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Eligibility & Selection Policy

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ELIGIBILITY AND TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

Eligibility

Qualification rules for International Representation, Senior and Junior National Championships

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

National Championships

A player shall be qualified to enter the Welsh National Championships providing the player satisfies all of the following regulations:

- 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 and / or a BWF member association
- Has not represented any other member association for a period of 3 years immediately preceding the date of the tournament
- Has not competed in the National Championships of another member association for 1 year preceding the tournament
- Was born in Wales or one or both parents were born in Wales
- Has had their main residence in Wales for 2 (two) years immediately preceding the date of the tournament

Team Selection Criteria

Selection Panel

Badminton Wales' team selection criteria is committed to selecting the most appropriate team to represent Wales at identified events for the season 2019/20. Team selection is at the discretion of the Badminton Wales selectors for players who in their opinion have the ability and the potential to go on to represent Wales at Junior and Senior level.

The Selection panel will consist of Performance Team and Consultants who work directly with the potential players (e.g. S&C Coach, Sport Psychologist, Physiologist and CEO).

A selection meeting will be arranged at an agreed and appropriate time within the tournament calendar to determine selections for the relevant events.

- Celtic Challenge
- U15 Quadrangular
- U19 European Championships (Individual Event)
- Senior International Events
- Senior International Graded Events
- Any other international event identified and authorised by Badminton Wales

Note: Selection will take place well in advance of the event to enable adequate time to secure competitive rates of travel and accommodation where applicable. Provisional/Early selections may take place in order to secure flight bookings.

Badminton Wales Policy Objective

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.

Badminton Wales is committed to ensuring that the Junior and Senior International programme is focused on the on-going development of players ultimately targeting future senior international badminton. All decisions taken with regards to these events are driven by a performance agenda, to instil a performance culture throughout BW pathway however consideration for selection of players outside the current Badminton Wales Performance Pathway maybe given to fulfil our commitment to the selected events. The selection of these players will be at the discretion of the selection panel.

Overarching Selection Elements

The following two areas will form part of the selection process whilst considering all players for team selection: -

- Performance
 - Tournament Results (Badminton Wales, England and Europe)
 - Previous Team event selection & results
 - Results at mandatory identified events (Age group specific)

- County, Club and School results
- Testing Results & Attendance

- Lifestyle
 - Regional Academy, High-Performance and Senior Squad Camp Attendance
 - Designated Tournament attendance. (Age group specific)
 - Pre-Camp attendance
 - Performance Camp attendance
 - Attitude during training and competition
 - Attitude towards coaches and teammates
 - Coachability
 - Overall contribution to the environment

Selection Criteria / Performance Objectives

The Selectors will select players that in their view are fulfilling the below criteria in the most competitive and appropriate way.

Eligibility for Selection

- All Performance Academy documentation (Players Agreement/tournament program/weekly training plan/Player Membership Information) must be up-to-date and complete.
- Commitment to Badminton Wales training structure with a positive attitude to development.
- Attendance at a Badminton Wales Satellite Centre / Regional Academy / High-Performance / Senior Squad Camp is preferable (or agreed alternative).
- Players must demonstrate a competitive tournament programme relevant to the age group. Consideration for selection will be taken at the following domestic tournaments: Badminton Wales Gold and Open Events, Junior National Championships at age group level and the age group above and Senior National Championships.
- Badminton England Circuit Grading will be taken into consideration and tournament results at Bronze/Silver/Gold standard.
- Players should report all tournament results to the Performance Coaches / Player Manager on a regular basis and keep their Google Results Sheet up to date.
- Attendance, behaviour, and performance of players will be constantly reviewed throughout the season. Consideration for selection will take all of these areas into consideration.
- All Badminton Wales fees must be up-to-date to include: -
 - Performance Academy Annual Fee
 - Team Event Fees

Overriding Factors

Should a player with an established record of high-level results become injured and unable to compete in the majority of 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 nomination 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 nomination 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.

Notification of Team Selection and Non-Selection

Players/Parents/Guardians will be notified by the Performance Coach of your selection or non-selection. This notification will also be sent to the Performance Coach at your Regional Academy or High-Performance Centre. Any further information you may require as a result of the selection process should be directed to your Regional Coach who will aim to expand on reasons of selection/non-selection.

