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Date: 14th April 2022

To, All Affiliated Units- BAI/SAI

Subject: Direct Selection/Selection Trials of players for the Thomas & Uber Cup 2022, Commonwealth Games 2022, Asian Games 2022 and Core Group Probables for the Olympics 2024.

Dear Members,

As regards the selection process of the players for the major international events as mentioned in the subject line above, the Badminton Association of India Selection Committee met on March 31st, 2022 at 3:30 PM via video conferencing, and has taken the following decisions and laid down the following criteria:

In total, a group of 60 players are supposed to be selected through direct selection and selection trials.

The Selection Committee unanimously decided that the players with World Ranking up to #15 will be directly selected for the Thomas and Uber Cup 2022, Commonwealth Games 2022 and Asian Games 2022. Following are the players selected for direct selection by the selection committee:

Men's Single	S	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles
Lakshya Sen - Kidambi Srikanth - H.S. Prannoy* -	World No 9 World No 12 World No 23	PV Sindhu - World No 7	Satwik Sairaj / Chirag Shetty - World No 7

*In the specific case of H.S. Prannoy, it was discussed in detail that though he is not in the Top-15 of the World Rank, all the selectors were of the unanimous view that since he has performed consistently at various top international events, and also beaten top players consistently, he should be considered for selection directly, without having to participate in the trials.

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A) BAI through its letter dated 18th November 2021 had informed all the Affiliated Member Units that the teams for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and Asian Games 2022 will be decided through direct selection and selection trials.

As per the decision of the BAI, the criteria based on which players will be invited to the Selection Trials in New Delhi from April 15-20th, 2022 are as follows:

- 1) Players who are ranked in the Top-16 in the singles as per National Ranking Points list and Top-8 in the paired events as per the National Ranking Points list. The National Ranking list is solely based on the players' performances in the ranking tournaments held in Chennai and Hyderabad during December 2021.
- 2) Players placed in the BWF World Ranking between WR# 16 to WR#50 as per the list published by BWF on 29th March 2022.
- 3) Core Group Players who were selected by the BAI selection committee / SAI during the meeting held on 30th November 2019, and are presently continuing their training at the ongoing National Coaching Camps in Hyderabad and Bangalore.
- B) Accordingly, the list of the players invited for the selection trial from 15-20th April 2022 based on the criteria mentioned in point B is as follows:

MEN S	MEN SINGLES		IN SINGLES
S No	Players Name	S No	Players Name
1.	Sameer Verma	1.	Saina Nehwal
2.	Parupalli Kashyap	2.	Samiya Imad Farooqui
3.	Sourabh Verma	3.	Aakarshi Kashyap
4.	A.S.S. Siril Verma	4.	Malvika Bansod
5.	Priyanshu Rajawat	5.	Ashmita Chaliha
6.	Sai Charan Koya	6.	Tara Shah
7.	Alap Mishra	7.	Tasnim Mir
8.	Shankar Muthuswamy	8.	Purva Barve
9.	M Mithun	9.	Tanya Hemanth
10.	George Kiran	10.	Aashi Rawat
11.	M Raghu	11.	Kavipriya S.
12.	Ravi	12.	Unnati Hooda
13.	K Sathish Kumar	13.	Neha Pandit

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14.	Joshi Aditya	14.	Anura Prabhudesai
15.	Gulshan Kumar Kartikey	15.	Aditi Bhat
16.	Dey Shubhankar	16.	M Meghana Reddy
17.	Jindal Kartik	17.	Likhita Srivastava
18.	Sen Chirag	18.	Gayathri Rani Jaiswal
19.	G Adithya Bapineedu	19.	Neysa Cariappa.A
20.	Meiraba Maisnam	20.	Nivetha M.
21.	Jaiswal Shreyansh		
22.	Rehani Arjun		
23.	Raghav Bharat		
24.	Yadav Ansal		
25.	Dhruv Rawat		
MEN'S	DOUBLES		
S No	Partner -1	Part	ner-2
1	Dhruv Kapila	Dhruv Kapila M R Arjun	
2	Manu Attri		
3	Krishna Prasad Garga	P Vis	hnuvardhan Goud
4	Sai Prateek Krishna Prasad	Ishar	n Bhatnagar
5	Sri Krishna Sai Podile	Navr	neet Bokka
6	Vignesh Dewalkar	Deep	o Rambhiya
7	Ravikrishna P S	Sank	arprasad Udaykumar
8	Hariharan Amasakarunan	Ruba	an Kumar R
9	Manjit Singh K	Dingku Singh K	
10	Vaibhav	Nithin H V	
11	Sanjai Srivatsa D	Sidd	arth Elango
12	Kabir Kanzarkar	Akas	hay Raut
13	Edwin Joy		
14	Shyam Prasad		

