this, all of the below selection criteria are considered, but are not in priority order:

- Previous results in World and European Seniors' Championships.
- Results of the most recent English National Masters Championships and All England Senior Championships.
- Results from Gold Masters Circuit tournaments in the preceding 12-month period prior to the closing date.
- Head-to-Head results, particularly in the above tournaments.
- Wins against recognised players/pairings on the Masters' domestic tournament circuit (at all levels).

5 NOTES

- **Ranking/Grading:** At the current time, Ranking position and Grading are not considered as part of selection due to the current system not being considered to give an accurate portrayal of relative standard. Badminton England is proposing to introduce a new system which, subject to review and testing, may result in these being considered in the future.
- **Appeal:** The decision of the selection panel is final and there is no right of appeal. The panel will not respond to specific enquiries regarding selection and any response to requests for further information will be limited to directing players towards the above criteria.