



State Teams Selection Process

U15, U17, U19, & Open State Teams

Selection Process Overview

The Badminton Tasmania (BT) Selection Process is designed to support competitive development for junior players in U15, U17, and U19 age groups, as well as senior players. This process emphasizes participation in tournaments and training camps, providing players with valuable growth opportunities and exposure to high-level competition. Participation in this selection process is mandatory for nomination and consideration in a Junior or Senior National Carnival.

Key Components of the BT State Selection Process

Tournament Participation:

A minimum participation in four (4) Statewide tournaments in the 12 months prior to the nominated event is required including participation in compulsory tournaments.

Compulsory Training Camp:

Players are required to attend a training camp, which also serves as part of the selection process for U15, U17, and U19 teams. This weekend brings all nominated and selected senior squad members together for team-building and match play.

Additional Training Sessions:

Selected players must attend two (2) additional team training sessions scheduled by the coach or team manager, to ensure team preparation for the national carnival.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

Eligibility:

- If not an Australian Citizen, a player must be a Tasmanian resident for a minimum six (6) months prior to the date of the National Championships (juniors), and thirteen (13) months prior to the date of the National Championships (seniors).
- Each player must be a registered member of a BT affiliated club.
- Any disciplinary actions may result in the removal of a player from the selection process, or team.
- Players are required to nominate and compete in the gendered badminton events respective to the gender they were assigned at birth. If this differs from the player's current gender identity, an exception may be made in consultation with Badminton Australia depending on the circumstances. Any matter concerning gender identity should be brought to the BT selection committee's attention by the player or their parent/guardian when submitting their nomination.

Tournament Participation:

Players must have participated in a minimum of four (4) Tasmanian tournaments within the 12 months prior to the event they are nominating for. This includes compulsory participation in the two indicated below:

- STBA Invitational Championships in South Hobart (1–2 March 2025):
- The Greater Northern Championship in Deloraine (22–23 March 2025):

Note: Each tournament is counted as a single entity (e.g., the STBA Invitational Championship counts as one tournament), regardless of the number of events (e.g., singles, doubles, mixed doubles) or the grade/category (e.g., B Grade, C Grade, U19) in which a player competes.

Compulsory Training Camp:

Players must attend the training weekend in Port Sorell (14th – 16th February 2025), which will serve as both a sparring opportunity and a selection weekend for U15 and U19 State Team candidates. U17 players who submit an Expression of Interest application for the U17 State Team are also required to attend.

Discretionary Selections

If a player is unable to participate in a compulsory tournament, training camp or training session, they must seek an exemption from BT prior to the event or training, providing supporting documentation (e.g., a medical certificate). BT will assess and confirm whether the exemption has been granted within 10 days of the exemption request. Other requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis with no guarantee for approval.

When seeking exemption, please do so in writing to BT secretary:

secretary@tasbadminton.com.au

Team Composition

Final team composition for each age group is determined by the selection committee based on tournament performance and team requirements.

Eligibility for Individual Events

Players will not be eligible to participate in any Individual National Championships unless they have nominated for the State team and meet all participation requirements. If eligible, a player may choose to participate in more than one age group, however a nomination for each team must be received and participation requirements met.

Selection Committee

U15, U17 and U19: Lasse Bundgaard, Abbie Rothery, Leesa Grundy and the nominated coach.
Senior: Mark Steczkowicz, Robert Brockman and Jenny Badger

Link to Nomination Form

<https://form.jotform.com/250050243750040>

Appendix A: Key Dates for all 2025 State Teams

Date	Event
8 January 2025	U15/U19 Junior Team Nominations open & U17 EOIs open
31 January 2025 or, no later than 10 working days after notification of tournament format from Badminton Australia	Senior State Team announced
9 February 2025	Team Nomination closes for U15 and U19 State Teams Expression of Interest closes for U17 State Team
14 – 16 February 2025	Training Camp - Port Sorell. For all nominated U15, U17, U19, Senior State Team Players & other invited players.
1 – 2 March 2025	STBA Invitational Championships in South Hobart
22 – 23 March 2025	The Greater Northern Championship in Deloraine
30 March 2025	U15 and U19 State Teams announced & U17 nominations open
12 – 18 April 2025	Senior State Team Nationals in Victoria
9 – 14 July 2025	U15 & U19 National Championships (Launceston, TAS)
26 - 27 July 2025	Possible selection day in Hobart and team announced for U17 (TBC)
26 Sep - 2 Oct 2025	U17 National Championships (WA or VIC - tbc)
31 Oct 2025	Team nomination closes for 2026 Senior Team

Note: Please refer to BT Calendar of events for complete overview of all tournaments and events in Tasmania for 2025.

Appendix B: Rationale Behind the State Team Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for the Badminton Tasmania State Teams have been developed with the following key considerations:

- Transparency:**
 BT aims to provide a clear and transparent selection process, ensuring that players, parents, coaches, and clubs fully understand how decisions are made and what is required to be considered for selection.
- Commitment to Tournaments:**
 A minimum number of tournaments, including participating in compulsory tournament demonstrates the commitment required to be part of a state team, along with the opportunity for all players to compete in the same tournaments.
- Commitment to Training Camp:**
 The training camp brings Tasmania's best players together to prepare for the season ahead. It fosters a sense of community and togetherness while providing opportunities for team building and preparation for national carnivals. Furthermore, the camp provides the selection committee an opportunity to observe nominated junior players play with and against each other in a simulated competition environment.

Conclusion:

These criteria are designed to promote participation and foster a positive, competitive environment for all players in Tasmania.