



### **Selection Criteria for GB Teams**

These criteria will apply to the ITF World Team Championships taking place for the Young Seniors (35, 40 and 45), Seniors (50, 55 and 60) and Super Seniors (65, 70, 75, 80 and 85).

International selection will take into account results from the four British National Championships (Indoors at Tipton, Clay at Bournemouth, Grass at AELTC and Eastbourne) over the previous twelve months. For 2021, due to exceptional circumstances results from the Indoors at Tipton 2019 will also be taken into account. Players need to have played at least one Singles or Doubles event at these tournaments to be eligible for selection. More emphasis will be placed on results from the National with the same surface as the World Championship for that particular year. Only if this is inconclusive, results over the twelve months before this will be considered and performance in the Four Nations and other British and international competitions and tournaments will be considered; play off matches may also be used. Consideration may also be given to player's current contribution to British and Seniors tennis.

For selection of the Men's and Women's 35 teams only, the following events and criteria will be considered in addition to the criteria set out in the previous paragraph: previous World Rankings, previous GB rankings, International events, Team Tennis results, Inter County Championships (County Week and Indoor), the National 35s Championships, the Four Nations and 35s County event in Eastbourne.

An exception to the selection criteria may be considered in the case of an outstanding player but this exception is to be limited to one player per team.

Only players who are registered with an ITF IPIN number will be considered for team selection. Inappropriate behaviour in competition could be detrimental to team performance and will be deemed a bar to selection.

Players should note that selection for all teams will normally take place in the week following the National Championship immediately preceding the team event, or not less than two months before the next World Team Championships. Teams will consist of up to four players.

A minimum of three selectors are responsible for the selection of each team, currently under the chairmanship of LTA representative Francis Caldwell. Teams (including reserves) will be advised as soon as possible and selections will be announced on the Seniors Tennis GB website and social media as soon as possible after each selection meeting.

A benchmark for each age group of at least six different GB players should have competed in the four British National Championships over the previous twelve months in order for a credible team

to be sent to a World Championship. If these minimum figures are not met then a team will not be sent.

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