

**GUERNSEY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION**  
**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR GILSON, RSL AND VETERAN INTER-**  
**INSULARS**

**BACKGROUND**

These criteria are to help ensure a clear, fair and equitable selection process for all GBA island representative teams, excluding County, Island Games and Commonwealth Games. 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**

Each Selection Committee should consist of three selectors. There should be at least one member of each sex. The opinion of the Island Team Manager should be considered particularly on who should be invited to trials, and players commitment (this is of less relevance in Veteran trials, has more relevance for RSL trials and most relevance for Gilson trials).

**Selectors Commitment**

Selectors should be prepared to give the following commitment, but this may vary for RSL and Veteran selectors:-

- 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.
- Attend all selection sessions.
- Make all selections by either a unanimous or majority vote. In the event of an equality of vote the Chairman has a casting vote.
- As a general rule, the best players shall be selected.

**Selectors Requirements**

Selectors should:-

1. Hold a meeting as early as possible (preferably not less than 8 weeks prior to the match) to decide who will be Chairman.
2. Decide dates for trials and book the courts immediately with the Hall Manager.

3. Decide who will be invited. Consideration must be given to the prior season's team and all similar standard players if possible. Consideration of relevant juniors must be made.
4. Be aware of player's commitment to playing and general level of standard.
5. Sufficient people should be invited to cover instances of injury and illness etc. before the match. This should probably be not less than 10 men and 10 women.  
Consideration of contacting club secretaries or the data base held by the Financial Administration Assistant purely for the age of relevant Veterans should also be considered.
6. The invitation must be in writing to each player and clearly state the terms and conditions of acceptance by the player which must also be given in writing.
7. The selectors must consider the extra burden and appropriate regulations that apply when juniors are being considered, and that appropriate qualified adults will be available to accompany any team travelling outside of Guernsey, and an appropriate parental authority obtained.
8. If the match is outside Guernsey book the appropriate flights either directly, but preferably via the Financial Administration Assistant.
9. When the team and reserve(s) are announced, this should be followed up in writing, advising of the travel arrangements, expected clothing requirement, commencement time, standard of behaviour, cost (normally 50% of flight cost) etc.
10. Appoint a Captain, obtaining that person's approval, and bearing in mind team morale, and ability to encourage other team players. The captain may be asked to provide a written match report and arrange a celebratory dinner.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selectors will look at and take account of each player's commitment as well as general standard, and ability. This will include all or some of the below items as appropriate:-

- Ability at level doubles and mixed doubles.
- Playing Guernsey tournaments.
- Playing in the County squad.
- Off island tournaments.

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.

### **Eligibility of players**

All players must be paid up affiliated members of the Guernsey Badminton Association prior to the commencement of the trials. If in doubt check with the data base held by the Financial Administration Assistant.

All players must be bona fide residents of Guernsey prior to 1 September each year.

Approved by the GBA Committee on 23 August 2005.