

Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland

IV Commonwealth Youth Games, Isle of Man

7th - 13th September 2011

BADMINTON SELECTION POLICY

Introduction

1. This selection policy has been agreed by Ulster Badminton and the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council (NICGC). It provides detail on the process by which Ulster Badminton will arrive at its nominations for selection of athletes within the Northern Irish team in the Isle Of Man Commonwealth Youth Games in 2011, which will be submitted to NICGC for consideration.

2. In all cases, selection by Ulster Badminton represents a nomination to NICGC for ratification. The final decision in selection to the 2011 Youth Games lies with NICGC. Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents eligibility for nomination, not selection or even nomination.

3. Ulster Badminton will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under the selection criteria stated in this policy.

Selection Policy Aim

4. To select individuals who are capable of competing with distinction at the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games and who will have the potential to compete and win medals for Badminton at future Commonwealth Games.

Athlete Eligibility

5. Only players who are eligible to play for Northern Ireland will be considered for selection.

6. Be a paid up and affiliated member of, and in good standing with Badminton Ireland

7. The eligible age category for Badminton players is the BWF's Junior World Championships age bracket (under 19) – Men and Women: 14 – 18 yrs (born in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997).



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Games Competition Format

8. The Commonwealth Youth Games 2011 will include individual events for both men and women in the following disciplines:

- Singles
- Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

9. Following allocation of numbers from the Commonwealth Games Federation, NICGC has allocated Ulster Badminton an indicative total of 2 places on Youth Team Northern Ireland. The final number of places available may be increased by the organisers as some CGAs may not take up their full allocation of places, but this will not be known until later in 2011. The 2 athletes can be made up of any gender and will be based on players ability to meet the selection policy aim in point 4 as determined by selection criteria in point 10 below.

Primary Selection Criteria

10. The Ulster Badminton selection panel will select the Youth Games athletes based on perceived long term potential. The following criteria will be considered in selection of the team:

- The talent profile capable of competing at the Youth Games and winning medals in future Commonwealth Games
- The attitude and commitment of players during preparation periods and during competition
- The ability to cope in pressure situations during major tournaments

Secondary Selection Criteria

11. Consideration could also include tournament performances

Other Selection Factors for Consideration:

12. It is viewed that to meet the selection policy aim in point 4, players selected must be on Ulster Badminton's Performance and Commitment Pathway as laid out by the document "Ulster Training and Competition Pathway"

13. Players may also be asked to undertake health and fitness checks prior to nomination to the NICGC or any period thereafter and prior to the Games.

Injury, Illness and other exceptional circumstances

14. Any athlete who fails to meet selection criteria for reasons of injury, illness or any other exceptional circumstance who still wishes to seek selection must be backed up by medical evidence or any such additional evidence as may be reasonably requested by Ulster Badminton selection panel.

15. Any unavailability for competition or training for any of the reasons above must be advised and agreed with the HPC in advance.

Selection Timescales and Process

16. Ulster Badminton selection panel will review all eligible players against the agreed selection criteria and factors on the 14th or 15th June.

17. Ulster Badminton will then advise nominated players of their decision.

18. Ulster Badminton will send its nominations to NICGC no later than 22nd June 2011.

19. Final selection of the Games team is dependent on receipt of all relevant information required by NICGC.

Appeals

20. 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 7 working days of the announcement of the Commonwealth Youth Games team.

21. The sole grounds for an appeal is that the selection policy was not properly followed.

22. The Appeals panel will comprise 3 people, one of whom is required to have elite sport experience. No member of the Appeals panel shall have been involved in the selection process.

23. The Appeals panel may decide as follows:

- That selection concerned was based on a factual error and the case referred back to the Selection panel for consideration
- That the Selectors decision is upheld

24. The Chairman will in writing inform all parties about the Appeals panel's decision.

25. Ulster Badminton also have the opportunity to appeal to the NICGC if athletes nominated to them are not selected. Individuals do not have the right of appeal directly to NICGC.

Team Management/Staffing

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