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**Selection Policy and Standards  
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# **Team Scotland: Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**

## **BADMINTON**

### **Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards**

The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as at 19 January 2021 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, CGS and Badminton Scotland will be closely monitoring this Selection Policy to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, CGS reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy in any manner, and in the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, should CGS consider that qualification process would be fairer having regard to the interests of all Athletes and the prevailing circumstances.

In addition CGS and Badminton Scotland reserve the right to not apply any aspect of this Selection Policy when making any decision, if in the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, it would, as judged by CGS, be unfair or unreasonable not to, provided always that CGS has regard to the interests of all Athletes in the prevailing circumstances

### **Introduction**

- 1 This selection policy has been agreed by Badminton Scotland and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which Badminton Scotland will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Birmingham 2022.

Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this document, is therefore the 1<sup>st</sup> step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGS

- 2 Badminton Scotland will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the Badminton Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) that should be read in conjunction with these standards.
- 3 Entry numbers per event and the overall number of athletes are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) allocation and should more athletes achieve the standards then Badminton Scotland will prioritise in accordance with this policy
- 4 CGS have confirmed that a minimum of 4 places have been allocated to badminton subject to meeting the sport specific selection criteria, these are referred to as assured places. Badminton Scotland will apply for additional discretionary places for anyone who is nominated for selection above this number

### **Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim**

- 5 Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2022:

- having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when in competition at these Games than in 2018
- meeting the stated performance aims of each sport at the Games
- with all Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at the Games.

6 This Badminton policy is consistent with the aim

## **Athlete Eligibility**

7 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1

8 Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the CGF under their guidelines

## **Games Competition Format**

9 9.1 Team Event (maximum of 10 players per country: five male/five female).

9.2 Men's and Women's Singles (maximum of three entries per country for each event).

9.3 Men's and Women's Doubles (maximum of two pairs per country for each event)

9.4 Mixed Doubles (maximum of four pairs per country).

## **Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework**

10 Selection period: 1 March 2021 until 5 May 2022

10.1 A position in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) published world rankings on at least two occasions during the selection period of

A world ranking of Top 90 in MS

A world ranking of Top 50 in WS

A world ranking of Top 65 in MD

A world ranking of Top 65 in WD

A world ranking of Top 55 in XD

OR

Proven success, demonstrated by at least two wins during the selection period of 1 March 2021 to 5 May 2022, against players holding the discipline specific world ranking detailed above, at the time of the win, via results from head to head competition in recognised events may be considered.

10.2 In a Doubles event, where a Scottish player qualifies by virtue of their world ranking with a non-Scottish player, this will allow this player to be considered for nomination for this discipline. A partner for this player would then be considered for nomination where;

- The average of the combined ranking of both players meets the discipline specific world ranking standard in 10.1

OR

- The nominated partner, achieves at least two wins against pairings who contain at least one person who meets the discipline specific world ranking standard in 10.1

### **Category: Developmental Prospects for 2026**

10.3 Consideration will be given by CGS to selecting athletes who although they may not have met the sport's standard are identified and agreed to be entered for the reason of development prospects for 2026. The athlete or athletes must meet sport specific agreed criteria developed by the end of February 2022, showing validated objective evidence of ability to achieve a top two thirds finish of the potential field in their event and provide principles of trajectory for 2026.

Additional nominations will be considered in line with the CGS General Selection Policy section "Selection Guidelines for Athletes" section 28.

10.4 Athletes who at the sole discretion of the Badminton Scotland selection committee represent a very strong medal prospect, and have been injured and unable to perform to their best through the selection window, may be considered for nomination subject to proving fitness to the satisfaction of the Badminton Scotland selection committee up to the final nomination date.

10.5 Badminton Scotland will use the criteria below to prioritise qualified athletes for nomination in the following order:

10.5.1 The player/pair with the highest number of wins against opposition ranked inside the set world ranking for each event during the qualification period.

10.5.2 If policy 1 does not separate the athletes then the player/pair will be prioritised depending on the highest number of places above the set world ranking during the qualification period.

### **Other Factors for Consideration**

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- All nominated athletes must have completed the required Anti-doping education.
  - A GB Badminton programme decision which adversely affects potential world ranking
  - Players will also be asked to undertake health and fitness assessment prior to nomination to CGS

### **Selection Process**

12 The selection panel will meet on 6th May 2022

12.1 Badminton Scotland will communicate the outcome of the selection panel's deliberations to athletes to be nominated and athletes close to being nominated by Tuesday 7th May 2022

12.2 Badminton Scotland will send their final nominations to CGS by 15th May 2022

12.3 CGS will confirm the final team selections by 30th May 2022

12.4 The above dates may be subject to change and failure to adhere to them will in no way invalidate decisions made by Badminton Scotland and / or CGS

## De-Selection

- 13 **Antidoping** - Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected will be deselected from the Birmingham2022 team.

### Injury Management

Where injury issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Badminton Team Management. This will be specific to Badminton and the athlete's condition and may include input from CGS medical staff. Any selection or de-selection decision, following such a test, will be made by CGS after discussion with the Badminton Team Management and will be final.

