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Selection Policy European Junior Championships 2020

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European Junior Championships 2020

Date: - Team/Individual 30 Oct-8 Nov

Venue: -TBC.

COVID 19 Amendments: *The following criteria are based on a full tournament programme having been available for players to challenge themselves. Badminton Wales recognise that this has been affected in a significant way. Badminton Wales will adhere as closely as possible to all selection criteria and will endeavour to give a fair opportunity to all players available for selection. All decisions will be directed by Government Guidance. All selections will likely need medical approval. Selected players will have an "opt in/out" and their decision will be fully accepted. This will not influence any possible future selections.*

Any relevant tournament held prior to the Junior European Championships can be considered and Badminton Wales may require players to attend specific training days which can be used to aid selection.

The European Junior Championships is an U19 event and is the flagship Junior event held every second year. Points obtained in the Individual event count towards the BWF World Junior rankings. The year group eligible for next European Junior Championship selection is 2002 and later.

1. AIM

The aim of Badminton Wales is to send a competitive team to work towards strong group and individual performances, which can be further developed into the Senior International environment. This is a highly competitive environment where team spirit and individual application support individual drive.

Budget permitting, Badminton Wales will send a team of 3+3 to compete in the team and Individual events. Individual entry will be based on the regulations set by Badminton Europe. Restrictions caused by COVID 19 may cause disruption to the qualification process however Badminton Wales will attempt to adhere as closely as possible to the following criteria

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

The European Junior Championships is a Performance event.

Team: winning 2 matches in the group phase (mirroring the result of the U17 2019 Performance).

Individual: 1 player/pairing to reach the last 16 or further.

Badminton Wales is committed to selecting players for age group International competitions as part of the on-going elite athlete development process. In so doing, Badminton Wales will strive to select players that clearly show a strong potential to achieve a high level of

performance in line with the Badminton Wales Performance Pathway objectives and Home Nation standards.

Players from outside the Badminton Wales Performance Pathway will not be considered.

3. ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

Selection will take place on Monday October 5th 2020 Provisional/Early selections may take place in order to secure flight bookings.

Budget permitting, Badminton Wales will send a team of 3+3 to compete in the team and Individual events.

Players Eligible for Selection: -

- Part of the Badminton Wales Performance Programme.
- Players Agreement signed for the current year
- Fees Paid up to date
- Membership Information and Players Google Sheets (tournament plan, weekly training, goals, daily monitoring) - must be up-to-date and complete.
- Be exposed to regular competitive play within the domestic structure (Wales & England)
- Have competitive play experience within European tournaments.
- Have in excess of 75% attendance at all Performance training sessions
- Carry out additional personal training to support the Performance Pathway.

Selection for Eligible Players for the **European Junior Championships** Team events will be based entirely on results in all disciplines in the 18 months preceding the start date of the event.

Players must play a minimum of 8 events in the 18 months preceding the Championships including Senior, U17 and U19 National Championships. More events can be played but the best 8 events will be counted.

The following tournaments are to be considered, in priority order, for selection to the European Junior Championships team: -

Priority 1

- Badminton Wales Senior Events
- National Championships** (Age Group (U17 + U19 + Senior) ** National Championships of 2020 will be prioritised if no other significant way exists of separating player results. U19 takes priority over u17)
- Badminton England Gold/Gold * U17/U19 events
- Badminton England Senior Silver and above.

- Badminton Europe sanctioned U17 + U19 event
- Badminton Europe Elite calendar events
- Badminton Wales Gold events (19)

(*Due to COVID 19 these events may be subject to change)

Priority 2

- Badminton England Graded Events.
- Senior Bronze events
- U19 Silver events
- Any recognised International event.

Priority 3

- Badminton Wales Trails (if applicable)

(head to head, standard of tournament & draws will also be taken into considered)

Players must demonstrate:

- Good coachability with regards to attitude towards training
- A strong desire and ambition to improve
- Can integrate within a group environment

Pre-Season Camps

Two EJC camps will be run in Autumn 2020 (Dates TBC). Any Performance Programme player in contention for selection will be invited to attend. Such training sessions may be attached to the Senior Squad sessions.

4. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS for Selection of athletes

- Testing Results
- Attendance at Badminton Wales Performance training
- Overall contribution to the environment
- Ability to travel independently within a team structure governed by BW Team Travel guidelines
- Have the ability to cope within a competitive environment for an extended period of time
- Ability to share a room with other team members in either double or triple rooms or individual accommodation
- Ability to function independently if needed during the European Junior Championships
- All Badminton Wales fees must be paid up-to-date to include: -
 - Performance Academy Annual Fee
 - Team Event Fees

5. OVERRIDING FACTORS/WITHDRAWALS

Should a player with an established record of high-level results become injured and unable to compete in the majority of priority listed events, the player may be considered for selection based on previous performances subject to passing a suitable fitness test, approved by or an agreed Badminton Wales physiotherapist and/or Doctor prior to the event.

If an injury occurs to a selected player post selection it will be a requirement for the selected player to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Badminton Wales) to remain/retain selection for the event. If an injury occurs to a selected player after selection, it is possible for a replacement player to be selected if:

- It is in the interests of the team
- Permitted by Badminton Wales Selection Panel

In this event, it is possible that a newly selected player will not necessarily meet the full selection criteria. This player selected must however possess high potential levels for their future and can demonstrate the desired characteristics for selection.

If a situation arises that BW have two players whose results have been matched throughout the season, the selection panel will take the results at the National Championships, in the age category of the selection event, with the dominant player being selected.

