

Ireland Team Selection Policy for The Masters Nations Cup.

June 24th – 26th – 2022, France

1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

To select players to represent Ireland at the 2022 Nations Cup.

Confirm your interest to gfarrell@badmintonireland.com by January 28th 2022

2. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

In order for players to be selected they must meet the following:

- Be an affiliated member of and in good standing with BADMINTON Ireland;
- Hold a passport of a country whose territory BADMINTON Ireland has jurisdiction over;
- Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF.

3. PLAYER SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selection Panel will select the players that in the Panel's view are the strongest performing players. To be considered for selection, players must play in the **Irish National Masters Championships 2022**, in reaching their selection the panel will also consider the following:

- Results in National and Provincial competitions since 1st September 2020
- Results in International competitions since 1st February 2020
- Head to Head results

The selectors may also take into consideration partnership decisions when making the selection.

4. PLAYER AVAILABILITY FOR COMPETITION

- Upon selection for the team, the player must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition.
- In each Tie the teams will be selected by Team Manager, Team Coach and Team captains. There will be one captain in each age group.
The Manager, Coach and Captains will be selected by the BI selection committee once everyone has confirmed their availability.

All players are guaranteed a minimum of two matches.

5. OVERRIDING FACTORS

Should a player become injured and unable to compete in the events in section 3, they may still be considered if they provide Badminton Ireland with a Doctor or Physio Cert and subject to passing a suitable fitness test.

If an injury occurs to a selected player after selection, they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Badminton Ireland) to remain as a selected player.

Attendance, behaviour, and performance of players will be constantly reviewed throughout the season and continued selection will be dependent on these factors

If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination it is possible for a replacement player to be selected if it is in the interests of the team

6. APPEAL PROCESS

Appeal to the selection may be made in writing to the Chief Executive of BADMINTON Ireland within 72 hours from the date and time of publication on the BI website of the 2022 Nations Masters Team. The sole ground for an appeal is that the selection policy was not properly followed.

An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of 100.00 euro, payable to BADMINTON Ireland. If the appeal is upheld the deposit will be refunded in full.

Within three working days of receiving the appeal, the Chief Executive (or an appointed deputy) will appoint a group of three selected people with relevant experience ('Appeals Committee') that will investigate the appeal. Where possible one member of the Appeals Committee will be from outside the sport. No member of the Appeals Committee shall have been involved in the original selection process.

The Chief Executive will in writing inform all parties about the Appeal Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal.

All decisions issued by the Badminton Ireland appeals procedure may be appealed exclusively by referral to Just Sport Ireland, within 14 days from receipt of such decision, for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules. Each party will bear its own costs throughout the process.

The Chief Executive will set appropriate deadlines for the process of appeals to minimize disruptions to the competition.

7. DESELECTION

A player selected for the 2022 Nations Masters Team Championships may be deselected from the team if the player:

- Due to illness or injury. Medical advice may be taken. In the opinion of the responsible National Coach becomes unable to perform to the required standard.
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of BADMINTON Ireland, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies.

8. SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel will comprise of:

Willie Stevenson (Masters Manager/Coach)

Greg Farrell (BI)

1 other Masters player TBC

In the event of a member of the selection panel becoming unable to participate in the selection process, a replacement may be chosen by the High Performance Group.

9. SELECTION DATE, NOTIFICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The selection of the Ireland team for the 2022 Nations Masters Team Championships will be announced Friday 18th March 2022.

Badminton Ireland will notify the successful players of their selection by email on Thursday 17th March 2022.

The selection will also be published on the Badminton Ireland website. Any player who might be difficult to contact by normal means during this period should inform Badminton Ireland in advance of alternative contact details.

If a player has not received notification personally by the end of March it is his/ her responsibility to contact Badminton Ireland to confirm the situation.

*** Criteria may be amended if events are cancelled/postponed due to covid-19**