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Representative Player Selection Policy

The purpose of this document is to provide a guide for all players on the selection procedure for Badminton Manawatu (MBA) representative teams, in addition to outlining the criteria on which selection is made. The MBA aims to provide a fair and competitive environment for the selection of players to represent MBA at all junior and senior levels.

1. Implementation

The MBA reserves the right to amend the Selection Procedure at any time, as circumstances may require. Should circumstances require, the General Manager may need to make other arrangements that are consistent with the intent of the Selection Procedure. The Selection Procedure will be posted on the MBA website. It shall be the responsibility of all players who nominate for selection to familiarise themselves with the Selection Procedure. Implementation of the Selection Procedure shall be the responsibility of the General Manager.

a. Juniors

The Junior Development Committee (JDC) will ensure that each junior age group is assigned at least one, preferably two, coaches. The coach(es) will form the Selection Panel for each age group. The Selection Panel in each age group will decide on the number of teams, subject to General Manager approval, and selection of players into each team.

b. Seniors, Masters, Vets and Super-Vets

The General Manager will appoint a Selection Panel, which will consist of a minimum of two Manawatu-based persons, who are also a member(s) of an affiliated club(s).

c. All ages

All Selectors will attend trials, where players are given the opportunity to play matches against a variety of players.

The Selectors will be responsible for the assessment and selection of all representatives across all age groups (u13, u15, u17, u19, Seniors, Masters, Vets and Super-Vets).

The Selectors shall have the right to make both objective and subjective assessments, weighted on a case-by-case basis without creating any form of precedent relevant to the determination of any later case.

Players not selected into a team may be given the opportunity to become Reserves should players selected in the team not be able to fulfil their duties. At the discretion of the MBA, Reserves are eligible to participate in weekly training sessions.

2. Eligibility

Due to COVID-19, club membership has not been enforced as club badminton has been severely disrupted.

All players who make themselves available for team selection must be financial members of one of the MBA affiliated clubs or take part in our activities throughout the season, namely Thursday Night Badminton League held in Arena:

- Massey Manawatu Students Badminton Club
- Masters Badminton Club
- Monrad Badminton Club
- Palmerston North Badminton Club
- Rainbow Family Badminton Club
- Thursday Night Badminton League

All players must also meet eligibility by-laws of the relevant Badminton New Zealand Inter-Association Competition: <http://www.badminton.org.nz/About-Us/BNZ-Minutes-Docs-1#>

All players are only permitted to be selected to play in teams from a maximum of two age groups during a single calendar year. Exceptions to this rule may be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Selectors and Executive Manager. Players must attend trials for each age group they wish to represent. A player may be named as a Reserve in a third age group and subsequently play should the need arise.

For Under 13, players must be 12 years of age or younger as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selectors will select a minimum of 2 female and 2 male players per Under 13 team.

For Under 15, players must be 14 years of age or younger as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selectors will select a minimum of 4 female and 4 male players per Under 15 team.

For Under 17, players must be 16 years of age or younger as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selectors will select a minimum of 4 female and 4 male players per Under 17 team.

For Under 19, players must be 18 years of age or younger as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selectors will select a minimum of 2 female and 2 male players per Under 19 team.

For Seniors, the selectors will select a minimum of 4 female and 4 male players per team.

For Masters, players must be 35 years of age as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selectors will select a minimum of 4 female and 4 male players per Masters team.

For Vets, players must be 50 years of age as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selectors will select a minimum of 3 female and 3 male players per Vets team.

For Super-Vets, players must be 60 years of age as at the 31st December in the year of competition. The Selectors will select a minimum of 3 female and 3 male players per Super-Vets team.

3. Criteria

Team selection and composition will be based on, but not limited to, the criteria below:

- Attendance and performance at trials.
- Technical proficiency and development (e.g. level of skill, fitness, progress).
- Current form.
- Ability to contribute to and function within a team environment.
- Commitment to training times (which may vary due to COVID) and attitude.
- Professionalism both on and off the court.
- Performance in past representative teams as deemed relevant by the Selector(s).
- Adherence to the rules of badminton, the MBA's code of conduct and good sportsmanship.
- Any past, current or recurring injury or condition (physical or otherwise) which may have the potential to inhibit a player or team performance.

Special dispensation for players unable to attend trials may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Manager and/or Selection Panel under the following circumstances:

- A player is representing New Zealand or attending an event as directed by the MBA and/or Badminton New Zealand.
- A player is attending another tournament deemed significant by the Selector(s).
- A medical problem for which a certificate can be produced, if asked.
- A personal event deemed significant by the Selector(s), as advised and agreed prior to trials.

Any discussions on team selection between members of the Selection Panel, Team Managers, Team Captains and the Board representative shall remain confidential.

Players who reside outside the Manawatu are eligible to represent the MBA and will be considered for selection. These players are subject to the same selection criteria and all procedures outlined in this policy.

4. Outcomes

Selected players will be notified of their selection as soon as possible after the finalisation of the relevant team(s).

a. Juniors

Notification to the selected players will be made by the JDC coordinator or Secretary.

b. Seniors, Masters, Vets and Super-Vets

Notification to the selected players will be made by the Executive Manager.

c. All ages

Public notification of all selected players may be made by the Executive Manager only after all players have been notified.

Substitutes might be from outside Manawatu when not suitable Manawatu players available to compete in the teams.

The Captain and/or Manager will be determined by the members of each team and will be communicated to the Executive Manager prior to the first tie.

5. Appeals

An appeal by a player may only be considered if the selection criteria have not properly been followed, applied and/or implemented; or the player seeking selection was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the applicable selection criteria.

A player may lodge an appeal in writing with the Executive Manager at any time during the trials, but not later than 48 hours after notification of the relevant team selections. In the event of an appeal, team selection is deemed temporary until the appeal has been resolved.

The Executive Manager will consult with the relevant Selector(s), and any other person deemed appropriate in an attempt to respond to the player within 48 hours of lodgement of the appeal.

In the event that the Executive Manager is unable to answer the concerns of the player such that the players wish to maintain their appeal, then such appeal shall be referred to the MBA Board.

The MBA Board is to appoint at least 2 board members to hear and assess the appeal by the player, and make recommendations as appropriate to the rest of the Board and /or the General Manager.

In assessing any such appeal the MBA Board shall properly consider all such evidence as may be presented from the player, Selector(s) and any other relevant party.

Upon determination of the appeal the MBA Board shall communicate their recommendation to both the Executive Manager and the player at the earliest opportunity, which may result in changes to team selection.