



REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTION & APPEALS POLICY

1. Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to provide the overall principles guiding the selection of all Bay of Plenty Badminton Association (BOPBA) representative teams. BOPBA aims to provide a fair and competitive environment for the selection of players to represent BOP at regional/national events.
- 1.2 The Community Development General Manager appoints the team Selector(s). Selector(s) are to attend Trial(s) where players are given an opportunity to play matches with and against a variety of players.
- 1.3 Players not selected into a Team may be given an opportunity to become Reserves should players in the Team not be able to fulfil their duties. Reserves are eligible to participate in weekly training sessions as advised by BOPBA.

2. Implementation

- 2.1 BOPBA reserves the right to amend the Selection Policy from time to time and as circumstances may require. Implementation of the Selection Policy shall be the responsibility of the BOP Coach & Development Manager.
- 2.2 The Selection Policy shall be posted on the BOPBA Website. It shall be the responsibility of all players who nominate for selection to familiarise themselves with the Selection Policy.
- 2.3 The Selector(s) Panel must consist of a minimum of the Coach & Development Manager or Community Development General Manager. Additional Selector(s) may be appointed from time to time to assist in the process.
- 2.4 The Selector(s) shall be responsible for the assessment and selection of all representatives across Juniors, Seniors, Masters, Veterans and Super Veterans age groups.
- 2.5 The Selector(s) shall have the right to make both objective and subjective assessments, weighed on a case-by-case basis without creating any form of precedent relevant to the determination of any later case.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 All players making themselves available for team selection must be financial member of a Bay of Plenty Badminton Association 'Affiliated Club' listed below:
 - Tauranga Badminton Club

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- Mount Badminton Club
- Avenues Badminton Club
- Nepalese Association BOP Badminton Club
- Te Puke Badminton Club
- Rotorua Badminton Club
- Utuhina Badminton Club
- Whakatane Badminton Club
- Awakeri Badminton Club
- Turangi Badminton Club

All Players must also be in good financial standing with Bay of Plenty Badminton Association in the year of competition and must meet eligibility by-laws of the relevant Badminton New Zealand Inter-Association Competition.

- 3.2 For Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 players shall remain under the stated age group for the calendar year that the event is held. The Selector(s) will select a minimum of 4 female and 4 male players to Under 15 and Under 17 teams. The Selector(s) will select a minimum of 2 female and 2 male players to Under 13 and Under 19 teams.
- 3.3 For Masters, players must be 35 years of age as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selector(s) will select a minimum of 4 female and 4 male players to teams.
- 3.4 For Veterans, players must be 50 years of age as at 31st December in the year of competition. The Selector(s) will select a minimum of 3 female and 3 male players to teams.
- 3.5 For Super-Veterans, players must be 60 years of age as at 31st December in the year of competition. The Selector(s) will select a minimum of 3 female and 3 male players to teams.

4. Criteria

- 4.1 Team selection and composition will be based on criteria as below (but not limited to):
- 4.1.1. Performance at trials and any sanctioned tournament deemed relevant by Selector(s)
 - 4.1.2. Technical proficiency, level of skill and fitness
 - 4.1.3. Current form and general fitness

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- 4.1.4. Previous representative experience
- 4.1.5. Ability to contribute and function within a team environment
- 4.1.6. Commitment and attitude
- 4.1.7. Professionalism (on-court and off court self-management skills)
- 4.1.8. Adherence to the rules of badminton, Bay of Plenty Badminton's Code of Conduct and good sportsmanship
- 4.1.9. Any past, current or recurring injury or condition (physical or otherwise) which may have the potential to inhibit a player or team's performance
- 4.2. Bay of Plenty Badminton's strategy against opposing teams may be taken into account.
- 4.3. Any discussions on team selection between the Community Development General Manager, Coaches, Selector(s), Team Management and the BOPBA Board shall remain confidential.
- 4.4. A Player based outside of Bay of Plenty before and during the season may still register and be eligible for selection.
- 4.5. Any request for dispensation must be directed to the appointed Selector(s) and/or Community Development General Manager. Dispensation may be granted in the following circumstances:
 - 4.5.1. A player is representing New Zealand, or attending an event as directed by Bay of Plenty Badminton and/or Badminton New Zealand
 - 4.5.2. A player is attending another tournament deemed significant by Selector(s)
 - 4.5.3. A medical problem for which a medical certificate is produced
 - 4.5.4. A personal event deemed significant by the Selector(s)
 - 4.5.5. Past, current and planned level of training and experience.

5. Outcomes

- 5.1. Subject to constraints imposed upon the BOPBA by third parties, players selected by the Selector(s) shall be notified of their selection as soon as practicable after the finalisation of the relevant team(s).
- 5.2. Notification to the players selected will be made by the Community Development General Manager. Public notification of the selected players may be made by the Community Development General Manager only after all players have been notified.

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6. Appeals

- 6.1 An appeal by a player may only be made if the selection criteria have not properly been followed, applied and/or implemented; of the person seeking selection was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the applicable selection criteria.
- 6.2 A player may lodge an appeal in writing to the Community Development General Manager at any time during the Trial(s) but not later than forty-eight (48) hours after notification of the relevant team selections.
- 6.3 The Community Development General Manager will consult with the Selector(s), and any other person as may be deemed appropriate in an attempt to respond to the athlete within forty-eight (48) hours of lodgement of the appeal.
- 6.4 In the event the Community Development General Manager is unable to answer the concerns of the player such that the player wishes to maintain their appeal, then such appeal shall be referred to the BOPBA Board.
- 6.5 The BOPBA Board is to appoint 3 Board Members to hear and determine the appeals by the player and make the recommendations as appropriate to the rest of the Board and/or Community Development General Manager.
- 6.6 In determining any such appeal the BOPBA Board shall properly consider all such evidence as may be presented from the player, the Selector(s), and any other relevant party.
- 6.7 Upon determination of the appeal the BOPBA Board shall communicate their recommendation to both the Community Development General Manager and the player at the earliest opportunity.

Review Protocol

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