



Senior International Representation 2023-24



SENIOR SQUAD SELECTION 2023/24

SENIOR MEN

1. Background and requirements

- 1.1 Due to the cancellation of the 2022 Men's World Triples Championships in Benin, we did not form a 2022 Men's Squad and we announced that we would use a new process in 2023 to find our international representation for that year.
- 1.2 We did indicate to those players that finished in the Top 6 places in the rankings in 2022 that they would be offered financial support to compete in a suitable international competition and discussions are underway with the players concerned to make the arrangements for this.
- 1.3 In 2023, the following FIPJP and CEP international representation opportunities are currently scheduled:
 - The FIPJP World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships in Cotonou, Benin to be held between 11th and 13th September 2023;
 - The postponed FIPJP World Triples Championships in Cotonou, Benin to be held between 14th and 17th September 2023; and
 - The CEP Men's European Triples Championships in Albertville, France to be held between 17th and 19th September 2023.
- 1.4 In 2024, the following international representation opportunities are currently expected (no dates or venue in place as yet):
 - The CEP European Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships.
- 1.5 As with previous Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships (e.g. Denmark 2022 and Holland 2022) we expect that the format in 2023 and 2024 will be Singles and Mixed Doubles taking place concurrently and the same with the gender-based doubles. As we did in 2022 PE officials responsible for both Men and Women will need to work closely together in the selection to arrive at optimal combinations for the concurrent Singles and Mixed Doubles.

- 1.6 It is important for all players seeking international representation to bear in mind the following:
- [a] It is our best assessment at this stage that given events in 2022 that it is by no means certain that the Men's World Triples Championship and the World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championship will take place as currently scheduled in Cotonou, Benin. Our latest information (January 2023) is that the construction of the boulodrome that will be used to host the two championships commenced in December 2022. We will monitor this situation closely and seek regular updates;
 - [b] If the scheduled Championships in Benin do take place, PE's participation will be subject to us being satisfied (following a risk assessment) that it is safe to do so. We will also need to determine whether the logistical requirements associated with back to back competitions necessitating around 10 days away in Africa along with a further four days following this in France for the EC Men's Triples for our players and officials are a realistic, practical and affordable possibility. To ensure our representation in what would be a consecutive 14 days or so of intensive tournaments in two different countries, we may need to consider looking further down the rankings sequentially in both Triples (beyond rankings 1 to 6) and Singles/Doubles (beyond rankings 1-4) should there be player availability or logistical problems which need to be addressed. If this happens, the highest ranked players will be considered first for selection;
 - [c] We intend to use the 2023 international representation process to also find the players that will represent us at the CEP European Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships as long as these take place before 30th September 2024. If they do not, we will use a new process in 2024.

2. 2023/24 Men's Squad Selection

- 2.1 Due to the singular focus in 2022 on finding a four-man triples team for the WC Triples, we restricted our Men's SSE to four rounds of triples over two separate intensive weekends. There was no requirement to play in all four rounds or play in the same team. Ranking points were personal and the Top 6 ranked players would be considered for selection.
- 2.2 Unfortunately just a few days before the second weekend was held the FIPJP announced the postponement of the WC Triples and this led to teams withdrawing.

- 2.3 The primary requirement based on assuming all scheduled championships take place in 2023 and 2024 (and PE decides to participate in them) is to find a team of four to compete in the Triples WC and a further two players to compete in both the WC Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles (2023) and the EC Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles (2024).
- 2.4 Given the multi-playing format requirements in both 2023 and 2024, we have decided that the SSE process in 2023 will test players in Singles, Doubles and Triples. In order to do this in a robust fashion and due to the time and calendar constraints that we face, we have decided to combine the results achieved by players in SSE with results in the PE National Titles weekend.
- 2.5 The dates of the qualifying events (seven in total) will be:
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| 7 th May | SSE Doubles: Leicester PC |
| 8 th May | SSE Doubles: Leicester PC |
| 27 th May | National Titles Doubles: Ferndown |
| 28 th May | National Titles Triples: Ferndown |
| 29 th May | National Titles Singles: Ferndown |
| 24 th June | SSE Triples: Worthing PC |
| 25 th June | SSE Triples: Worthing PC |
- 2.6 Rather than aggregate the ranking points in all formats, we have decided that we will use the results in the triples competitions to find a triples ranking and the results in the singles and doubles competitions to find a singles/doubles ranking.
- 2.7 Ranking points for all qualifying event rounds will be based on the following, although this may be adjusted by the PE Events Team depending on entries:
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| Winner of round – 30 points |
| Runner up – 24 points |
| Losing semi-finalists – 16 points |
| Losing quarter finalists – 8 points |
| Losing round of 16 – 4 points |
- 2.8 For the triples ranking, those players ranked 1 to 3 will be selected for international representation in 2023 subject to them meeting the commitment and preparation requirements set by our National Coach and a decision by PE to participate as set out at 1.6 above. Those players ranked 4 to 6 will be considered for selection as the fourth member of the team.