6. SELECTION PANEL

Badminton Wales' team selection criteria is committed to selecting the most appropriate team of individuals to represent Wales at identified events for the season 2020/21. Team selection is at the discretion of the Badminton Wales selectors for players who in their opinion have the ability and the potential to achieve the performance goals and go on to represent Wales at Senior level.

The Selection panel will consist of the Performance Team and Consultants who work directly with the potential players. The selection panel can ask for opinions from external sources (e.g. S&C Coach, Sport Psychologist, Physiologist and CEO or any relevant authority). These external individuals will not hold voting rights to determine selection.

A selection meeting will be arranged at an agreed and appropriate time within the tournament calendar to determine selections for the relevant event. No team will be selected without the approval of the entire Performance Selection Panel.

For European Junior Championships 2020 the Selection Panel will consist of:

Junior Performance Hub (South) Coach: Donal O'Halloran

Performance Hub (West) Coach: Huw John

Performance Hub (North) Consultant Coach: Dan Font.

Senior Performance Hub (South) Consultant Coach: Chris Rees

7. NOTIFICATION OF TEAM SELECTION

Players/Parents/Guardians will be notified by the Performance Coach of their selection via any method deemed efficient including WhatsApp. Any further information you may require as a result of the selection process should be directed to your Performance Hub Coach who will aim to expand on reasons of selection/non-selection.

Player/Parents/Guardians will have 48 hours after the notification of selection to accept selection (5pm on 7th October 2020). After this time, if no confirmation has been received in writing, the selection will be withdrawn, and the place will be offered to the next eligible player. Should this occur the player forfeits the right to be reselected after 5pm on 7th October 2020.

There will be player financial contribution to this event. This cannot be confirmed until all bookings have been made. (For indication purposes only, contribution costs for the European U17 2019 team and individual event in Poland was £300)

Badminton Wales reserves the right to amend the selection policy or process in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Any abuse directed at any member of the Performance Selection Panel will not be tolerated and may lead to Disciplinary Proceedings. Should this abuse come from the parent/guardian of an underage player, the player may be omitted for future selection considerations until the case is resolved.

8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

International Representation

A player shall be qualified to represent Wales provided the player is in good standing (includes being a member of a club / school affiliated to Badminton Wales or be individually affiliated member of BW) with Badminton Wales or a BWF member Association, has not represented another Member Association for 3 (three) years immediately preceding the date of the fixture and satisfies the following regulations

- Holds, or is eligible to hold a British passport
- Was born in Wales, or one or both parents were born in Wales
- Has held their main residence in Wales for 3 years immediately preceding the date and fixture
- Has fulfilled criteria as set by specific event requirements.

9. APPEAL PROCESS

Appeals may be made in writing to Badminton Wales within 72 hours of the date and time the team is announced on the Badminton Wales website. If the athlete fails to submit the Notice within the time limit set out in this Appeals Process he or she will have lost their right of Appeal under this Procedure. Appeals should be sent to enquiries@badminton.wales with the Subject: Appeal Selection for U19/EJC/2020.



The Notice of Appeal should be as full as possible as it will form the basis of the remainder of this procedure. Appeals will normally be conducted based on the written submissions of the appellant and the relevant Badminton Wales Selection Panel, without a hearing or the calling of witnesses or the giving of verbal evidence.

The sole ground for an appeal is that the selection policy was not properly followed. An appeal must be made in writing and will set out the grounds of the appeal including full details of the basis of the appeal including the precise manner in which the appellant alleges the selection criteria has not been followed with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation. This must be accompanied by a deposit of £100.00, payable to Badminton Wales. If the appeal is upheld the deposit will be refunded in full.

The sole ground of appeal against the decision of any selection panel will be that there has been a failure to follow the applicable selection criteria. This Selection Appeals Procedure is provided on this limited ground only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the selection panel where they have followed the proper procedure. In reaching their decision the selection panel are acting as experts and athletes agree that in so doing the panel will exercise judgement and discretion which are not in themselves capable of challenge.

There are no appeals allowed against the content of the published selection criteria and therefore against the actions of the selection panel, provided they follow the selection criteria.

Within three working days of receiving the appeal, BW will appoint a group of three selected people with relevant experience ('Appeals Committee') that will investigate the appeal. Where possible, one member of the Appeals Committee will be from outside the sport. No member of the Appeal Committee shall have been involved in the original selection process. Badminton Wales will set appropriate deadlines for the process of appeals to minimize disruptions to the competition. Due to the timescales involved, the Badminton Wales Selection Panel will use any reasonable method of communicating with athletes which will include verbal announcements to groups of athletes, telephone calls, text messages, email or fax and athletes must be aware of this and keep a constant review of these communication channels to receive the selection decision. Athletes are advised that they should inform the Appeals Team of a preferred method of communication and accept full responsibility for ensuring relevant contact details are provided. Badminton Wales will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeals Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal.

Badminton Wales, the Appellant and any Third Party are under an obligation of confidentiality in respect of any appeal proceeding under this Procedure. Save as permitted under this Selection Appeals Procedure none of these Parties will make any public statement or disclosure of the contents of the Notice, or any other matter referred to by any of the parties during the course of these Proceedings.



Badminton Wales will be entitled to publish the decision of the Appeal Panel where it upholds the Appeal (or any element of it) in such manner and to such extent as is necessary to inform all properly interested and effected parties of the status of the selection decision previously published and the resulting position as to selection.