



NATIONAL TEAM CRITERIA

2018/2019

1. Introduction-

- 1.1. Badminton Canada will name a National Team that will be the focus of its High Performance activities. All athletes meeting the criteria below will be invited to the National Team. The National Team will be named in June 2018. Benefits of being named to the National Team include-
 - 1.1.1. Financial support by Badminton Canada towards competitions for the upcoming season
 - 1.1.2. High Performance & strategic planning support from Badminton Canada, National coaches and other support team members
 - 1.1.3. National Team clothing and equipment from Yonex and other Team Canada sponsors
 - 1.1.4. Other benefits as outlined in the National Team Member Agreement

2. Criteria-

- 2.1. The National Team for 2018/19 will consist of a maximum of 10 athletes (TBD). 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 2018/2019 AAP carded athletes
 - 2.1.3. Any athlete with a top 35 BWF world ranking in Men's or Women's Singles on May 1st, 2018 ranking list
 - 2.1.4. Any athlete with a top 25 BWF world ranking in Men's, Women's or Mixed Doubles on May 1st, 2018 ranking list
- 2.2. Athletes meeting the following categories may be added to the Senior 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 2018 National Championships (Open)
 - 2.2.2. Any athlete ranked #1 on the Senior National Ranking lists as of the end of the 2018 National Championships
 - 2.2.3. Athletes who were members of the National Team in 2017/18 who have not met any of the previous criteria
 - 2.2.4. Any athlete that wins an event at the 2018 U23 or U19 National Championships
 - 2.2.5. Any athlete that wins an International Challenge or greater event

The evaluation will consider their performances at Senior Elite Series Events, National Championship Events and BWF recognized International events between June 1st, 2017 and May 31st, 2018. The evaluation will also take into consideration the athlete's training plans, training environment, future competition plans and commitment to the Senior 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 a minimum of 2 Elite Series events and the 2018 National Championships (Open). Athletes that have been on the National Team for at least one year must have competed in a minimum of 6 International tournaments between June 1st, 2017 and May 31st, 2018.

3. Injury Clause-

- 3.1. Athletes that were members of the Senior 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 be looked at by the HPC and a decision will be made based on the material presented by the athlete and supporting documentation as outlined in section 3.1. The High Performance Committee, National coaches and BCan High Performance Manager will determine whether there is consensus that the athlete can recover fully from their injury and continue to progress to achieve their goals and those of Badminton Canada. There is no guarantee that an injured athlete will remain on the national team.
- 3.3. 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 spot 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).

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 decisions
- 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 any 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