

2021 GB Training Camps

Selection Criteria

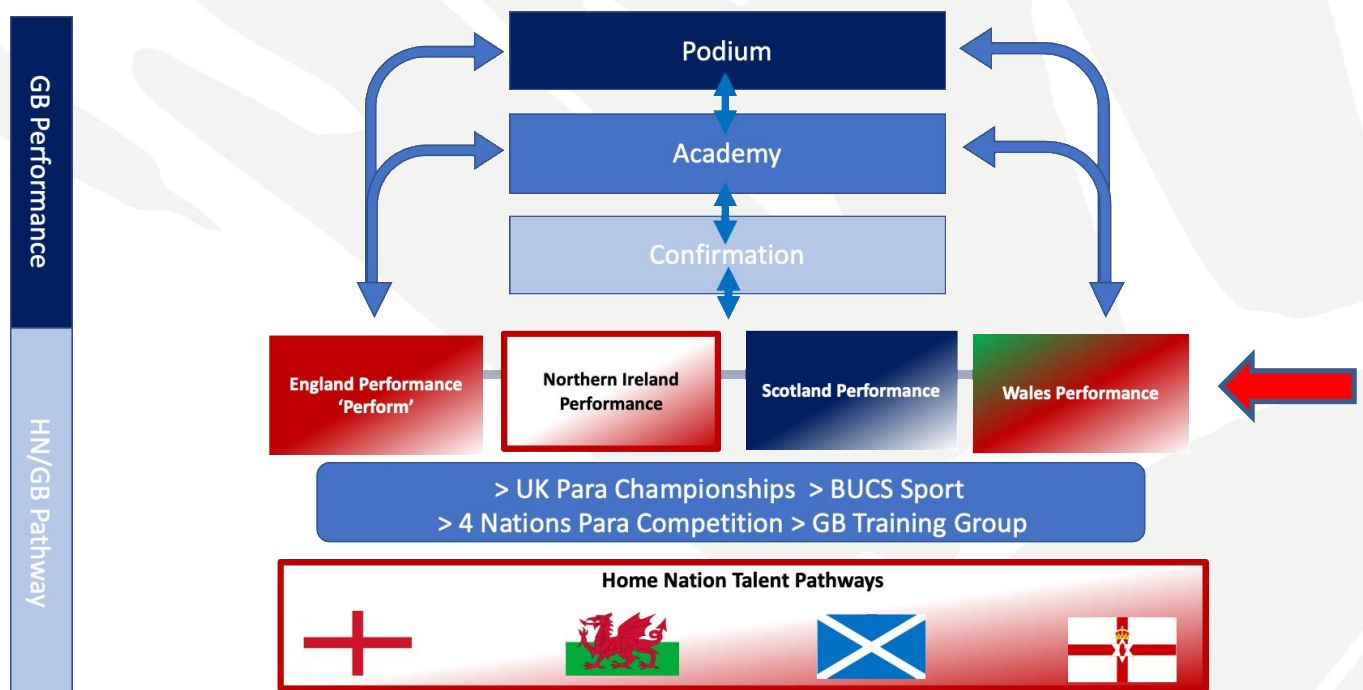
Background

The introduction of UK Sport investment into a GB Para-Badminton WCPP has been a hugely welcomed development with the sport being recognised in the Paralympics. However, whilst there are many positives regards this investment, there is an awareness that what has been established in Sheffield for the UK Sport funded athletes, has a finite lifespan unless steps are taken to maintain the success of Para-Badminton beyond Tokyo.

In collaboration with and financial support from each of the Home Nations and Badminton Europe (contributing a portion of funding towards this initiative through the Regional Projects Grant Award), the GB Training Group aims to underpin the WCPP, helping to support the development of further GB athletes, whilst also taking account of the possible changes to future Sport Classes and events included in the Paralympic competition programme in 2024 and beyond.

GB Para badminton Pathway

The GB Para badminton Pathway (GBPP) outlines the structure of development from talent ID through to International and Paralympic performance. The **GB Training Group** sits just beneath the GB Performance level and will assist in developing the potential of players from the Home Nations who could in future be considered for invitation onto the Performance Programme should they meet relevant criteria.



GB Training Group Camp Dates 2021-2022

The dates for the training camps are as follows:

17-18 July 2021

18-19 September 2021

6-7 November 2021

22-23 January 2022

26-27 March 2022

- Weekend training camps
 - 8 hours on court training
 - 60 minute Off-Court Training Workshop, on selected weekends
 - Individual review for each Development or Futures player (goal setting, development areas, on and off-court)
- Based at 'National Training Centre' EIS Sheffield
- 6 Camps per year*
- Must be eligible to compete for GB and NI
- GB Lead Para Badminton Coaches invited to attend
- Players will be required to make a contribution towards their attendance to these Camps i.e. accommodation, food, travel and small payment for attendance

**5 times in 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic*

The GB Training Group will consist of **3 tiers** of invitation:

1. **GB Development** – identified through international / domestic performances/results and World Ranking
Emphasis on existing training load, world ranking and attendance to Camps, UK Championships and International tournament performance and results
2. **GB Futures** – identified young players who show the motivation and commitment to want to progress towards GB Development level, and beyond (WCPP)
Typically U18s and/or still in education who have a desire and passion for the sport, with some emphasis on existing training load, but with particular emphasis on having scope to develop the technical, tactical, physical, mental and character attributes to a high level internationally in their sport class
3. **Invitational** – identified players who the GB Coaching Panel would like to invite to specific Camp days
These invitations would be at the discretion of the GB Technical Para Working Group where a player has been identified for the first time through activities such as the UK Championships, a Home Nation / International competition or at a disability festival

Tier 1 : GB Development - Selection Criteria

Players will be selected based upon the objective criteria stated below for each class, gender and event. The Selection Criteria tables are likely to evolve as the individual Sport Classes develop further, with the criteria being reviewed annually.

