



Derbyshire Schools' Sports Association



# Derbyshire Junior County Badminton

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## **Team Selection Policy**

### **Policy and Application of Policy**

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This document details the policy and application of the policy for team selection within Derbyshire Junior County Badminton.

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### 3 Derbyshire Junior Badminton Competitive Aims

Derbyshire Junior Badminton<sup>1</sup> under the umbrella of the Derbyshire Schools Sports Association selects teams to represent the County in competing for junior badminton honours. In so doing, Derbyshire children are given the opportunity to test themselves against the best in the Country, and to develop their badminton skills.

### 4 Derbyshire Junior Badminton Policy of Transparency

Derbyshire Junior Badminton wants to give opportunities to all County standard children to represent Derbyshire and Derbyshire Schools at the highest level.

To that end the understandings and arrangements for team selection are agreed by the Derbyshire Junior Badminton Committee, published and set out on its website – [www.derbyshirejuniorbadminton.co.uk](http://www.derbyshirejuniorbadminton.co.uk)

Wherever there are potential selections that could be contentious, the Team Manager will anticipate challenge and make transparent the reasons for their choice to one or several members of the Committee before the team is published.

As at school and at other organisations where team selection occurs, there will always be occasions when some children and parents will be disappointed and are in disagreement with the team selected. Any parent/child with a serious disagreement should raise the issue verbally with the Team Manager. If they are still not satisfied they can then raise their concern in writing to the Chair or Secretary. The Chair or Secretary will consult with other Committee members, Coaches and the respective Team Manager, and either:

- Provide a response to the parent/child
- Instruct the Team Manager or a member of the Committee to provide a response to the parent/child

If the parent/child is still not satisfied that their grievance has been answered they can take the matter to the Derbyshire Schools Sports Association. The parent/child must inform the Derbyshire Junior Badminton Chairman if this course of action is to be taken.

### 5 Derbyshire Junior Badminton Player Eligibility

Junior players are eligible to represent Derbyshire if one or more of the following apply:

- Were born in Derbyshire;
- Go to school in Derbyshire;
- Live in Derbyshire.

There is one exception to this rule and occurs when a player satisfies all of the criteria below:

- They have been released by their 'natural' county with the written consent of that county;
- Badminton England have sanctioned the transfer;
- Their inclusion has been approved by the Committee within Derbyshire Junior Badminton.

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<sup>1</sup> Derbyshire Junior Badminton is another name for the Derbyshire Schools Badminton Association (DSBA).

## 6 Derbyshire Junior Badminton Team Selection Criteria

Teams will be selected according to an assessment using the following criteria:

### 6.1 Player Availability

The player has to be available to play and committed to represent Derbyshire Junior Badminton and will make every effort to play if asked by their Team Manager. Commitments to Derbyshire Junior Badminton include the items detailed in Sections 6.5 and 7 below.

Selection shall be based on ability and not age and according to the subjective opinion of the Team Manager. Should a player be selected from a lower age group squad, consultation and approval shall be undertaken with that age group's Team Manager and the parents of the player.

### 6.2 Player Form

The Team Managers reach an opinion of relative player form from assessing **all** of the below:

- Badminton England Grading's, Tournament Results and Rankings, and invitations to Regional training days;
- Previous results, including head to head games with other County players, and performance in recent matches;
- Consultation with relevant Assistant Managers and Club, Personal Coaches, and County Coaches;
- Consultation with Team Managers of other age groups in the County in such as the ICT and other Gold standard events.

### 6.3 Positivity of Player Attitude

A positive attitude will be an important part of selection and covers: support for team spirit; commitment to the Derbyshire team reputation; availability for Shires matches; attendance at county organised training sessions, enthusiasm, the will to win, respect for the opposition, and good sporting behaviour, on and off court.

### 6.4 Player Development

Although the Team Manager will select a team that they think will get the best possible result, there will be occasions where the Team Manager will have the opportunity to decide who of those who are available to play would benefit from the experience of playing, and share the selections around the pool of available players (wherever possible).

### 6.5 County Organised Training Session Attendance

These are held weekly and are split into two separate sessions – one for the U13s and the other for the remainder of the squad i.e. U17s. All players available to play for Derbyshire must make every effort to attend all or some of the sessions. This is especially important when they are in a pool of players of equal ability on the fringes of team selection.

The purpose of these sessions is for all players to play at a high standard in both Singles and Doubles formats. These are strictly organised in order to increase the ability level of the whole County and

this is its primary focus. Any individual gain is a secondary benefit. As well as assessing singles abilities and its rankings, the Mixed and Level Doubles games are organised to trial pairings and give pairings practice before an important match.

