

**All Africa Thomas & Uber Championship**  
**12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in Cairo, Egypt**

**1. Policy Objectives**

To select players that can produce the best possible result for South Africa in the 2024 African Thomas and Uber Cup qualifiers and Individual Championships to be held in Cairo, Egypt from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**2. Player Eligibility**

In order for players to be selected they must meet the following:

- Be an affiliated member of and in good standing with Badminton South Africa
- Hold a passport of a country whose territory Badminton South Africa has jurisdiction over
- Have not represented any other Member Association for three years immediately preceding the date of the fixture or last represented Badminton South Africa
- Not currently be under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the BWF
- Have participate in South African Championships and/or South African International in 2023

**3. Player Selection Criteria**

The Selectors will select up to 6 men and 6 women that in the Selectors view are the strongest performing players. In reaching their selection they may consider the following:

- Results in Provincial/National, African and BWF recognised events
- Ability to compete under pressure documented through a fighting and competitive performance in high profiled matches against opponents at same or better standard
- Partnership considerations, including a number of variables such as; existing partnerships, player compatibility to name a few
- Player development
- Head to Head results against other South African players in National/International tournaments and/or trials

The Selectors will endeavour to select a team that in their view will give South Africa the best chance of overall success.

**4. Player Availability for preparation and competition**

Upon selection for the team, the player must confirm their availability for the duration of the competition. A further condition of selection will be the player's commitment to the preparation process prior to the event.

This event will be fully funded as well as team preparation once the team has been selected.

**5. Overriding factors**

- Should a player with an established record of high-level results become injured and unable to compete in the majority of listed events, the player may be considered for selection based on previous performances subject to passing a suitable fitness test.

- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination, they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Badminton South Africa) to remain as a selected player.
- Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed through the season and continued selection will be dependent on these factors.
- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination, it is possible for a replacement player to be selected if it is in the interests of the team

## **6. Appeals Process**

Appeal to the selection may be made in writing to the Office Manager of Badminton South Africa within 72 hours from the date of the team announcement.

The sole ground for an appeal is that the selection policy was not properly followed.

An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of R1000, payable to Badminton South Africa. If the appeal is upheld the deposit will be refunded in full.

Within three working days of receiving the appeal, the Office Manager (or an appointed deputy) will appoint a group of three selected people with relevant experience ('Appeals Committee') that will investigate the appeal. Where possible one member of the Appeals Committee will be from outside the sport. No member of the Appeal Committee shall have been involved in the original selection process.

The Office Manager will in writing inform all parties about the Appeal Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal.

## **7. Deselection**

A player selected for the 2024 All Africa Thomas & Uber Cup and Individual Championships may be deselected from the team if the player:

- Due to illness or injury has been unable to fully participate in training prior to the Championships. Medical advice may be taken.
- In the opinion of the National Coach, becomes unable to perform to the required standard.
- Demonstrates a lack of commitment to training requirements and/ or tournament preparations
- Breaks the rules that are set out in the player code of conduct
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Badminton South Africa, the Badminton World Federation or other approved agencies.

## **8. Selection Panel**

National Selectors will select the Team

**9. Selection date, Notification and Announcement**

The selection of the South African team for the 2024 All Africa Thomas & Uber Championships will be announced on 15 January 2024.

Any player who might be difficult to contact by normal means during this period should inform Badminton South Africa in advance of alternative contact details. If a player has not received notification personally on that day, it is his/ her responsibility to contact Badminton South Africa to confirm the situation.