

# BADMINTON SCOTLAND JUNIOR SELECTION POLICY

U17 European Junior Championships 2025

Date and location TBC (estimated August/September 2025)

**PROVISIONAL TEAM SELECTION DATE: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**CONFIRMED TEAM SELECTION DATE:** At conclusion of Selection/Appeals process

## 1. POLICY PURPOSE

This selection policy outlines the selection process for athletes to represent Scotland at the U17 European Junior Championships 2025.

Selectors will nominate athletes based on the below performance objectives.

Athletes who have evidenced the ability to achieve a top 8 placement will be selected for the specific discipline they have evidenced potential in; however, the rest of the team will be selected based on team balance and future potential.

The team Coaches/selectors will then determine the appropriate individual events and partnerships at a later date.

Selectors may select a maximum of 5 male and 5 female athletes however, reserve the right to decide on the appropriateness of entering a team based on Badminton Scotland's performance strategy and objectives.

## 2. POLICY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

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

2.2 Select a balanced team capable of challenging for a top 8 placement at the event

2.3 Select Athletes with the potential to meet Badminton Scotland's performance pathway objectives in the future.

'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

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 Association 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.
  - (6) Furthermore, in the case of athletes having a UK passport from a Home Nations Country, an athlete must have lived in the country for a minimum of 3 years immediately preceding the event; or
  - (7) Was born in Scotland or one/both parents were born in Scotland.
2. An Athlete must be affiliated and in good standing with Badminton Scotland
3. Commit to any Badminton Scotland Championship preparations plans for the event (unless agreed otherwise with the Junior performance Manager)
4. Athletes must meet the relevant age criteria set by the tournament- born 2009 age group or later.

Athlete eligibility may be subject to change as policies are agreed and updated. This document will be updated as and when eligibility changes are made.

## 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 & 2.3:

### 4.1 Selection Considerations

- 1) The Panel will consider and can select Athletes who;
  - (l) Have competed in a minimum of 4 Scottish A Grade events (any age group) and the U17 Scottish National Championships within 12 months immediately preceding the event.
- 2) The panel will consider international tournament results to evaluate athletes in relation to the primary policy performance objective 2.1.
- 3) The panel will consider an athletes performance trajectory, development and training application in their expert opinion when selecting athletes in relation to performance policy objectives 2.2 and 2.3.

### 4.2 Selection Panel Additional Considerations

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

- Quality of the Event/discipline/opposition
- Extenuating circumstances e.g., significant/long term injury or illness
- An athlete's performance behaviours within training and competition
- Conflicting selection events at multiple age groups/senior
- Strength and depth of athlete cohort/appropriateness of entering the team event

## 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 and/or Team Manager.

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:

- National Junior Performance Network Manager (NJPNM) (Chair)
- National Junior Lead Coach (West Lead)
- National Junior Lead Coach (East Lead)
- 1 Badminton Scotland Senior Performance Coach
- 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 NJPNM having the deciding vote if a decision cannot be 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 will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

7.2. Those provisionally selected under this Policy, will be informed about the provisional Team selection via email by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025. 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 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 17:00 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 in an appropriate timeframe.

7.5. The confirmed Team members will be e-mailed, and the Team will be announced on [www.badmintonscotland.org.uk](http://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 – [Selections and Policies | Badminton Scotland | Play, Compete & Coach Badminton in Scotland](#)