

Ulster Playing Pathway (UPP)

The Ulster Training Pathway reflects the different environments that a person can experience when playing badminton in Ulster. The diagram and the explanation below will help everyone to understand how each of the elements fit together.

Schools (1 and 2)

Children in Ulster can experience badminton in the schools environment, including primary (1) and secondary (2) schools.

Clubs (3 and 4)

Ulster has a range of clubs varying from junior (3) to senior (4) clubs.

Performance and Commitment Training Pathway (5,6 and 7)

- The Performance and Commitment Pathway (5, 6 and 7) is an invitation-only, performance training environment
- The objective of this Pathway is to create a training environment capable of producing players who can medal in individual events (singles, doubles and mixed) at the 4 major games (Olympics, Worlds, Europeans and Commonwealth Games)
- The Performance Pathway is split into Raw (5), Emerging (6) and High Performance (7) squads. Whilst age is a factor in the make-up of these groups, ability is the main factor
- Players on the Performance Pathway will need to demonstrate sustained commitment to the sport of badminton, both in training and in competition
- Depending on the level (5, 6 or 7) players will receive additional support, including sports science input, tournament programming and funding when available
- Players can be selected to represent Ulster even if they are not within the PCP. However players outside the PCP will not be eligible for Branch or Sports Council Funding
- Players in the Performance Pathway are encouraged to maintain connections with clubs as a means of supporting retention within the sport

GB Programmes/Ireland Programmes (8)

