

## BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA NATIONAL SELECTION POLICY

1. OBJECTIVE
  - 1.1 The objective of the National Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible squad, teams and players are selected to achieve maximum success when representing South Africa.
2. INTERPRETATION
  - 2.1 This policy document must be read in conjunction with the Constitution, By Laws, and Modus Operandi for Selectors and policy for awarding national colours.
3. SELECTION
  - 3.1 In terms of paragraph 15 of the constitution the Executive shall appoint, in its sole discretion a panel of three selectors from each gender. In making such appointment consideration of suitability will amongst other matters including but not limited to on the basis of previous national or international experience or involvement in Bowls South Africa's competitions.
  - 3.2 The Executive may replace any Selector who becomes or is unable to meet his/her responsibilities under this policy. .
  - 3.3 National Selectors shall maintain close relationship with convenors of district selectors and to maintain a record of performance of candidates.
4. PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY
  - 4.1 In order to be selected to represent South Africa in any sanctioned international event players must:
    - 4.1.1 Be a South African citizen.
    - 4.1.2 Be a member of the Gold Squad.
    - 4.1.3 Be affiliated member of Bowls South Africa.
5. SELECTION PROCEDURE
  - 5.1 Subject to the approval of the Executive the following criteria shall apply:
  - 5.2 The Selectors shall from time to time, as directed, select such squads, teams or individual players required for specific tournaments.
  - 5.3 In the selection process the Selectors shall consider current form, record, position specific, leadership, compatibility, physical and mental strength.
  - 5.4 Selectors may where possible, give feedback to non-selected players. Selectors are not limited or restricted in changing the selection of any squad, team, or individual player.
  - 5.5 Selectors may from time to time select a player who does not meet the criteria at a particular point of time in cases of, but not limited to, illness or newly obtained citizenship.
6. REMOVAL OF PLAYERS FROM SELECTED SQUADS OR TEAMS
  - 6.1 Under the following circumstances any player may be removed:
    - 6.1.1 Breach of Bowls South Africa's Constitution and Policies, including but not limited to the code of conduct and communication policy.
    - 6.1.2 By reason upon medical advice or failure to maintain the required standard of performance.
    - 6.1.3 Breach of the player's contract.
    - 6.1.4 Breach of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport [SAIDS] and Anti-Doping programme.
7. THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLE SHALL APPLY TO THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF SELECTION.
  - 7.1 NATIONAL SQUAD CAMP**

To be invited to the National Squad Camp the following criteria shall apply:

    - 7.1.1** Be engaged in the National Players Development program ( Z-Squad) with proven results and in consultation with district selectors.
    - 7.1.2** Record of performance at National and District tournaments.
    - 7.1.3** Gold Squad members at the discretion of the Selectors
    - 7.1.4** The camp to consist of not more than twelve members of each gender and will include a training program, assessments and notational analysis.

- 7.2 **GOLD SQUAD: The following criteria shall apply**
    - 7.2.1 Shall consist of not more than twelve players of each gender
    - 7.2.2 Top performers at National Squad Camp
    - 7.2.3 Record of performance at District and National tournaments.
    - 7.2.4 The top six players will form the basis of the squad whilst Selectors shall have the option in maintaining a further two players.
  - 7.3 **SILVER SQUAD: The following criteria shall apply:**
    - 7.3.1 Shall consist of not more than six players of each gender under the age of THIRTY YEARS of which two must be of the previous disadvantage communities.
    - 7.3.2 Top performers and record at district and national tournaments.
    - 7.3.3 Must have played in one of the latest inter –district or national tournaments.
  - 7.4 **MASTERS: The following criteria shall apply:**
    - 7.4.1 Player's needs a continuous three year singles record at international, national or district level.
    - 7.4.2 Must be in good standing with their district.
    - 7.4.3 In addition to members of the Gold and Silver Squads, districts to nominate possible candidates before 31<sup>st</sup> July each year for consideration.
    - 7.4.4 The winner of the National singles may be considered.
    - 7.4.5 In the Open division the top 4 players in each section will be invited for the following year and the bottom 4 will be replaced at the Selectors' discretion.
    - 7.4.6 In the Junior and Senior events the top 3 in each section will be invited for the following year and the bottom 3 will be replaced at the Selector' discretion.
    - 7.4.7 Subject to the age restriction, the winner of the previous year's junior event shall have a choice to play in the open tournament the following year or to defend his/her title.
    - 7.4.8 The Executive may at their discretion invite overseas players of international standard.
8. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION
- 8.1 Names of players selected shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee for ratification within seven days.
  - 8.2 Upon public release of the names of players or teams selected the Office will then obtain the availability of players and shall be responsible for all travelling and accommodation arrangements.
  - 8.3 Players not being available must advise the office and furnish reasons for non-availability.
9. PLAYERS AWARENESS
- 9.1 This policy shall be available to all members of Bowls South Africa on the BSA website.
10. SELECTORS ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
- 10.1 Selectors shall attend any events or Tournaments as directed by the Executive of Bowls South Africa.
  - 10.2 On invitation from Districts, National Selectors are encouraged to attend District Championship events.

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE ON 17 September 2017