Badminton Wales reserves the right to amend the selection policy or process in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Please note that, in line with Badminton Wales selection process, there is no right of appeal for selections.

U13

Players must demonstrate:

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

Players need to:

- Be technically proficient
- Offer a good understanding of basic skills and tactics.
- Have the ability to cope within a competitive environment.
- Be attached to a recognised BW Satellite Centre/Regional Academy or receiving documented regular coaching from a registered BW coach.
- Be exposed to regular competitive play through club and / or county and within the domestic tournament structures within Wales and/or England.
- Be capable of travelling independently within a team structure governed by BW Team Selection guidelines.

The following tournaments must be competed at and selection will be based on the results at the following events: -

- National Championships (Age Group and Above)
- Badminton Wales Graded Events.
- Badminton England Graded Events
- Previous Celtic Challenge Experience
- Miscellaneous (Club, County, restricted)
- Badminton Wales Trails (if applicable)

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

U15

Players must demonstrate:

- The core attributes highlighted at U13.
- A strong physical profile demonstrating key physical attributes.
- A well-structured and balanced tournament program (agreed and constructed by the Regional Academy Coach) which offers challenging competition both domestically and in England or Europe.
- Final placements of tournaments (e.g. Semi Final) and the strength of tournament will be taken into consideration by the selection panel along with head to head results before any judgment or decision will be made.
- Badminton England Grading will be considered along with the grading of the tournaments entered.
- Badminton Wales have identified 8 key events U15 players must attend to fulfil their eligibility for consideration for any team event selection. *(Singles results will be a priority, doubles and mixed results will also be considered as part of the selection process)*
 - *8 Competitions in total*
 - National Championships U15 & U17
 - 3 Badminton Wales Gold Events
 - 3 Badminton England graded Events.

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

U17/19

Players must demonstrate:

- A high level of competitiveness.
- A high level of commitment to tournaments and training.
- A continued clear progression from U15.
- A good physical profile and lifestyle which reflects the levels to transitioning to becoming a successful senior international.

Player must:

- Compete at age group(U17) and above(U19) National Championships
- Senior National Championships.
- Must evidence the ability to compete at a minimum of Silver/Gold standard Badminton England events.

European/World Championships Selection

Players must demonstrate the ability to compete as a minimum standard:

- English Senior Bronze/Silver/Gold events
- U17/U19 Badminton England Gold/Gold* Standard events.

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

Senior International

Senior selections will be made from within the Performance Structure except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Performance Team.

Players must demonstrate:

- A high level of competitiveness.
- A high level of commitment to tournaments and training.
- A good physical profile and lifestyle which reflects the levels to become a successful senior international.
- Commitment to the BWPP and the support.
- In good standing with Badminton Wales.

Player:

- Compete at the Senior Welsh National Championship
- Compete at the Welsh International
- Must evidence the ability to compete at a minimum of Silver/Gold standard Badminton England events.

European/World Team Selection

Players must demonstrate the ability to compete as a minimum standard:

- Be committed to the BWPP
- English Senior Silver/Gold events
- U19 Badminton Europe Junior Circuit
- U17/U19 Badminton England Gold/Gold* Standard events
- Results at International Tournaments

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



Senior Graded Events

The Senior Graded International Event between the Home Countries – Wales, Ireland, England and Scotland

Competition Format

- 1 Day event
- Each Grade will compete in a round robin format, which will consist of three ties for each country
- Team size – minimum 2 men and 2 women.
- Each tie will be made up of 5 Matches (MS, WS, MD, WD & XD)
- All matches must be played in each tie

Criteria

Invitation based upon participation and results at the following:

1. VICTOR Welsh Senior Nationals Championships
2. Senior Welsh Open Competitions
3. Vets Competitions

Player will need to be an accredited Member of Badminton Wales.

The 2019 event is for Players outside of the Badminton Wales Performance Pathway.

The event is Self-funded.

Badminton Wales will appoint a Team Manager to oversee organisation and arrangements of the Teams travelling to the Event.