

2023-24 Selection Policy

Under 17 Team Events:

- Event** - 2024 Interprovincial – 6th April 2024, Dublin 2024 (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 2008 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 domestic tournament results for the **U17 Interprovincials** will be considered by the panel:

- U17 International & U17 UK events in January & February.
- Connacht U17 Open- 6th-7th January 2024
- U17 Munster Open- 2nd-3rd March 2024

4.2 The following 2023 (September-December 2023) domestic tournament results for the U17 Interprovincials will also be considered by the panel:

- U15 Irish Open
- U17 Ulster Open (1st Year U17)
- U15 Munster Open
- U17 Irish Nationals (1st Year U17)
- U15 Connacht Open
- U15 Irish Nationals
- U17 Ulster Closed (1st Year U17)
- U17 International & U17 UK events (1st Year U17)

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 U17 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 the Ulster Juvenile Closed, 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.

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

7. Selection Panel

8.1 U17 Ulster Team Coaches & Ulster Programme Pathways Officer

8. 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