



National Senior Selection Policy

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1. INTRODUCTION

The National Selection Policies are compiled by Squash SA (SSA) and affect the selection of players for national teams representing South Africa.

The onus is on the player to be aware of the different selection policies that may be instituted by different international squash bodies. SSA requires contact details including telephone, postal and e-mail addresses to be kept up to date on its individual registration database (SportyHQ).

Players should also be aware that **ALL** the criteria in the selection policies will be taken into consideration and not just results. The National Selection Committees will also take the following into consideration: big match temperament, conduct, determination, teamwork and a can do attitude form an important part of a player who is being considered for selection to represent their country.

2. PURPOSE

SSA selects senior men's and women's teams for international events and this Policy aims to make the process accessible and transparent. The respective Selection Committees make the selections and the SSA Board ratifies them.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to any candidate for selection to a national team selected by SSA.

However, where a national team is to be selected for Commonwealth, World and/or All Africa Games, the Selection Committees will consider the relevant selection criteria and recommend a team to SSA and the Sports Confederation for their final decision.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

To be selected, a player must be:

- 4.1.1 Born in South Africa, be a citizen, or be a naturalised citizen of South Africa or
- 4.1.2 A permanent resident of South Africa and have resided in this country for at least four (4) years immediately preceding the Championships
- 4.1.3 Attend all scheduled training camps
- 4.1.4 Be a registered member of SSA
- 4.1.5 Sign that they have understood and accept the selection criteria in writing
- 4.2 Notwithstanding 4.1 above, a player is ineligible to represent South Africa if he/she has represented another country in the three (3) years preceding the start date of the respective World Championships, in a recognised International Squash Team Championship in any age group.

5. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- 5.1 A team consisting of four (4) men/women will be selected for the Men's/Women's World Championships together with a non-travelling reserve.
- 5.2 All results (past and current season) will be taken into consideration - League, Provincial, National and International Tournaments.
- 5.3 The Selection Committees reserve the right to consider results from any training camp and/or trials that they may organise.
- 5.4 Players are urged to participate in as many tournaments as possible locally and nationally to ensure accurate results are available to the Selection Committees on which to base their decisions.
- 5.5 Top players who do not participate in national tournaments should advise SSA in writing in advance setting out the reasons e.g. competing overseas.
- 5.6 Players are particularly encouraged to participate in at least eight (8) official tournaments to enhance their selection chances from the following:
 - 5.6.1 PSA Tournaments (Local and International)
 - 5.6.2 Growthpoint SA Nationals
 - 5.6.3 Growthpoint IPT
 - 5.6.4 SA Open
 - 5.6.5 Tswalu SA National Doubles (Commonwealth)
- 5.7 SSA will, as necessary, follow the targets for demographic representation as laid down in its or the Sports Confederation's policy.
- 5.8 Notwithstanding anything else herein, SSA and/or the Selection Committee may make changes at their discretion and their decision is final.

6. FITNESS

To be considered for selection, a player must demonstrate physical and mental fitness.

Physical Fitness: a player is responsible to ensure that their level of fitness is of a high level. The Selection Committees may require a fitness test to be undertaken.

7. CONDUCT AND COMMITMENT

The Selection Committees will also consider the player's conduct and commitment.

- 7.1 Conduct: players must:
 - 7.1.1 demonstrate a history of a high standard of behaviour and discipline both on and off the court. Any player who smokes and/or consumes alcohol and/or takes unprescribed medication/substances may not be eligible for selection.
 - 7.1.2 show an adaptability to team situations.
 - 7.1.3 know and be able to sing the National Anthem.
 - 7.1.4 advise SSA in writing of the reason for withdrawal from the team as soon as possible.
- 7.2 Commitment: players:

- 7.2.1 must show a commitment to participation in serious competition in the future.
- 7.2.2 will be expected to contribute to coaching and/or exhibition(s) as required.
- 7.2.3 will promote the sport and participation in the event.
- 7.2.4 will wear the kit provided by SSA, attend training camps and official functions.

8. SQUASH SA SUPPORT

- 8.1 Any player selected to represent South Africa will sign a contract with SSA setting out the responsibilities of SSA and the player. Breach of contract by any player may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from the team.
- 8.2 For the World Championships, SSA will cover the cost of entry fee, team kit, airfares, accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis for the event and a daily subsistence allowance to cover meals and local transport for which receipts are required.
- 8.3 Where SSA has a sponsor, its logo will be used on playing shirts and shorts/skirts and tracksuits within the regulations of the World Championships.
- 8.4 To support publicity, players should send an up-to-date profile and photograph to SSA once selected and consent to SSA using their profiles for Facebook, website and the media.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

The policy is effective from 21 July 2021 and will be updated every year.