

Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland

2021 Youth Games and 2022 Commonwealth Games – Nomination Criteria

Introduction

This document provides information on a change of “principle” in how Ulster Badminton nominates players to the NICGC for selection. For the first time from 2021, players will be required to achieve a performance level in comparison to their peers internationally which is different to the principle underpinning nomination criteria for previous Games.

It is expected that this change of approach will contribute to a rise and sustainability of performance levels within Ulster for the future. The change also supports one of our strategic objectives in our Sport Strategy 2017 – 2021, “to deliver at least one player into a high performance programme and develop a system that produces a player once every two years from 2021 onwards.”

Application

For the 2021 and 2022 Games, nominations to the NICGC will be based on the proven ability to medal at the Games in question or to nominate players with demonstrable evidence that medals at future Games are possible. This would be setting a minimum performance level required to be nominated based on objective performance levels.

The nomination criteria would be split into two tiers and applied as below. This relates to the 2022 CWG but the principle would be the same for the 2021 Youth Games.

Tier 1

- Primary criteria " CWG medal potential" - nominate players based on seasonal results demonstrating the ability to medal e.g. a top 4 at the senior European Championships is regarded as a comparable result to a top 4 placing at a CWG.

Tier 2

- Secondary criteria "Future CWG medal potential" - nominate players based on seasonal results relevant to age e.g. for an U19 player it would be expected that a win was achieved in a U19 European Junior International Series. See Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 below shows the performance levels of players required to be nominated at each age group stage. The results (placings e.g. last 4) are subject to change in line with the National Talent Squad criteria annual reviews between the National Governing Body and Sport Ireland.

Appendix 1

Event	U13	U15	U17	U19	19-23	23+
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 *(S) Last 16 (D) last 8 (S) Last 4 (D) Last 4			
Under 17 European Championships						
Under 19 European Junior Int. Series						
Under 19 European Junior Int. Challenge						
Under 19 European Championship Junior GP						
Under 19 World Junior Championships						
Future Series						
International Series						
International Challenge						
Grand Prix						
Grand Prix Gold						
Super Series						
European Championships						
World Championships						
Olympic Games						