

2023-24 Ulster Senior Team Selection Policy

Senior Team Events:

Event A - National Interprovincial – 6th April 2024 (Dublin) (TBC)

- Team size: minimum 4 men & 4 ladies, maximum 6 men & 6 ladies
- Selection date: February 2024

1. Policy Objectives

1.1 To select a team to represent Ulster in the above-mentioned Team Events

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 from September 2023 - February 2024 inclusive, will be considered by the panel in preferential order:

- Senior European Circuit tournaments
- Provincial Senior Premier tournaments & Irish Nationals & University Events.
- Provincial Masters tournaments & Irish Nationals

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 and Ulster Pathways Officer.

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 Pathways Officer.

8.2 Appeals in respect of selection should be made in writing to Ulster Badminton, marked for the attention of the Chair. 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