

# London 2012 Long List

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## Olympic 2012 Long List

The BTTF has produced a 'Long List' as the first step towards Olympic selection. Out of this list the short-list will be selected by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 before the final team selection of three men and three women will be selected by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012.

The 16 players in the 'Long List' have between now and May to prove to the selectors that they deserve their place in the British Olympic Team.

### **Men:**

British number one **Paul Drinkhall (world rank 125)** who won three golds at the European Youth Championships in 2008 is joined by number two **Liam Pitchford (222)**, who is the British Olympic Association's Table Tennis Athlete of the Year and also the youngest male member of the Long List.

They are joined by **Darius Knight (251)**; the three times national under-21 champion and **Andrew Baggaley (152)** who is an ambassador for the London 2012 Games.

Meanwhile **Daniel Reed (279)** and **Chris Doran (438)** have also made the list after their doubles partnership beat Drinkhall and Pitchford in the English National Championships Final at Ponds Forge earlier this year.

Completing the men's Long List are **Gavin Rumgay (224)**; the Scottish number one and **Gavin Evans (N/A)** who was the European Cadet champion in 2008.

### **Women:**

Number one **Kelly Sibley (152)** the National Singles Champion in 2011 is joined by number two **Joanna Parker (171)** who won the German Youth Open, beating the European number one in the process.

**Na Liu (208)** from Northern Ireland reached the final of the Luxembourg Open in 2010 while Welsh number one **Naomi Owen (360)** who plays in France has won seven Welsh Championships in her career.

They are joined by **Hannah Hicks (551)** the winner of the National under-21 Championships in March and **Alice Loveridge (493)** the Singles Plate winner at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore this time last year.

The final two female members of the list are 15-year-olds **Emily Bates (552)** and **Charlotte Carey (716)**. Bates has won three consecutive Cadet Masters titles while Carey was the youngest member of the Welsh 2010 Commonwealth Games squad.

## **London 2012 Olympic Games Table Tennis Squad Long List**

Paul Drinkhall	Kelly Sibley
Liam Pitchford	Joanna Parker
Darius Knight	Hannah Hicks
Daniel Reed	Naomi Owen
Chris Doran	Na Liu

Andrew Baggaley

Gavin Rumgay

Gavin Evans

Emily Bates

Alice Loveridge

Charlotte Carey

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