WOME	WOMEN'S DOUBLES			
S No	Partner -1	Partner-2		
1	N Sikki Reddy	Ashwini Ponnappa		
2	Gayathri Gopichand	Teresa Jolly		
3	V S Varshini	Tanushree R.		
4	Kavya Gupta	Khushi Gupta		

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5	Rithika Thakkar	Simran Singhi
6	Arulbala R	V Nila
7	Mehreen Riza	Arathi Sara Sunil
8	Shruti Mishra	Shailja Shukla
9	Shikha Gautam	Ashwini Bhat K.
10	Shivani Santosh Singh	Ramya Tulasi B V
11	Vennala K	Shriyanshi V
12	Tanisha Crasto	
13	Rutaparna Panda	
14	Sahithi Bandi	
15	Manisha K.	

MIXED DOUBLES

S No	Partner -1	Partner-2
1	Satwik Sai Raj	Ashwini Ponnappa
2	Pranav Jerry Chopra	Sikki Reddy
3	Rohan Kapoor	Sanjana Santosh
4	Sunjith S	Gowrikrishna T R
5	Vinay Kumar Singh	Ningshi Block Hazarika
6	Vignesh Dewalkar	Sanyogita Ghorpade
7	Hemanagendra Babu T	Kanika Kanwal
8	Hariharan Amsakrunan	Nrdhanaa V.R.
9	Dhruv Rawat	Shikha Gautam
10	Pratik Ranade	Akshaya Warang

Note*: In addition to the above Mixed Doubles pairs, more pairs may be included from Men's & Women's Doubles from the core group list.

C) Mixed Doubles is an important event and potential pairs in the existing group of players selected from the men's and women's doubles, along with the top 8 Pairs from the Chennai and Hyderabad tournament, will get to compete to decide the fare for the Commonwealth Games.

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D) As per the BAI letter dated 01st April 2022, the list of players who will be participating in the selection trials from 15th to 20th April 2022 was circulated and players were requested to confirm entries by 10th of April 2022.

By the 10th April 2022 BAI received the following entries:

- 1) Men's Singles 25 Entries
- 2) Women's Singles 19 Entries
- 3) Men's Doubles 13 Entries
- 4) Women's Doubles 11 Entries
- 5) Mixed Doubles 14 Entries

Following are the list of Players who confirmed their entries:

Men's Singles:

S.NO	PLAYERS	STATUS
1	B. Sai Praneeth	CONFIRMED
2	Sameer Verma	CONFIRMED
3	Sourabh Verma	CONFIRMED
4	A.S.S. Siril Verma	CONFIRMED
5	Priyanshu Rajawat	CONFIRMED
6	Sai Charan Koya	CONFIRMED
7	Alap Mishra	CONFIRMED
8	Shankar Muthuswamy	CONFIRMED
9	M Mithun	CONFIRMED
10	George Kiran	CONFIRMED
11	M Raghu	CONFIRMED
12 Ravi		CONFIRMED
13	K Sathish Kumar	CONFIRMED
14	Joshi Aditya	CONFIRMED
15	Gulshan Kumar Kartikey	CONFIRMED
17	Jindal Kartik	CONFIRMED
18	5	CONFIRMED
19	G Adithya Bapineedu	CONFIRMED
20	Meiraba Maisnam	CONFIRMED
21	Jaiswal Shreyansh	CONFIRMED
22	Rehani Arjun	CONFIRMED
23	Raghav Bharat	CONFIRMED

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24	Yadav Ansal	CONFIRMED
25	Dhruv Rawat	CONFIRMED

Women's Singles:

S.NO	PLAYERS	STATUS
1	Samiya Imad Farooqui	CONFIRMED
2	Aakarshi Kashyap	CONFIRMED
3	Malvika Bansod	CONFIRMED
4	Ashmita Chaliha	CONFIRMED
5	Tara Shah	CONFIRMED
6	Tasnim Mir	CONFIRMED
7	Purva Barve	CONFIRMED
8	Tanya Hemanth	CONFIRMED
9	Aashi Rawat	CONFIRMED
10	Kavipriya S.	CONFIRMED
11	Unnati Hooda	CONFIRMED
12	Neha Pandit	CONFIRMED
13	Anura Prabhudesai	CONFIRMED
14	Aditi Bhat	CONFIRMED
15	M Meghana Reddy	CONFIRMED
16	Likhita Srivastava	CONFIRMED
17	Gayathri Rani Jaiswal	CONFIRMED
18	Neysa Cariappa	CONFIRMED
19	M.Nivetha	CONFIRMED

Men's Doubles:

