

2019-20 Ulster Senior Team Selection Policy

Senior Team Events:

Event A - ICL Regional Division 2 North:

- Match day 1- 9-10th November 2019
- Match Day 2- 25-26th January 2020
- Match Day 3- 28th-29th March 2020
- Match Day 4 (Playoffs)- 25th-26th April 2020
- Team size: minimum 4 men & 4 ladies, maximum 5 men & 5 ladies
- Selection dates: various

Event B - National Interprovincial – 5th April 2020 (Dublin)

- Team size: minimum 4 men & 4 ladies, maximum 6 men & 6 ladies
- Selection date: 2nd February

1. Policy Objectives

- 1.1 To select a team to represent Ulster in the above-mentioned Team Events
- 1.2 To select players that are capable of competing at English County level or above

2. Performance Targets

- 2.1 To select a team that is capable of performing with distinction in the above events.

3. Player Eligibility

- 3.1 Only players who are eligible to play for Ulster will be considered for selection
- 3.2 Be a paid up and affiliated of, and in good standing with Badminton Ireland

4. Primary Selection Criteria

- 4.1 The following tournament results for all ICL fixtures and the Interprovincial will be considered by the panel in preferential order:
 - Senior European Circuit tournaments
 - Provincial Senior tournaments & Irish Nationals & University Events.
 - Provincial Masters tournaments & Irish Nationals

Results from the above tournaments in the 2018-19 season will be used to select the team for ICL fixtures in 2019.

Consideration will be given to the competition format when selecting the team

- 4.2 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 the above tournaments cannot separate two or more players

4.3 In the situation where a number of players are not available for selection, other players with a track record of results (who don't meet policy 4.1) can be selected to ensure the success of policy 2.1

4.4 The panel reserves the right to review the behaviour of all players in previous Team Events when considering their selection for Events.

Secondary selection criteria:

4.5 In the situation where a number of players are not available for selection, other players with a track of record of success at National or Provincial competition/league level (who don't meet policy 4.1) can be selected to ensure the success of policy 2.1

5. Player Availability for Competition & Training.

5.1 Upon selection of the provisional team, the player must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition and must commit to the preparation process prior to each event.

6. Overriding Factors

6.1 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

6.2 If an injury occurs to a player after nomination they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (determined by the Senior Team Coach) to remain as a selected player.

6.3 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

7.1 Ulster Senior Team Coach & Ulster Senior Team Manager

8. Appeal Process

8.1 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 Programme Co-ordinator (Andrew Stewart-Acting Programme Programme Co-Ordinator).

8.2 Appeals in respect of selection 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 provisional team.

8.3 The sole ground for an appeal is that the selection policy was not properly followed.

8.4 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.

8.5 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.

8.6 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

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