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Selection Policy and Standards  
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## Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

### Introduction

- 1 This selection policy has been agreed by **BADMINTONscotland** and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which **BADMINTONscotland** will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Gold Coast 2018. Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this document, is therefore the first step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2018 Games lies with CGS
- 2 **BADMINTONscotland** will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the badminton Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) that should be read in conjunction with these standards.
- 3 Entry numbers per event and the overall number of athletes are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) allocation. Should more athletes achieve the standards then **BADMINTONscotland** will prioritise in accordance with this policy.

### Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 4 Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2018, achieving our highest ever number of medals at a Games outwith Scotland and overall have a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when competing at these Games than in 2014.
- 5 This badminton policy is consistent with the aim.

### Athlete Eligibility

- 6 The eligibility criteria of the CGF, Article 24, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
- 7 Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, in terms of birth or parent's birth, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the CGF under their guidelines. No applications will be considered after 1 March 2017 to allow any case sufficient time for review and any submission to the CGF.

### Games Competition Format

- 8 Games Competition Format
  - 8.1 Team Event (maximum of 10 players per country: five male/five female).
  - 8.2 Men's and Women's Singles (maximum of three entries per country for each event).

- 8.3 Men's and Women's Doubles (maximum of two pairs per country for each event).
- 8.4 Mixed Doubles (maximum of four pairs per country).

### **Sport Specific Selection Standards**

Selection period: 1 January 2017 until 12 February 2018:

- 9.1 A position in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) published world rankings on at least two occasions during the selection period one of which must be after 1 August 2017, of:
- A world ranking of Top 75 in MS
  - A world ranking of Top 45 in WS
  - A world ranking of Top 55 in MD
  - A world ranking of Top 60 in WD
  - A world ranking of Top 50 in XD

**OR**

Proven success, demonstrated by at least two wins during the selection period of 1 January 2017 to 14 February 2018, one of which must be after 1 August 2017 against players holding the discipline specific world ranking detailed above, at the time of the win, via results from head to head competition in recognised events may be considered. .

- 9.2 In a Doubles event, where a Scottish player qualifies by virtue of their world ranking with a non-Scottish player, this will allow this player to be considered for nomination for this discipline. A partner for this player would then be considered for nomination where:
- The average of the combined ranking of both players meets the discipline specific world ranking standard in 9.1

**OR**

- The nominated partner, achieves at least two wins against pairings who contain at least one person who meets the discipline specific world ranking standard in 9.1

- 9.3 Subject to receiving an invitation to compete by the 31 December 2017 from the CGF and overall Team Scotland athlete quota places being available, **BADMINTONscotland** will also qualify to nominate to CGS, up to three men and three women, for the team event if Scotland:
- finishes in the Top 6 or Top 1/2 of the field, whichever is tighter, of Commonwealth countries in the 2017 Sudirman Cup

**OR**

- Achieves a Top 6 ranking of Commonwealth countries in the official BWF published team rankings, on at least two occasions within the qualification period (1 January 2017 to 12 February 2018).

Additional nominations will be considered in line with the CGS General Selection Policy section “Selection Guidelines for Athletes” section 28.

- 9.4 Athletes who at the sole discretion of the **BADMINTONscotland** selection committee represent a very strong medal prospect, and have been injured and unable to perform to their best through the selection window, may be considered for nomination subject to proving fitness to the satisfaction of the **BADMINTONscotland** selection committee up to the final nomination date of 12 February 2018.
- 9.5 **BADMINTONscotland** will use the criteria below to prioritise qualified athletes for nomination in the following order:
- 9.5.1 The player/pair with the highest number of wins against opposition ranked inside the set world ranking for each event during the qualification period.
- 9.5.2 If policy 1 does not separate the athletes then the player/pair will be prioritised depending on the highest number of places above the set world ranking during the qualification period

### Other Factors for Consideration

10 The following may also be taken into account:

- \* A GB Badminton programme decision which adversely affects potential world ranking
- \* Players will also be asked to undertake health and fitness assessment prior to nomination to CGS.

### Selection process

- 11 **BADMINTONscotland** will send initial nominations to CGS by 30 November 2017. CGS will confirm initial team selections by 15 December 2017
- 12 **BADMINTONscotland** will send their final nominations to CGS by 12 February 2018. CGS will confirm the final team selections by 20 February 2018.
- 13 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

### De-selection

- 14 **Antidoping:** Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected will be deselected from the Gold Coast 2018 team.

**Injury Management:** Where injury issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the badminton Team Management. This will be specific to badminton and the athlete's condition and may include input from CGS medical staff. Any selection or de-selection decision, following such a test, will be final.

Athletes in breach of CGS and **BADMINTONscotland** policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.

## **Appeal Process**

- 15 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by **BADMINTONscotland** is entirely a matter for the athlete and **BADMINTONscotland**. This should be held in accordance with **BADMINTONscotland**'s own appeal procedures, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 16 After communication of nominated players by 12 February 2018 any player not included has the right of appeal. Appeals against non-nomination will be heard by the **BADMINTONscotland** Appeals Committee, in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Rules of Scottish Badminton Union Limited (Ref 3.8.3.5). These Bye-Laws and Rules of Scottish Badminton Union can be viewed by clicking on the undernoted link:  
  
<http://www.badmintonscotland.org.uk/index.php/ethics-and-rules/bye-laws-and-rules>
- 17 All appeals must be received, in writing, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, to the **BADMINTONscotland** Chief Executive by 15 February 2018 by 12noon.
- 18 In all instances, **BADMINTONscotland** will respond in writing to the athlete by 19 February 2018, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.
- 19 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by **BADMINTONscotland** and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by **BADMINTONscotland**, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made in writing within five days of notification of selection outcomes to **BADMINTONscotland** by CGS.

## **Appointment of Team Staff**

- 20 A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with **BADMINTONscotland** by April 2017. The final complement of badminton team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with **BADMINTONscotland**. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas.

## Appendix 1

### ARTICLE 24

#### Eligibility

1. Subject to Article 24(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all athletes must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must:
  - (a) not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) or International Federation (IF) or under the World Anti Doping Code;
  - (b) comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs and the World Anti Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.
2. Subject to Article 24(3), where an athlete was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the athlete may initially represent either the athlete's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.
3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, an athlete may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned. Applications under this article must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 12 months prior to the commencement of the Games.
4. It is the responsibility of all affiliated CGAs to ensure that their athletes are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.
5. The Executive Board will have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 24 (1-3) in its discretion.

In relation this clause, the CGF Executive Board at its meeting in August 2004 gave the following guidelines:

- If an athlete has previously represented a country at a Commonwealth Games they may continue to represent that country at future Games.
- Athletes wishing to compete for a country on the basis of residency must show they have resided in that country for five years immediately prior to those Games.

Further guidelines were given in August 2005 as follows:

#### Athlete Eligibility - Athlete Dispensation Criteria

The General Assembly noted the Executive Board's decision that in accordance with Article 25 (5) dispensations would be granted to athletes where common passports exist in that an athlete may represent the new country subject to having fulfilled all the requirements of the relevant International Federation.