

## International Representation Pathway Information

This document has been produced to keep players, coaches and parents within Northern Ireland informed of their choices in relation to badminton's unique dual nationality position. The information below outlines the choices Northern Irish badminton players have when they are ready to make representative decisions.

### **NORTHERN IRELAND Representation:**

Players are eligible for consideration to represent Northern Ireland provided they are:

- Born in Northern Ireland or
- Parent/s were born in Northern Ireland or
- Have had residency in Northern Ireland for 3 years; and
- Hold an Irish or British passport

The only events Northern Ireland players can represent Northern Ireland at are the Commonwealth Games. These occur every 4 years. The Selection policy for this event can be found at the [Ulster Badminton Website](#).

Player who meet the selection criteria are then nominated to the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council who are responsible for selecting the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Team.

### **GREAT BRITAIN and IRISH Representation**

A Northern Ireland player can choose to represent either Team GB or Ireland at an Olympic Games or a European Games. Players must meet the representation and selection criteria as laid out by the governing body for these events. A player from Northern Ireland can only represent one country and must commit to either Team GB a minimum of 3 years before the given events, or Ireland a minimum of 3 years before the given events. Once a player has committed to their chosen country they will be deemed to have declared for that country.

### **GREAT BRITAIN Representation**

Players are eligible for consideration to represent GB provided they are:

- Born in Northern Ireland/UK or
- Parent/s were born in Northern Ireland or UK or
- Have had residency in Northern Ireland or UK for 3 years
- Hold a British passport
- Be an affiliated member with one of the 4 home Nations governing bodies.

### **OLYMPIC Representation**

A Northern Irish player can represent Great Britain in an Olympic Games which occur every 4 years. The selection policy for an Olympic Games can be found at the [GB website](#). (*selection policy yet to be published*). Players must also meet the BWF [Olympic Qualification Regulations](#) to compete at an Olympic Games representing GB.

Player/s who meet the GB selection criteria & BWF Olympic Qualifications regulations are then nominated to the British Olympic Association (BOA) and Team GB will be announced following ratification from the BOA in accordance with the Olympic Qualification Standard.

### EUROPEAN GAMES Representation

A Northern Irish player can also represent Great Britain at a European Games which occur every 4 years. The selection policy & eligibility can be found at the [GB website](#). Final selection is at the sole discretion of the British Olympic Association (BOA) and will be based on Great Britain Badminton's nominations made against this nomination and selection policy. Selections will be submitted to the European Games Committee (EGOC) and the team will be announced following ratification from the EGOC.

If a player commits to represent Great Britain 3 Years out from an Olympic Games or a European Games, within this period the player cannot compete for Ireland or another country in the following events, as in line with Rule 42 of the [Olympic charter](#) 'Nationality of Competitors' :

- Thomas Cup (Every 2 years)
- Uber Cup (Every 2 Years)
- Sudirman Cup (Every 2 years)
- European Mixed Team Championships (Every 2 years)
- European Men's & Women's Team Championships (Every 2 Years)

If a player chooses to compete in these events for Ireland or another country within this 3 year period they will become ineligible to represent Great Britain at an Olympic games or European Games within that cycle.

### IRELAND Representation

Players are eligible for consideration to represent Ireland provided they are:

- Be an affiliated member of and in good standing with BADMINTON Ireland;
- Hold a passport of a country whose territory BADMINTON Ireland has jurisdiction over;
- Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the fixture.
- Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF.

At Senior Level a player can represent Ireland at the following events:

- Olympic Games (Every 4 Years)
- European Games (Every 4 Years)
- Thomas Cup (Every 2 years)
- Uber Cup (Every 2 Years)
- Sudirman Cup (Every 2 years)
- European Mixed Team Championships (Every 2 years)
- European Men's & Women's Team Championships (Every 2 Years)

Selection policies & Results Criteria for the above events can be found at the [Badminton Ireland](#) website. Players who wish to represent Ireland at an Olympic games must also meet the [BWF Olympic Qualification Regulations](#) and be in line with Rule 42 of the [Olympic charter](#) 'Nationality of Competitors' :

