

# Athlete Allocation System

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### BADMINTON TEAM – Badminton World Federation (BWF)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 01 October 2021 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, the CGF and BWF will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and BWF reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

All Badminton medal events will be implemented through the Open Athlete Allocation Quota, however CGAs selected for the Mixed Team event only will be determined via a qualification method.

CGAs should note that additional athlete slots will not be attributed to the Mixed Team event and therefore CGAs that qualify will be required to enter the event from their Open Athlete Allocation Quota within the maximum entry per CGA for Badminton i.e. 5 men and 5 women.

- CGA's will be required to use their CGA Open Athlete Allocation Quota when entering athletes in the Badminton competition.
- One CGA Open Athlete Allocation Quota slot per athlete will be required.
- Where an athlete is attributed a CGA Open Athlete Allocation Quota slot, they may then compete in as many Medal Events as they are eligible to compete in while respecting the maximum entry per CGA.

## 2 MEDAL EVENTS (6)

### a) Medal Events by Discipline

Men's	Women's	Mixed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Singles</li><li>• Doubles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Singles</li><li>• Doubles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Doubles</li><li>• Team</li></ul>

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## b) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

SPORT	Events		
BADMINTON	Maximum Entry per CGA		5 Men and 5 Women Athletes
	Men	Singles	3 Athletes
		Doubles	2 Pairs
	Women	Singles	3 Athletes
		Doubles	2 Pairs
	Mixed	Doubles	4 Pairs
		Team	1 Team per CGA (min 2 men & 2 women)

## 3 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK – MIXED TEAM EVENT

The Badminton Mixed Team Event will comprise of sixteen (16) team slots allocated in accordance with the following process. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not a mandatory requirement that CGAs qualifying for the Mixed Team event must compete in the Singles, Doubles or Mixed Doubles events.

CGA's that wish to be considered for Mixed Team qualification will be required to affiliate with BWF, or if not eligible to affiliate will be required to obtain approval from BWF before eligibility to participate.

### a) Host CGA (Automatic Qualification)

The Host CGA is entitled to enter one (1) Team in the Mixed Team Event;

- In the event that the Host CGA elects not to enter a Team in the Mixed Team Event, the team place will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places Process.

### b) BWF World Ranking

The top fourteen (14) ranked Commonwealth CGAs on the BWF World Ranking list as of Tuesday 1st February 2022 shall be invited to participate in the Mixed Team Event in accordance with:

- The ranking points of a CGA's highest ranked men's singles player, women's singles player, men's doubles pair, women's doubles pair and mixed doubles pair will be aggregated to determine the overall ranking points of the CGA;
  - Where no world ranking is available in a particular event the ranking points for the CGA will be taken as zero;
  - World ranking points of Mixed Nationality pairs shall not be included in the team

aggregate ranking;

- Ranking points will be taken from the BWF World Ranking list as of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022;
- At the close of BWF World Ranking list as of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, CGA's will be ranked by their aggregated ranking points (highest to lowest), with the top fourteen teams invited to enter the Mixed Teams Medal Event. The CGF and BWF will use best endeavours to ensure participation of at least four (4) of the six (6) CGF regions;
- In the event that a qualified CGA elects not to enter a team in the Mixed Team Event the team place will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places Process.

## c) **Bipartite Invitation**

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Badminton CGAs that have not otherwise qualified in the Mixed Team event, one (1) Bipartite Invitation place will be issued for the Mixed Team medal event.

Applications for the Bipartite Invitation place are to be submitted by the CGA in accordance with the prescribed deadline. It is at the sole and absolute discretion of BWF and the CGF to allocate the Bipartite Invitation place in an instance where no application has been received.

In the event the CGA is no longer able to accept the Bipartite Invitation place it will be redistributed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission with consideration for the factors listed below.

Allocation of the Bipartite Invitation place is made at the sole and absolute discretion of BWF and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- Regional representation within the event at the end of the ranking period.
- Depth of field and strength of competition.
- Demonstrated previous levels of performance (at BWF recognised events), commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but the CGA has not otherwise attained qualification.
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in a CGA being unable to achieve valid results within the ranking period.

## **d) Confirmation Process of Allocated Mixed Team Places**

At the close of the BWF World Ranking list as of Tuesday 1st February 2022,, the following procedure will be implemented:

- CGF will advise CGAs in writing of the team places attained from the Host CGA and Mixed Team Ranking System methods;
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the team places attained from the Host CGA and Mixed Team Ranking System methods. At the time of acceptance, the CGA will confirm in writing that they will enter the minimum two (2) male and two (2) female athletes in Badminton events to satisfy the minimum Mixed Team Event participation;

### ***Confirmation Process for Bipartite Invitation Slot***

- CGAs to nominate to the CGF for a Bipartite Invitation place;
- Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of the Bipartite Invitation place;
- CGF to advise CGA of the Bipartite Invitation place attained;
- CGA to confirm their intention to accept the Bipartite Invitation place offered. At the time of acceptance, the CGA will confirm in writing that they will enter the minimum two (2) male and two (2) female athletes in Badminton events to satisfy the minimum Mixed Team Event participation.

## **e) Reallocation of Unused Qualification Places – Mixed Team**

Any qualification places that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated as follows:

- An unused Mixed Team place earned from the Host CGA method shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified on the BWF World Ranking list as of Tuesday 1 February 2022. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the World Ranking, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and BWF.
- Any unused Mixed Team slots earned from the World Ranking method shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked CGA not otherwise qualified on the BWF World Ranking list as of Tuesday 1 February 2022. Where there are no eligible CGAs remaining on the World Ranking, remaining team places may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and BWF.
- The CGF and BWF reserve the right not to reallocate team places, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a team place to a CGA whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

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## 4 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must:

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or BWF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, BWF and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Be registered with the BWF and have a valid BWF Number;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by BWF.

## 5 TIMELINES

27 January 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
31 January 2022	BWF Ranking Period for Mixed Team Event closes
1 February 2022	BWF World Ranking List published (for Mixed Team event qualification)
8 February 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified Mixed Team places
22 February 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified Mixed Team places
22 February 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF
8 March 2022	Re-allocation of returned Mixed Team places
8 March 2022	CGF to confirm with CGA Bipartite Invitation places
15 March 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of the Bipartite Invitation.
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings

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29 June 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information
July 2022	Delegation Registration Meetings

## BIPARTITE COMMISSION

### 1 Governance

1.1 The membership of the CGF/BWF Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the BWF Events Director (or appointed designate).

1.2 All Bipartite Invitations will be approved by the CGF Executive Board.

### 2 Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendations to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots.