



## NOMINATION & SELECTION POLICY – MINSK 2019 EUROPEAN GAMES

### 1 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Great Britain Badminton (GBB) is responsible for nominating a Great Britain Badminton squad to participate in the 2019 European Games. The British Olympic Association (BOA) is responsible for the selection and entry of athletes to compete in the 2019 European Games. GBB in consultation with the BOA utilising the official MEGOC qualification system have set the following nomination and selection policy for this Games.
- 1.2 The maximum number of competitors per National Olympic Committee (NOC) shall be **two** players in the men's singles and women's singles and **two** pairs in each of the doubles events (men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles), provided each entry is directly qualified (see Clause 5 below). The maximum number of men and women respectively per NOC is eight (a total of 16).
- 1.4 To be eligible for selection in any event, all players must have played in a minimum of three tournaments counting towards the World Rankings lists during the European Games qualifying period (26 March 2018 – 24 March 2019) and be registered in the World Ranking list of 28 March 2019.
- 1.5 Final selection is at the sole discretion of the BOA and will be based on GBB's nominations made against this nomination and selection policy. Selections will be submitted to the MEGOC and the team will be announced following ratification from the MEGOC.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 To be considered for selection under this Policy, an athlete must comply with the provision of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, being:
- (a) a holder of a valid British passport;
  - (b) eligible under Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter entitled "Nationality of Competitors".
  - (c) be an affiliated member of and in good standing with their respective National Governing Body; and
  - (d) eligible under any other eligibility criteria imposed by the EOC and/or the MEGOC including in respect of anti-doping.

### **3 NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE – TIMESCALES**

- 3.1 The BWF World Ranking List as of **28 March 2019** will be used to determine who is eligible for selection for the Games. Each list shall be adjusted by removing all players who are not qualified to represent any NOC in accordance with EOC regulation.

**Nomination and Selection** – The Nominations Panel will convene on the **2 April 2019** following the allocation of quota places by the MEGOC. Initial nominations to the BOA by GBB will be made no later than **9 April 2019**. In the event that additional quota places are allocated to Great Britain on the **25 April 2019**, the Nominations Panel will reconvene on the **26 April 2019** to consider further nominations based once again on this policy.

The BOA will be responsible for confirming and submitting the selected players to the MEGOC on the **10 April 2019** and should there be any additions following the reallocation process on the **30 April 2019**.

Nominated/selected players are not permitted to make any announcements to the media or the general public in any form whatsoever (including via any social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook) of their possible or confirmed selection or non-selection prior to official announcement by the BOA of such selection.

Any decision to deselect a player(s) before the entry deadline (**1 May 2019**) will be the responsibility of GBB. Following the entry deadline any decisions on deselection of players will be the responsibility of the BOA (in consultation with GBB) in accordance with Clause 6.2.

All dates in this clause 3.1 may be subject to variation. Any such variations will be notified to all players eligible for selection.

### **4 NOMINATIONS PANEL**

- 4.1 A GB Nominations Panel comprising of five representatives will be responsible for the administering of this policy, comprising the Team Leader, England Head Coach a National Coach from one of the Home Nation Associations excluding Badminton England, a non-voting observer from the GBB Board and a non-voting independent observer. In the event of a tie the Team Leader will hold the casting vote.

### **5 EUROPEAN GAMES QUALIFICATION STANDARDS**

- 5.1 As stated above at Clause 1.2, the maximum number of competitors per NOC shall be **two** players in each of the men's singles and women's singles and **two** pairs in each of the doubles events (men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles) (subject to the provisions set out in Clauses 5.4 to 5.7).

- 5.2 The European Ranking List of 28 March 2019 (the “List”) will be used to allocate qualifying places until a total 32 places in each singles event and 32 places (16 pairs) in each doubles event are allocated (also taking into account the BEC/EOC Olympic Qualifying Regulations that have allocated 4 Male and 3 Female Universality Places to eligible NOCs. These places will be allocated by the EOC Technical Group in conjunction with the BEC.

### **Singles Events**

- 5.3 If players are ranked 1 - 8 on the List, such players will gain automatic selection in order of ranking up to a maximum of two in accordance with Clause 1.2.
- 5.4 If only one player is ranked 1-8 on the list such a player will gain automatic selection. No further players ranked outside of the top 8 on the List in this circumstance will be eligible for selection.
- 5.5 If no players are ranked 1 - 8, all players achieving qualifying places on the List will be considered collectively and one player selected based on the following criteria (in no order of priority):
- (i) World Ranking as at 28 March 2019;
  - (ii) Current levels of consistency in performance and fitness;
  - (iii) Achievements at major events over the past two years;
  - (iv) Performance against higher ranked players at Level 3 events and above;
  - (v) Longer term potential up to and beyond 2020
- 5.6 Selection decisions made in respect of the pathway listed in paragraph 5.5 above shall be taken by the Panel in their reasonable discretion by taking into account relevant facts including those listed above. For example, if an eligible player is ranked below another on 28 March 2019 but has greater potential to medal at a future major championship event (e.g. World Championships, Olympic Games) the Panel reserve right to select such athlete on such a basis.
- 5.7 For the avoidance of doubt, nomination for selection via the process set out in paragraphs 5.3-5.4-5.5 may (in the event that a lower ranked player is nominated ahead of a higher ranked player) be subject to the relevant quota place being available pursuant to the reallocation process set out in the official MEGOC qualification system.

