

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS – JUNIOR AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Singapore Badminton Association (SBA) aims to nominate and select Junior Age Group (JAG) Players for the following JAG Championships in 2024:

U19	U17	U15
World Junior Championship Asia Junior Championship	Asia Junior Championship	Asia Junior Championship

1.2 This document outlines the key principles, selection eligibility and criteria, as well as the selection process, appeal process and timelines for the year 2024.

2 OBJECTIVE

2.1 JAG Championships expose the selected junior players to the technical, tactical, physical, mental, and lifestyle demands of elite-level badminton in a real-world High Performance training and competition environment.

2.2 Participation in JAG Championships has four (4) main aims:

- 2.2.1 To educate selected players in context-specific performance-enhancing strategies in collaboration with the National Youth Sports Institute (NYSI).
- 2.2.2 To observe and analyze selected players' behavior and performance in a real-world High Performance training and competition environment.
- 2.2.3 To conduct post-competition and player-led evaluations, capturing their learnings in technical, tactical, physical, mental, and lifestyle development for further analysis.
- 2.2.4 To help players discover the world of elite-level badminton. Learnings gained from this discovery inform decision-making on whether a career as a professional badminton player is a viable option.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1 To be eligible to represent Singapore under Badminton World Federation (BWF) regulations, players must:

- 3.1.1 Be Singapore Citizens or hold a Certificate of Singapore Citizenship at the time of nomination.

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3.1.2 Meet the eligible age criteria for JAG Championships in 2024:

- U19 – born in 2006 or later
- U17 – born in 2008 or later
- U15 – born in 2010 or later

3.1.3 Train with one of the following SBA’s High Performance programs at the time of nomination.

- Junior Performance Programme (JPP)
- National Training Squad (NTS)
- National Team (NT)

3.1.4 Have not represented any other Member Association for three (3) years preceding the date of the Championships.

3.1.5 Not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the SBA, BAC, and BWF.

3.1.6 Fully commit to preparation and competition plans.

4 SELECTION PROCESS

4.1 The athlete nomination and selection process will be led by Athlete Selection Panels comprised of SBA High Performance staff and coaches as per the table below:

U19	U17 & U15
SBA Technical Director	SBA Technical Director
NTS Singles Head Coach	JPP Performance Director
NTS Doubles Head Coach	JPP Head Coach

4.2 The Athlete Selection Panels will first establish long lists for the selection of eligible players for the respective age groups who have met criteria under 3.1.

4.3 The Selection Panels will then consider the following during their deliberations of players being discussed for selection who have met the criteria under 4.2.

4.3.1 Evaluation of Performance Profiling Scores (SBA).

4.3.2 Badminton Academy Fitness Report (NYSI)

4.3.3 JPP and NTS Coaches’ recommendations.

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- 4.4 Under the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), “Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country.” In addition to the above selection criteria, the following “qualities” of the athletes will be taken into consideration:
- 4.4.1 Attitude and behavior towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials, and sports administrators, whether about sporting matters or otherwise.
 - 4.4.2 General conduct and character that may affect the reputation, image, values, or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
 - 4.4.3 Level of commitment and attendance based on attendance records.
 - 4.4.4 Potential for future development based on coaches’ recommendations.
 - 4.4.5 Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

5 Deselections and Replacements

- 5.1 Deselection of players may take place:
- 5.1.1 Due to illness or injury and being unable to perform to the required standard based on observations of the appropriate National Coaches, Team Manager, and Technical Director.
 - 5.1.2 Due to ill-discipline or a lack of commitment to training and competition dates.
 - 5.1.3 Breaches or fails to fulfill requirements of the Anti-Doping Policies of the Singapore Badminton Association and the Badminton World Federation.
 - 5.1.4 A player who is unable or unwilling to comply with SBA’s Championship preparations and competition plans.
 - 5.1.5 A player who no longer fulfills the selection conditions outlined in 3.1 above may be deselected.
 - 5.1.6 Any decision to deselect a player will be taken by the Athlete Selection Panel and communicated to the respective player via email, explaining the rationale for the de-selection.
 - 5.1.7 Any replacement player will be selected in accordance with this Selection Policy agreed with

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the Athlete Selection Panel and in accordance with the selection process as outlined in this document.

6 APPEAL PROCESS

- 6.1 Appeal against the non-selection may be made in writing to the SBA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) within 72 hours of the announcement of the players selected for JAG Championships.
- 6.2 The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy and criteria were not properly followed.
- 6.3 An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation.
- 6.4 Within two (2) working days of receiving the appeal, the SBA CEO with selected members of an Appeal Panel (comprising of members not involved in the actual selection process) will investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.
- 6.5 SBA will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeal Panel's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final.