

2023-24 Selection Policy

Under 15 Team Events:

- Event** - 2024 Interprovincial – 6th April, Dublin 2024 (Date TBC)
- Team size: minimum 4 boys & 4 girls, maximum 6 boys & 6 girls
 - Selection date: March 2024
 - Provisional Team Announced: March 2024

1. Policy Objectives

1.1 To select a team to represent Ulster in the above mentioned Team Event.

2. Performance Targets

2.1 To select the best possible players that will perform with distinction in the above Event.

3. Player Eligibility

- 3.1 Only players who are eligible to play for Ulster will be considered for selection
- 3.2 Players who were born in 2010 or after
- 3.3 Be a paid up and affiliated of, and in good standing with Badminton Ireland

4. Primary Selection Criteria

4.1 The following 2024 tournament results for the **U15 Interprovincials** will be considered by the panel:

- U15 International & U15 UK events in January & February.
- Leinster U15 Open- 13-14th January 2024.
- U15 Ulster Open- 9-10th March 2024

4.2 The following 2023 tournament results (September 2023-December 2023) for the U15 Interprovincials will also be considered by the panel:

- U15 Irish Open (1st Year U15)
- Ulster U13 Open
- Munster U15 Open (1st Year U15)
- U13 Irish Nationals
- Connacht U15 Open (1st Year U15)
- Connacht U13 Open
- U15 Irish Nationals
- Ulster U13 Closed
- Ulster U15 Closed (1st Year U15)
- U15 International & U15 UK events (1st Year U15)

Consideration will be given to the competition format when selecting the team

- 4.3 In the situation where two or more players have the same results, other tournaments may be considered by the panel. These results will only come into consideration if U15 tournaments cannot separate two or more players
- 4.4 The panel reserves the right to review the behaviour of all players in previous Team Events when considering their selection for Events.
- 5. Secondary Selection Criteria**
- 5.1 Where selection of two players cannot be separated in 4.2, one wildcard selection for each gender can be used. These players do not have to fulfil the primary selection criteria, but must be viewed as high potential by the panel.
- 5.2 In the situation where a number of players are not available for selection, other players with a track of record of success at Decathlon Ulster Junior League or Ulster Schools competition/league level (who don't meet policy 4.1) can be selected to ensure the success of policy 2.1
- 6. Player Availability for Preparation and Competition**
- 6.1 Upon selection of the provisional team, the player must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition.
- 6.2 Attendance to Pre competition Squad training before the Interprovincials – Dates & Venue-TBC.
- 7. Overriding Factors**
- 7.1 Should a player with an established record of high level results become injured and is unable to compete in the majority of the selection tournaments, then this player may still be considered for selection based on previous performances subject to passing a suitable fitness test
- 7.2 If an injury occurs to a player after nomination they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (determined by the coaches) to remain as a selected player.
- 7.3 If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination it is possible for a replacement player to be selected if in the interests of the team and permitted by the event organisers
- 8. Selection Panel**
- 8.1 U15 Ulster Team Coaches & the Ulster Pathways Officer
- 9. Appeal Process**
- 9.1 Any player that feels they should have been selected for a team based on the criteria in this selection policy are advised to firstly consult the Ulster Pathways Officer.
- 9.2 Appeals in respect of selection should be made in writing to Ulster Badminton, marked for the attention of the Chair. Appeals must be submitted within 72 hours of the announcement of the provisional team.
- 9.2 The sole ground for an appeal is that the selection policy was not properly followed.
- 9.3 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.

9.4 The Appeals Committee will comprise three people, one of whom is required to have elite sport experience that will investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties. No member of the Appeals Committee shall have been involved in the selection process.

9.5 The Chairman will in writing inform all parties about the Appeals Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal.

Ulster Badminton reserves the right to amend the selection policy in the event of unforeseen circumstances

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