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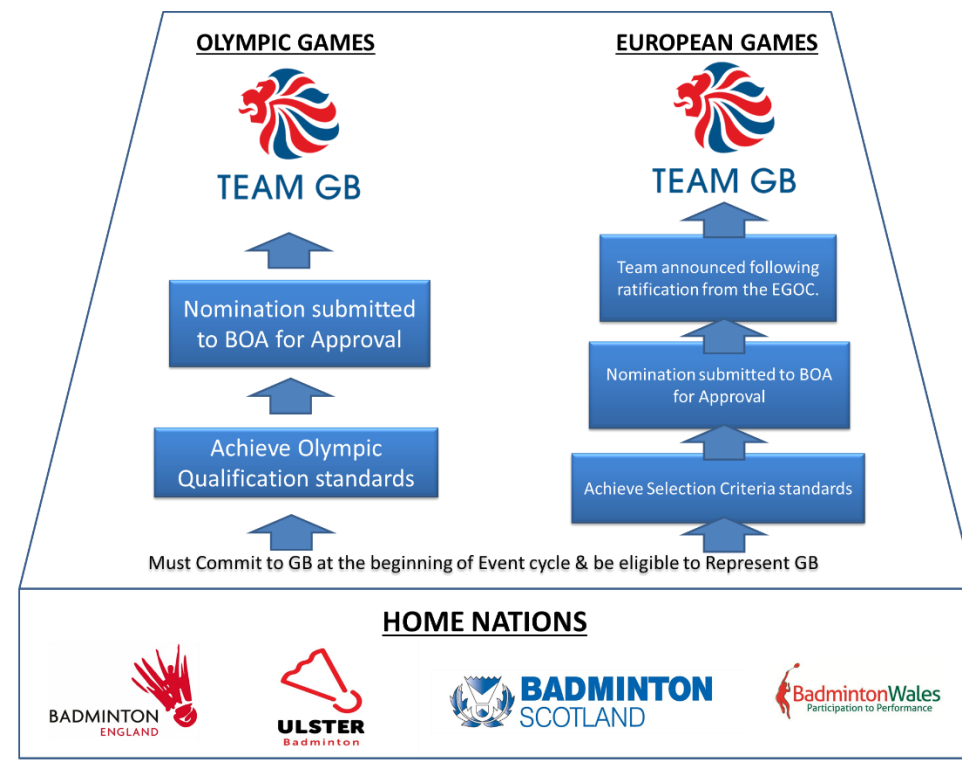
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A player can only represent Ireland in the above events if they have not represented any other country or member association (including GB at an Olympic Games or European Games) for 3 years immediately preceding the date of the fixture.

The diagrams below show the Great Britain and Ireland Pathway, Players can only sit in one pathway.

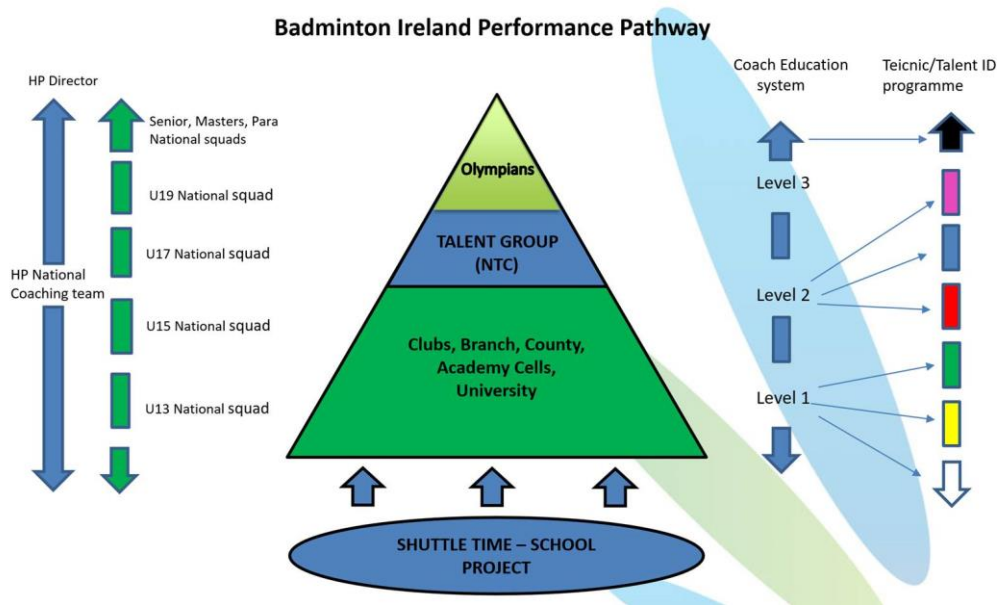
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## International PARA Representation Pathway Information

