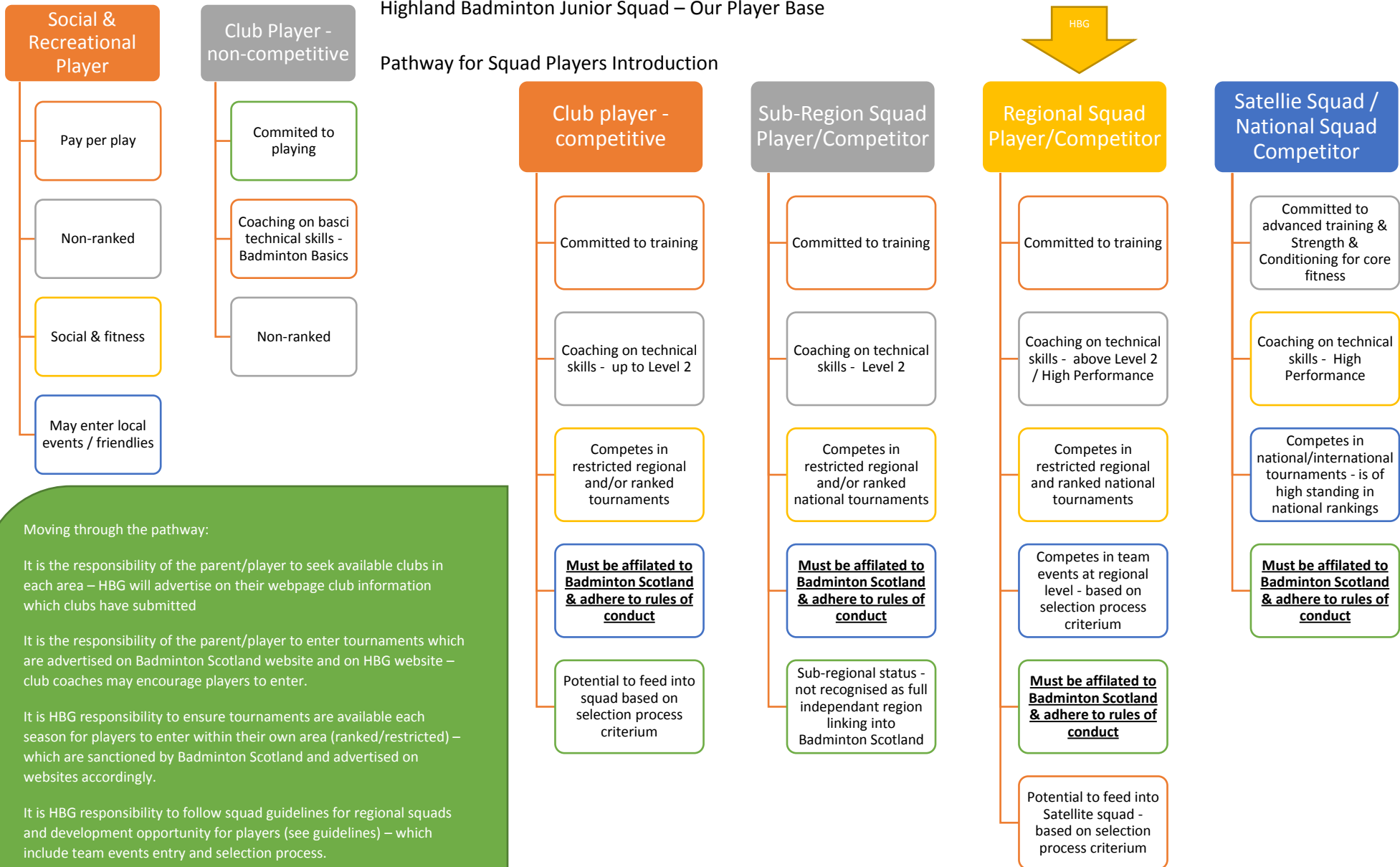


Highland Badminton Junior Squad – Our Player Base

Pathway for Squad Players Introduction



Moving through the pathway:

It is the responsibility of the parent/player to seek available clubs in each area – HBG will advertise on their webpage club information which clubs have submitted

It is the responsibility of the parent/player to enter tournaments which are advertised on Badminton Scotland website and on HBG website – club coaches may encourage players to enter.

It is HBG responsibility to ensure tournaments are available each season for players to enter within their own area (ranked/restricted) – which are sanctioned by Badminton Scotland and advertised on websites accordingly.

It is HBG responsibility to follow squad guidelines for regional squads and development opportunity for players (see guidelines) – which include team events entry and selection process.

It is the responsibility of the coach/parent/player to reach out to Badminton Scotland (in collaboration with regional RDO) for further development advancements into Satellite Squads and National Squads or other options - rules and guidelines are available on Badminton Scotland website. HBG will work with clubs to try and offer alternative developments since Highland do not have a Satellite squad.

HBG will ensure the website is updated with squad lists and information for all players

www.highlandbadmintongroup.co.uk

Badminton Scotland website: <http://www.badmintonscotland.org.uk/>

Highland Badminton Group – Becoming a Junior Squad Member

Our Constitution – AIM

The aim of the Group is to promote and develop the sport and recreation of Badminton in the Scottish Highland & Islands within the remit of Badminton Scotland RDO.

