

2010 New South Wales Elite Squad

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New South Wales Badminton Association is continuing its program to provide appropriate education, training, and competition to ensure that talented athletes and coaches are given every chance to maximise their potential and enjoy their participation and competition in the sport.

Applications are now called for athletes to be part of a NSW Elite Squad in terms 4 of 2010 that will provide an opportunity for developing and elite athletes a complementary pathway into the National Junior Development Program and/or National High Performance Program. Successful squad applicants will be notified by 8th October 2010 and training will begin on Friday 15th October 2010, 8:00-10:00pm at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Halls.

Selection Criteria include the following:

Athletes must be between the age of 14 and 18 by December 31st, 2010 (athletes must be born prior to 1996 or on 1996 AND be born after 1992).

- Performances at National Carnivals, Australian Closed Championships, Australian International and Australian Junior Championships at which attendance is mandatory unless exemption due to special circumstances is requested and granted.
- Athletes must maintain minimum level of skill and physical fitness as determined by national standards.
- Consistency in standards of behaviour conducive to supporting the goals of the Squad and overall objectives of NSWBA and BA.
- Current state, national and international performances including performance over the preceding twelve month period.
- Current State/Australian/International ranking (if any).
- Any current or potential injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the requisite level.
- The potential of the participant to successfully achieve the objectives of this Program and of NSWBA.
- Any other factor considered relevant in the circumstances.

Key Performance Indicators (what coaches/selectors continually look for):

- Continuous improvement as an elite badminton athlete (physical, mental, technical and tactical).
- Commitment and attendance at training (on-court and off court) and additional education sessions.
- Ability to work in a team environment, and train without regular coaching/supervision.
- Commitment, positive attitude and overall performance at every training session (eg. as a worker/feeder/sparring partner).
- Competition performances, results and potential as a top level athlete.
- Effective communication as a squad member (eg. regular completion of training diaries, prompt replies to emails from coaches and other staff).

Frequently Asked Questions:

If I'm not selected, am I out forever?

- No! Our objective is to continuously encourage competition for new members! Performance at tournaments can lead to an invitation to join the squad.

Will active participation in a squad involve missing some school time/activities?

- Athletes in many sports, as well as talented youth in other areas of endeavor, do miss some school to achieve international excellence. Athletes/parents need to assess and balance the capacity for discipline, organization, ongoing academic achievement and sporting achievement.

What are the likely costs?

- Approximately \$100-\$120 for a term (10 weeks) – includes court hire, shuttles, coaching sessions.

What are the benefits?

- Sessions with elite coaches.
- Sparring sessions with advanced players.
- Consultation on personal training plans to follow up with your personal coach.
- Possible access and selection into State and Australian squads and representing the State and Australia in national and international tournaments.

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection must complete and sign the NSW Elite Squad Application Form and return it to the New South Wales Badminton Association via email, bnsw.admin@gmail.com by Friday 1st October 2010.