

Guernsey Badminton Association

Agreed Change to selection process for Senior Island Teams being Gilson, RSL and Veterans as agreed at the 2008 Annual General Meeting

AGREED FORMAT

- Selection Committee of at least 6 people.
- Selection Committee should contain at least 2 men and 2 women.
- SC will select Gilson, RSL and Veterans island teams.
- SC to meet and decide who should be considered for each team
- It is not desirable but it is recognised that the SC may, on rare occasions, consider certain definite choices whose attendance at trials may be restricted.
- SC should at least have one session when the team play/practice together before an inter-insular.
- Trials can be held for all the team or just for those players who are in doubt, including the reserve position(s). For example this may involve selection for a single pair only.

Background

There have been a number of problems and criticisms of the selection process in relation to most of the senior island teams over several years. This includes inter-alia: less than three selectors volunteering per team; a material disparity in playing ability of players in the same team; players not available for trial dates; difficulty in finding trial dates; players refusing to travel as a reserve; selectors unable to attend trial dates; selectors unable to travel to Jersey for away matches.

The previous selection system required that the GBA AGM selects 3-5 selectors per team. One person acts as a Chairperson. The selectors meet and decide who should receive trials and write appropriate selection criteria letters to each invitee, having agreed trial dates etc. attend trials, make selection, advise team, team captain and reserve, arrange flights to Jersey etc.

The 2008 AGM agreed to amalgamate the three selection bodies into a single committee, and to allow this committee the power to select directly without the need of a trial when people available for selection have obvious greater ability than other players.

Advantages

- The six selectors will be better placed to ensure that a minimum of two selectors attend every trial.
- Finding a travelling selector for away matches amongst their number.
- Only 6 selectors required overall, rather than 9.
- Less requirement on numbers of players attending trials.
- Possible lower number of trial dates per season.
- More consistent approach to handling of the selection process, and possibilities for better co-ordination of the process.
- Possible use of GBA Administrator to send out invitation letters, and arrange flights etc.