

## Requirements of Junior Competitive Membership

### Rational :

To ensure that any closed competition within GBDBA is restricted to ‘true GBDBA players’. ‘True GBDBA players’ are players that are trained and developed by GBDBA clubs/programs.

Our objective in this ‘policy’ is to guarantee that the GBDBA Championships are held to decide that only GBDBA players are champion(s) of GB DBA and only GBDBA players form our OWG Team.

### Requirements

*Note: Qualifying for OWG means ‘qualifying to attend try outs’*

*Qualifying for Championships means ‘has the right to participate in GBDBA Championship tournament(s) provided any other requirements are met. (i.e. – must have played in one Circuit tournament, etc.)’*

*\*\*‘Qualifies’ as used below includes OWG and GBDBA Championships unless otherwise indicated.*

#### 1. Residency

- a) Living within GBDBA boundaries and training at a GBDBA club. Qualifies
- b) Living within GBDBA boundaries and training outside GBDBA. Qualifies IF player pays the \$100 participation fee and participates in a minimum of ONE GBDBA tournament during the year in which the fee is paid
- c) Living within GBDBA boundaries and does not train at any badminton club. Does not qualify for OWG or Championship tournaments. Does qualify for all other competitive play provided the player pays any entitlement fee that may be required.

#### 2. Training

- a) Training must be active and current. Active means that the player is participating in a recognized training program at a B.On club. Current means that the program is concurrent with the badminton season.
- b) For OWG games the ‘active and current’ training rule applies to the year prior to the Games as well as the year of the Games.
- c) Training at a GBDBA club qualifies the player no matter what the residency of the player.

#### 3. College/University

- a) For OWG and any Championship the player, in order to qualify, must have participated on the GBDBA circuit the year prior to departing for College/University having met the requirements outlined in ‘1’ and ‘2’ above.
- b) Must have a current membership with a GBDBA club or pay a \$100 entitlement fee to GBDBA.

4. New Residency in GBDBA

- a) Player qualifies for OWG and Championships immediately provided that they meet requirements outlined in '1' and '2' above as soon as they become aware of these requirements.

5. Sponsorship

- a) Paying part or all of a membership fee because a player cannot afford the fee. The player qualifies IF they meet the training requirements.
- b) A player who is provided a membership based on skill (i.e. – to represent the club) without training at the club does not qualify for OWG or Championship play.

6. Appeal Process

Any player or coach may submit and appeal to any of the above restrictions if the player/coach feel that their situation is within the 'Rational' but they have been denied the right to try out for the OWG Team and/or play in the GBDBA Championships.

*Committee of Appeal will be established when required, comprised of 3 members from differing clubs and not from the club from which the player or coach who is submitting the appeal.*