

28th July- 8th August 2022

BADMINTON NOMINATION POLICY

Introduction

1. This nomination policy has been agreed by Ulster Badminton. It provides detail on the process by which Ulster Badminton will arrive at its decision for nomination of athletes within the Northern Ireland team in the 2022 Commonwealth Games, which will be submitted to the Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland (CGNI) for consideration.

2. In all cases, the decisions by Ulster Badminton will represent a nomination to CGNI for ratification. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Commonwealth Games lies with the CGNI. Achievement of the nomination criteria therefore represents eligibility for nomination.

3. Ulster Badminton will nominate only those players who have qualified under the nomination criteria stated in this policy.

Nomination Policy Aim

4. For players to be nominated they need to be capable of competing with distinction at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, in line with the CGNI Athlete Selection Policy for Birmingham 2022, with individuals having the ability to demonstrate, in ranking order **(a)** Potential Birmingham 2022 medallist position **(b)** Potential Top 8 position **(c)** Developmental athlete, on an upwards trajectory within a Governing Body performance system, with the potential to obtain at least a top 8 position at future Commonwealth Games.

Athlete Eligibility

5. Athletes must meet the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Byelaw 17

6. Where prospective team members do not comply with the above they are only put forward for final nomination if they receive prior dispensation from the CGNI.

Games Competition Format

7. The 2022 Commonwealth Games will include individual disciplines from the list below with the possibility of an entry in the Mixed Team Event subject to badminton achieving more than the anticipated number of places and Northern Ireland qualifying as one of the top 14 countries.

- Singles
- Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

8. **Currently CGNI have indicated that no indicative athlete places for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games are currently allocated to Badminton.** The final number will be confirmed by the end of the qualification period. The final number of places in Team Northern Ireland will be based on players

ability to meet the nomination policy aim in point 4 (in ranking order) as determined by the nomination criteria in point 9 below. The composition can therefore be an uneven mix of males and females.

Nomination Criteria

9. Tier 1- Primary Criteria

The following tournaments will be taken into account during the qualification period (1st May 2021 to 30th April 2022) to achieve point 4 (a).

- (a) World Tour 1000- World tour 100
- (b) International Challenge
- (c) International Series
- (d) International Future Series
- (e) Irish National Championships
- (f) Ulster Open

In terms of equivalent/results indicating **(a)** Potential Birmingham 2022 medallist position **(b)** Potential Top 8 position, an athlete would need to achieve one of the following results in Singles, Doubles (with an NI player) or Mixed (with an NI player):

- Top 16 or Top 32 placing at World Championships
- Medal or Top 8 placing at European Individual Championships
- Top 16 placing at World Tour 1000/750/500
- Medal at World Tour 100
- Win/Gold European International Challenger

The above result Indicators are the agreed equivalent results standards set between Great Britain Badminton (with input from Home Nations) & UK Sport

Tier 2- Secondary Criteria

Developmental athlete/s on an upwards trajectory within the Ulster Badminton performance system will be considered for nomination to achieve point 4 (c). Seasonal results within the above qualification period will be taken into account relevant to age in reference to Appendix A Results criteria and above events.

Nomination Ranking

10. The Nomination Panel will rank players and/or pairs based on the strength of results from the tournaments above regardless of the final number of places. The tournaments above are ranked according to the level of difficulty from (a) being the hardest to (f) being the easiest. A player will earn a higher ranking through achieving results in harder tournaments and by obtaining a further placing in a tournament. Partnerships and disciplines will be considered when nominating players with the purpose of meeting the nomination policy

aim. This may mean at the discretion of the Nomination Panel that a pair is nominated without competing in any ranking tournaments together.

11. The ranking will also consider but not necessary include head to head results in the above named tournaments.

12. Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGNI such as the CGF Eligibility form and Team Member Agreement.

Injury, Illness and other exceptional circumstances

13. Should a player with an established record of high level results become injured, ill or other exceptional circumstance and is unable to compete in the majority of the nomination tournaments, then this player may still be considered for nomination based on previous performances. This is subject to medical evidence or any such additional evidence as may be reasonably requested by the Ulster Badminton Nomination Panel.

Process and Dates

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PROCESS	DATES
Qualification Period Starts	1 st May 2021
UBBUI submit the list of "long list" names to CGNI	July 2021
Qualification period ends	April 2022
UBBUI to carry out a ranked nomination process	May 2022
UBBUI to carry out any appeals	May 2022
UBBUI to submit final nominations to CGNI	May 2022 (TBC)
NICGC to select players, players to be notified	May 2022
Final team preparation period	June-July 2022
Team weekend	TBC
2022 Commonwealth Games	28 th July- 8 th August

Eligibility for the Long List

15. Players of Badminton Ireland B, A or Premier Grading are eligible for the "long list."

Player Availability for Preparation and Competition

16. Upon submission of the "long list," players must confirm availability for the whole of the final team preparation period and the Games.