**Athletes in breach of CGS and Badminton Scotland policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.**

## Appeal Process

- 14 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by Badminton Scotland is entirely a matter for the athlete and Badminton Scotland. This should be held in accordance with Badminton Scotland's own appeal procedures, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions
- 15 After communication of nominated players by 07 May 2022 any player not included has the right of appeal. Appeals against non-nomination will be heard in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures of Scottish Badminton Union Limited. These Disciplinary Rules and Procedures can be viewed by clicking on the undernoted link:  
<https://www.badmintonscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Ethics-Laws-Rules-V3-Dec3-20.pdf>
- 16 All appeals must be received, in writing, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, to the Badminton Scotland Chief Executive within 72 hours of being notified of non-nomination or by the 11 May 2020 by 12noon, whichever is earlier
- 17 In all instances, Badminton Scotland will respond in writing to the athlete within 72 hours or by 14 May 2020, whichever is earlier, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process
- 18 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by Badminton Scotland and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by Badminton Scotland, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made by email to [jon.doig@teamsotland.scot](mailto:jon.doig@teamsotland.scot) within three days of notification of selection outcomes to Badminton Scotland by CGS.

## **Appointment of Team Staff**

- 19 A Team Manager has been appointed by CGS in consultation with BadmintonScotland. The final complement of Badminton team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with BadmintonScotland. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas.

## Appendix 1

<b>CGF Byelaw 17 Eligibility</b>
<p>1. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 17.</p>
<p><b>2. Primacy</b></p>
<p>2.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), a competitor shall be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them where they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them;</li><li>or</li><li>b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters them</li><li>c) In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man. The governments of these three Crown Dependencies do not define citizenship. For these Affiliated CGAs, citizenship shall be defined as three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"* date of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee ("Continuous Residency") and the competitor must be in possession of a current valid UK passport.</li><li>ii. Northern Ireland. Byelaw 17 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.</li><li>iii. Norfolk Island. Any individual who was in possession of a current valid New Zealand passport and was also deemed eligible to compete at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games for Norfolk Islands may continue to compete for Norfolk Islands at future iterations of the Games.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>3. Secondary</b></p>
<p>2.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country which has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may represent either:</p> <p>3.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth;</li><li>or</li><li>b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent;</li><li>or</li><li>c) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent;</li></ul>

or

- d) the Commonwealth Country where they have completed a minimum period of three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the “final entries deadline”\* of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee.

3.2 Subject to the other provisions of this Byelaw 17, where a competitor is eligible to represent more than one Affiliated CGA due to common passport privileges they may choose which Affiliated CGA to represent. For the avoidance of doubt, if an individual has competed at a Commonwealth Youth Games this will not be deemed to be a choice of country, and the competitor may choose to represent a different Affiliated CGA at a Commonwealth Games.

3.3 For the avoidance of doubt subject to Byelaw 17(4) and 17(5) any competitor of a common passport area who competes for their common passport country (i.e. Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia) at either the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and/or any World Championships or any other major sporting event shall be entitled to choose to represent their home Affiliated CGA (e.g. Turks and Caicos) at the Commonwealth Games.

#### 4. Disqualifications and Suspensions

4.1 A competitor shall not be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

- a) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by the Federation;
- and/or
- b) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective Affiliated CGA;
- and/or
- c) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective IF, National Federation
- and/or
- d) are currently under disqualification or suspension under the World Anti-Doping Code.

#### 5. Compliance with applicable rules and regulations

5.1 A competitor shall only be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

- a) Satisfy and comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation;
- and
- b) Satisfy and comply their respective IF rules and regulations (including but not limited to, complying with respective IF eligibility rules as applied within each respective edition of the Commonwealth Games Athlete Allocation Systems);
- and

- c) Satisfy and comply with the World Anti-Doping Code as applied within the Federation Anti-Doping Standard to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between respective IF Nationality rules and regulations and those of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Commonwealth Games Federation Bye Law 17 shall prevail.

## 6. Transfer of Allegiance

6.1 After having established eligibility status under this Byelaw 17 a competitor who has previously represented one Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Games may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless they also receive the prior approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA. For the avoidance of doubt, this Byelaw shall not apply if an individual has represented a Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Youth Games. Applications under this Byelaw 17(6) must be submitted to the Executive Board two calendar months before the “final entries deadline”\* for the respective Commonwealth Games. Applications must include formal confirmation of the prior approval of the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA.

6.2 All applications for transfer of allegiance under Byelaw 17(6) and/or discretionary eligibility dispensation under Byelaw 17(7) including all relevant paperwork and documentation must be submitted no later than two calendar months prior to the published “final entries deadline”\*, as outlined by the respective Organising Committee.

## 7. Dispensations

7.1 The Executive Board shall delegate authority to the Governance and Integrity Committee (GIC) who have the power to grant dispensations to Byelaw 17 in exceptional circumstances and to consider any matters relating generally to Byelaw 17. Each application for dispensation under Byelaw 17 shall be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent for any future applications. Decisions made by GIC are subject to the right of appeal directly to the Executive Board, whose decision shall be final and binding.

\*“final entries deadline” means the final date that an individual athlete may be entered in a particular event(s) for the relevant Commonwealth Games, usually completed via an online entry system. Such date to be communicated for each relevant Commonwealth Games in the Sport Handbook.