

JUNIOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE PROGRAM 2020

Badminton Australia

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1. Program Structure 2020

1.1 Management and Officials

National Junior Coach and Performance Manager

Stuart Rowlands

Junior High-Performance Committee (JHPC)

Geraldine Brown

Julie McDonald (Chair)

Gillian Patmore

Peter Roberts

Stuart Rowlands

National Junior Selectors

Matthew Chau

Ashwant Gobinathan

Ryan Lin

Brandon Olver

Stuart Rowlands (Chair)

1.2 Program Model

The Junior High-Performance program will be based on the premise of being able to field 2 separate teams in a Sudirman Cup format (1 BS, 1 GS, 1 BD, 1 GD, 1 MX) supported by a group of younger, development players who show the potential to transition into the teams in the future. Structuring the program in this way enables BA to maximise the strength of its representative teams, develop players across all five disciplines and ensure the junior program is not over concentrated in certain disciplines. The structure underpinning the BA National Junior Program for 2020, can be seen below:

BA Junior Team (2-4 boys, 2-4 girls)

BA Junior Reserve Team (2-4 boys, 2-4 girls)

BA Junior Development Group (8-16 players)

BA reserves the right to select a total squad size (all players), between 16 and 24, for inclusion in the National Junior Program (exceptions may apply at the discretion of the BA Junior Selectors and JHPC).

1.3 National Junior Squads (NJSs)

In 2020 BA will have three national junior age group squads:

- U19 National Junior Squad – born 2002 or 2003
- U17 National Junior Squad – born 2004 or 2005
- U15 National Junior Squad – born 2006 or 2007

1.4 Player Contracts

- To be part of the BA Junior High-Performance Program, players must sign a player contract committing themselves to BA's requirements for National Junior Squad members.

1.5 Funding Allocation

- Funding support for domestic training camps will be evenly distributed across all three age groups (U19, U17 & U15).
- Teams selected to be official representatives of Australia (i.e. the World Junior Championships team) will receive priority in funding support.

1.6 Player Costs

- In an effort to improve the quality of domestic training camps, BA will likely request a small player contribution each camp of \$50 to \$100 to cover additional costs. Players will also be expected to cover their own airfare costs to/from Canberra.
- Players will be expected to cover the majority of costs associated with participating in international junior tournaments (i.e. Thailand Junior International and/or Singapore Youth International) as part of the BA Junior High-Performance Program.
- Anticipated costs of events/trips will be distributed to the relevant members of the BA Junior High-Performance program as early as possible.

2. Program Selection Model

Players do not need to nominate to be selected for the National Junior Program. It is the responsibility of BA to have an excellent knowledge and appreciation for the best junior players in Australia.

In order to make the selection process for the National Junior Program more objective and transparent BA has an automatic selection process to fill 10 places on the program in January each year.

2.1 National Junior Squad - Automatic Selection

National Junior Rankings will be formulated privately by BA using the same points system as the Senior National Rankings at the end of the calendar year. The BA points system for the senior rankings can be seen via the link below:

[BA Rankings Regulations](#)

Each player's best 6 results (determined by rankings points), from the list of tournament types below, will be added together to give a total number of points for the year:

U17 and U19 Players (players born 2003 to 2005)

1. Australian U19 National Championships or U17 Nationals Championships.
2. One Senior International Tournament.
3. One BA Sanctioned Open (Senior) tournament, inside the player's home state (exc. Senior National Championships). Note, if a player does not have an Open tournament held in their home state their 2nd best Open result outside their home state will be used.
4. One BA Sanctioned Open (Senior) tournament, outside a player's home state (inc. Senior National Championships).
5. One BWF Sanctioned Junior International Tournament (U17 or U19).
6. One BA Sanctioned U19 tournament, inside or outside a player's home state (exc. National Junior Championships).

U15 Players (players born in 2006 or later)

1. Australian U15 National Championships
2. Australian U17 Nationals Championships or U19 National Championships.
3. One BA Sanctioned Junior tournament, inside a player's home state (U17 or U19, exc. National Junior Championships).
4. One BA Sanctioned Open (Senior) tournament, inside or outside a player's home state.
5. One BA Sanctioned Junior (U17 or U19) or Senior tournament, outside your home state (exc. National Junior Championships)
6. One BWF Sanctioned Junior International Tournament (U15, U17 or U19).

2 U15 singles players (the top boy & girl) will be automatically selected for the NJS.

4 U17/U19 singles players (the top 2 boys & 2 girls) will be automatically selected for the NJS.

4 U17/U19 doubles players (the top 2 boys & 2 girls) will be automatically selected for the NJS.

If players do not play in some of the tournament types specified in the lists above, only their relevant results will be counted. There is no minimum or maximum number of tournaments a player can play, but only the best 6 results (determined by ranking points) from the tournament types above will be counted.

If a player is ranked in the top 2 for singles and ranked in the top 2 for doubles, the 3rd highest ranked singles player will also be automatically selected. If both the top 2 ranked singles players are also ranked in the top 2 for doubles, the 3rd highest ranked singles player and the 3rd highest ranked doubles player will also be automatically selected.

For U19 players born in 2002 that are graduating from the National Junior Program in 2020:

If a player is ranked in the top 2 at U19 in singles and/or doubles they will automatically be offered a place on the 'Incentive Program' within the BA Senior High-Performance Program in 2021. The 'Incentive Program' was introduced to the Senior High-Performance Program in March 2019 with the aim of incentivising players to compete in international senior tournaments through a financial reward-based model for achieving certain results. To be part of the program players are required to attend training with the Senior National Squad. If a player lives in Melbourne, they must attend a minimum of 3 sessions per week and if they live interstate for at least 4 weeks of the year. Further details and conditions of the Incentive Program will be discussed/shared with the relevant players as necessary.

2.2 National Junior Squad - Development Selection

BA reserves the right to select the remaining players to make up the NJSs based on the following:

- Funding available.
- Balance of singles and doubles players within the National Junior Program.
- Balance of gender representation within the National Junior Program.
- Balance of age representation within the National Junior Program.
- Player's potential and commitment to represent Australia at Senior International level.
- Player's results across all BA and BWF sanctioned tournaments within the last 12 months.
- Player's physical, technical, tactical and psychological competencies.
- Player's attitude and sportsmanship.

2.3 National Junior Squad – Mid Year Selections and Removals

NJS players will be reviewed against key criteria (see 2.32) in July each year. Players can only be introduced to or removed from the NJS at this time during the year.

2.31 Mid-Year Selections

New players can be invited to join the Junior High-Performance Program, in July, based on the development selection criteria outlined above (see 2.2), providing the total number of players in the NJS remains between 16 and 24 (exceptions may apply).

2.32 Mid-Year Removals

BA reserves the right to remove members of the Junior High-Performance program, in the following circumstances:

- Player has failed to meet the conditions of the BA Junior High-Performance Contract.
- Player has achieved results below expectations of the BA Junior High-Performance Program.

Players who have been removed from the Junior High-Performance Program can be re selected at the start of a new year or in July.

2.4 National Junior Team Selections

- Players can only represent the Australian National Junior Team if they are on the BA Junior High-Performance program.
- Players will not be required to nominate for Australian National Junior Team representation. BA will select from players currently on the BA Junior High-Performance program only.
- Only in extreme circumstances, at the discretion of the BA Junior Selectors and JHPC, can players outside the BA Junior High-Performance Program be selected for Australian National Junior Teams.
- A separate set of selection criteria will be prepared and communicated with all BA Junior High-Performance players for each major international junior event (i.e. World Junior Championships).