



# PARA-BADMINTON

## NATIONAL TEAM CRITERIA

### 2017/2018

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#### 1. Introduction-

- 1.1. Badminton Canada will name a Para-badminton National Team (hereafter referred to as the “National Team”) that will be the focus of its High Performance activities for athletes with a disability. All athletes meeting the criteria below will be invited to the National Team. The National Team will be named in September 2017 and those athletes named to the team will be considered part of the National Team until the completion of the 2018 National Championships (dates to be confirmed).

#### 2. Criteria-

- 2.1. The National Team for 2018/19 will consist of a maximum of 6 athletes. Athletes will be invited to the National Team based on the following criteria-
  - 2.1.1. Must be a Canadian Citizen
  - 2.1.2. All 2017/2018 AAP carded athletes
  - 2.1.3. Any athlete with a top 10 BWF world ranking in any discipline (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD) and in any classification (WH1, WH2, SL3, SL4, SU5, SS6) on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- 2.2. Athletes meeting the following criteria may be added to the National Team following an evaluation by the High Performance Committee (in no particular order)-
  - 2.2.1. Any athlete that won an event at the 2017 Para-Badminton National Championships
  - 2.2.2. Athletes who were members of the National Team in 2016/17 who have not met any of the previous criteria
  - 2.2.3. Any athlete that wins a BWF sanctioned event during the qualifying period (June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016-September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017)
  - 2.2.4. The highest ranked athlete in a specific discipline, gender and class on the BWF rankings
  - 2.2.5. The highest placing athlete in a specific discipline, gender and class at National Championships

The evaluation will consider their performances at National Championship Events and BWF recognized International events between June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The evaluation will

also take into consideration the athlete's training plans, training environment, future competition plans and commitment to the National Team program. All eligible athletes will be informed of the outcome of their evaluation with rationale provided

- 2.3. In order to be a member of the National Team, athletes must have competed in the 2017 National Championships (Open). Athletes that have been on the National Team for at least one year must have competed in a minimum of 2 International tournaments between June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **3. Injury Clause-**

- 3.1. Athletes that were members of the National Team in the previous year and sustain an injury that prevents them from attaining any of the above criteria may appeal to remain on the team. The appeal to remain on the team must outline an explanation of why the athlete feels the injury prevented meeting the above criteria, a full reporting of the injury, the planned rehabilitation schedule and results prior to the injury that merit inclusion on the team.
- 3.2. Injury appeals will only be considered if the athlete has informed Badminton Canada of any injuries within one week of sustaining the injury. Retroactive injury reporting will not be considered.

### **4. Selection Protocol-**

- 4.1. Official selection to the team is through written personal correspondence (email) from Badminton Canada- all verbal discussion of team selection is unofficial and not considered binding.
- 4.2. Invitations will be sent to athletes based on the criteria in Section 2. The athlete will not be considered a member of the team until he/she has officially accepted or declined the invitation. When an invitation is declined, the sport may be offered to another athlete.

### **5. Conditions-**

- 5.1. Prior to the final team selection, athletes must abide by the following regulations-
  - 5.1.1. Athletes must be members in good standing with a Provincial Member Association of Badminton Canada
  - 5.1.2. Athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices to Badminton Canada
  - 5.1.3. Athletes must have signed the Badminton Canada National Team Member Agreement
  - 5.1.4. Athletes must be eligible to represent Canada at BWF level events. (Valid Canadian passport)

### **6. Appeal Procedure-**

- 6.1. Athletes wishing to appeal decisions regarding team selection must follow the Badminton Canada Appeal Procedure. Copies of the Appeal Procedure can be obtained through request to the Badminton Canada National Office, or by downloading from the Badminton Canada website ([www.badminton.ca](http://www.badminton.ca)).

## **7. Notes**

- 7.1. Badminton Canada reserves the right to make adjustments to National Team programming based on financial requirements
- 7.2. Badminton Canada reserves the right to review (and change) any selection criteria or decision related to this selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from Badminton Pan America or the BWF that affect previously published criteria or team selection decision
- 7.3. Badminton Canada reserves the right to not send players to any competition if it is deemed that there could be negative political, financial or safety issues
- 7.4. Players accepting the invitation understand that all costs associated with this event will be the responsibility of the athlete unless otherwise indicated in writing via email. Badminton Canada will not provide any travel, accommodations or per diem financial support
- 7.5. In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection criteria, the English wording takes precedence