S.NO	PLAYER-1	PLAYER-2	STATUS
1	Dhruv Kapila	M R Arjun	CONFIRMED
2	Manu Attri	B Sumeeth Reddy	CONFIRMED
3	Krishna Prasad Garga	P Vishnuvardhan Goud	CONFIRMED
4	Sai Prateek Krishna Prasad	Ishan Bhatnagar	CONFIRMED
5	Edwin Joy	Navneet Bokka	CONFIRMED
6	Vignesh Dewalkar	Deep Rambhiya	CONFIRMED
7	Ravikrishna P S	Sankarprasad Udaykumar	CONFIRMED
8	Hariharan Amasakarunan	Ruban Kumar R	CONFIRMED

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9	Manjit Singh K	Dingku Singh K	CONFIRMED
10	Vaibhaav	Nithin H V	CONFIRMED
11	Sanjai Srivatsa D	Siddarth Elango	CONFIRMED
12	Kabir Kanzarkar	Akashay Raut	CONFIRMED
13	Shyam Prasad	S.Sunjith	CONFIRMED

Women's Doubles:

S.NO	PLAYER-1	PLAYER-2	STATUS
1	N Sikki Reddy	Ashwini Ponnappa	CONFIRMED
2	Gayathri Gopichand	Treesa Jolly	CONFIRMED
4	Kavya Gupta	Khushi Gupta	CONFIRMED
5	Rithika Thakkar	Simran Singhi	CONFIRMED
6	Arulbala R	V Nila	CONFIRMED
7	Mehreen Riza	Shailja Shukla	CONFIRMED
8	Shikha Gautam	Ashwini Bhat K.	CONFIRMED
9	Shivani Santosh Singh	Ramya Tulasi B V	CONFIRMED
10	Vennala K	Shriyanshi V	CONFIRMED
11	Tanisha Crasto	Shruti Mishra	CONFIRMED

Mixed Doubles:

S. No	PLAYER-1	PLAYER-2	STATUS
1.	Sumeeth Reddy	Ashwini Ponnappa	CONFIRMED
2.	Sai Pratheek	Sikki Reddy	CONFIRMED
3.	Rohan Kapoor	Sanyogita Ghorpade	CONFIRMED
4.	Sunjith S	Gowrikrishna T R	CONFIRMED
5.	Vinay Kumar Singh	Ningshi Block Hazarika	CONFIRMED
6.	Hariharan Amsakrunan	Nrdhanaa V.R.	CONFIRMED
7.	Pratik Ranade	Akshaya Warang	CONFIRMED
8.	K. Dingku Singh	Priya Devi Konjengbam	CONFIRMED
9.	Deep Rambhia	Ritika Thakkar	CONFIRMED
10	Gayatri Gopichand	Dhruv Kapila	CONFIRMED
11	Shruti Mishra	Edwin Joy	CONFIRMED
12	Sankar Prasad Uday Kumar	Kavya Gupta	CONFIRMED
13	Navneet Bokka	Khushi Gupta	CONFIRMED
14	Ishaan Bhatnagar	Tanisha Crasto	CONFIRMED

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E) The selection trials will be held through a league procedure wherein the players will be selected for the above-mentioned events. The Draw Format for the Selection Trials is as follows:

Men's Singles: Total Place -	24
No. of Players:	24

- <u>Stage 1:</u> League (8 Groups X 3 Players Each Group) Top two Players from each group (Total-16) move to Stage -2 and the rest players (08) will exit.
- <u>Stage 2:</u> League (4 Groups X 4 Players Each Group)
- Stage 3: League (Three Groups)
- Group Third Position Holders 9 to 12 Position (Round Robin) >> Third Position Holder of each group play in this group
- Group for 5 to 8 For 5 to 8 Positions (Round Robin) >> Runner of each group play in this group
- Group Top 4 1 to 4 Positions (Round Robin) >> Winner of each group play in this group

Women's Singles: Total Place -19No. of Players:19

- <u>Stage 1:</u> League (5 Groups X 3 Players Each Group and 1 Group of 4 Players) Top two Players from each groups (Total-12) move to Stage -2 and rest players (07) will exit.
- <u>Stage 2:</u> League (4 Groups X 3 Players Each Group)

<u>Stage 3:</u> League (Three Groups)

- Group Third Position Holders 9 to 12 Position (Round Robin) >> Third Position Holder of each group play in this group
- Group for 5 to 8 For 5 to 8 Positions (Round Robin) >> Runner of each group play in this group

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Group Top 4 - 1 to 4 Positions (Round Robin) >> Winner of each group play in this group Men's Doubles: Total Place - 13 No. of Pairs: 13

