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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 or National Championships), which carry double points, and the other can either be another major or 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 qualifying 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, if they have moved up an age group, 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.

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. If any of the top six players are unavailable, the choice is then referred to the sub-committee plus the appointed Captain for that age group, for consideration based on the criteria laid out in clause 9.2 below.

    9.2. In normal circumstances the sub-committee would consider players with accrued points in positions 7 and 8 on the ranking list to fill the places. However, the Sub-Committee can also include in their considerations for these selections the following.

        9.2.1 Particularly strong players who may not have qualified by either points gained or having played sufficient events but have produced high level performances in either the British Open or The National Championships

9.2.2 In conjunction with point ’9.2.1’ Players with high levels of points accrued in different age groups

9.2.3 It should be noted that the considerations detailed in point 9.2.1 and 9.2.2 above are particularly relevant to Ladies Teams Selection where the playing pools are substantially smaller in number.

10. For teams for three string matches:

10.1. The top four players are offered a place based on accrued points. If any of the top four players are unavailable the choice is then referred to the sub-committee plus the appointed Captain for that age group, for consideration based on the criteria laid out in clause 10.2 below.

10.2 In normal circumstances the sub-committee would consider players with accrued points in position 5 on the ranking list to fill the place. However, the Sub-Committee can also include in their considerations for these selections the following.

10.2.1 Particularly strong players who may not have qualified by either points gained or having played sufficient events but have produced high level performances in either the British Open or The National Championships.

10.2.2 In conjunction with point ’a’ Players with high levels of points accrued in different age groups.

10.2.3 It should be noted that the considerations detailed in point 10.2 a and b above are particularly relevant to Ladies Teams Selection where the playing pools are substantially smaller in number.

11. Where available pools of players are markedly smaller or where older age groups do not have a specific international opportunity then points earnt in younger or older age groups can, if agreed by the sub-committee, be considered for 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.

* Below is the link to the Bronze Tournaments information page. Players may earn additional points in qualifying Bronze Tournaments events.

Bronze Tier Level Masters Events