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BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA GREEN SQUAD

The BSA Academy has identified the need to improve the performance of our players across the spectrum, in order for us keep up with world class standards.

3 Years ago, the **Advanced Skills Squad** members, comprising 12 men and 12 women players were identified to partake in a skills development program. The program was designed to fast track the skills of our youth and previously disadvantaged players. Recently we witnessed the fruits of this program at the National U30's tournament in Klerksdorp. The players showed an incredible improvement in their standard of play, many of whom have the potential to be our future Protea players.

However, between the **12 Advanced Skills Squad** players of each gender and the **12 Gold Squad** players of each gender, there are many players who have **not** been involved in skills training at a National Level, leading to a shortage of upcoming high-performance players that have the potential to join the Gold Squad. It is for this reason that we are going to replace the Advanced Skills Squad and National Camp Selection with a **Green Squad of 24 men and 24 women**. This expands the National High-performance Training to **24 Gold Squad and 48 Green Squad** players.

All training camps, both Gold Squad and Green Squad, will be held twice per annum, separately, at **The Nest** in the **Drakensburg** where the **4-day camps** will experience uninterrupted, concentrated training sessions. The camps will cover all 5 coaching areas facilitated and managed by a professional team of National Coaches (Physical, Physiological, Technical, Tactical and Lifestyle).

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To be invited to the **Green Squad camps**, the District Selectors in conjunction with Presidents of all districts will be required to nominate their best players with individual bowling CV's and accomplished District, Provincial and National records plus any relevant comments by District Coaches.

Each of the National Selectors Standing Committee members will be allocated a District as their liaison to discuss potential players. They would have already been contacted by now. It is the responsibility of each District to nominate players for consideration by the National Selectors for the Green Squad Camps. There is no age limit when nominating players. It is up to the district to nominate up and coming players who have played at least "B" provincial, previously disadvantaged players and seasoned players whom the district believes can progress to the **Gold Squad**

The **Gold Squad** will be selected from the performance of the **Green Squad and Gold Squad** players annually after completing two **Gold** and **Green** squad sessions.

Players whom are already in the **Gold** squad need not be nominated.

The forms need to be submitted through the district office to lynette@bowlssa.co.za

No forms sent by individual players will be entertained.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Donnelly", written over a horizontal line.

BOBBY DONNELLY
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER