

UK School Games 2009 Badminton Selection Policy and Qualification Events

2009 UK School Games Qualification

The UK School Games (UKSG) is a large annual multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age. The sports are combined into a four-day Games environment designed to replicate the feel of a major event such as the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

In 2009 the UK School Games will be held in south Wales. Qualification for the home nation teams for badminton is through a circuit of events, the UK School Games Qualification Circuit, and national selector discretion.

Selection through the UK School Games Qualifying Circuit 2008-9

1. Players are eligible to compete in UK School Games qualification events in any of the Home Nations, with the exception of junior national championships.
2. Players must be eligible to compete in UK School Games, including age (born on or after 1 January 1993) and nationality.
3. All tournaments are given the same weighting of points.
4. Results will be calculated on a player's top 4 results from the UKSG Qualifying Events Circuit and the player's nationals
5. There is no differential weighting applied to U17 and U19 tournaments
6. Circuit points will be allocated per person rather than as a pair to take into account changes of partner over the season.
7. Points will be allocated for each tournament as follows:

Winner	Runner-up	Losing semi-finalist	Losing quarter-finalist	Loser round of 16	Loser round of 32	Loser round of 64
180	120	85	60	35	20	10

8. Byes and Walk-overs in the first round: Where players receive a Bye and then lose in the Second Round (i.e. their first scheduled match), they receive First Round loser's points. Where players win the First Round by walk-over and then lose in the Second Round, they receive Second Round loser's points.
9. For each home nation, their top ranked player/players in each discipline will qualify for selection to UK School Games. This comprises:
 - a. the country's highest ranked girls singles player
 - b. the country's highest ranked boys singles player
 - c. the country's highest ranked girls doubles players
 - d. the country's highest ranked boys doubles players
 - e. the country's highest ranked female mixed doubles player
 - f. the country's highest ranked male mixed doubles player

If there are two players equal on points at the top of the ranking list then both players will qualify. If there are more than 2 players equal on points then national selector discretion will be used.

10. Following selections via the UKSG qualifying events circuit the remainder of the team will be selected by national selector discretion.

Tournaments in UK School Games Qualifying Circuit

Event	Venue	Date
U17 Gold in Nottingham	Jubilee Sports Centre	6-7 September 2008
Glasgow U17	Cockburn Centre, Glasgow	7 September 2008
Midland U19	Grangemouth Sports Complex, Grangemouth	14 September 2008
Ulster U17	National Badminton Centre, Lisburn, Northern Ireland	20-21 September 2008
U17 Gold in Tunbridge Wells	Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre	11-12 October 2008
U17 Gold in Wales	Cwmbran Stadium Sports Centre	1-2 November 2008
East of Scotland U17 & U19	Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh	8-9 November 2008
U17 Gold in Northern Ireland	National Badminton Centre, Lisburn, Northern Ireland	15-16 November 2008
West of Scotland U17	Cockburn Centre, Glasgow	30 November
U17 Gold in Bristol	University of West of England Centre for Sport	6-7 December 2008
U17 Gold in York	York Railway Institute	3-4 January 2009
Midland U17	Dundee International Sports Complex, Dundee	18 January 2009
U17 Gold in Milton Keynes	National Badminton Centre, Milton Keynes	31 January–1 February 2009
Glasgow U19	Cockburn Centre, Glasgow	8 February 2009
West of Scotland U19	Cockburn Centre, Glasgow	28 February-1 March 2009
North of Scotland U17	Venue to be confirmed	21-22 March 2009



Nationals

Country	Nationals
England	U17 Nationals, Fenton Manor Sports Centre, Stoke on Trent, 14th-15th March 2009
Northern Ireland (top Northern Irish player in Irish U17 Nationals)	Irish U-17 Championships; 7/8 Mar, Baldoyle
Scotland	Bank of Scotland U17 Nationals, Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh, April 18-19 2009
Wales	

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