

Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland



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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 2018 Commonwealth Games, which will be submitted to the NICGC for consideration.

2. In all cases, the decisions by Ulster Badminton will represent a nomination to NICGC for ratification. The final decision in selection to the 2018 Commonwealth Games lies with the NICGC. 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 2018 Commonwealth Games, with individuals having the ability to achieve at least a top 32 placing in the anticipated field.

Athlete Eligibility

5. Athletes must meet the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) articles 24 and 25.

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 NICGC.

Games Competition Format

7. The 2018 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. The anticipated number of places is 1-2. 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 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. The following tournaments will be taken into account during the qualification period which is from the 1st January 2017 to the 15th December 2017:

- (a) International Challenge
- (b) International Series
- (c) International Future Series
- (d) Irish National Championships
- (e) Ulster Open

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 (e) 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 NICGC 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
UBBUI submit the list of "long list" names to NICGC	Jan 2017
Qualification period ends	15 th Dec 2017
UBBUI to carry out a ranked nomination process & publish on website	18 th Dec 2017
UBBUI to carry out any appeals	21 st Dec 2017

UBBUI to submit final nominations to NICGC	Early Jan 2018
NICGC to select players, players to be notified	Early Jan 2018
Final team preparation period	Jan-Mar 2018
Team weekend	Early Mar 2018
2018 Commonwealth Games	4-15 th Apr 2018

Eligibility for the Long List

15. Players of Badminton Ireland 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 High Performance Officer. Players are also expected to commit to Ulster Senior Squad training and be available for the Ulster Senior Team unless otherwise agreed with the High Performance Officer.

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. TBC

Nomination Panel

20. TBC

Sporting Ambassadors

21. Players who are successfully selected by the NICGC 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

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- 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 NICGC if athletes nominated to them are not selected. Individuals do not have the right of appeal directly to NICGC.

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 NICGC filters through to Ulster Badminton.