### **6.6 Performance Centre Organised Coaching Sessions**

These follow the guidelines set out by Badminton England to provide a structured approach to the development of a player's ability. It is strongly advised that players wanting to represent Derbyshire badminton attend these sessions in order to increase their chances of being selected for the team on their form and ability.

### **6.7 Badminton England Tournament Attendance**

All squad players should be actively encouraged to participate in the appropriate level BE tournaments. This not only benefits the players individually but by improving their rankings/grading's along with their skill levels, the county squad also benefits as both ICT & Shires league seeding's are based on the BE ranking/grading system.

## **7 Loyalty and Priority**

Parents and players should recognise that in badminton the order of loyalty of play is Country-County-Club-School. Of course, education may take priority over sport; however, there may be times where there is a conflict with other sporting groups and organisations. County matches and team events are considered of very high importance and should be given the highest priority.

It is an honour to be asked to represent your county and turning down an invitation must be for a very good reason. Older players may be asked to represent Senior County. Should a clash occur, priority is always given to your junior squad unless agreed by your squad coach/manager in liaison with Senior County. This is partly in the interest of the development of a child and in accordance with BADMINTON England's Long Term Athlete Development. Playing Senior Badminton too soon may have a detrimental effect in some cases and parents are advised to liaise with coaches before undertaking such events. In most cases a mutually agreeable solution can be found.

## **8 County Colours**

Derbyshire Junior County Badminton awards County Colours to children when they have represented Derbyshire in THREE county matches. These awards will be presented to players at the end of the season.

## **9 Derbyshire Junior Badminton Appointment of Team Managers**

Team Managers are appointed by the Chair, after the Annual General Meeting.

The Team Manager's role is to select teams according to the type of event, objectively, transparently and without bias.

## 10 Standard of Derbyshire Junior Badminton County Team Events and Fixtures

Derbyshire enters teams at three standards of competition that juniors can aspire to reach. They are: Gold Standard, League Standard and Friendly Standard, and are described as follows.

### 10.1 Gold Standard Events

Against Top County and National opposition, success at these nationally recognised events:

- a) Raises the profile of Derbyshire County in badminton and among junior players/ parents;
- b) Increases the desire of players to be selected and the willingness to attend comparative County training sessions;
- c) Increases the satisfaction and prestige of coaches at County and in Clubs;
- d) Increases the interest and desire of parents to volunteer and support Derbyshire Junior County Badminton.

### 10.2 League Standard Fixtures

Against mixed to very good standard opposition:

- a) Teams need to be the strongest possible in order to ensure the progress to the finals are not compromised;
- b) Increases the desire of players to be selected and the willingness to attend comparative County training sessions;
- c) The fixtures enable Derbyshire players to build an affinity with other Derbyshire players, and the County.

### 10.3 Friendly Standard Fixtures

Against mixed standard opposition:

- a) The standard of the team needs to be equivalent to the opposition, and strong enough to compete;
- b) Selection is an opportunity to 'cap' and develop up and coming players in a less demanding fixture.

## 11 Ranking of County Team Events / Fixtures

Derbyshire Junior Badminton has given events and fixtures the following rankings.

Event / Fixture	Event Standard
Inter County Tournament (ICT) – U17, U15 and U13	Gold
Shires National Final – U17, U15 and U13	Gold
Shires Regional Final – U17, U15 and U13	Gold
Shires League Fixture – U17, U15, U13	League

NMBL – U18, U16, U14, U14 and Primary	Friendly
Friendly – U17, U15, U13, U11	Friendly

## 12 Applying Team Selection Policy

### 12.1 Selection for Gold Standard Team Events

Derbyshire Junior County Badminton's objective is to win: to be the best County in the Country at badminton.

To satisfy these objectives the Team Manager will select the team, applying the criteria below:

- Player availability;
- Player form;
- Player attitude;
- Performance at County organised training sessions (including the Performance Centre);
- Attendance at County organised training sessions;
- Attendance at Badminton England Tournaments
- Recent match results

**Important Note:** Derbyshire Junior Badminton recognises and applauds the efforts of **all** children in the squad, particularly those who have contributed through the season but miss out on selection for an event.

### 12.2 Selection for League Standard Events

Derbyshire Junior County Badminton's objective is to win, but also to give all players in the squad the opportunity to play when appropriate.

To satisfy these objectives the Team Manager will select the team applying the criteria below:

- Player availability;
- Player form;
- Player attitude;
- Performance at County organised training sessions (including the Performance Centre);
- Player and partner development;

### 12.3 Selection for Friendly Standard Events

Derbyshire Junior County Badminton's objective is to be competitive and to give all players in the squad the opportunity to play.

To satisfy these objectives the Team Manager will select the team applying the criteria below:

- Player availability;
- Player form;

- Player attitude;
- Player development;