



## **National Intermediate Squad (NIS) Selection Criteria**

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### **Set-up**

The National Intermediate Squad will be comprised of the top youth players under the age of 17 years old who have the potential to be selected into the National Team in future. Squad members will have priority to attend training camps or take part in competitions both domestically and overseas under the National Flag.

### **1. Objectives**

- 1.1) To increase the base of competitive players in Singapore and bring them together on a regular basis to spar and spur each other.
- 1.2) To promote healthy competition (cooperate and compete at the same time) by setting clear and fair guide-lines which players and coaches can aim and work hard towards.
- 1.3) To select and prepare players for the major age-group competitions each year such as Asia Youth, Asian Junior and World Junior.

### **2. Player Requirement**

- 2.1) Must be a Singapore Citizen or minimally of Permanent Residency status\*
- 2.2) Commit a minimum of 4 training sessions a week (representing schools during inter school competitions during the weekdays can be counted) during non-exam period.
- 2.3) Complete a minimum of 3 training sessions a week during exam period.

*\* Selection criteria will be more stringent for non-citizen.*

### **3. Duration**

Players in the squad will be reviewed at the end of each calendar year by the following criteria:

- 3.1) Results from the local and international age-group competitions
- 3.2) Training attendance (e.g. 80% on the average except during exam period)
- 3.3) Training attitude and discipline (inputs by panel of coaches)

### **4. Selection criteria for NIS training squad**

- 4.1) Quarter-Finalist (minimally 1 match must be won) in U15 and U17 Singles and Doubles at SBA Sanctioned Competitions in March and June will be invited for a trial period of at least 1 week with a possibility of extension (up to a maximum of 1 month).
- 4.2) Semi-Finalist in U15 and U17 Singles and finalist for Doubles in the other SBA Sanctioned Competitions in the calendar year will be invited for a trial period of at least 1 week with a possibility of extension (up to a maximum of 1 month).
- 4.3) Panel of SBA coaches will be given 2 to 4 discretionary places per age group to invite players who are not in the Top 8 that are assessed and evaluated to possess the attributes to be potential National Team players in the future.
- 4.4) Players who were previously in the National Junior Squad (in future) may also be invited.

### **5. NIS status**

- 5.1) NIS status to be accorded, in January or July, after assessment by the panel of coaches (include inputs from school coaches) on the following:
  - a) Potential
  - b) Training attitude
  - c) Attendance (80%)
  - d) Conduct in school
- 5.2) NIS status may be removed if players fail to reach the Top 8 in at least 1 SBA sanctioned competition in a calendar year.
- 5.3) Players who are selected based on discretionary places, i.e. did not attain Top 8 in any of the SBA sanctioned competitions, can remain in the NIS training squad if his/her training attitude and attendance are good.
- 5.4) Any NIS players who do not reach Top 8 in any of the SBA sanctioned competition for any event before 31<sup>st</sup> December of the calendar year can have their NIS status withdrawn but may also remain in the NIS

training squad if his/her training attitude is good and the coaches assessed that he/she still has the potential to be a National Team player in future.

- 5.5) D&S Sub-Committee reserves the rights to make the final decision over the NIS status of the players.

**6. Monthly Fees for NIS and Training Squad players (excluding those studying in Singapore Sports School).**

- 6.1) All NIS players (excluding those studying in Singapore Sports School shall pay a monthly training fees of \$400 inclusive of GST) with a one-time deposit \$400 in 2019. Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020, the monthly training fees will increase to \$500 inclusive of GST) with a one-time deposit \$500.
- 6.2) The SBA has the right to revise the monthly training fees from time to time upon giving 14 days' prior notice in writing to parents.
- 6.3) All fees paid are NON-REFUNDABLE and NONTRANSFERABLE under any circumstances.
- 6.4) Unless otherwise stated, all fees due shall be paid on monthly basis. There are no pro-rated fees for any training session that the athlete is absent and non-refund in any circumstances.
- 6.5) All fees for the next month are due between the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> day of the current month. Payments must be made by GIRO to "SBA". Before the approval for GIRO is obtained, payment must be made by cheque payable to "Singapore Badminton Association" within 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month.
- 6.6) SBA reserves the right to stop an athlete's training or squad status for non-payment of any fees due.
- 6.7) All players are strongly encouraged to purchase their own insurance coverage for activities involving badminton.

**7. Withdrawal**

- 7.1) Player who wishes to withdraw from NIS must submit the resignation letter to SBA one month before commencement of the next month's training, failing which the deposit will be forfeited. At the end of the indicated notice period, the deposit will be returned to the parent of the player.
- 7.2) Players who have withdrawn from the squad will not be allowed to re-join within the next 12 months.

**8. Training Venue and Days**

8.1) OCBC arena (Monday to Friday)

8.2) Singapore Sports School (Saturday)

*\* Venue is subjected to changes and availability.*

**9. SOP for invitational of players (not inside National Intermediate Squad or training squad) that fulfil pt 4.1 or 4.2.**

9.1) Letter will be issued 1 week before the trial periods, January and July of every year.

9.2) Players have up to 5 working days to accept the invitation and can join the NIS training at OCBC the following Monday after acceptance.

9.3) NIS status will only be accorded after assessment (up to 1 month) and acceptance by the panel of coaches.