



Selection Criteria
2024 Olympic & Paralympic Games
July 26th – August 11th, 2024
Paris, France



1. Introduction-

- 1.1. The purpose of this document is to outline the process and criteria to select the athletes most capable of achieving Ghana Badminton's objectives at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
- 1.2. Participation in the Olympic Games is important for Ghana Badminton (BAG) for the following reasons-
 - It provides a benchmark for comparison to other Olympic countries
 - It is an excellent experience for athletes and coaches
 - It is important politically for Ghana Badminton to remain active in key BWF international competitions
 - It has an impact on multiple funding partners for the upcoming quadrennials
- 1.3. Competition at the Olympic Games includes Individual play in all five (5) disciplines-
 - 1.3.1. Men's Singles (MS)
 - 1.3.2. Women's Singles (WS)
 - 1.3.3. Men's Doubles (MD)
 - 1.3.4. Women's Doubles (WD)
 - 1.3.5. Mixed Doubles (XD)
- 1.4. Each country is restricted to the number of entries as per BWF regulations. Badminton World Federation Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024, herein referred to as the BWF Olympic Qualification Guidelines (see Appendix 1). In the event of changes by the BWF to the eligibility or criteria, Ghana Badminton is bound by these changes and will inform its membership as soon as possible
- 1.5 In the case of the Paralympic Games, During the Games, there will be fourteen Medal Events as listed below:

Male	Female	Mixed
MS WH 1	WS WH 1	XD SL 3 – SU 5
MS WH 2	WS WH 2	XD SH 6
MS SL 3	WS SL 3	
MS SL 4	WS SL 4	
MS SU 5	WS SU 5	
MS SH 6	WS SH 6	
MD WH 1 – WH 2	WD WH 1 – WH 2	

Athlete Eligibility

For singles, athletes must have participated in their relevant event at a minimum of three designated qualifying tournaments, counting towards the Race to Paris Paralympic Games Singles Ranking List published on April 2 2024. Exception is made if a player is allowed in doubles or mixed doubles and is required to play singles.

For doubles, athletes/pairs must have participated in their relevant event with their partner at a minimum of three designated qualifying tournaments, counting towards the Race to Paris Paralympic Doubles and Mixed Doubles Ranking list published on April 2 2024. Exception is made if BWF invites qualified singles players to create a doubles pair.

Bipartite Commission Invitations

Between April 02 and April 30 2024 (the final deadline to submit Bipartite Commission applications), subject to the NPC being notified of the opportunity to apply for Bipartite slots, an athlete/s could be nominated by the Selection Panel to ParalympicsGB for their consideration for a Bipartite application based on the following IPC guiding principles and in respect to the Performance Objective noted in section 3 of this Policy;

- To ensure the participation of top athletes who may not have had the opportunity to qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances formally
- To ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs
- To ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability and/or
- To enable more excellent representation by gender

Please note that there are no grounds for appeal concerning an athlete not being nominated for a Bipartite slot by Ghana Badminton to the Ghana Paralympics Committee.

Additionally, all Bipartite Commission Invitation decisions by the IPC are final, with no opportunity for protest or appeal of declined applications. Reference 6.6-6.8 of this policy, regards Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation.

- 1.6. For questions or clarifications on the contents of this document, please contact Dr Ben Konadu (bkonadu@ghanabadminton.org).

2. Performance Objectives-

- 2.1. Qualify one pair of athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
- 2.2. Have a Top 32 finish in one discipline at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

3. Team Size-

- 3.1. Ghana Badminton will nominate athletes who have qualified via the BWF Olympic Qualification Guidelines and achieve all standards outlined in this selection criteria document.
- 3.2. As stated in the BWF Olympic Qualification Guidelines, the maximum number of athletes for any country is eight (8) male and eight (8) female athletes. Athlete nomination will be directly determined by the athlete's rank on the BWF Race to Paris Rankings as of April 30 2024.
- 3.3. The Ghana Badminton final number of confirmed athlete slots for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will only be finalized after the BWF quota positions are established. This will be communicated externally as soon as possible after final confirmation.
- 3.4. Ghana Badminton will name a minimum of three(3) staff to the team, consisting of a minimum of two (2) coaches. Additional accreditations may be available as per the GOC support staff policy. Should Ghana Badminton be granted additional support staff accreditations, priority for these positions is given to the Head Coach and any Team Manager as determined by Ghana Badminton and the High-Performance

Committee. All decisions surrounding Team Ghana and the Olympic Games will be made under the Decision-Making Processes and authority outlined in Section 9 below.

- 3.5. Personal coaches may be considered to coach in the tournament provided they meet the requirements set out by Ghana Badminton, the Personal Safeguarding Policy, and sufficient accreditations/passes are available. Accreditations will be given to personal coaches after the priority order listed in 3.4 is complete. Personal coaches are also welcome to attend the Games should insufficient accreditations be available. Still, there will be minimal (if any) direct access to the athletes during the Olympic Games without accreditation. Prioritization of coaches for accreditation and other team member privileges is at the discretion of Ghana Badminton, and there will be no funding provided by Ghana Badminton for any personal coaches. Parents or other individuals wishing to travel with the team may do so at their own expense and process.