2.2 In furtherance of the above aim, the Group shall seek to:

- Provide opportunities for everyone to participate in Badminton
- Support the development of strong clubs
- **Develop and manage development squads**
- Develop opportunities for quality competition
- Liaise closely with Local Authorities, Local Sports Councils, Schools and *BADMINTONscotland*.
- Identify internal and external funding opportunities.
- Liaise with key agencies involved in the development of Badminton.
- Develop and co-ordinate a comprehensive pathway to coach education and training programmes.

Junior Squad groups and group sizes

Currently there is two distinct groups

- Feeder group – aimed primarily at the younger competitors (U12/U13). It is our priority to ensure all players go through this group before moving into the next group. If the coaching convener & committee decide that a player is of required standard to be in the next group, then we will make an exception (based on performance and results in 'aged' up tournaments).
- Intermediate group – aimed at players who have earned their right through continually performing at Highland tournaments
- Advanced Group – aimed at players who have earned their right through continually performing at Highland tournaments and competing nationally

Group sizes

We are governed by the rules around selection process and this dictates our group sizes – when we review the selection list (tournaments results/coach referrals) and find we are in an over subscription situation, HBG will redefine the rules & communicate accordingly via our website and all players impacted.

Our intention is to try and fill each group with a maximum of 20 players. Our preference is to try and reduce the performance groups to 16 players in each group.

We have monitored the attendance month on month and will **not** penalise players for attendance due to geographical challenges and conflicting weekends with other activities. Although we have secured players up to 18 players in each group the average player attendance is more like 14-15 players.

The benefit of more players' vs less players' is that we have a larger pool of juniors for team selection and we are being inclusive for a larger pool of players to benefit from the performance coach. Note - At times' we did struggle to get players for fill teams in 2017-2018– hence why the preference is to have the larger pool of players since we are governed by geographical challenges.

Junior Squad Dates

Dates are set every season round about the same dates year on year (along with halls booked and coach secured) – we will review the dates to try and reduce clashes with holidays and Caithness/Orkney events.

Junior Squad Selection Invites

- Block 1 Squad selection will happen August and invites will be sent to players at end August time – based on the selection criteria rules
- Block 2 Squad selection will happen February and invites will be sent to players at end February time – based on the selection criteria rules

Invites will be either:

- Full invite
- Trial invite with follow-up communication by email; player will remain on trial list if selected to come back but must meet the expected criteria to secure a full invite.

Note: we will reserve the right to try-out players throughout the season based on attendance register for that date.

Non Reinvite to Squad

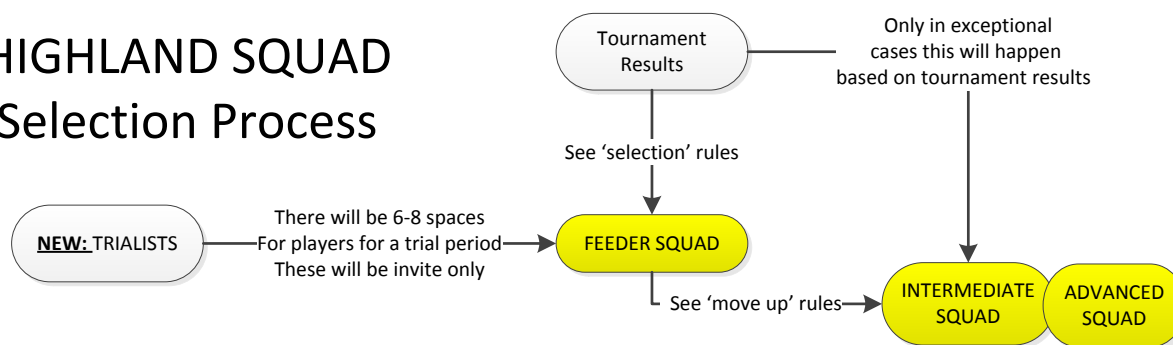
HBG will go through selection process before the start of the season and again in January - if the player does not meet the criteria no invite will be issued. Parents will be informed by email communication.

Selection Process

To be a member of the squad we must insist that player compete in at least 3 tournaments over the season to maintain their space within the squad meeting the expected criteria below. HBG have all tournaments on the website and entry forms available June every year. This give plenty of time to plan and keep the date in your calendar. **NOTE: The committee reserve the right to make squad groups decisions which are non-negotiable.**

TEAM Events: This will be based on a decision made by our coaching convenor & HBG committee. Players are selected based on a number of attributes – which includes - attitude, ability, team player, etc. It is HBG’s priority to ensure opportunity will be given to all squad members to at least compete in a team event once in the season.

HIGHLAND SQUAD Selection Process



HIGHLAND SQUAD - Selection Criteria		HBG will monitor at season end players results from national tournaments (advanced group selection) & increased coaching opportunities (possible satellite / national squad selection)			
Restricted Highland Age Group Tournaments	Ranked Highland Age Group Tournaments (B Grade)	Ranked Scottish Schools Age Group Tournaments (B Grade)	Ranked Regional Age Group Tournaments (A Grade)	Scottish National Age Group Tournaments (A Grade)	International Age Group Tournaments (A Grade)
Tournament Results					
SINGLES: - Semi finals/finals (age group points applied)	SINGLES: - Semi finals/finals (age group points applied)	SINGLES: - Semi finals/finals	SINGLES: - Quarter/ Semi / Finals	SINGLES: - Quarter/ Semi / Finals	SINGLES: - Last 16 / Quarter/ Semi / Finals
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HBG will use Highland Tournaments ONLY over the last year to grade players for SQUAD and GROUP selection – this will mean possible move ups / move downs and not qualifying due to insufficient tournaments entered along with new members