- <u>Stage 1:</u> League (3 Groups X 3 Pairs Each Group & 1 Group X 4 Pairs) Top two Players from each group (Total-08) move to Stage -2 and rest players (05) will exit.
- Stage 2: League (2 Groups X 4 Pairs Each Group)
- <u>Stage 3:</u> League (Two Groups)
- Group for 5 to 8 For 5 to 8 Positions (Round Robin) >> Bottom 2 (two) of each group play in this group
- Group Top 4 1 to 4 Positions (Round Robin) >> Top 2 two of each group play in this group

Women's Doubles: Total Place - 11No. of Players:11

- <u>Stage 1:</u> League (3 Groups X 3 Pairs Each Group & 1 Group X 2 Pairs) Best 2 pairs from each group (Total 08) will move to Stage 2 and rest players (03) will exit.
- <u>Stage 2:</u> League (2 Groups X 4 Pairs Each Group)
- Stage 3: League (Two Groups)
- Group for 5 to 8 For 5 to 8 Positions (Round Robin) >> Bottom 2 (two) of each group play in this group
- Group Top 4 1 to 4 Positions (Round Robin) >> Top 2 two of each group play in this group

Mixed Doubles: Total Place -14No. of Pairs:14

<u>Stage 1:</u> League (4 Groups X 3 Pairs Each Group) Top two Players from each group (Total-08) move to Stage -2 and the rest players (04) will exit.

Stage 2: League (2 Groups X 4 Pairs Each Group)

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<u>Stage 3:</u> League (Two Groups)

- Group for 5 to 8 For 5 to 8 Positions (Round Robin) >> Bottom 2 (two) of each group play in this group
- Group Top 4 1 to 4 Positions (Round Robin) >> Top 2 two of each group play in this group

Note:

The seedings for the groups in the case of Singles will be on the basis of international rankings followed by National rankings. Similarly, in the pair events, the ranking of pairs will be based on the combined individual ranking points given by BWF

F) Slots/Positions available from Selection Trials:

1) <u>Commonwealth Games 2022:</u>

The Commonwealth Games 2022 will have a 10-member Badminton team which is divided into 5 Men and 5 Women.

Men:

- The team of 5 Men's players will consist of 2 Singles players and 3 Doubles players. The 3 Doubles players will play both Doubles / Mixed Doubles.
- The 2 Singles players selected are Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth. Out of the 3 Doubles players, 2 doubles players are- Satwik Sai Raj and Chirag Shetty who have already been selected.
- This leaves 1 position which needs to be filled up through the trials. This position will be filled up by taking into consideration the trials of the Mixed Doubles. The winner of the Mixed Doubles will be selected to fill up the vacant position.

Women:

• In the women's team out of the 5 players, 1 player is already selected which is P.V Sindhu.

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- The winner of the trials in the women's singles will be selected as the 2nd player for the team.
- There are 3 positions to be filled up for Women's Doubles / Mixed Doubles. The winner of the women's doubles will be selected for the CWG. The winner of the mixed doubles will be selected for the third vacant position of the Mixed doubles.
- In case there is a common player who is among the winning pair of both the Women's Doubles as well as Mixed Doubles, in such a scenario, the selection committee has decided that the female player from the 2nd position Mixed Doubles pair will be selected as the 5th member of the team.
- Similarly, in case both the players of the Women's Doubles pair are among the winning and runner-up pair in Mixed Doubles, in that case, the female player from the third-placed Mixed Doubles pair will be selected in the team.

2) Thomas & Uber Cup and Asian Games 2022

Men:

- 1 Position available for Men's Singles
- 02 pairs of Doubles positions available in Men's Doubles

Women:

- 03 Singles Positions available in Women's Singles
- 03 pairs of Doubles are available in Women's Doubles

3) For the National Core Group

In addition to the above, the TOP 8 Men's Singles / 08 Women's Singles / 06 pairs of Men's Doubles / 06 pairs of Women's Doubles and 04 pairs of Mixed Doubles will be selected to be part of the National Core Group. This will be in addition to the players selected directly.

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- G) Senior Selection Trials:
- a) Only players, technical officials and BAI officials will be allowed inside the Field of Play (FOP)
- b) Coaches, parents, media personnel and fans are allowed to watch the matches from the gallery.
- c) BAI technical committee will hold the draw for the trials at the KD Jadhav Indoor Hall on 14th April 2022 at 7 pm. Players, coaches and media are welcome to attend the draws.

Note:

The Selection committee of BAI has unanimously prepared the above procedure for the selection of the players for the major international events, and has taken utmost care in finalising the same to provide equal opportunity to all the players in the fairest and most transparent manner.

Regards,

Sanjay Mishra Hony. General Secretary BAI



