

TALENT/PERFORMANCE SQUAD STANDARDS – ENGLAND & GB SQUADS

The below table details how players can be selected for talent and performance programmes.

England Hopes Programme U13	DiSE (Diploma in Sporting Excellent Talent Squad) 16-18	GB Youth Academy (Grantham) – <i>Launching 2026</i> 12-18
<p>Automatic selection criteria: -Winner of the U12 National Championships 2025 (male and female) -Winner of the U11 National Championships 2025 (male and female)</p> <p>Remaining squad selection: The remaining squad will be selected by the National Hopes Squad coach + talent team. Considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player domestic/international results • Player attitude, behaviours • Player potential & trajectory (to consider both the 9-10 and 11-13 age brackets) • Performances at talent events (e.g., PDC weekend camps, talent ID days) • Player commitment to training and competition • Performance at 'One to Watch Camps' (x 2 per year) 	<p>Automatic selection criteria: -Any player currently within the Great Britain Training Squad (who is able to commit to the training and educational demands of the programme) -Any home nation player who has a rating of top 20 in England</p> <p>Remaining squad selection: The remaining squad selections will come through an open application process, considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home nation players who have represented their country at European Youth level (who will be living in England) • Current national U19 ranking • Recent competition results • Engagement in the pathway at an earlier stage e.g. former futures/PDC squad player • Players who are part of academy programmes (e.g., Grantham College) • Academic level and commitment • Future goals to remain within the TTE/GB pathway • Players in the GB para pathway squad 	<p>Minimum entry requirements: -Player must be ranked within the top 8 of their respective home nation age category (U13, U15, U19) -Player must have had prior engagement with their national pathway (e.g., PDCs, England Hopes)</p> <p>Wider considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player domestic/international results • Player trajectory and potential to win a medal at the European Youth Championships within a 3-year period • Player potential to win multiple medals on the WTT stage • Player commitment and current training hours • Behaviours during engagement in the TTE / GB pathway • International experience and ability to play approx. 5 x events per year • Goals/ambitions and current trajectory • Ability to engage with GBYA commitments (e.g., living situation/minimum attendance) <p><i>Application process to apply and squad selected via a selection panel</i></p>

GB Training Squad (GBTS) 13-19	Potential Programme (UK Sport World Class Programme) 15+	Senior Training Programme
<p>Primary selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European ranking of top 20 in age category • Top 8 finish or higher at European Youth Championships • 2 or more medals at WTT age group youth events at U15 level or above • Players physical readiness <p>Secondary selection criteria: The remaining squad will be selected by the GBTS lead coach + performance team. Considerations will be made around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performances at Home Nation U15 National Championships 2025 (male and female) • Performances at Home Nation U19 National Championships 2025 (male and female) • Player domestic/international results • Player attitude, behaviours • Player's training hours above 15 hours per week • Player potential & trajectory (considering the U17 age category to ensure the progression of players to the U19 level) 	<p>APA Matrix Entry Level: To be considered for UK Sport confirmation funding, players are required to meet several points detailed in the entry level competition outcomes and performance standards in GBTT's APA matrix:</p> <p>Entry Level (E) – APA Matrix: <i>Competition outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Youth Championship medallist • Two or more medals at WTT Youth Star Contenders • Two or more QF finishes at WTT Senior feeder events • QF finish at either European U21 Championships or World Youth Championships • <i>Further performance criteria:</i> • Ranked within the top 120 in the senior working ranking (as an U21) • Starting to work towards benchmarks that are tracking for Olympic success <p><i>*Subject to agreement with UK Sport. Meeting these standards does not guarantee you a place on the World Class Programme or any funding from UK Sport.</i></p>	<p>Primary selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner of the 2025 Senior National Championships – Singles (male and female) <p>Secondary selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards World Championships London 2026 • Tracking for qualification for LA 2028 • Committed to a professional hybrid programme to include a minimum of 1 week a month at the ETC in Sheffield, professional club and a programme of WTT events • Committed to working with the team of practitioners