

BADMINTON SCOTLAND JUNIOR SELECTION POLICY

U15 EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024
11th-14th SEPTEMBER 2024 TBC, SUWALKI, POLAND

PROVISIONAL SELECTION DATE: Thursday 30th May 2024.

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday 31st May 2024

CONFIRMED SELECTION DATE: Friday 7th June 2024.

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for athletes to represent Scotland at the U15 European Junior Championships 2024.

2. POLICY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

2.1 Primary objective- Select Athletes capable of challenging for a top eight placement at the event.

2.2 Secondary objective- Expose athletes who will gain experience to aid in their development of Badminton Scotland's performance pathway outcomes:

'To produce athletes capable of consistently competing at a world class level, this includes achieving identified targets in relation to the GB Performance Programme and medals at Commonwealth Games.'

3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

3.1 An athlete shall be qualified to represent a Member Association providing the Athlete is in good standing with that Member Association and satisfies BWF Regulations 6.3.1:

BWF Regulation 6.3.1. Is eligible as follows:

- (1) Has not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the Tournament, and either:
- (2) Holds a passport of a country whose territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over; or
- (3) Holds a passport of a country, where such passport is the generally accepted passport of the territory the Member Association has jurisdiction over (e.g. Athletes from New Caledonia holding a French passport); or
- (4) An Athlete who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent one of them, as the Athlete may elect. However, after having represented one country the Athlete may not represent another country unless the Athlete meets the conditions set forth in Regulations 6.3.1 that apply to Athletes who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality; or
- (5) Has been registered under that Member Association as a "Registered Player for Entry" (Member name shown for the Player on the World Ranking and/or World Junior Ranking) for a period of minimum 3 years immediately preceding the date of the tournament; or
- (6) Has lived in the country for a minimum of 3 years immediately preceding the event.

3.2 An Athlete must be affiliated to Badminton Scotland

3.3 Commit to any Badminton Scotland Championship preparations plans for the U15 European Junior Championships (unless agreed otherwise with the Junior performance Manager)

3.4 Athletes must meet the relevant age criteria set by the tournament- born 2010 or later.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

Badminton Scotland will select eligible Athletes in accordance with the regulations applicable to this Event (bullet pointed below) and in respect to the policy objectives 2.1- 2.2:

4.1 Selection Considerations

The Panel will consider and can select Athletes / pairs who;

- 1) Have competed in a minimum of 3 Scottish U15 A Grade events and the U15 Scottish National Championships within 12 months immediately preceding the event, however;
 - (i) An Athlete can individually agree with the Junior Performance Manager to swap out 1 Scottish A Grade event for a Badminton Europe Junior International Circuit event (to ensure athletes are not overloading their tournament programme).
 - (ii) A minimum of 1 U15 Scottish A Grade event must be played in the year 2024.
- (2) Athletes who have met the above commitment may be considered for selection if they have results in at least one of the below criteria within 12 months of the selection date. N.B meeting any of the below does not guarantee selection:

- Results at U13 or U15 Junior International events on the Badminton Europe Calendar
- Results at U13 or U15 English Gold* events
- Results at U15 or U17 Scottish National Championships
- Results at U15 or U17 Scottish A Grade Tournaments
- Any other notable results in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel

N.B Athletes/pairs will be considered and assessed against the additional considerations below and selection decisions will be taken by the Panel exercising its expert opinion.

4.2 Selection Panel Additional Considerations

Where necessary, the Panel will consider the following during their discussion:

- Quality of the Event/discipline/opposition
- Head to heads between Athletes / pairs (not limited to events listed in 4.1)
- Athletes / pairs performance trajectory / consistency
- Impact of partnering a stronger and/or older Athlete
- Unforeseen circumstances that over-promote an Athlete / pairs performance level
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury or illness

5. DESELECTIONS & REPLACEMENTS

5.1 An Athlete becoming ill or injured at any time following their selection must notify the Badminton Scotland Junior Performance Manager immediately. Any Athlete who becomes ill or injured and is deemed unable to perform will be asked to seek medical advice, which may result in the athlete being de-selected, at the discretion of the Badminton Scotland Junior Performance Manager / Team Manager and/or Coach.

5.2. An Athlete who is unable or unwilling to comply with the Badminton Scotland Championship event preparations and competition plans outlined in 3.3 above may be de-selected.

5.3. An Athlete who breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton Scotland or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) may be de-selected.

5.4. An Athlete who no longer fulfils the selection conditions outlined in 3.1 above may be de-selected.

5.5. Any decision to deselect an athlete will be taken by the Selection Panel and communicated to the respective athlete via email, explaining the reason(s) for the de-selection.

5.6. Any replacement Athlete(s) will be selected in accordance with this Selection Policy agreed with the Selection Panel and in accordance with the Selection Panel Standard Operating Procedures.

6. SELECTION PANEL

6.1 The Selection Panel will consist of:

- Badminton Scotland Junior Performance Manager (Chair)
- National Junior Lead Coach (overseeing U19+ Development)
- National Junior Lead Coach (overseeing U15 and U17 Development)
- National Junior Lead Coach (Overseeing U13 Development)
- Administrator (Performance Co-Ordinator or nominated deputy - non-voting)

6.2 There will be four voting members of the selection panel (as indicated above), with the Junior Performance Manager (Chair) having the deciding vote in the event of a decision not being reached.

6.3 The Selection Panel will conduct the Selection Panel meeting in line with the agreed Standard Operating Procedures for the Selection Panel.

7. SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

7.1. Selection of the provisional Athletes to attend this Event plus any nominated non-travelling reserves for the 2024 U15 European Junior Championships will take place on Thursday 30th May 2024.

7.2. Those provisionally selected under this Policy will be informed about the provisional Team selection via email by Friday 31st May 2024. Provisional Team selection will also be added to the Badminton Scotland website on the same date.

7.3. Provisionally selected Athletes must confirm their availability and agree to any terms of selection by Monday 3rd June 2024 at 5pm, following receipt of the email of their notice of selection as noted under 7.2.

7.4. Non-selected Athletes will have 72 hours to submit an appeal from publication of the provisional selection on Badminton Scotland website and Badminton Scotland will ensure that all appeals have been heard and concluded by Friday 7th June 2024.

7.5. The confirmed Team members will be e-mailed, and the Team will be announced on www.badmintonscotland.org.uk following the conclusion of any appeals process.

8. APPEALS

8.1. Badminton Scotland's Appeals Procedure will be followed, found at the following location – [Team Selection 2023/24 | Badminton Scotland | Play, Compete & Coach badminton in Scotland](#)