

## **BADMINTON ONTARIO**

### **Team Selection Policy (March 2017)**

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#### **Purpose/ Definition:**

1. This Policy serves as a general guide for Badminton Ontario's Provincial Team nomination and selection process for both coaches and athletes. It establishes general principles that are applicable to the selection to all Provincial Team events.

#### **Criteria:**

2. For each specific Provincial Team event, a "Selection Criteria Document" will be approved and published by the Badminton Ontario selection committee (the "Selection Committee"). The Selection Criteria Document outlines the selection process for each team (the "Selection Criteria"), including:
  - a. Team objectives – Stipulated in the Selection Criteria Document for a specific competition;
  - b. High performance principles – Stipulated in the Selection Criteria Document for a specific competition; and
  - c. Eligibility for selection – athlete and coach.

#### **Athlete:**

1. Must meet the age criteria dictated by the competition;
2. Must be a registered competitive member of Badminton Ontario and in good standing;
3. Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and be prepared to show documentation and must submit a declaration of same prior to the deadline published by the Selection Committee (this includes athletes who may have received an exemption from competing in any selection competitions);
4. Must have met the minimum performance standard at a sanctioned competition recognized by Badminton Ontario, normally being a specific trials competition but there could be instances whereby other options for selection are determined within the Selection Criteria;
5. For the Canada Games, must have had a permanent domicile or actual residence located, for at least 180 days prior to the opening of the Games, within Ontario. An athlete can have only one domicile; and
6. Must compete at the team selection trials established for each team.

**Coach:**

1. Must be a current registered coach of Badminton Ontario, meeting all the professional and public standards required for such registration;
2. Must be accredited in the National Coaching Association (NCCP) at the level determined within the specific competition Selection Criteria. This includes specific criteria for the head coach and manager;
3. Must be a member in good standing with Badminton Ontario; and
4. Must adhere to the Badminton Ontario “Coaches Code of Conduct”.

Selection processes, Selection Criteria, deadlines, qualifying periods, and standards and exceptions will each be stipulated in the Selection Criteria Document for the specific competition.

**Selection**

3. All athlete selections will be made by the applicable Selection Committee in accordance with the applicable Selection Criteria Document.

**Rules**

4. Regarding Selection Criteria, except as explicitly provided in the Selection Criteria Document, the most restrictive criteria of the Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton Canada (BCan), Canada Games Council (CGC), or other organization’s regulations pertinent to the team selection being determined will prevail.

**Trials**

5. Except as explicitly provided in the Selection Criteria Document, all athletes must compete at the identified qualifying trial(s) to be eligible for selection.

**Qualifying Period**

6. Except as explicitly provided in the Selection Criteria Document, no performances in events that occur before or after the end of the applicable qualifying period will be valid for the purpose of selection to the team.

**Amendments**

7. Badminton Ontario reserves the right to amend the Selection Criteria Document. If amendments are made they will be communicated as soon as possible through established communication channels (posting on the Badminton Ontario web-site and social media platforms).

**Unforeseen Circumstances**

8. In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the process for selection as contemplated in the Selection Criteria Document to be implemented, the Selection Committee reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action. Depending on the circumstances, such course of action may involve implementation of an alternate process for team selection.

### **Team Travel Obligations**

9. Athletes who wish to participate on a Badminton Ontario provincial team are required to comply with Badminton Ontario travel plans (including participation in pre-competition and pre-target-event training camps and competitions), as they pertain to training schedules, travel and accommodation schedules.

### **Appeals for Selection**

10. Appeals of team selection decisions may only be submitted by athletes deemed eligible to submit appeals as specified in the Selection Criteria Document.
11. Appeals may be submitted for circumstances related to athlete illness or injury or other reasonable technical circumstance deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will decide all first level appeals, bearing in mind the team objectives and high performance principles as specified in the Selection Criteria Document.
12. All Appeals relating to Team Selection must be submitted to Badminton Ontario as per the Badminton Ontario Appeals Policy (published on the Badminton Ontario website).

### **Non - Compliance:**

13. Failure to comply with any of the Policy obligations (outlined above) may result in removal from a team.
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