Selection Criteria for the Badminton Ireland Talent Squad

1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

- To select players for the Badminton Ireland Talent Squad, who will focus on attaining a standard to qualify for future Olympic Games
- To select players that can win World and European medals.
- To select players that have the potential and motivation to attain the above objectives as senior players by committing to full-time training at Badminton Ireland's High Performance Centre at Marino College in Dublin. Full-time training can be done in combination with part-time study or part-time work after an agreement has been made with the HP Director and HP Working Group.

2. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

In order for players to be selected they must meet the following:
- Be an affiliated member of and in good standing with BADMINTON Ireland
- Hold a passport of a country whose territory BADMINTON Ireland has jurisdiction over
- Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the fixture or last represented BADMINTON Ireland.
- Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF.

3. PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

In reaching their selection the Badminton Ireland High Performance Working Group will consider the following:
- Results at English U13, U15 & U17 Gold Star events (U15 & U17 only Gold Star) and Quadrangular U15.
- European U17 & U19 Circuit Events
- BWF Sanctioned Events
- The quality and level of pair/player beaten on attaining the achieved Talent Squad Results Criteria.

An emphasis will be placed on singles based results.
In addition to results the BI HP Working Group will consider a range of Talent Pathway Identification qualities:
- Commitment to training over the most recent twelve months
- Badminton technical, physical, cognitive and leadership ability
4. PLAYER AVAILABILITY FOR PREPARATION AND COMPETITION

Upon selection for the Talent Squad, the player must confirm their commitment to its objectives and to their Individual Development plan as agreed with the HP Director and Performance Pathway Coach.

5. OVERRIDING FACTORS

- Should a player with an established record of high-level results become injured and unable to compete in the majority of listed events, the player may be considered for selection based on previous performances subject to passing a suitable fitness test.
- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Badminton Ireland) to remain as a selected player.
- Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed through the season and continued selection will be dependent on these factors.

6. DESELECTION

A player selected for the Talent Squad may be deselected if the player:

- Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the BI HP working Group becomes unable to perform to the required standard. Medical advice may be taken.
- Demonstrates a lack of training or tournament preparations as deemed unsatisfactory by the BI HP Working Group, this includes non-participation in 'Talent Squad' training camps or selected events i.e. Thomas/Uber Cup, Sudirman Cup, Team European Championships Senior, European U15, U17 & U19 Championships Individual or Team.
- Lack of satisfactory progress in the four main areas (technical, tactical, physical & mental) of his/her player profile document.
- Has chosen not to train full-time at the BI HP training Centre in Dublin as a senior player after secondary school. Please read more on full-time training under section1 Policy Objective point 3.
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton Ireland, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies.

Badminton Ireland operate a traffic light warning system: please see appendix 2

7. SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel will comprise of three members of Badminton Ireland High Performance Work Group Team

8. SELECTION DATE, NOTIFICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Players will be notified via written or verbal communication by a member of the BI HP Workgroup Team of their selection. In June and December of each year the BI HP Work Group will review selections and can if necessary appoint or remove players. Players will be reviewed at each ATP camp. If a player is not notified personally he/ she can assume that he/ she has not been selected for the Talent Squad.

Appeals: please read appendix 1