

PORT NATAL BOWLS - SELECTION POLICY as at 28.10.2011

1. PHILOSOPHY

This policy is designed with due cognizance of Bowls South Africa and Port Natal mission statements.

The main objective is to identify and select players who have the greatest ability to compete successfully at District level. Selected players behaviour in terms of leadership, attitude and performance should contribute positively to the dynamics of the chosen team. It must be fully supportive of the ethos of total commitment.

2. SQUAD TRAINING

The squad training system is invaluable to the training and preparation of players for District competitions. Training sessions to coincide with the District fixture list and players to be nominated well in advance as directed by the Executive of Port Natal Bowls.

3. SQUAD SELECTION

General principles for the criteria of selection are as follows:

1. Age is not a factor, but all criteria considered equal, a younger player will be selected.
2. Record will be considered but will serve as a guide only.
3. Current form will be a considered factor in team selection.
4. Specialist positions within the team will be a considered factor.
5. A high level of physical fitness must be attained and maintained.
6. Compatibility within the team is of high priority.
7. The team will be selected as the best possible team available.
8. The behaviour of a player, on and off the green will be taken into account.
9. Mental strength is of cardinal importance.
10. Previous performance during inter-district events will be taken into consideration.
11. Identification of potential medal winners will be the main objective.
12. Selectors and team management will continually monitor bowler's performance and progress.

4. SQUAD COMPILATION

Open squad to consist of 24 players (best available)

Senior squad to consist of 12 players

A player's position in the squad may move up or down depending on availability, fitness, and form. A player in the lower levels may at any time challenge for a higher position by means of achievement and/or submitting of assessment forms. The squad names are to be made available, as we are striving for complete transparency at all times.

The compilation of the squad may alter from time to time as dictated by the availability of players.

5. MANAGERS

If possible managers are to be chosen at the same time as the squads, enabling them to work with the players in their charge. This will allow for fund raising, travel and accommodation arrangements to be made timeously.

6. RESTRICTIONS

Open Inter-District

There are no restrictions regarding selection as Districts are expected to field their strongest combination.

“B” Inter-Districts

A maximum of three players who have previously competed in the Open inter-District Tournament within the last five years. A Senior Inter District player may not revert back to the “B” side. NB As from 2013 over 60’s will only be allowed by BSA with their permission.

Senior Inter-District

Only players who have already turned 60 years of age on the first day of the tournament.

Under 25 Inter-District

Only players who have not yet turned 26 on the first day of the tournament.

Under 19 Development Tournament

Only players who have not yet turned 20 on the first day of the tournament.

7. PLAYER’S PROFILE

The motor skills, psychological capacity and biometric qualities of players to be considered as one of the main criteria for identification of athletes. This can however only be determined after squad selection.

Players not conforming to the physical protocol, psychological application or not submitting the required skills practice control sheets as may be required from time to time, may be replaced at any time.

The playing record of candidates as well as the statistical data of their performances accumulated during squad training will be duly considered in the final analysis of the selection process.

8. CAREER PLANNING

In order for the Sport to grow in terms of district competitions it is imperative that long term planning of the development of players (3 to 5 years) be implemented by the Selectors. This will ensure continuity in the selection process and the systematic blending of youth and experience.

Port Natal Bowl Executive Committee