- Players must make GB Development criteria to get an invitation for the following 12 months.
- Must train a minimum of 8 hours training per week with a minimum of 6 hours of that being coached *(allowances will be considered for the restrictions due to COVID-19)
- Previous attendance at UK Championships
- Results and/or performance in tournaments
- World Ranking Criteria (see below)

The following World Ranking criteria, based upon the World Ranking list of 17th May 2021 (<https://bwfpara.tournamentsoftware.com/ranking/ranking.aspx?rid=242>) will be utilised in order to select athletes to be invited to the GB Training Camps. It should be noted that the ranking criteria is based on the total number of ranking places within each Sport Class discipline as noted in the two tables below;

World ranking criteria			
SINGLES events		DOUBLES events	
Number of ranking places in sport class	ranking criteria	Number of ranking places in sport class	ranking criteria
0-49	TOP 10	0-49	TOP 5
50-99	TOP 20	50-99	TOP 15
100+	TOP 30	100+	TOP 25

Discipline specific : BWF world ranking list - last updated 17-May-2021					
WHEELCHAIR CLASSES		STANDING CLASSES		SHORT STATURE CLASSES	
Sport class	ranking criteria	Sport class	ranking criteria	Sport class	ranking criteria
WH1 MS	TOP 20	SL3 MS	TOP 20	SH6 MS	TOP 20
WH2 MS	TOP 20	SL3 WS	TOP 10	SH6 WS	TOP 10
WH1 WS	TOP 20	SL4 MS	TOP 30	SH6 MD	TOP 15
WH2 WS	TOP 10	SL4 WS	TOP 10	SH6 WD	TOP 5
WH1-2 MD	TOP 25	SU5 MS	TOP 20	SH6 XD	TOP 5
WH1-2 WD	TOP 5	SU5 WS	TOP 43		
WH1-2 XD	TOP 25	SL3-4 MD	TOP 25		
		SL3-5 WD	TOP 15		
		SU5 MD	TOP 20		
		SL3-5 XD	TOP 25		

Tier 1 : GB Development - Expectations

Players within the GB Development group are expected to fulfil the following as part of their continued performance development:

- Continuation and increase of training hours per week (this will be monitored by the GB Para Pathway Talent Coordinator)
- Attend 2 highlighted international tournaments during the year (based on strength and location/cost to be reviewed)
- Attendance at UK Championships
- Results and/or performance in those tournaments
- Must attend 4 out of 5 camps per year *(2021/22 only due to Covid-19)

Tier 2 : GB Futures - Selection Criteria

Players typically under the age of 18 years old, who show a desire and passion for the sport, will be selected based upon the objective criteria stated below

- Must be in U18 or in higher education
- Shows potential to further develop the technical, tactical, physical, mental and character attributes to a high level internationally in their sport class in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel.
- Have a good attitude and commitment towards their badminton, openness to feedback and direction, ability to improve

Tier 2 : GB Futures - Expectations

Once accepted onto the GB Futures we would like the players to follow these guidelines, which will show that they are ambitious and have the attitude to progress to a higher level

- 8 hours training per week with a minimum of 6 hours of that being coached (this will be monitored by the GB Para Pathway Talent Coordinator)
- Attendance at 4 out of the 5 annual GB camps (development is more important than results for players within this age group)
- Be proactive in arranging training days with the GB Para Performance program (NTC) which they will be able to do during school holidays
- Attend 2 highlighted international tournaments during the year (based on strength and location/cost to be reviewed) and the UK Championships, so that the Selection Panel and Coaches are able to review how players handle pressure and to show what areas are key for development
- Attend the annual Worcester Camp

Tier 3 : Invitational - Selection Criteria

Invitations provided by the GB Pathway Coaches gives players the opportunity to be seen by the Coaching Team so they can educate, challenge and guide a player at the start of their journey. An invite can be extended if it would be beneficial for the Camp environment, the player or the Futures or Development squad. Invites would largely be provided following identification of players through the following avenues (not an exhaustive list):

- International Competition
- UK Para Badminton Championships
- BUCs
- Home Nations National Championships
- Home Nation's Coach nominations
- Worcester Camp / Disability Camps
- National School's competitions
- National Disability Sports Organisation days

Invited player's would gain valuable experience and exposure to a group of experienced GB Para Badminton Coaches and players. The aim being to inspire and motivate these young individual's in the sport right at the start of their Para Badminton journey, whilst providing key insight into what it is like to train full time at the GB Squad Training Centre. It also gives the Coaching Team valuable insight into the player and to provide them with some key areas they can go back to their Home Training environment and develop.

Selection / Review Meetings

A player review meeting will be held once a year (annually in April from 2022) with the following objectives – N.B the 2021 Selection Meeting will take place on 11 June 2021:

- Review those athletes that have met criteria for invite onto the GB Training Group;
- Review those athletes on the Training Group (every 12 months) to ascertain if:
 - The athlete has met criteria to gain another 12 months on the Group or;
 - The athlete has not met further criteria and therefore transition off the Group;
- Review of the Selection Criteria - any amendments being published and notified to players for subsequent use in future player Review meetings

Players who have met criteria will receive an invite onto the GB Training Group following these meetings and will be provided with access to 12 months of GB Training Camp activity.

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel will be made up of the following members who will ratify those athletes who qualify for the Training Group under the above criteria;

- Chair - Performance Director (or nominated deputy)
- GB Para-Badminton Head Coach
- GB Board Member / GB Technical Para Working Group Member
- GB Para Pathway Talent Coordinator
- Minute Taker