

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND'S

2027 U15 Squad

SELECTION CRITERIA

- This Selection Criteria is issued by Badminton New Zealand.
 - This Selection Criteria shall take effect from 17 August 2026 – 16 August 2027.
 - This Selection Criteria applies to players wishing to be considered for selection for the 2027 U15 Badminton New Zealand Age Group Squad.
 - **Squad Composition:**
 - *Minimum of 26 players and a maximum of 32 players.*
 - *At least 40% representation of each gender.*
 - *Squad composition will be reviewed by Badminton New Zealand on an ongoing basis, with changes to squad composition made throughout the year based on performance, potential, commitment, development, and progression.*
 - **To be notified 5pm 2 October 2026.**
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The Objective:

- To develop players by providing technical, tactical, physical, psychological, and personal skills required to progress towards becoming Senior International Players.

Selection Criteria:

When considering the selection for this programme the Badminton New Zealand Selectors will consider the following priority factors about a Player.

Please note - the below is ranked from the highest influence on selection to the least influence on selection):

1. Players must be a member of an Association Squad Programme where you are eligible to represent the Association at NZJTC.
2. Players must be in good financial standing with their Association and BNZ (there must be no outstanding debt).
3. **Current squad members** – Communication, commitment, and attendance throughout the 2026 U15 programme.
4. **Current squad members** – Progress over the past 12 months this refers to the progress made against the Players SMART GOALS that were set out in their player reports from attending previous camps.
5. Progress in development over the past 12 months.
6. Communication, commitment, and attendance to the NZ Age Group Programme.
7. Potential for future success in international badminton.
8. Technical and tactical skill level.

9. Coachability – how players receive feedback and respond to it (their engagement & response). Plus their ability to try new concepts and their effort shown to make changes where suggested.
10. Understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing and training, including good time management, respect for coaches, team members and support staff.
11. Demonstration of good behaviour, including maturity and professionalism.
12. Ability to compete under pressure and show mental toughness.
13. Demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results.
14. An understanding and demonstration of the commitment required to be a performance badminton player.
15. Any other factor(s) the Badminton New Zealand Selectors consider relevant.

Please note that the factors listed above are the priority components to selection for this squad.

In conjunction with the non-performance criteria above, the following performance-based criteria will be considered:

- National tournament performances – both wins and losses (within the past 12 months)

NZ U15's 2027 Framework:

Players who are selected must commit to and attend the following:

- The November and January Camp
- Be available for selection for the Junior NZBL and attend if selected
- The May and August Camp
- Online educational sessions
- Players must attend NZJTC, National Age Group Championships (we recommend that this be in your age group where possible)
- U15 parents must attend the parent induction, even if their child has previously been in the programme. For families outside the Northern Region, an online induction meeting will be arranged. At least one parent must attend; otherwise, the player may be removed from the programme
- *There may also be an opportunity for selected players to travel overseas for a Shonai U16 Invitational Tournament and an Australian U15 Experience in 2027*

Note - dates are to be confirmed and communicated on selection. If you are not available for all the opportunities you must inform Donna Trow, People and Pathways Lead prior to signing the Player Agreement.

Extenuating Circumstances:

In considering the Selection of Players in accordance with this Selection Criteria, the Badminton New Zealand Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. injury or illness;
- b. travel delays;
- c. equipment failure;
- d. bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
- e. any other factors considered by the Badminton New Zealand Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Athlete to Advise: Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Selection Criteria, must advise Badminton New Zealand of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much notice as possible and ideally **seven (7) days** prior to the commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If Badminton New Zealand is not notified, where possible, of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Selection Criteria, then the Badminton New Zealand Selectors have no obligation to take those circumstances into account.

Medical Certificate: In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the Badminton New Zealand Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Badminton New Zealand Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Badminton New Zealand Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Badminton New Zealand Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

Case by Case: In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Badminton New Zealand Selectors will decide on a case-by-case basis.

Appeals Process:

Players that believe they have grounds for disputing non-selection must lodge an appeal in writing to the Badminton New Zealand People & Pathways Lead within 7 days of the publishing of the selection as per the Badminton New Zealand Appeals Process.

The appeal must set out the grounds for the appeal and provide all evidence to support the appeal at the time of lodging the appeal.

Please also note that should an appeal be made; this does not stop the naming of the Squad. The appeal will be considered, and any resulting changes made to selection will be advised as an addendum to naming of Squad.

Further information regarding the appeals process can be found on the Badminton New Zealand Website.

Badminton New Zealand Selectors:

- **Tracey Hallam**
- **Martin Andrew**
- **Angus Crawford**

Selection Procedure:

Please note that official notification of selection is through email by or on **Friday 2 October 5pm**.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DT', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Donna Trow
People & Pathways Lead
Badminton New Zealand