4. Selection Process-

- 4.1. All athletes/pairs invited by the BWF to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games that meet all additional criteria stated in this document will be confirmed for nomination by Ghana Badminton. Nominations will subsequently be sent.
- 4.2. **Priority #1-** The priority for nominations set forth by the [BWF Olympic Qualification Guidelines](#) is for athletes qualifying in Men's Singles (MS) and Women's Singles (WS), respectively. Athletes ranked in the Race to Paris Top 16 in Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles (MD, WD, XD) respectively. This Top 16 must include slots allocated for continental representation according to the BWF Olympic Qualification Guidelines and will be determined according to the BWF Race to Paris Rankings of April 30 2024.
- 4.3. In the situation where Ghana has more athletes/pairs qualified in any event than the maximum quota according to the BWF Race to Paris Rankings lists as of April 30 2024, the following criteria will be used to determine the order of nomination amongst those athletes/pairs in each discipline:
 - 4.3.1.1. The two (2) athletes/pairs with the highest BWF Race to Paris Rankings in their respective events according to the BWF Race to Paris Rankings as of April 30 2024
 - 4.3.1.2. If there is still a tie, the selection decision will be made by the Ghana Badminton High-Performance Committee
 - 4.3.1.3. If one or both athletes/pairs decline their invitation, the invitation will go to the next highest-ranked athlete in that event on the BWF Race to Paris Rankings as of April 30 2024, within the Top 16 until the granted quota allocations are filled. The next highest-ranked pair in that event on the BWF Race to Paris Rankings as of April 30, 2024, is within the Top 8 until the granted quota allocations are filled.
- 4.4. If more than two (2) Ghanaian athletes/pairs qualify for the Continental Representation Places, the following criteria will be used to determine the order of nomination amongst those athletes/pairs:
 - 4.4.1.1. Athletes/pairs from disciplines (XD, WD, MD) will be prioritized into one list-based on their BWF Race to Paris Rankings as of April 30 2024.
 - 4.4.1.2. The athletes/pairs will be selected based on the highest-ranked athlete/pair from the above-prioritized list, regardless of discipline.
 - 4.4.1.3. If there is a tie, the athlete/pair with the highest BWF point total in the BWF Race to Paris Rankings, as of April 30 2024, will be selected
 - 4.4.1.4. If there is still a tie, the selection decision will be made by the Ghana Badminton High-Performance Committee.
- 4.5. If more than eight (8) male and eight (8) female nominations have been granted to Ghana Badminton, the following criteria will be used to determine the order of nomination amongst those athletes/pairs of each gender:
 - 4.5.1.1. Athletes/pairs from all disciplines (MS, WS, MD, WD, XD) will be prioritized into one list based on their BWF Race to Paris Rankings as of April 30 2024.
 - 4.5.1.2. The athletes/pairs will be selected based on the highest-ranked athlete/pair from the above-prioritized list for the event they have qualified for the Olympic Games.
 - 4.5.1.3. If there is a tie, the athlete/pair with the highest BWF point total in their Top 10

events from the BWF Race to Paris Rankings as of April 30 2024, will be selected first in the event they have qualified for the Olympic Games.

4.5.1.4. If there is still a tie, the selection decision will be made by the Ghana Badminton High-Performance Committee.

4.6. Should any athlete decline their nomination or any slots still be available after all the above criteria (Sections 4.1-4.5), the Ghana Badminton High-Performance Committee will select any remaining slots.

5. Athlete Entry-

5.1. Ghana Badminton reserves the right to determine athlete entry by event. The Ghana Badminton High-Performance Committee will make all decisions. Once onsite at the event, these decisions will revert to the staff onsite at the Games (coaching staff and team leadership)

5.2. Ghana Badminton reserves the right to modify athlete pairings in doubles/mixed doubles events.

5.3. Athletes will be self-funded for all expenses unless otherwise indicated by Ghana Badminton and the Ghanaian Olympic Committee

6. Performance Readiness-

6.1. In the case of injury arising after an athlete has been selected but before departure, Ghana Badminton reserves the right to revoke the athlete's selection if, at Ghana Badminton's sole discretion, the athlete's or team's performance will be compromised. Following nomination to the GOC, any such removals are subject to the approval of the GOC Team Selection Committee.

6.2. Athletes must be deemed "competitively ready" to remain on the team. "Competitive ready" is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the version (s) the athlete committed to qualifying. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made by the Head Coach, using all available information at their disposal, including performance results and progress, the suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other competitive readiness indicators, submitted medical documentation, consultation with the athlete's coach, and any additional relevant performance related information

6.3. Athletes must agree to participate in any Ghana Badminton designated camps related to this event. Failure to comply will lead to removal from the team.

