

## **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 BSA 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 minimum of three, maximum of 5 National Selectors from each gender, preferably from different provinces. 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 National 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 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 with the exception of those players selected by the National Selectors to play for South Africa for any sanctioned international tournament for specific age groups, e.g. Senior or Junior.
- 4.1.3** Be affiliated member of Bowls South Africa.
- 4.1.4** Be in possession of a South African passport.

### **5. SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- 5.1** Subject to the approval of the Executive the following criteria shall apply:
- 5.1.1** The Selectors shall from time to time, as directed, select such squads, teams or individual players required for specific tournaments.
- 5.1.2** In the selection process the Selectors shall consider current form, record, position specific, leadership, compatibility, physical and mental strength.
- 5.1.3** 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.
- 5.1.4** 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.
- 5.1.5** The National Selectors may, in consultation with the Elite Coaches, make changes to the squads after at least 2 consecutive camps.

### **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 GREEN SQUAD CAMP**

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

- 7.1.1** The Green Squad Camps will be run by the National Elite Coaches.

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- 7.1.2** A Record of performance at National and District levels must be submitted to assist with the selections of the players.
- 7.1.3** Gold Squad members may be requested to join at the discretion of the Selectors and/or the Elite Coaches.
- 7.1.4** The men's and women's camps will be held separately and will consist of not more than 24 (twenty-four) members of each gender.
- 7.1.5** The camps will include a training program, assessments, notational analysis, and physical fitness sessions.
- 7.1.6** The National Selectors may, at the discretion of the Executive and the Elite Coaches, be invited to observe but should not interfere with the training programmed by the Elite Coaches.

### **7.2 GOLD SQUAD CAMPS:**

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

- 7.2.1** The Gold Squad camp will be run by the National Elite Coaches.
- 7.2.2** No player can be invited to the GOLD SQUAD without progressing through the GREEN SQUAD.
- 7.2.3** Shall consist of not more than 12 (twelve) players of each gender.
- 7.2.4** Top performers of the Green Squad Camps at the discretion of the Selectors and/or Elite Coaches.
- 7.2.5** Green Squad members may be requested to join at the discretion of the Selectors and/or the Elite Coaches.
- 7.2.6** Record of performance at District and National tournaments.
- 7.2.7** The top 6 (six) players will form the basis of the squad whilst Selectors shall, in consultation with the Elite Coaches, have the option in maintaining a further 2 (two) players.
- 7.2.8** The National Selectors may, at the discretion of the Executive and the Elite Coaches, be invited to observe but should not interfere with the training programmed by the Elite Coaches.

### **7.3 MASTERS:**

The following criteria shall apply:

- 7.3.1** Player's needs a continuous three-year singles record at international, national or district level.
- 7.3.2** Must be in good standing with their district.
- 7.3.3** In addition to members of the Green Squad, districts may nominate possible candidates before 30<sup>th</sup> November each year for consideration for the following year.
- 7.3.4** The winner of the National singles may be considered.
- 7.3.5** The top singles players in the country as assessed by the National Selectors are to be considered for participation.
- 7.3.6** The top Junior and Veteran singles players as assessed by the National Selectors are to be considered for participation.
- 7.3.7** 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.
- 7.3.8** 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** Maximum of 2 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.