

SELECTION POLICY

2025 EUROPEAN U17 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 29 NOVEMBER – 7th DECEMBER 2025 (Lanzarote)

SELECTION DATE: TBC

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: TBC

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for players to represent Badminton England at the 2025 European U17 Junior Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

2.1. The primary 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 objective for this event is to select the strongest players, combinations, 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 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 2009 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 as per 9.3 of the BEC European U17 Championships regulations [here](#)
- 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 requested by the EJPP Team.

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 due to placing in 2023 U17 Team Championships: 2BS, 2GS, 2BD, 2GD and 2XD
- Event Regulation Team Squad Size: Min. 2 male and 2 female and max. 10 male and 10 female players (with a max. 6 male and 6 female nominated for each Team match)
- Team Event format: 1BS, 1GS, 1BD, 1GD 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 4 male and 4 female, up to a max. of 6 male and 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 criteria within 9 months of the selection date. **N.B** meeting any of the below does not guarantee selection:

- Medal performance at the 2024 U17 National Championships

- Medal performance at 2024-25 U17 Gold Tournaments (for singles, the Panel will consider the Gold Star Singles Event only)
- Medal performance at 2024-25 U19 Gold Tournaments
- Win at 2024 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:
 - 2024 U17 National Championships
 - 2024 U19 National Championships
 - 2024-25 U17 & U19 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'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. 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 Event matches i.e., Shires League
- Player's performance trajectory / consistency
- Observations by EJP Programme (EJP Programme / Age Group Coaches) at EJPP activity i.e., Gold / International tournaments, EJPP 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 U17 / U19 International tournaments listed on the [BEC International Junior Calendar](#)
- Significant performance / result gained at Senior Gold Tournaments
- 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
- Balance and flexibility with objective 2.1 in mind in respect to the Team Event
- 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 defined EJPP performance behaviours, as set out separately by the EJPP and found on the following BE website [here](#).

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 EJPP Team 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 EJPP 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: EJP Programme Manager (Chair) or nominated deputy, minimum of one EJP Programme Coach 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 2025 European U17 Junior Championships will take place on **XXX**.
- 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 **XXX**. 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 midday on **XXX** 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](#)