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Squad Selection Criteria 2025/2026

Talent Pathway squads are important steps on our player pathway. They support our best young players helping to prepare them to represent Team England at World, European & 5 Nations Junior competitions.

There is no lower age limit for squads. The age bands outlined complement the current junior pathway structure and reflect the relevant England representation events that our squads prepare players for.

Squad selections are made on a squad-by-squad basis, approximately four weeks prior to the squad. England Squash reserves the right to remove selection should a player fail to demonstrate the required expectations. All selection notifications will be communicated by the Performance Operations Manager via email.



Any player aspiring to represent England, is expected to demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism, both on and off-court. This includes a demonstrable commitment to England Squash, the performance programme, competition pathway and appropriate behaviour towards coaching staff, teammates, colleagues, spectators, officials, referees, and opponents.

If a breach of the code of conduct occurs, minor offences will be dealt with by the performance team. Significant offences will be reported and dealt with formally via the England Squash discipline process.

england development

MAX. 16 SPACES AVAILABLE
AGE EIGHTEEN & UNDER

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Squad selection is regarded as the second highest honour behind representing Team England.

Players are expected to attend all squads to which they are invited and sign the squad commitment form.

In exceptional circumstances where a player is unable to attend a squad, they must submit their rationale for non-attendance (in advance of the squad) to the Talent Pathway Manager/appropriate Head Coach for consideration using the squad absence form.

Poor commitment to squads and/or a breach of the code of conduct MAY result in a player not being selected for England representation and/or grant nominations (e.g. Backing the Best, Sports Aid, TASS etc).

The aim of the England Development programme is to guide and support long term player development towards representing Team England at U19 European and World Team and Individual Championships.



Priority is given to players eligible to represent at the U19 Euros and/or World Juniors over players aging out of either event.



Players are required to display key performance indicators including but not limited to hard work, commitment, respect and display high levels of personal behaviour.



Players must demonstrate a high level of commitment to the Road to Selection process.



Players are selected based on a combination of performances and results in last season's selection events and road to selection events in the current season. It is a continuous, rolling assessment.



Players are required to have completed various forms prior to squad attendance.



Players must continually demonstrate commitment to England Squash and actively participate in squads.

england potential

MAX. 16 SPACES AVAILABLE
AGE SIXTEEN & UNDER

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Poor commitment to squads and/or a breach of the code of conduct MAY result in a player not being selected for England representation and/or grant nominations (E.g., Backing the Best, Sports Aid, TASS etc).

The aim of the England Potential programme is to develop players for future England Development selection and towards representing England at the U15/U17 European Team Championships, and the 5Nations Team Championships.



Priority is given to players eligible to represent at the 5Nations and/or U15/U17 Euros over players aging out of either event.



Players are required to display key performance indicators including but not limited to hard work, commitment, respect and display high levels of personal behaviour.



Players must demonstrate a high level of commitment to the Road to Selection process.



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AGE TWELVE & UNDER
MAX. 32 SPACES AVAILABLE
(16 NORTH & 16 SOUTH)

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Super Regional squads are the link between our Aspire programme and our England Potential programme. The programmes' goal is to further support developing U13 and U11 players that demonstrate a strong trajectory towards England Potential squads. The Super Regional programme culminates with a 'Battle of the Border' event at the end of the season where the north squad competes against the south squad.

Selections are led by the Talent Pathway Lead. They are supported in their selections by the north and south Super Regional Head Coaches.

The Super Regional Programme is made up of the following:

North – North West, North East, West Midlands, and East Midlands Aspire Regions

South – East, South East, South and South West Aspire Regions



Priority is given to players eligible to represent at 'Battle of the Border' over players aging out.



Players are required to display key performance indicators including but not limited to hard work, commitment, respect and display high levels of personal behaviour.



Players must demonstrate a high level of commitment to the Road to Selection process.



Players are selected based on a combination of performances and results in last season's selection events and road to selection events in the current season. It is a continuous, rolling assessment.



Players are required to have completed various forms prior to squad attendance.



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ENGLAND squash ASPIRE AGE SIXTEEN & UNDER programme

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Aspire is the first step on the England Talent Pathway, for younger developing players. The programme aims to feed the Super Regional and England Potential programme, preparing players for the Aspire Team Championships at the end of each season, whilst supporting player development.

Selections are lead by the Aspire Head Coach for each region. They are supported in their selections by their assistant coach, county head coaches and further key coaches in the region. Selection remains continual ensuring equal opportunity for selection for all players across the season preventing date of birth bias as to where players peak due to maturity in the season.

Key selection events for Aspire squads are Aspire Regional Championships, Bronze, Silver and Gold events.

The following regions are part of the Aspire Programme:

North West, North East, West Midlands, East Midlands, East, South East, South and the South West.



Priority is given to players eligible to represent at the Aspire Team Championships over players aging out.



Players are required to display key performance indicators including but not limited to hard work, commitment, respect and display high levels of personal behaviour.



Players must demonstrate a high level of commitment to the Aspire squad programme.



Selection is a continuous, rolling assessment.



Players are required to have completed various forms prior to squad attendance.



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