

Badminton Australia Athlete Categorisation Framework Policy

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INTRODUCTION

Badminton Australia (BA) is committed to supporting athletes through the performance pathway and this document provides a framework aligned with the AIS development pathway.

Purpose

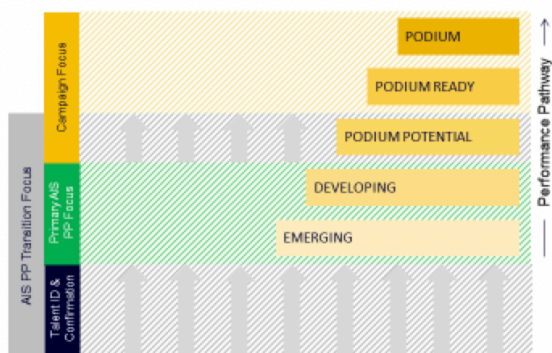
The purpose of this policy is to outline the arrangements for implementing and assessing athlete on the pathway and for the allocation of resources. Athletes being considered for athlete categorisation must be selected into the High Performance *National Development Program* or *National Senior Program* – See Athlete Selection Policy for more information.

Athlete Categorisation

Athlete categorisation is the process by which organisations can group athletes for the purposes of funding, resource allocation, support and pathways. The AIS uses a categorisation process as per below:

AIS Performance Pathway Focus

Who are the Performance Pathway Athletes & Workforce?



This policy sets out how this system will apply to athletes part of Badminton Australia. To be selected into one of the categories outlined following an athlete must first be selected into the National Development Program or National Senior Program (see BADMINTON AUSTRALIA (“BA”) - ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY)



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Category	Criteria Guidelines
<p>Podium</p>	<p>Entry Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top 4 finish at a BWF World Championship or Olympic Games in the last 2 years <p>Remaining Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A player/pair should be capable of winning a medal at the next BWF World Championship or Olympic Games <p>Indicators that Podium Level can be maintained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ World Ranking: Top 15 ○ Achieved a semi-final result at a BWF Super 1000 or BWF Super 750 event in the last 12 months
<p>Podium Ready</p>	<p>Entry Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top 4 finish at most recent Commonwealth Games ○ Achieved a quarter-final result at the most recent Olympic Games or BWF World Championships in the last two years <p>Remaining Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A player/pair should be capable of progressing to the Podium Level in the next 2 years <p>Indicators that the player/pair can maintain the Podium Ready Level and progress to the Podium Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ World ranking: Top 25 ○ Improvement in world ranking ○ Achieve a quarter-final result at a BWF Super 750 or BWF Super 500 event in the last 12 months
<p>Podium Potential</p>	<p>Entry Criteria</p> <p>A player / pair should have achieved a top 40 world ranking for doubles or top 70 world ranking for singles and a minimum of two of the following results at the BWF level tournaments during the last 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reached a quarter-final at a Super 500 event ○ Reached a semi-final at a Super 300 event

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reached a final at a Super 100 ○ Won an International Challenge (doubles) ○ Reached a semi-final at an International Challenge (singles only) <p>Remaining Criteria Capable of moving to Podium Ready Level within a 4-year period.</p> <p>Indicators that progression to Podium Ready Level can be achieved in the next 4 years: A player / pair should have achieved the following during the last 12 month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 1: World ranking top 40 (Doubles) or top 70 (singles) and achieve two entry Criteria level result ○ Year 2: World ranking top 35 (Doubles) or top 50 (singles) and achieve two entry Criteria level results ○ Year 3: World ranking top 30 (Doubles) or top 40 (singles) and achieve three entry criteria level results ○ Year 4: World ranking top 25 (Doubles) or top 35 (singles) and achieve four entry criteria level result
<p>Developing</p>	<p>Entry Criteria – Player Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age band <26 ○ Capable of progression to Podium Potential Level within the next 2 years <p>Entry Criteria – Performance A player/pair should have achieved a world ranking top 60 for doubles and top 100 for singles and achieved at least one of the following results in the last 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reached a quarter final at a Super 300 event ○ Reached a semi-final at a Super 100 event ○ Reached a final at an International Challenge event ○ Reached quarter-final at an International Challenge event (singles only) ○ Quarter-final at most recent World Junior Championships <p>Remaining Criteria Capable of moving to Podium Potential within a two-year period.</p> <p>Indicators that progression to Podium Potential Level can be achieved in the next two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 1: World ranking top 60 (doubles) or top 100 (singles) & achieve two entry criteria level results

