



Men's International Representation and 2022/23 Squad



1. Requirements

- 1.1 The current 2021/22 Men's Squad comprising Jack Blows, Matthew Eversden, Sofiane Lachani, Callum Lombard, David Plumhoff and Vince Wills will be used to decide our 2022 England representation for both the WC (May 12-15, Denmark) and EC (July 13-17, Holland) Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles, should they take place as scheduled.
- 1.2 We expect to make the decision on representation in good time for preparation. We are aiming for the end of March 2022 for the WC (we have agreed this with the FIPJP) and Mid-April for the EC (depending on the notification requirements of the CEP). Squad days are planned during this period and led by our National Men's Coach.
- 1.3 As has been the practice for all previous tournaments of this format, we expect that the WC and EC will be run on the basis of Singles and Mixed Doubles taking place concurrently and the same with the gender-based doubles. This has important implications for selection. Officials responsible for both Men and Women will work closely together in the selection to arrive at optimal combinations for the concurrent Singles and Mixed Doubles. A joint Squads day is planned as part of the process.
- 1.4 The only other international tournament scheduled for the Men in 2022 will be the WC Triples which is scheduled for 8th to 11th December in Benin, West Africa.
- 1.5 There are no dates or venues specified as yet for the European Men's Triples Championships in 2023, but the expectation is that this will be in September/October 2023 and be selected from a refreshed 2023/24 Squad.

2. 2022/23 Men's Squad

- 2.1 The primary requirement for this Squad is to find a team of four to compete in the 2022 Triples WC in Benin and scheduled for 8th to 11th December 2022. We expect the deadline for notification of our team to be September 2022.
- 2.2 Given the timing of the Triples WC, this gives us the opportunity to hold Squad Selection Events (SSE – competitive play) slightly later in the season and also ensure that we avoid distraction/conflict with the WC/EC Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- 2.3 We will also be able to allow players who are current Squad Members the opportunity to decide whether they wish to continue playing together or decide to play in different combinations in the SSE, as the 2021/22 Squad will expire after the July EC.
- 2.4 Our 2021 Men's SSE had five separate events – 3 x Triples, 1 x Doubles and 1 x Singles – to test all formats of the game and arrive at a Rankings where the Top 6 were offered the opportunity to join the Squad. It had all formats because of tournament requirements and players were not required to play in the same teams. In 2022, our requirement is to find a Triples team of four players for the WC.
- 2.5 Given the singular focus of 2022 representation for our Men and taking onto account the need as far as possible to create conditions to those similar to those encountered in international play, the following is proposed for the Men's SSE in 2022:
 - ⌘ Two intensive weekends (branded as 'The English Masters' – entries online via LoveAdmin only) of competitive play at venues that have technical playing surfaces which reward ball to ball shooting and lob pointing to mimic international conditions;
 - ⌘ Playing formats to depend on entries and subject to discussion with PE's Events Group but morning qualification (seeded and based on 2021 Rankings) for later knockout to be based on timed games to reflect CEP/FIPJP tournament formats;
 - ⌘ Saturday play in particular to be engineered to be lengthy/late finishing with suitable gaps between matches (lighting will be required as well as suitable club facilities) to mimic international conditions;

- ⌘ No requirement to play in the same teams on any day or attend all days;
- ⌘ Ranking points personal and linked to finishing position on each day. Our established points allocation system will be used;
- ⌘ Top 6 ranked players invited to join 2022/23 Squad;
- ⌘ Weekend 1 = Triples on both days – date already allocated in PE National Calendar as 25th/26th June 2022;
- ⌘ Weekend 2 = Triples on both days – date already allocated in PE National Calendar as 30th/31st July 2022;
- ⌘ Precision shooting as part of the process (as happens at WC), maybe Weekend 1 being qualification over two days (open entry) to find Top 8 and Weekend 2 being knockout stage (Quarter Finals to conclusion). This is also to replicate international tournaments, help preparation and assist with decision-making on who should represent us in precision shooting. There is a separate National Precision Shooting competition as well run by the PE Events Team;
- ⌘ Construction/allocation of 'show pitch' – streaming of games static at that pitch, unless there is more than one streamer in situ. Two side by side shooting setups also provided;
- ⌘ Entry fees as 2021 (£15 per player per day). Income used to fund playing opportunities for the 2022/23 Squad.
- ⌘ All players to sign a declaration of eligibility in advance to avoid any possibility that nationality rules are not met.

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