2.9 For the singles and doubles ranking, the players ranked 1 to 4 will form the squad from which selection will be made for international representation in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles in 2023 and 2024 subject to them meeting the commitment and preparation requirements set by our National Coach.

2.10 Additional points:

- No requirement to play in the same teams on any day or attend all days;
- Entry fees as 2022 (£15 per player per day);
- Seeding will be used at National Titles and decided by the PE Events Team;
- Only players who have UK nationality, dual nationality (UK plus another) or who can demonstrate that they will have UK nationality or dual nationality in place by June 30th 2023 will be eligible to play in the SSE Doubles and Triples and earn SSE ranking points;
- The National Titles are open to all PE members regardless of nationality, but only players who have UK nationality, dual nationality (UK plus another) or who can demonstrate that they will have UK nationality or dual nationality in place by June 30th 2023 can earn SSE ranking points; and
- At National Titles, SSE ranking points will not be allocated to players whose teammate or teammates do not have UK nationality, dual nationality (UK plus another) or who can demonstrate that they will have UK nationality or dual nationality in place by June 30th 2023.

SENIOR WOMEN

3. Background and requirements

- 3.1 In 2023, the following international representation opportunities are scheduled:
- The FIPJP World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships in Cotonou, Benin to be held between 11th and 13th September 2023;
 - The FIPJP World Triples Championship in Bangkok, Thailand currently timetabled for 23rd to 26th November.
- 3.2 In 2024, the following international representation opportunities are currently expected (no dates or venue in place as yet):
- The CEP European Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships;
 - The CEP European Triples Championship.
- 3.3 The provisions of paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6 above will equally apply to our Senior Women, although female players will only be involved in the Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles in Benin, meaning less of an issue with availability and logistics.

4. 2023/24 Women's Squad Selection

- 4.1 It was stated in our 2022 Women's Programme that at the conclusion of the 2022 SSE qualifiers the top 6 women would be asked to form a new squad. This squad would be used to find our representation in the 2023 tournaments if they were to take place prior to October.
- 4.2 This means that should PE decide to participate in the FIPJP World Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships as scheduled, then the selection for this will be made from the 2022 Squad.
- 4.3 For those international representation opportunities that take place between 1st October 2023 and 30th September 2024, the rankings derived from the 2023 SSE process will be used to make the selections.

- 4.4 This means that the 2023 SSE process will be used to find a team of four for the FIPJP World Triples 2023 and potentially two players for the CEP European Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships and a team of four for the CEP European Triples Championship should these take place prior to 30th September 2024.
- 4.5 As with the Senior Men, given the multi-playing format requirements in both 2023 and 2024, we have decided that the SSE process in 2023 will test players in Singles, Doubles and Triples. In order to do this in a robust fashion and due to the time and calendar constraints that we face, we have decided to combine the results achieved by players in SSE with results in the PE National Titles weekend.
- 4.6 The dates of the qualifying events (seven in total) will be the same as for the Senior Men:
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| 7 th May | SSE Doubles: Leicester PC |
| 8 th May | SSE Doubles: Leicester PC |
| 27 th May | National Titles Doubles: Ferndown |
| 28 th May | National Titles Triples: Ferndown |
| 29 th May | National Titles Singles: Ferndown |
| 24 th June | SSE Triples: Worthing PC |
| 25 th June | SSE Triples: Worthing PC |
- 4.7 Rather than aggregate the ranking points in all formats, we have decided that we will use the results in the triples competitions to find a triples ranking and the results in the singles and doubles competitions to find a singles/doubles ranking.
- 4.8 Ranking points for all qualifying event rounds will be based on the following, although this may be adjusted by the PE Events Team depending on entries:
- Winner of round – 30 points
 - Runner up – 24 points
 - Losing semi-finalists – 16 points
 - Losing quarter finalists – 8 points
 - Losing round of 16 – 4 points

- 4.9 For the triples ranking, those players ranked 1 to 3 will be selected for the FIPJP World Triples Championship subject to them meeting the commitment and preparation requirements set by our National Coach and a decision by PE to participate as set out at 1.6 above. Those players ranked 4 to 6 will be considered for selection as the fourth member of the team.
- 4.10 For the singles and doubles ranking, the players ranked 1 to 4 will form a selection squad for international representation in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles held between 1st October 2023 and 30th September 2024 subject to them meeting the commitment and preparation requirements set by our National Coach.
- 4.11 The additional points set out at 2.10 above equally apply to our Senior Women.

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