17. Also upon submission of the “long list” and during the qualification period, players must confirm commitment to training as agreed with the Commonwealth Games Coach. Players are also expected to commit to Ulster Senior Squad training and be available for the Ulster Senior Team unless otherwise agreed with the Commonwealth Games Coach.

Player’s must have signed a Team Member Agreement upon their nomination for the ‘Long List’. The Agreement will become active 4 hours after CGNI has notified Ulster Badminton of selection.

De-nomination

18. In the event of unsatisfactory commitment to the training in the qualification period, Ulster Badminton reserves the right to withdraw players from the long list and therefore eligibility to be nominated to the NICGC.

Attending Coach

19. Andrew Stewart

Nomination Panel

20. CWG Coach, Ulster Badminton Chair & Independent Party

Sporting Ambassadors

21. Players who are successfully selected by the CGNI and go on to compete for Northern Ireland are expected to act as ambassadors for Ulster Badminton following the completion of the Games. The role is not exhaustive to but is likely to include coaching, volunteering or officiating on a voluntary basis. Players will agree the amount and detail of the role with Ulster Badminton.

Appeals

- 22.
- Appeals in respect of nomination should be made in writing to Ulster Badminton, marked for the attention of the Chairman. Appeals must be submitted within 72 hours of the announcement of the nominations.
 - The sole ground for an appeal is that the nomination policy was not properly followed.
 - An appeal must be made in writing by letter with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of £30, payable to Ulster Badminton. If the appeal is upheld the deposit will be refunded in full.
 - The Appeals Committee will comprise three people, (one of whom is required to have elite sport experience) who will investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties. No member of the Appeals Committee shall have been involved in the nomination process.
 - The Chairman will in writing inform all parties about the Appeals Committee’s decision
 - Ulster Badminton also have the opportunity to appeal to the CGNI if athletes nominated to them are not selected. Individuals do not have the right of appeal directly to CGNI.

Ulster Badminton reserves the right to amend the nomination policy in the event of updating key information or unforeseen circumstances. Changes to dates are possible as information from the CGNI filters through to Ulster Badminton.



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APPENDIX 1



BADMINTON IRELAND TALENT RESULTS TARGET

Event	U13	U15	U17	U19	19-23	24 >
Under 13 Gold	(S) Win					
Under 13 Gold Star	(S) Last 4					
Under 15 Gold Star		(S) Last 4 (D) Win				
Under 15 Quadrangular		(S) Last 4 (D) Final				
Under 15 European Championships		(S) Last 16 (D) Last 8				
Under 17 English Gold star			(S) Final (D) Win			
Under 17 European Circuit event			(S) Last 4 (D) Last 4			
Under 17 European Championships			*(S) Last 16 (D) Last 8 (S) Last 4 (D) Last 4			
Under 19 European Junior Int. Series			Last 4	*(S) Final (D) Final (S) Win (D) Win		
Under 19 European Junior Int. Challenge				*(S) Last 8 (D) Last 4 (S) Last 4 (D) Final		
Under 19 European Championship Junior GP				*(S) Last 8 (D) Last 8 (S) Last 4 (D) Last 4		
Under 19 World Junior Championships				*(S) Last 32 (D) Last 16 (S) Last 16 (D) Last 8		
Future Series				(S) Last 4 (D) Final	(S) Final (D) Win	
International Series				(S) Last 8 (D) Last 4	(S) Last 4 (D) Final	
International Challenge				(S) Last 16 (D) Last 8	(S) Last 8 (D) Last 4	Win
Grade 2 Level 5 & 6					Last 16	Final
Grade 2 Level 4					Last 16	Last 8
Grade 2 Level 2 & 3					(S) Last 32 (D) Last 16	Last 8
European Championships					Last 16	Last 4
World Championships					Last 32	Last 8
Olympic Games					Last 16	Last 8

S - Singles; D - Doubles

-> 2 Results targets need to be reached

* Results accepted for players in first year of that age group

* See new grades for BE Junior events (Int. Series, Challenge & Grand Prix)

For more information on Talent Squad objectives, deselection criteria and other areas please connect to the below link as we have updated the document:

[Talent group Information Click here](#)

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