This document has been produced to keep Athlete's, coaches and parents within Northern Ireland informed of their choices in relation to Para badminton's unique dual nationality position. The information below outlines the choices Northern Irish badminton players have when they are ready to make representative decisions.

### GREAT BRITAIN and IRISH Representation

A Northern Ireland Athlete can choose to represent either Team GB or Ireland at a Paralympic Games. Athletes must meet the representation and selection criteria as laid out by the governing body for these events. An athlete from Northern Ireland can only represent one country and must commit to either Team GB a minimum of 3 years before an Paralympic Games, or Ireland a minimum of 3 years before an Paralympic Games. Once an athlete has committed to their chosen country they will be deemed to have declared for that country.

### GREAT BRITAIN PARALYMPIC Representation

Athletes are eligible for consideration to represent GB provided they are:

- a holder of a valid British passport;
- eligible under with the provisions of the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy published in the IPC Handbook.
- be an affiliated member of and in good standing with the respective National Governing Body;
- eligible under any other eligibility criteria imposed by the IPC and/or the BPA including in respect of anti-doping;
- be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status; and
- Be eligible to represent Great Britain under the [International Representation rule](#) of the BWF.

The only event a Northern Ireland Athlete can represent Great Britain is a Paralympic Games which occur every 4 years. The selection policy for the 2020 Paralympic Games can be found at the GB website. (*Updated Selection Policy to be finalised*). Athletes must also meet the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Qualification Regulations to compete at a Paralympic Games representing GB. The [IPC- Tokyo 2020 Qualification Guidelines](#) and [Race to Tokyo Ranking regulations](#) provide further information.

Athletes who meet the GB selection criteria & IPC Paralympic Qualifications regulations are then nominated to the British Paralympic Association (BPA) and Team GB will be announced following ratification from the BPA in accordance with the Paralympic Qualification Standard.

If an athlete commits to represent Great Britain 3 Years out from an Olympic Games, within this period the athlete cannot compete for Ireland or another country in a representation event, as in line with Rule 42 of the [Olympic charter](#) 'Nationality of Competitors' :

If an athlete chooses to compete in a representation event for Ireland or another country within this 3 year period they will become ineligible to represent Great Britain at an Paralympic games within that cycle.

## IRELAND PARALYMPIC Representation

Athletes are eligible for consideration to represent Ireland provided they:

- hold an Irish Passport;
- be an affiliated member of Badminton Ireland;
- comply with Badminton Ireland Code of Conduct;
- comply with any other eligibility criteria imposed by the IPC and/or the OFI; and
- comply with anti-doping rules imposed by Badminton Ireland, Sport Ireland, the IOC and WADA

A Northern Ireland athlete can represent Ireland at a Paralympic Games which occur every 4 years. The selection policy for the 2020 Paralympic Games can be found at the [Badminton Ireland website](#).

Athletes must also meet the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Qualification Regulations to compete at a Paralympic Games representing Ireland. The [IPC- Tokyo 2020 Qualification Guidelines](#) and [Race to Tokyo Ranking regulations](#) provide further information.

Athletes who meet the Ireland selection criteria & IPC Paralympic Qualifications regulations are then nominated to the Paralympics Ireland (PI) and the Irish Paralympic team will be announced following ratification from Paralympics Ireland in accordance with the Paralympic Qualification Standard.

