



# BADMINTON AUSTRALIA POLICY

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<b>Authority</b>	This Policy is approved by the Badminton Australia CEO
<b>Related Policies Documents:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Badminton Australia Selection Policy</li><li>- Badminton Australia Athlete Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential, Developing and Emerging Categorisation Framework Policy</li></ul>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Badminton Australia (BA) is committed to supporting athletes through the performance pathway.

This policy is for athletes who are selected to the National Australian Senior Program under the *Badminton Australia Selection Policy* but are **not** categorised as per the *Badminton Australia Athlete Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential, Developing and Emerging Categorisation Framework Policy*.

The policy is to be read in conjunction with the *Badminton Australia Selection Policy* and the *Badminton Australia Athlete Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential, Developing and Emerging Categorisation Framework Policy*

This policy sets out how this system will apply to athletes selected by Badminton Australia as 'International' Category Athletes. The table below sets out the criteria for selection.

# Badminton Australia Athlete Categorisation Framework 2020 – 2024

Category	Criteria
<b>International</b>	<b>Entry Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Athletes selected by the Badminton Australia Senior Program Selection Committee as provided for in the Badminton Australia Selection policy</li></ul> <b>Remaining Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Players capable of being selected to represent Australia</li></ul> <b>Indicators that International Level can be maintained:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ongoing participation in BWF endorsed International events held in Australia and International</li></ul>

## CATEGORISATION PANEL

The panel for athlete categorisation will consist of:

- National Senior Coach
- National Junior Coach
- Chair of Senior Selectors
- Performance Pathway Manager
- CEO (or CEO Nominee)

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

## REVIEW DATES

### 1. Nomination process and timeframes

The Badminton Australia agreement period runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year

- a) The panel will meet annually immediately following each year's BME within the 2021 – 2024 cycle to confirm categorisation status
- b) At this time, athletes may be added, removed, or moved to a different category
- c) Athletes will remain in an Athlete Category until such time as they are moved or removed
- d) The panel may at its discretion, request a review of an athlete at other times (e.g. following an event or if an athlete is not actively training or demonstrating the required commitment levels as determined by BA)

Athletes will be informed in writing if they have been removed from the category and/or re-categorised.

## 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 in writing. 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:

- Hold Australian citizenship at the time of being categorised. \*
- Be selected to the National Senior Program
- 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 if they are on a committed path to to obtaining Australian Citizenship*