

Sri Lanka Badminton – Selection Criteria for National Pools

(these criteria are subject to change)

(A) Elite Squad:

- The Elite Squad is composed of 12 players at present. The primary objective of this group is their specific preparation for International Competition targeting BWF, BA, CWG & Olympic Games during the period ending 2024.
- The selection of players could vary based on their individual performance as well as competition requirements confronting SLB.
- Selection of the current 12 players have been based on international ranking, local ranking, years of experience, team requirements and future potential of the players. This composition may thus vary as determined by the NPTC and endorsed by the EC/GC of SLB.

(B) Main Senior Pool:

➤ **Men's Singles:**

- The squad will comprise of the TOP 06 players selected from the TOP 08 Ranked Players at present, after an Official Trial, organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- The two (02) players who miss out will join the Challenger Pool and will be reassessed with that set of players.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners into the Challenger Pool after an official trial, organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

➤ **Men's Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of 08 players (04 combination pairs) selected from Top 12 Ranked Players (06 combination pairs), after an Official Trial organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- The 04 players (02 combination pairs that miss out, will join the Challenger Pool and will be reassessed with that set of players.

➤ **Women's Singles:**

- The squad will comprise of TOP 06 Players selected from the TOP 08 Ranked Players at present, after an Official Trial, organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- The two (02) players who miss out will join the Challenger Pool and will be reassessed with that set of players.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners into the Challenger Pool after an official trial, organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

➤ **Women's Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of 08 players (04 combination pairs) selected from Top 12 Ranked Players (06 combination pairs), after an Official Trial organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- The 04 players (02 combination pairs that miss out, will join the Challenger Pool and will be reassessed with that set of players.

(C) Senior Challenger Pool

➤ **Men's Singles:**

- The squad will comprise of the Best 06 Players, selected from the TOP 08 remaining ranked players (including the 02 players held over from the main Senior Pool) plus 02 players each from the U 19 & U17 age groups, after an Official Trial organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners for inclusion in this pool, after such trials, organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

➤ **Men's Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of the Best 08 players (04 combination pairs), selected from the best remaining 12 ranked players in the pool (06 combination pairs) along with the 04 players (02 combination pairs) plus 04 players each (02 combination pairs) from U19 & U17 age group players in the pool, after a Trial organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

➤ **Women's Singles:**

- This squad will comprise of the Best 06 Players selected from the TOP 08 remaining ranked players (including the 02 players held over from the main Senior Pool) plus 02 players each from the U 19 & U17 age groups, after an Official Trial organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners for inclusion in this pool after an official trial, organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

➤ **Women's Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of the Best 08 players (04 combination pairs), selected from the best remaining 12 ranked players in the pool (06 combination pairs) along with the 04 players (02 combination pairs) held over from the main senior pool plus 04 players (02 combination pairs) from U19 & U17 age group players in the pool, after a Trial organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

(D)Main Junior Pool:

➤ **Boys Singles:**

- The squad will comprise of the TOP 06 players selected from the TOP 08 Ranked Players at present, after an Official Trial, organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- The two (02) players who miss out will join the Challenger Pool and will be reassessed with that set of players.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners into this Main Junior Pool.

➤ **Boys Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of 08 players (04 combination pairs) selected from Top 12 Ranked Players (06 combination pairs), after an Official Trial organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- The 04 players (02 combination pairs that miss out, will join the Challenger Pool and will be reassessed with that set of players.

➤ **Girls Singles:**

- The squad will comprise of TOP 06 Players selected from the TOP 08 Ranked Players at present, after an Official Trial, organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- The two (02) players who miss out will join the Challenger Pool and will be reassessed with that set of players.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners into the Main Junior Pool.

➤ **Girls Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of the Best 08 players (04 combination pairs), selected from the best remaining 12 ranked players in the pool (06 combination pairs).
- The 04 players (02 combination pairs) plus 04 players each (02 combination pairs) from U19 & U17 age group players in the pool, after a Trial organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

E) Junior Challenger Pool:

➤ **Boys Singles:**

- The squad will comprise of the TOP 06 players selected from the TOP 08 Ranked Players at present, after an Official Trial, organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners for inclusion in this pool.

➤ **Boys Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of 08 players (04 combination pairs) selected from Top 12 Ranked Players (06 combination pairs), after an Official Trial organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

➤ **Girls Singles:**

- The squad will comprise of TOP 06 Players selected from the TOP 08 Ranked Players at present, after an Official Trial, organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.
- Exceptionally, NPTC will consider unranked players and/or current winners for inclusion in this pool, after such trials, organized and conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

➤ **Girls Doubles:**

- The squad will comprise of 08 players (04 combination pairs) selected from Top 12 Ranked Players (06 combination pairs), after an Official Trial organized & conducted by the Selection Committee of SLB.

Notes:

- 1) As will be observed, the above Pools constitute the Sri Lanka Badminton National Pool in 05 categories; **Elite, Main Senior, Senior Challenger, Main Junior & Junior Challenger**, which shall ordinarily continue for a period of 06 months for each semester!
- 2) Entry into any of these groups is primarily through International Ranking, National Ranking & Latest Outstanding Performances (Winner/Runner-Up).
- 3) The Elite Squad which is 12 players at present may vary as required from time to time, to engage and participate in International Competitions and to promote our Players into the BWF World Ranking.
- 4) Only National Pool players are entitled to exclusive SLB training & physical fitness facilities participation in international events, kitting, nutrition – meals and medical support.
- 5) Only Elite Squad players are at present provided a monthly retainer based on their training and physical fitness demands; some of them are seconded to the National High Performance Unit of the Ministry of Sports.