An athlete can only represent Ireland in a Paralympic Games if they have not represented any other country or member association (including GB at an Olympic Games) for 3 years immediately preceding the date of the fixture. as in line with Rule 42 of the [Olympic charter](#) 'Nationality of Competitors'

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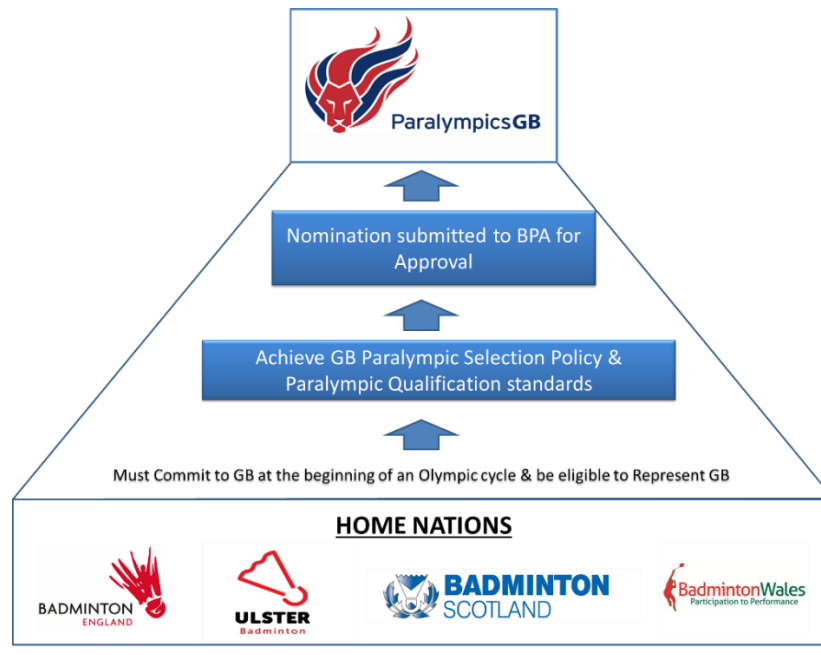
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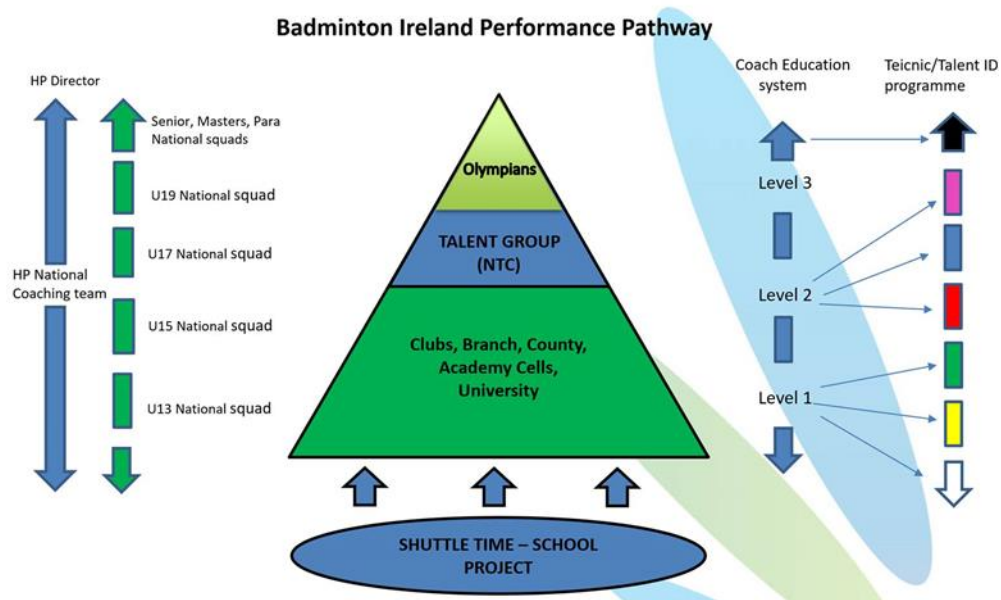
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## GREAT BRITAIN PARALYMPIC PATHWAY



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