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2026 WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

Introduction

A Working Group meet prior to the start of each squash season to draft the team selection criteria for the coming season and agree the tournaments to be taken into account for the purposes of making selection decisions for the Representative Events.

The Scottish Squash Selection Policy shall be made public prior to the 2026/27 squash season and shall remain in place throughout the season. Any tournaments which are no longer going to be considered as part of the Selection Policy will be communicated, at the earliest opportunity. The Head of Performance & Pathways is responsible for monitoring the Selection Policy throughout the season.

Team Participation

Scottish Squash aims to win medals at every level of team competition. While exposure to international competition is recognised as an important component of player development, the organisation must ensure that investment in team events is appropriate, targeted and aligned with performance readiness.

Accordingly, Scottish Squash will adopt a performance-based approach to team event entry, whereby teams are required to demonstrate their ability to compete effectively at the required level before being entered into major championships.

For a team to be selected to compete at the 2026 World Team Championships, the team must

- achieve a top 8 finish at the 2026 European Team Championships.

The Scottish Squash Performance Pathway Group retains discretion, in exceptional circumstances, to depart from this requirement where it considers it reasonable and appropriate to do so.

General

All persons selected by Scottish Squash for teams/competitions must, to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee:



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- Follow, and have followed, any guidelines published by Scottish Squash relating to the conduct and guidance of Scotland Squash Teams i.e. Player Agreements.
- Abide by the Scottish Squash Code of Conduct for Performance
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Scottish Squash relating to anti-doping regulations.
- Maintain open communication regarding training, progress and tournament results with the Head of Performance and Pathways throughout the season
- Automatic selections are subject to the players not being under any kind of review for code of conduct or disciplinary issues either from their Club, County or Scottish Squash.

Eligibility

In order to be selected to represent Scotland a player must meet the following requirements:

- The player must be eligible to represent Scotland according to the rules of the Representative Event.
- The player must be a registered member of Scottish Squash Limited.

Team Selection

Selection Panel

Chairperson – Non-Executive Director (Performance) – Ali Bell

This individual will coordinate the panel selection process, ensuring both integrity of decision making and clarity with alignment to the selection criteria.

The Selection Panel is made up of three members:

- Head of Performance & Pathways – Paul Bell
- Pathway Manager and Coach – Kylie Lindsay
- Performance Coach - TBC

Team selections will be made by the selection panel, all panel members receive a vote. The Chairperson does not receive a vote. The Head of Performance & Pathways will have the casting vote in any deliberations between the Selection Panel. All selection meetings will be recorded in writing.

Selection process

On the day of selection, players that are selected will be contacted via email, reserves will also be contacted. Those unsuccessful in selection can contact the Head of Performance & Pathway for feedback.



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Selection Criteria

World Team Championships, Cheongju, Korea, 14th – 19th December 2026 (3 players + 1 travelling reserve)

Selection Date:

Team place	Selection Method
Player 1	Highest PSA ranking on Monday 28 th September
Player 2	Next Highest PSA ranking on Monday 28 th September
Player 3	Winner or highest placed finish at Senior Gold 1
Travelling Reserve	Selection panel pick

Reserves

Travelling and Non-Travelling Reserve places will be selected by the Selection committee using any of the following criteria.

- Final ranking position.
- The performance record of an athlete in major events and in pressure situations in international tournaments.
- The player's future potential.
- The attitude and commitment of players when preparing and competing for Scotland.
- Results from Play-off matches or trials will be used in exceptional circumstances

Injury Policy

Selecting players currently injured

If a player has been injured within the selection window and therefore missed out on selection because of their injury the players PSA pegged ranking can be used for selection purposes.

Deselecting players who become injured

The Head of Performance and Pathway will have the right to request any player who is in contention or who has been selected in a team to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner nominated by Scottish Squash. Dependant on the outcome of such an examination, a player may be deemed unfit for selection.

Appeals

The decision of the Selection Panel may be appealed on the following grounds:

- The selection policy was not properly followed and/or implemented;
- The selection policy has been misapplied, or applied without sufficient evidence;
- The selection process was made in bad faith and/or with bias and/or perversely and/or otherwise been demonstrably unfair; and/or
- The selection decision was one that no reasonable decision maker could have reached.

Any appeal must be made within three days following the communication of the non-selection by the Head of Performance and Pathway. It should be made in writing, marked “Private & Confidential” to the CEO.

Composition of the Appeal Panel and Hearing Process

The timeframe for the Appeal Panel hearing being held will be considered on a case by case basis giving sufficient time for players to put together their representations, whilst being mindful of proximity to the tournament at the subject of the appeal.

The members of any Appeal Panel will have had no involvement with the original decision and will be independent of the Selection Panel. The Appeal Panel will be made up of the following:

- A Scottish Squash Limited Board Member sitting on the Risk & Compliance Sub-Committee.
- An independent panel member from another sport.
- A second independent panel member from another sport.

The composition of the Appeal Panel will be considered prior to selections being communicated to ensure no unnecessary delays. If the player can demonstrate that the composition of the Appeal Panel is clearly unfair and/or conflicted then Scottish Squash shall give consideration to arbitrate before an independent panel appointed by Sport Resolutions.

In the case of an appeal being upheld, the Appeal Panel will refer the matter back to the Selection Panel for review, along with their reasons for requiring a review.

The decision of the appeals panel is final.