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 2: World ranking top 50 (doubles) or top 80 (singles) & achieve three entry criteria level results
<p>Emerging</p>	<p>Entry Criteria – Player Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age band: 16 – 24 ○ Capable of progression to Developing Level <p>Entry Criteria – Performance</p> <p>As a guideline the player/pair should have achieved at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ World ranking of top 80 (doubles) or top 170 (singles) ○ Selected for World Junior Championships team in the last 12 months <p>Remaining Criteria</p> <p>Capable of moving to the Developing Level. The period that the athlete spends on Emerging level is much more subjective. The Selectors will endeavour to keep a player on the Emerging level until the player has progressed to the next level or it is clear to selectors that the player does not have the capacity to progress within a reasonable timeframe. This level will also be used for helping players transitioning from junior to senior badminton.</p> <p>Indicators that progression to the Developing Level can be achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improvements in world junior or senior ranking ○ Improvements in results

International	<p>Entry Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Players who do not satisfy any of the above criteria but have earned selection to the National Senior Program
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SELECTION PANEL

The panel for athlete selection and categorisation will consist of:

- National Head Coach
- National Development Coach
- Chair of Senior Selectors
- Chair of Junior Selectors
- Performance Pathway Manager (Chair)
- CEO (or CEO Nominees)

The selection panel may consider any matter in relation to any athlete under consideration for nomination.

REVIEW DATES

Athlete considered for categorisation will be reviewed annually and half yearly as required.

APPEALS

If a player does not agree with the Selection Panel decision, they may seek a review by the following means:

- Appeals must be lodged in writing with the Selection Panel within 48 hours of the official announcement of the selection.
- Appeals must be accompanied by an endorsement letter on an official club letterhead by a Club Owner/President/General Manager. The cost to appeal is \$100.00 payable in advance. This is non-refundable.
- Appeals can only be lodged if athlete feels they have been overlooked for selection according to the selection requirements.
- A review decision will be made within 7 days.
- If still not satisfied with the processes of selection, an appeal can be made in writing to the CEO. The CEO will consider the information provided by the appellant and the Selection panel and respond within 7 days.
- If still not satisfied an independent appeals body consisting of any three from the following: past BA Presidents (past); or past BA Board Members; or Other person approved by the BA CEO
- The cost to appeal to an independent body is \$200.00 (refunded if appeal is successful). The Appeals Committee will make a decision as soon as possible.



- The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.
- Note: All members of this appeals committee must be independent of the issue at hand.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility

In order to be eligible as a Badminton Australia categorised athlete, an athlete must:

- Meet the Requirements in the Badminton Australia Selection Policy
 - Maintain a position in the in the National Senior Program or National Development Program
 - Hold Australian citizenship at the time of being categorised. *
 - Be available to represent Australia in international competition.
 - Be a registered member of Badminton Australia via an affiliated State or Territory.
 - Be in “good standing” with Badminton Australia and their home State or Territory. If Badminton Australia determines that an athlete is not in good standing, in its absolute discretion Badminton Australia may choose not to offer an athlete an agreement.
 - Complete all required administration in a timely manner as requested by Badminton Australia.
 - Maintain a lifestyle conducive to sporting excellence.
 - Comply with all anti-doping requirements that are set out for badminton and Sport Australia.
 - Not bring the sport of badminton, Badminton Australia or Sport Australia into disrepute.
 - Have a signed athlete agreement and an agreed athlete performance plan with Badminton Australia
- *athletes that meet pathway criteria who do not have Australian Citizenship but have held BWF membership with Australia for a period of 3 years will be considered for the international category.*

