

TALENT/PERFORMANCE SQUAD STANDARDS – GHANA SQUADS

The below table details how players can be selected for talent and performance programmes.

Ghana Hopes Programme U15	Sporting Excellent Talent Squad 16-19	Elite Squad – Launching Q2 2026 12-18
<p>Automatic selection criteria: -Winner of the U15 National Championships 2025 (male and female)</p> <p>Remaining squad selection: The remaining squad will be selected by the National Hopes Squad coach + talent team. Considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player domestic/international results • Player attitude, behaviours • Player potential & trajectory (to consider both the 9-10 and 11-13 age brackets) • Performances at talent events (e.g., weekend camps, talent ID days) • Player commitment to training and competition • Performance at 'One to Watch Camps' (x 1 per year) 	<p>Automatic selection criteria: -Any player currently within the Ghana Training Squad (who is able to commit to the training and educational demands of the programme) -Any home nation player who has a ranking within the top 8 in Ghana</p> <p>Remaining squad selection: The remaining squad selections will come through an open application process; considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home nation players who have represented their country at Ghanaian Youth level (who will be living in Abroad or Ghana) • Current national U19 ranking • Recent competition results • Engagement in the pathway at an earlier stage e.g. former futures/squad player • Players who are part of academy programmes • Best 3 international results • Academic level and commitment • Future goals to remain within the Ghana Badminton pathway • Players in the Ghana Badminton para pathway squad 	<p>Minimum entry requirements: -Player must be ranked within the top 8 of their respective age category (U13, U15, U19, Senior's) -Player must have had prior engagement with the national pathway</p> <p>Wider considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player domestic/international results • Player trajectory and potential to win a medal at the African Youth Championships within a 3-year period • Player potential to win multiple medals on the World stage • Player commitment and current training hours • Behaviours during engagement in the Ghana Badminton pathway • International experience and ability to play approx. 5 x events per year • Goals/ambitions and current trajectory • Ability to engage with national commitments (e.g., living situation/minimum attendance) <p><i>Application process to apply and squad selected via a selection panel</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">GHANA Squad 13-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Potential Programme 15+</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Senior Training Programme 19+</p>
<p>Primary selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African ranking of top 20 in age category Top 8 finish or higher at African Youth Championships 2 or more medals at age group youth events at U15 level or above Players physical readiness <p>Secondary selection criteria: The remaining squad will be selected by the lead coach + performance team with overall reporting to the President. Considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performances at Home Nation U15 National Championships 2025/26 (male and female) Performances at Home Nation U19 National Championships 2025/26 (male and female) Player domestic/international results Player attitude, behaviours Player's training hours are above 30 hours per week Player potential & trajectory (considering the U17 age category to ensure the progression of players to the U19 level) 	<p>APA Matrix Entry Level: To be considered for Badminton Sport confirmation funding, players are required to meet several points detailed in the entry level competition outcomes and performance standards in Ghana Sports Fund APA matrix to be shared later in q3 of 2026:</p> <p>Entry Level (E) – APA Matrix: <i>Competition outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Youth Championship medallist Two or more medals at Ghana badminton sanctioned events QF finish at either African Championships or World Junior Championships <p><i>Further performance criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranked within the top 120 in the world rankings Starting to work towards benchmarks that are tracking for Olympic success <p><i>*Subject to agreement with Ghana Sport Fund. Meeting these standards does not guarantee you a place on the World Class Programme</i></p>	<p>Selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working towards World Championships Tracking for qualification for LA 2028 Winner of the 2025/26 Senior National Championships – Singles and Doubles (male and female) Committed to working with a team of practitioners Strength in depth across events in the context of the Olympic and Paralympic strategic objectives and milestone targets Coach insight and expert opinion Athlete's performance profile Athlete's major competition history Event progression; Athlete's injury and training history; Factors relating the Classification (Paralympic only) Athlete's lifestyle and training environment; Athlete's psychological robustness and ability to perform under pressure; and Impact of any changes to technical rules. Ghana Badminton will consider all of the following, as well as any other factors that they deem relevant, when assessing an athlete's ability to qualify and medal in LA 2028, or Brisbane 2032.