Masters Selection Policy

Selection to Badminton Scotland Masters Teams

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Purpose of this document
This policy explains how players may be considered for selection to represent Badminton Scotland Masters teams in designated international competitions.

Competitions covered

- Robert McCoig International against England (annual)
- Gaelic Trophy against Ireland (every two years)
- Nations Cup (every two years)
- European and World Championships are individual competitions and do not normally require direct selection. If entries are oversubscribed, this policy will apply.

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Important: Badminton Scotland Masters teams and representation are not part of the Performance Programme. Selected players participate on a self-funded basis.

Competition information

Scotland v England: Robert McCoig International

Date	22 January 2027
Home fixtures	Glasgow, Scotland: January 2027, January 2029 and subsequent alternate

	years.
Away fixtures	York, England: March 2028, March 2030 and subsequent alternate years.
Age groups	35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75+, based on age at 1 January.
Format	Singles, level doubles and mixed doubles.

Scotland v Ireland: Gaelic Trophy

Away fixtures	Dublin, Ireland: May 2028, May 2032 and subsequent four-year cycles.
Home fixtures	Glasgow, Scotland: January 2030, January 2034 and subsequent four-year cycles.
Age groups	35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75+, based on age at 1 January.
Format	Singles, level doubles and mixed doubles.

Selection dates and announcements

- Selection normally takes place in the first week of December, after the Highland Masters tournament. The team is normally announced in mid-December.
- Away matches: selection normally takes place one week after the Scottish International Masters Competition. The team is normally announced in mid-February.
- The selection date will be posted in the Scottish Masters Group WhatsApp.

Nations Cup: European

Dates	Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 June 2027. Dates in future years will vary.
Venue	Challans, France, in 2027. Venues in future years will vary.
Age groups	40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+ and 65+, based on age on the first day of the competition.
Format	Level doubles and mixed doubles only. There are no singles in this

competition.

Selection dates and announcements

- Selection normally takes place one week after the Scottish International Masters Competition. The team is normally announced in mid-February.
- The selection date will be posted in the Scottish Masters Group WhatsApp.

1. Policy purpose

This policy sets out the process for selecting players to represent the Badminton Scotland Masters Team.

2. Performance objective

To select the strongest available team, offering the best chance of victory in each international match.

3. Selection criteria

Selection will be based on consideration of results from recent domestic and international masters competitions and senior international competitions.

4. Player eligibility

To be considered for selection, a player:

4.1 must be a member of Badminton Scotland and comply with the Player Code of Conduct;

4.2 must meet the relevant age criteria for the competition;

4.3 must not have competed in the National Championships of another Member Association during the two years immediately before the date of the match;

4.4 must either: (i) have been born in Scotland, or have one or both parents born in Scotland; or (ii) have held their main residence in Scotland for the two years immediately before the date of the event;

4.5 should compete in domestic masters or senior international competitions. Results from recent international masters or senior international competitions will also be considered; and

4.6 may, at the Selectors' discretion, still be considered if unable to meet clause 4.5 because of illness, injury or other exceptional circumstances.

5. Player selection

5.1 If places remain unfilled after applying clause 4.6, additional places will be filled with the aim of fielding the best available team.

5.2 The Selectors are responsible for choosing the pairings that will compete in the match.

5.3 When applying the criteria, the Selectors may consider factors including injury or illness, the strength and depth of opposition in a stated competition, and any exceptional circumstance that may affect a player's performance level, positively or negatively.

6. Deselection

6.1 A player may be deselected if:

- illness or injury means the player is unable to perform to the required standard, with medical advice sought where appropriate;
- the player breaches BWF anti-doping or anti-gambling regulations; or
- the player breaches the Badminton Scotland Code of Conduct.

6.2 Any replacement player will be selected in accordance with this policy.

7. Selection Panel

7.1 The Selection Panel consists of:

- Dan Travers, Chair
- Gillian Allan
- Mark Mackay
- Anne Robertson
- Suzanne Zwane

7.2 Any change to the membership of the Panel should aim to maintain representation across the range of masters ages and genders.

8. Appeals process

A player may appeal a selection decision to Badminton Scotland. The written appeal must state the grounds for appeal and must be sent to the Chief Executive within three days of either the published selection date or publication of the team on the Badminton Scotland website.

An appeal requires a £25 payment to Badminton Scotland. The payment will be refunded if the appeal is successful. Otherwise, it will be forfeited.

There are only two grounds for appeal:

- the selection was not made according to due process or in accordance with the agreed criteria; or
- there was unreasonable bias or a conflict of interest involving one or more Selectors.

The Chief Executive will convene an Appeals Panel at a time and place acceptable to the Appeals Panel. The Panel's decision will be formally communicated to the appellant as soon as possible after the Appeals Panel meeting.

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