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2011-2012 Selection Policy

Under 17 Team Events:

Event A - 2011 UK School Games – 1st-4th September (Sheffield)

- Team size: minimum 3 boys & 3 girls, maximum 6 boys & 6 girls
- Selection date: 13th June

Event B - 2012 Interprovincial – 31st-March-1st April (Dublin)

- Team size: minimum 4 boys & 4 girls, maximum 6 boys & 6 girls
- Selection date: 4th March

Event C - 2012 Inter Counties Tournament – 12th-15th April (Nottingham)

- Team size: minimum 4 boys & 4 girls, maximum 5 boys & 5 girls
- Selection date: 4th March

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
- 1.3 To select players that are committed to the team preparation process

2. Performance Targets

- 2.1 To select the best possible players that will perform 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 Players who were born on or after 1st January 1995
- 3.3 Be a paid up and affiliated of, and in good standing with Badminton Ireland

4. Primary Selection Criteria

4.1 The following domestic tournament results will be considered by the panel with strong emphasis on the Nationals:

- U17 Ulster Open – 17/18 September
- U17 BE Gold N.I. – 8/9 October
- U17 Leinster – 28/29 January
- U17 Irish Nationals – 3/4 March

Note: The UK School Games will be selected on the above tournaments from 2010-2011

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 U17 tournaments cannot separate two or more players

4.3 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.

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 The player must be also committed to the preparation process prior to each Event.

7. 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

8. Selection Panel

8.1 Andy Stewart & Tom Causer

9. 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 relevant Age Group Lead Coach.

9.2 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.

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