

## International Representation Pathway Information

This document has been produced to keep players, coaches and parents within Northern Ireland informed of their choices in relation to badminton's unique dual nationality position. The information below outlines the choices Northern Irish badminton players have when they are ready to make representative decisions.

### **NORTHERN IRELAND Representation:**

Players are eligible for consideration to represent Northern Ireland provided they are:

- Born in Northern Ireland or
- Parent/s were born in Northern Ireland or
- Have had residency in Northern Ireland for 3 years and
- Hold an Irish or British passport

The only events Northern Ireland players can represent Northern Ireland at are the Commonwealth Games. These occur every 4 years. The Selection policy for this event can be found at the [Ulster Badminton Website](#).

Player who meet the selection criteria are then nominated to the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council who are responsible for selecting the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Team.

### **GREAT BRITAIN and IRISH Representation**

A Northern Ireland player can choose to represent either Team GB or Ireland at an Olympic Games. Players must meet the representation and selection criteria as laid out by the governing body for these events. A player from Northern Ireland can only represent one country and must commit to either Team GB a minimum of 3 years before an Olympic Games, or Ireland a minimum of 3 years before an Olympic Games. Once a player has committed to their chosen country they will be deemed to have declared for that country.

### **GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC Representation**

Players are eligible for consideration to represent GB provided they are:

- Born in Northern Ireland/UK or
- Parent/s were born in Northern Ireland or UK or
- Have had residency in Northern Ireland or UK for 3 years
- Hold a British passport
- Be an affiliated member with one of the 4 home Nations governing bodies.

The only event a Northern Ireland player can represent Great Britain is an Olympic Games which occur every 4 years. The selection policy for an Olympic Games can be found at the [GB website](#). (*selection policy yet to be published*). Players must also meet the BWF [Olympic Qualification Regulations](#) to compete at an Olympic Games representing GB.

Player/s who meet the GB selection criteria & BWF Olympic Qualifications regulations are then nominated to the British Olympic Association(BOA) and Team GB will be announced following ratification from the BOA in accordance with the Olympic Qualification Standard.

If A player commits to represent Great Britain 3 Years out from an Olympic Games, within this period the player cannot compete for Ireland or another country in the following events, as in line with Rule 42 of the [Olympic charter](#) 'Nationality of Competitors' :

- Thomas Cup (Every 2 years)
- Uber Cup (Every 2 Years)
- Sudirman Cup (Every 2 years)
- European Mixed Team Championships (Every 2 years)
- European Men's & Women's Team Championships (Every 2 Years)

If a player chooses to compete in these events for Ireland or another country within this 3 year period they will become ineligible to represent Great Britain at an Olympic games within that cycle.

## IRELAND Representation

Players are eligible for consideration to represent Ireland provided they are:

- Be an affiliated member of and in good standing with BADMINTON Ireland;
- Hold a passport of a country whose territory BADMINTON Ireland has jurisdiction over;
- Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the fixture.
- Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF.

At Senior Level a player can represent Ireland at the following events:

