

TOC Selection Policy

1. For English National Championships, preference will be given to new National Umpires (L2) and L2 candidates, with lowest priority being accorded to Local Umpires (L 1) who are not interested in acquiring higher qualifications, to those who have repeatedly failed to acquire such qualifications and to any umpires whose performance has noticeably deteriorated. The selectors will then attempt to balance the need for economy with ensuring that those who live a long way from the venues are not excluded.
2. Umpires applying for foreign appointments are expected to have applied for and, if selected, officiated at 3 domestic events for which the Technical Officials Committee (TOC) invite applications, since the start of the immediately preceding season. For major competitions such as World and Continental Championships and WTT Level 1 tournaments, preference will be given to Blue Badge umpires (L4) and experienced International Umpires (L3); newly qualified L3s will be considered for such events where they are eligible. For events at which BB evaluations or Gold Badge (GB)(L5) assessments are to be carried out, due consideration will be given to the requirements of those working towards achieving BB or GB status and to BB or GB holders needing to complete a recertification process. For any Major Event held in England, umpires will be given a detailed criteria of events that they must have attended or have committed to attend prior to selection being made by the International Selection (Home) Committee.
3. An umpire who accepts an appointment to officiate at a foreign competition but who fails, without good reason, to fulfil the commitment is liable to be excluded from further such selection for a period to be determined by the TOC.
4. Subject to the above conditions, the selectors will always try to ensure that umpires each have a fair and equitable allocation of events.

Procedural Guidelines

For TTE events the Selection Committee will advise umpires by e-mail or social media of the events, dates and venues and invite umpires to nominate themselves for possible selection for such events. This will usually be done separately for events up to Christmas, and for those events occurring after Christmas. The selection process will take into account individual umpires' activity and for National Championships the level of qualification will also be taken into account.

For international events eligible umpires will be advised by- e-mail of the invitation by a foreign Association for TTE to select or nominate for selection an umpire(s). The selection process will take into account an umpire's qualification, their activity both domestically and internationally, their historical attendance at foreign events and any conditions stipulated by the inviting Association.

Members of the Selection Committee who choose to make an application for consideration for selection to an international event will play no part in the selection process for that event. The Chairman of the TOC will instead co-opt an independent person(s) in replacement.

For international events, where evaluations of BB umpires are to take place, due consideration will be given to existing BB umpires and those umpires who are working towards acquiring the BB qualification. Where more than one BB umpire applies for an event then account will be taken of the recertification requirements of those umpires.

In the application of these procedural guidelines consideration sometimes needs to be given to a variety of different circumstances e.g. is it appropriate to send an international umpire to their first foreign event unaccompanied by a more experienced umpire. The selection process is therefore not always clear, and the Selection Committee will use their discretion as appropriate.