

2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

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Buenos Aires**

SELECTION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This document sets out the selection procedure in respect of athlete nominations to the British Olympic Association for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. To select the players qualified for 2018 Youth Olympic Games according to the qualification system of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the selection criteria of GB Badminton.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. To be considered for selection under this Policy, a player must be eligible to represent Great Britain in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games under the International Olympic Committee, the Badminton World Federation and the British Olympic Association regulations in place from time to time, including, but not limited to:
 - 3.1.1. Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter;
 - 3.1.2. Born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003;
 - 3.1.3. Holder of a valid British passport;
 - 3.1.4. Be an affiliated member of and in good standing with the respective National Governing Body.

4. BWF QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- 4.1. A total of 54 players will qualify in each men's and women's singles event, including host country, universality and continental confederation places.
- 4.2. A maximum of two men and two women from each National Olympic Committee (NOC) will qualify, only if both men and/or both women are among the top four of the World Junior Rankings on 3 May 2018. If this is not achieved, the maximum quota allocation from each National Olympic committee is one player per event.
- 4.3. The process for allocating quota places is detailed in section D.1 of the BWFs Qualification System. The entire document is attached.
- 4.4. It should be noted that it will be mandatory for all qualified players to play in the mixed NOC team event.

5. GB Badminton SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1. GB Badminton will select and nominate players in accordance with the policy objectives and eligibility criteria, who fulfil one of the following criteria:

5.1.1. The highest eligible ranked player in each men's and women's singles event, according to the World Junior Rankings on 03-05-2018, will be selected.

6. APPEALS

6.1. GB Badminton selection and nomination "fast" appeals procedure will be followed (attached).

7. DESELECTION

- 7.1. A player selected for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games may be deselected if the player:
- 7.1.1. Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the Selection Panel (see below), becomes unable to perform to the required standard. Medical advice may be sought.
 - 7.1.2. Breaches, or fails to fulfil a requirement of, the Anti-Doping Policies of the respective National Governing Body, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies.
 - 7.1.3. No longer fulfils the eligibility criteria listed in Section 2 of this document.
- 7.2. Any decision to deselect a player from this event will be taken by the Selection Panel and communicated to the respective player in writing explaining the reason(s) for the deselection.
- 7.3. The selection of any replacement players will be completed in accordance with this selection policy.

8. SELECTION PANEL

8.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of GB Badminton, the nominated Olympic Team Leader plus one other Member of the GB Board. The Panel will be confirmed by the GB Badminton Board prior to 30 April 2018. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the GB Badminton Board can appoint replacement Members of this Selection Panel from within its Membership such that there is always a minimum of 3 Members of the Selection Panel. Panel members should declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of the selection meeting such as close personal connections with players considered for selection (e.g. family). The panel member can take part in discussions but will abstain from voting when this involves the player(s) in question.

9. SELECTION PROCEDURE – TIMESCALES

- 9.1. The selection for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games will take place on 14 May--2018.
- 9.2. Selected players will be informed about the team selection via email on 15 May 2018.
- 9.3. Selected players must confirm their availability for the duration of the Games as well as any team preparation activities outlined in the player invitation letter within 24 hours.
- 9.4. These provisional selections will be published on www.badmintonengland.co.uk on 17 May 2018 and as far as possible on other home nation web-sites
- 9.5. Non-selected players will have 24 hrs to submit an appeal from receiving the above notice and GB Badminton will ensure that all appeals have been heard and concluded within one week (see item 6 – Appeals).
- 9.6. Nominations will be submitted to the British Olympic Association on or before 25 May2018.

- 9.7. Final selection is at the sole discretion of the British Olympic Association and will be based on the GB Badminton nominations made against this selection policy. The British Olympic Association will submit its selection to the Badminton World Federation by 31 May 2018.
- 9.8. The selection will be announced on www.badmintonengland.co.uk following ratification from the British Olympic Association.

GB Badminton Board

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BWF Qualification system for the Youth Olympic Games 2018

GB Badminton Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure