



Selection Criteria

2019 Pan American Games

July 26th – August 11th, 2019

Lima, PER

1. Introduction-

- 1.1. Participation in the Pan American Games is important for Badminton Canada (BCan) for the following reasons-
 - It provides a benchmark for comparison to other Pan American (Pan Am) countries
 - It brings key ranking points opportunities for BWF rankings and qualifying for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
 - It is an excellent development experience for athletes and coaches
 - It is important politically for Badminton Canada to remain active in key BWF international competitions
 - It is a multi-sport Games experience for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games preparation
- 1.2. Competition at the Pan Am Games includes Individual play in all five (5) disciplines-
 - 1.2.1. Men's Singles (MS)
 - 1.2.2. Women's Singles (WS)
 - 1.2.3. Men's Doubles (MD)
 - 1.2.4. Women's Doubles (WD)
 - 1.2.5. Mixed Doubles (XD)
- 1.3. Each country is restricted to the number of entries as per BWF/Badminton Pan Am regulations. A country may register a maximum of three (3) athletes for each Singles event and 2 pairs for each Doubles.
- 1.4. For questions or clarifications on the contents of this document, please contact Jordan Bridal (jordan@badminton.ca).

2. Performance Objectives-

- 2.1. Win Gold medals in at least three (3) of the five (5) disciplines
- 2.2. Have medal performances in all five (5) disciplines

- 2.3. Have every athlete medal in at least one event
- 2.4. Earn the maximum number of BWF ranking points for Tokyo 2020 qualification

3. Team Size-

- 3.1. Badminton Canada will invite athletes who have qualified via the BWF/Badminton Pan Am qualification criteria and achieve all standards as outlined in this selection criteria document.
- 3.2. The maximum number of athletes for any country is 8 athletes total (4 male, 4 female), directly based on their BWF/Badminton Pan Am (BWF) criteria (Appendix #1- Lima 2019 Badminton Qualification Process) The BWF criteria states that the number of quota positions will be directly determined by the overall country ranking within the Pan Am region using the February 28th (week #9) 2019 BWF World Ranking. Country ranking is determined by adding up the points of the highest ranked player/team from each country in the five disciplines (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD). The higher the number of total points, the higher the country ranking. If there is a discrepancy between this document and the BWF criteria, the BWF criteria shall prevail. In the event of changes by the BWF to the eligibility or criteria, Badminton Canada is bound by these changes and will inform its membership as soon as possible.
- 3.3. The Canadian Olympic Committee's Qualification System Principles dictate that, irrespective of the number of athletes qualified via the BWF criteria, the overall Canadian Pan Am Team delegation may comprise a maximum of 600 funded team members. The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) has not yet allocated funded athlete quota places to Badminton Canada. The Badminton Canada final number of confirmed athlete slots for the Pan Am Games will only be finalized after both the BWF quota positions and COC funded positions are confirmed. This will be communicated externally as soon as possible after final confirmation.
- 3.4. Badminton Canada will name a minimum of one (1) staff to the team, consisting of a minimum of one (1) coach. Should Badminton Canada qualify the full allocation of eight (8) athlete slots, Badminton Canada will name a minimum of two (2) staff to the team, consisting of a minimum of one (1) coach. Priority for these positions are given to the National Head Coach, National Assistant Head Coach and any Team Manager as determined by Badminton Canada and the High Performance Committee. All coaches must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada. Additional accreditations may be available as per the COC support staff policy. Should any additional Team Canada staff be required, the coaches will be selected via the BCan yearly Coaching Application process, which will be distributed in the fall of 2018. Any IST staff will be selected by Badminton Canada.
- 3.5. Personal coaches may be considered to coach in the tournament provided they meet the requirements set out by Badminton Canada, the personal coach policy and there are sufficient accreditations available. Personal coaches are also welcome to attend the Games should there not be sufficient accreditations available, but there will be minimal (if any) direct access to the athletes during the Pan Am Games without accreditation. All coach participation is solely by invitation of Badminton Canada and there will be no funding provided by Badminton Canada

for any personal coaches. Parents or other individuals wishing to travel with the team may do so at their own expense.

4. Selection Process-

- 4.1. Selection criteria will be directly impacted by the number of slots qualified and confirmed by the COC (Appendix #2- Team Selection Policy- 2019 Pan Am Games) and BWF qualification processes (Appendix #1- Lima 2019 Badminton Qualification Process). All confirmed slots will be filled via the following selection process. Please note that all BCan nominated athletes must be approved by the COC as per their selection policy.

- 4.2. **Priority #1-** The first priority is for the highest ranked Canadian Men's and Women's Singles player, who are ranked in the Top 45 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) world rankings, and the highest ranked Canadian Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles pair, who are ranked in the Top 35 in the BWF World rankings, according to the BWF World Ranking List published during week 18 (up to and including events from Week 17) of 2019
 - 4.2.1. Athletes will be selected in order based on highest BWF ranking until all qualification slots are filled, with a maximum of one per discipline. Should there only be one slot left and a Doubles pair be the next highest ranked, the position will go to the next eligible Singles player.

- 4.3. **Priority #2-** The second priority is for all disciplines that did not have eligible athletes to fill a slot in criteria 4.2 above. Athletes/pairs for those unfilled disciplines will be selected based upon the combined point totals from their best five (5) results within the qualifying period (as listed below). One of the five results must be the points earned at the 2019 Yonex Canadian National Championships (January 30th-February 2nd, 2019). The other four (4) point totals will be their best results for events from and including week 25 of the 2018 BWF Calendar through events up to and including week 17 of the 2019 BWF Calendar. These results/points must come from the Canadian Yonex Elite Series and/or international BWF sanctioned competitions and may include a maximum of one (1) result/point total from the Canadian Yonex Elite Series. Qualification will be based on performance in singles, doubles and mixed doubles independently, with results in each of the disciplines being used only to determine athlete rankings for that discipline (eg. singles results will not be used to determine athlete rankings for doubles). Doubles/mixed doubles results must be made with the same partner. Should there only be one slot left and a Doubles pair be the next highest ranked, the position will go to the next eligible Singles player.

If there is a tie in the ranking points in singles or doubles, the tie breakers shall be as follows-

1. The last head-to-head result in an event which could be used for qualification during the qualifying period
2. The higher BWF ranking published in week 18 of 2019
3. High Performance Committee decision

- 4.4. **Priority #3-** Should slots still be available after all the above criteria (Sections 4.1-4.3), any remaining slots will be selected by the Badminton Canada High Performance Committee.

5. Athlete Entry-

- 5.1. Badminton Canada reserves the right to determine athlete entry by event. All decisions will be made by the Badminton Canada High Performance Committee. Once onsite at the event, these decisions will revert to the staff onsite at the Games (coaching staff and team leadership)
- 5.2. Badminton Canada reserves the right to modify athlete pairings in doubles/mixed doubles events
- 5.3. Athletes will be self-funded for all expenses unless otherwise indicated

6. Injury Clause-

- 6.1. In the case of injury arising after an athlete has been selected, but prior to departure, Badminton Canada reserves the right to revoke selection of the athlete if, in Badminton Canada's sole discretion, the athlete's or team's performance will be compromised. Following nomination to the COC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.
- 6.2. **Naming of Alternates-** Badminton Canada will not name alternates to the Pan Am team. Should athletes be required to fill positions for any reason, BCan will revert to the selection criteria priorities above to name any required replacements.

7. Selection Protocol-

- 7.1. Official selection to the team is through written personal correspondence (via email) from Badminton Canada- all verbal discussion of team selection is unofficial and not considered binding. Athletes must accept nominations in writing (via email) within five (5) business days for it to be considered as accepted. The full team announcement will be made at a time designated by BCan after the full team is confirmed.
- 7.2. For all doubles pairs being nominated, both partners must accept the nomination to be considered. Should one partner decline the nomination, this then indicates that the doubles nomination is being declined by both partners and BCan will revert to the selection criteria to nominate the next eligible pair.

8. Conditions of Participation-

- 8.1. Prior to final team selection, athletes must abide by the following regulations
 - 8.1.1. Athletes who were invited to the 2018/2019 National Team and decline the invitation will not be eligible to compete at the 2019 Pan Am Games
 - 8.1.2. Athletes must be members in good standing with a Provincial Member Association of Badminton Canada and have paid their International Registration and Insurance Fee
 - 8.1.3. Athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices to Badminton Canada at least 30 days prior to departure.

- 8.1.4. Athletes must have signed either the Badminton Canada National Team Member Agreement or the Badminton Canada Conditions of Participation Agreement at least 30 days prior to departure.
- 8.1.5. Athletes must agree to participate in any Badminton Canada designated camps related to this event. Failure to comply will lead to removal from the team.
- 8.1.6. Athletes must be Canadian citizens as per the Regulations of the Pan American Games and have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before February 11th, 2020.
- 8.1.7. Athletes must sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Lima 2019 Conditions of Participation Form.

9. Appeal Procedure-

- 9.1. 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).
- 9.2. If both parties are in agreement, the Badminton Canada Appeal Procedure can be bypassed and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeals process.

10. Notes

- 10.1. Badminton Canada reserves the right to make adjustments to Pan Am Games Team programming based on financial requirements
- 10.2. 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 the BWF that affect previously published criteria or team selection decisions. In such case, Badminton Canada will inform the members of the changes as soon as possible.
- 10.3. Badminton Canada reserves the right to not send players to the 2019 Pan Am Games if it is deemed that there could be negative political, financial or safety issues