### **Doubles Events**

- 5.8 If pairs are ranked 1 - 4 on the List, such pairs will gain automatic selection in order of ranking up to a maximum of two in accordance with Clause 1.2.
- 5.9 If only one pair is ranked 1-4 on the list such a pair will gain automatic selection. No further pairings ranked outside of the top 4 on the List in this circumstance will be eligible for selection.

- 5.10 If no pairs are ranked 1-4 all players achieving qualifying places on the List will be considered collectively and one pair selected based on the following criteria (in no order of priority):
- (i) World Ranking as at 28 March 2019;
  - (ii) Current levels of consistency in performance and fitness;
  - (iii) Achievements at major events over the past two years;
  - (iv) Performance against higher ranked pairs at Level 3 events and above;
  - (v) Longer term potential up to and beyond 2020
- 5.11 Selection decisions made in respect of the pathway listed in paragraph 5.10 above shall be taken by the Panel in their reasonable discretion by taking into account all relevant facts including those listed above. For example, if an eligible pair is ranked below another on 28 March 2019 but has greater potential to medal at a future major championship event (e.g. World Championships, Olympic Games) the Panel would reserve the right to select such pair on such a basis.
- 5.12 For the avoidance of doubt, nomination for selection via the process set out in paragraphs 5.8-5.9-5.10 may (in the event that a lower ranked player is nominated ahead of a higher ranked player) be subject to the relevant quota place being available pursuant to the reallocation process set out in the official MEGOC qualification system.
- 5.13 It should be noted that only players/pairings that are actively competing internationally in BWF sanctioned events on or about the 28 March 2019 will be considered for nomination.

## **6 WITHDRAWAL**

- 6.1 Prior to the entry deadline (**1 May 2019**), regardless of any other provision, no player will be nominated to or entered by the BOA if, at the time of nomination and in accordance with Clause 3.1:
- (i) They are injured or unfit, unless they can satisfy the GBB that they will be able to compete in the Games to the best of their ability (this may include carrying out a pre-determined sports specific physical assessment and a medical examination by the Badminton England Medical Officer); or
  - (ii) They have not demonstrated to the satisfaction of GBB their full commitment to the required training and competition programme. For the avoidance of doubt, any decisions made with regard to deselection prior to the entry deadline will remain the responsibility of GBB. GBB shall at all times keep the BOA informed of any actual or potential deselection decisions.

6.2 After the entry deadline, in the event of there being a query over the ability of a player to be able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or illness the following procedure will be adhered to:

- (i) the BOA Chief Medical Officer can require a player to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate which at this stage will be determined based on an assessment of whether the injury and/or illness is such that the player risks causing medical harm to him or herself, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators. The BOA Chief Medical Officer will carry out this examination or another doctor delegated by him/her. If the player fails the medical examination he/she will be withdrawn from the Team.
- (ii) if the player passes the medical examination carried out in accordance with (i) above but GBB and/or the BOA have concerns over whether or not the player is able to compete to the level ordinarily expected of them due to the underlying injury or illness, the Team GB Chef de Mission can require the athlete to undergo a set of pre-determined sports specific performance tests. Those tests will be agreed in advance following consultation with the Team Leader and Badminton England Medical Officer.

## **7 APPEALS**

7.1 In the event that a player wishes to appeal against a decision made by the Nominations Panel in relation to nomination or deselection, the player shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the GB Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure” which is available upon request. It should be noted that a player may only appeal against a decision of the Nominations Panel on the grounds that the procedure set out in this policy has not been applied correctly.

7.2 In the event that:

- (i) the BOA fails to select a player nominated by GBB; or
- (ii) the BOA deselects a player post the entry deadline,

the player shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the BOA’s “Selection Appeals Process”. A copy of which is available from the BOA upon request.

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The following terms referred in this policy have the following meanings:

“**NOC**” means the National Olympic Committee; Team GB;

“**MEGOC**” means Minsk European Games Committee;

“**BEC**” means Badminton Europe Committee;

“**EOC**” means European Olympic Committee