6.4. **Naming of Alternates-** Ghana Badminton will not name alternates to the Olympic team. Should athletes be required to fill positions for any reason and not be determined by the BWF Olympic Qualification Guidelines, BAG will revert to the selection criteria priorities above to name any required replacements.

7. Selection Protocol-

- 7.1. The official selection of the team will be made through written personal correspondence (via email) from Ghana Badminton by May 8, 2024. All verbal discussions of team selection are unofficial and not considered binding. Athletes must accept nominations in writing (via email) within five (5) business days to be considered accepted. The entire team announcement will be coordinated by Ghana Badminton and the Ghanaian Olympic Committee once the entire team is confirmed.
- 7.2. For all doubles pairs being nominated, both partners must accept the nomination to be considered. Should one partner decline the nomination, this indicates that both partners are declining the doubles nomination. BAG will revert to the selection criteria to nominate the next eligible pair.

8. Conditions of Participation-

- 8.1. Before final team selection, athletes must abide by the following regulations
 - 8.1.1. Athletes must be members in good standing with a Provincial Member Association of Ghana Badminton and have paid their International Registration, Anti-Doping and Insurance Fee
 - 8.1.2. Athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices to Ghana Badminton at least 30 days prior to departure
 - 8.1.3. Athletes must have signed either the Ghana Badminton National Team Member Agreement or the Ghana Badminton Conditions of Participation Agreement at least 30 days before departure
 - 8.1.4. Athletes and Ghana Badminton must agree to participate in any designated camps related to this event. All pre-game training must be reviewed and approved by the Head Coach.
 - 8.1.5. Athletes must be able to represent Ghana in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by BWF and Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter, stating "any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the NOC entering such a competitor.
 - 8.1.6. Athletes must meet any GOC and BWF requirements for participation in the Olympic Games and have a valid Ghanaian passport that does not expire on or before February 11, 2025.
 - 8.1.7. Athletes named to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games must comply with the dress code regulations of the Ghana Badminton Team and the Ghanaian Olympic Committee. This will include the Official Team Competition Clothing Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy
 - 8.1.8. Athletes named to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will only be allowed to use equipment that meets the rules and regulations of the BWF
- 8.2. Doping Control Requirements
 - 8.2.1. The athlete will be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information regularly as directed by Ghana Badminton, BWF, and NADO pursuant to the Ghanaian Policy
 - 8.2.2. The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence
 - 8.2.3. Any athlete guilty of any anti-doping violation in the past, in any sport, will not be eligible for selection. An athlete may apply for reinstatement according to a reinstatement procedure available by request from the CCES. Reinstatement will only be granted in exceptional circumstances
- Athletes must sign, submit, and comply with the GOC Athlete Agreement and Paris 2024 Conditions of Participation Form no later than June 24, 2024. As this timeline may be before the final nomination, eligible potential team members may be contacted to complete this form in readiness for the final team nomination. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.

9. Decision-Making Process & Authority-

- 9.1. The High-Performance Committee is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the GOC for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

- 9.1.1. in consultation with the Events Director, the national team coaches are responsible for implementing these procedures. The High-Performance Committee will ratify all team nominations, including alternates and staff.
- 9.1.2. The Sport Operations Manager is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is followed correctly and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.
- 9.1.3. All Ghana Badminton nominations are also subject to the approval of the GOC.

9.2. Where there is a lack of clarity or if unanticipated circumstances arise that are not covered in the selection criteria, the National Team Head coach will make a final and binding decision in consultation with Ghana Badminton staff and the High-Performance Committee when possible.

- 9.2.1. During competition onsite at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, all final decision-making the authority will reside with the leader of the delegation

9.3. The High-Performance Selection Committee will confirm the final team composition for all major championships and Games using the criteria published in this document.

10. Appeal Procedure-

- 10.1. Athletes wishing to appeal decisions regarding team selection must follow the [Badminton Ghana Appeal Procedure](#).

11. Notes

- 11.1. Ghana Badminton reserves the right to make adjustments to Olympic Games Team programming based on financial & technical requirements
- 11.2. Ghana Badminton reserves the right to review (and change) any selection criteria or decision related to this selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from the BWF that affect previously published standards or team selection decisions. In such case, Ghana Badminton will inform the members of the changes as soon as possible.
- 11.3. Ghana Badminton reserves the right not to send players to the Paris Olympic Games if it is deemed that there could be negative political, financial or safety issues

12. Amendments & Unforeseen Circumstances

- 12.1. Ghana Badminton is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and domestic nomination of athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Ghana Badminton will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.
- 12.2. Situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as needed following developments directly impacting the Internal Nomination Procedure. Any changes will be communicated to all affected individuals immediately in such circumstances.
- 12.3. Further, situations that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances may arise. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and following the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as noted herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Ghana Badminton will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

- 12.4. This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Ghana Badminton's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place reasonably or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.
- 12.5. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances, the High-Performance Committee will, where possible, consult with the President to determine if the circumstances justify competition or nomination, which should take place in an alternative manner. In such cases, the High-performance Committee shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.