

England Squash Masters' England Team Selection Process

1. England Qualification is dependent on playing in at least two of the six events, one of which must be a major event (British Open and National Championships), which carry double points, and the other must be a regional tournament, in a playing season.
2. Players participating in all four regional tournaments will have their best three regional scores considered, together with any points gained in major events plus the highest points total gained from any Bronze Tournament*, in a playing season. (The points matrix and lists of points accrued in each age category can be viewed on the ESM website).
3. Age qualification is dependent on the player's age on the date immediately following the conclusion of the final qualifying tournament.
4. Points accrued in a lower age group during the season carry upward to the older age group as birthdays occur. Players wishing to play for England in a younger age group than that relevant as at the start date of the last qualifying tournament must accrue all qualifying points in that younger age group.
5. If Players do not achieve an automatic team place by virtue of accrued points and are not selected for the age group in which they started the season, they are eligible for selection for the team in the older age group.
6. No Selection process is started until the final qualifying tournament has been completed and points totals are available for consideration.
7. A sub-committee of three committee members is then convened to supervise the selection process. The sub-committee will publish a timetable of this process on the ESM website for players' information.
8. The sub-committee nominates captains for each team from the players automatically selected based on points accrued in the season. If the chosen captain opts not to accept the position, the sub-committee makes a new nomination.
9. For teams for five string matches:
 - 9.1. The top six players are offered a place based on accrued points.
 - 9.2. If any of the top six players are unavailable, then the next person on the points list may be offered the 6th place in the team up to the 8th person on the points list. If neither of numbers 7 or 8 are available, then the choice is referred to the sub-committee and the appointed Captain for consideration.
 - 9.3. To fill remaining places in the team, the sub-committee and captain will consider a player's participation in the season's events, known playing strength and any points accrued in different age groups if applicable.

10. For teams for three string matches:
 - 10.1. The top four players are offered a place based on accrued points.
 - 10.2. If any of the top four players are unavailable, then the next person on the points list may be offered the 4th place in the team. If number 5 is unavailable, then the choice is referred to the sub-committee and the appointed Captain for consideration on the same basis as point 9c above.
11. In the case of additional issues for selection of teams where older age groups do not have specific international opportunity or where available pools of players are markedly smaller, then points earned in the younger age groups can be consolidated and used for the automatic 1-6 and 1-4 selections in either the older or younger age group squads.

Whilst this guidance is expected to cover most eventualities, in exceptional circumstances the sub-committee has authority to make decisions to ensure that a properly constituted team can be fielded for the Home Internationals.

* For information see link to the new Bronze Tournaments available for clubs under ESM stewardship where further points can be earned:

[Bronze Tier Level Masters Events](#)