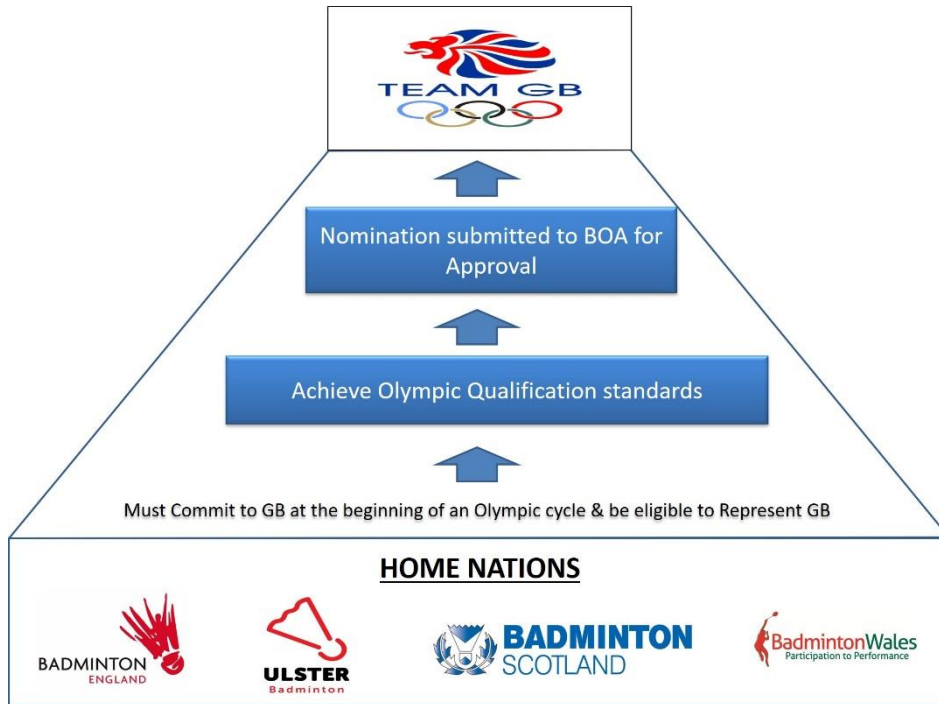
- Olympic Games (Every 4 Years)
- Thomas Cup (Every 2 years)
- Uber Cup (Every 2 Years)
- Sudirman Cup (Every 2 years)
- European Mixed Team Championships (Every 2 years)
- European Men's & Women's Team Championships (Every 2 Years)

Selection policies & Results Criteria for the above events can be found at the [Badminton Ireland](#) website. Players who wish to represent Ireland at an Olympic games must also meet the [BWF Olympic Qualification Regulations](#) and be in line with Rule 42 of the [Olympic charter](#) 'Nationality of Competitors' :

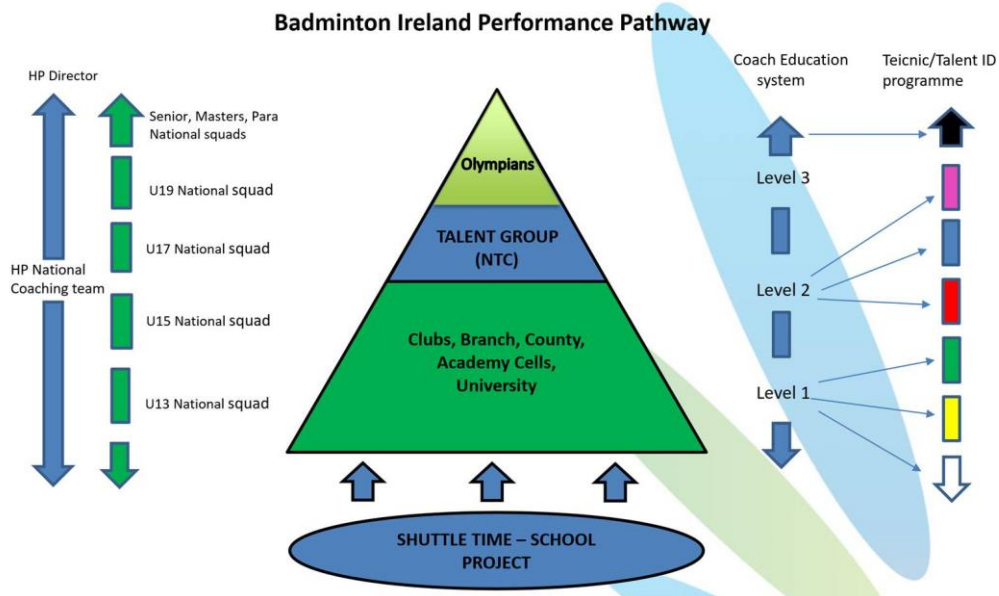
A player can only represent Ireland in the above events if they have not represented any other country or member association (including GB at an Olympic Games) for 3 years immediately preceding the date of the fixture.

The diagrams below show the Great Britain and Ireland Pathway, Players can only sit in one pathway.

## GREAT BRITAIN OLYMPIC PATHWAY



## BADMINTON IRELAND PERFORMANCE PATHWAY



Please note that either governing body may change their structures, therefore Please refer to the respective websites for accurate, up to date information. The above information is produced for guidance only.

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