

GUERNSEY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
SELECTION CRITERIA FOR COUNTY, ISLAND GAMES AND
COMMONWEALTH GAMES

BACKGROUND

These criteria are to help ensure a clear, fair and equitable selection process for all GBA island representative teams. It is recognised that in a small association with a lack of resources, that it is difficult to apply an absolutely rigid set of guidelines. So the criteria outlined below are for guidance as best practice, which should apply to both selectors and players as appropriate.

It is in the best interests of both selectors and players to be aware of the full contents of these criteria. This is so selectors are aware of not only their own responsibilities but also of the requirements expected of players and vice-versa.

SELECTORS

The selectors should consist of a Committee of a minimum of 3 and up to 4 selectors. There should be at least one member of each sex.

Selectors Commitment. Selectors should be prepared to give the following commitment:-

- Be not eligible as a player (but this may be overlooked by agreement).
- Be independent of each other.
- Be independent of other players.
- Chosen at the GBA AGM.
- Throughout the season follow results and standard in GBA League matches, Singles league, County matches, Inter-insular matches and other tournaments in and out of Guernsey tournaments as appropriate.
- Agree a routine of attending all training and/or selection sessions.

Selectors should:-

(a) For all 3 events

- Be aware of and consider players commitment to training (GBA organised and players own further training commitments), playing and general level of standard.
- As a general rule, the best players shall be selected.
- Make all selections by either a unanimous or majority vote.

(b) For Island Games & County

- Consider appointing both a Mens and Ladies Captain, obtaining that person's approval, and bearing in mind team morale, and ability to encourage other team players, and the next bullet point.

(c) For Island Games only

- Consider entering the maximum number of players per available event.
- Players named for each island games match will be selected by the Team Manager in consultation with the team Captains.
- Name the squad not later than 31 January prior to the Island Games.
- The squad should consist of up to 10 men and 10 women.

SELECTION CRITERIA

At the beginning of each season, the Committee should hold a pre-season meeting to consider who they feel will satisfy the general playing criteria

Players not invited by the Committee must make themselves known to the selectors in writing.

Personal details should be obtained including the following guidance:-

- Name
- Contact address
- Contact telephone
- Contact e-mail
- Club membership
- Details of GBA leagues they will enter.
- Details of tournaments they intend entering.
- Details of non-GBA organised training they undertake.

Players commitment. Selectors will look at and take account of each player's commitment as well as general standard, and ability. This will include:-

- Playing all disciplines.
- Playing Singles league.
- Playing Guernsey Closed and Open tournaments.
- Playing and travelling in the County squad.
- Off island tournaments.
- Attending all training sessions, unless prior agreement is reached with the Committee.
- If named in the squad, attend, play and train right up to the date of the Games.
- Players own training commitments.

If a player is based off island there should be a clear commitment to:-

- Playing off island tournaments.
- Representation at County level or equivalent.
- Be available, if required, to attend Guernsey based trials.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES - EXTRA LEVEL OF PLAYERS CRITERIA

As a consequence of the Island Games, and the further funding requirement for Commonwealth Games, there is an expectation of a higher commitment and standard of play for consideration for selection for the Commonwealth Games.

It must be remembered that these criteria are set by the GBA and not by the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA). The GBA can only submit players for consideration who the GBA believe have clearly met not only the letter of the criteria but also the spirit intended. This should include a serious and professional attitude to elite play, training and playing. However, it can only be a guideline as badminton is difficult to set specific targets to achieve. Also, the spirit of the guidelines intends that the criteria can be met by talented juniors who attain equivalent level standards, particularly for Criteria 3 & 4 where a high National Ranking would be required. A "National Ranking" means one obtained from a country equivalent to one in the UK and Ireland.

Specific Criteria:-

1. Have represented Guernsey (or equivalent) in the preceding Island Games (if badminton is represented, and the player eligible) and won: an individual medal at Singles (Gold or Silver), or; Level Doubles (Gold or Silver), or; Mixed Doubles (Gold or Silver). As part of this requirement a team medal or individual bronze medal may be considered depending on the specific circumstances of the draw.
2. Be a current and regular representative for Guernsey (or UK equivalent) at County First Team level, playing both home and away matches and produce results that support selection.
3. Regularly and annually compete in off island Open tournaments and events. No minimum will be set but the events and results must support selection. Players must complete a report about each event including their results. These will be assessed as to the level of standard achieved.
4. By satisfying criteria 3 above the nominated player should have a high Badminton England (or equivalent country, European or World) ranking for singles, level doubles or mixed doubles that confirms the player's commitment and relevant standing. The ranking will be at a level to be determined by the GBA County Selection Committee.

The criteria should be met within 24 months of the start date of the next Commonwealth Games.

The GBA County Committee must prepare a report on each nominee player that supports the nominees selection for submission and approval by the GBA Executive Committee prior to submission to the GCGA Validation Committee. It should outline details of the players ranking, training, playing and relevant tournament and event success in support of the criteria noted above.

Agreed by the Guernsey Badminton Association 6 March 2008
John W Stuart President

COUNTY SQUAD AND SELECTION

The County Committee will be responsible for inviting appropriate players to County Squad training sessions each season. They should meet prior to each season and decide who should be specifically invited. They should also consider advertising the squad system so GBA players are aware that they can apply to join, but this should only be agreed at the discretion of the County Committee, it is not an automatic right of any GBA member to be accepted, but it is their right to apply.

The general rules for “Selectors” and “Selection Criteria” as noted above will apply to the running of the County Squad with the exception of those criteria specifically aimed at the Island Games and Commonwealth Games.

OTHER ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

For the avoidance of doubt these criteria do not specifically apply to the selection process for any other island representation team other than County, Island Games and Commonwealth Games.

Approved by the GBA Committee on 2 August 2008.