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Border Golf Union (BGU) **Selection Criteria**

General

- Teams will be selected for National IPTs 2 months before the event start date. This is to allow adequate preparation time.
- Teams will be selected for Local IPTs a minimum of 1 month before the event start date.
- Points scored in Qualifying Tournaments in the 12 months leading up to the selection date, will count towards selection.
- When selecting an 8-man team, the top 4 players on the Order of Merit will be automatic selections, with 4 wild card selections. (see details below on Wild Cards and Player Conduct)
- When selecting a 6-man team, the top 3 players on the Order of Merit will be automatic selections, with 3 wild card selections.
- The BGU reserves the right to refrain from selecting a provincial side for any of the levels reflected below if, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the BGU, a team selected would not be competitive at the specific IPT.
- The Executive Committee of the BGU will review the Selection Criteria on an annual basis and communicate any changes.

Open - Premier

Although no age limit applies to the selection of the Premier team, the BGU reserves the right to not select a golfer who the Union deems to be too young or not mature enough to cope with the rigours of tournament golf.

Mid-Amateur

Only players that are 30 years and older on the date that the IPT commences will be eligible for selection.

Senior

Only players that are 50 years and older on the date that the IPT commences will be eligible for selection.

Super Senior

Only players that are 60 years and older on the date that the IPT commences will be eligible for selection.

U19 and U13

Only players that are younger than 19 and 13 on the date that the respective IPT commences will be eligible for selection.





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Country Districts

The Union will apply GolfRSA's criteria when determining who is eligible to play in the Country Districts IPT. Once eligible players are identified, 50% of the team will be selected based on their position on the Order of Merit and the remaining 50% will be Wildcard selections.

Wild Card Selections

Wild card selections may take the following into consideration:

- GolfRSA Team Transformation Targets, if there is no automatic selection from the applicable Order of Merit.
- Player injury or unavailability, but who in the opinion of the selectors possesses experience, form or performances considered invaluable to the team.
- The position of the player on the Order of Merit.
- Outstanding individual performances in BGU and / or national ranking events.
- Previous IPT representation and performance.
- Player behaviour and commitment to the BGU.

Player Conduct and Etiquette

All players and managers are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the Rules of Golf. In addition, there are requirements for player conduct and any Code of Conduct, player conduct / etiquette provisions as determined by the BGU from time to time, are to be adhered to. Players that do not conduct themselves in accordance with the above may be regarded as ineligible for selection, whether such player qualifies for selection as an automatic pick or not. The BGU reserves the right, at its own discretion, to overlook any player for selection if it considers that player to be in breach of any such Code of Conduct, whether implicit or not. All players selected to represent the BGU will sign a mandatory Player Code of Conduct after confirmation of their selection. Any breach thereof could result in them being omitted from future selection. Players refusing to sign the Code of Conduct will be removed from the representative team for which they were selected and will not be considered for provincial selection by the BGU for a period of at least five (5) years.

Player Responsibilities

Players must be properly registered and affiliated members of a Club affiliated to the BGU. The player must also be handicapped at that club. In accordance with the GolfRSA ruling, the player must have been handicapped within the BGU for a minimum period of six (6) months prior to the start of the IPT. Players are expected to familiarise themselves with the BGU Selection Criteria and Policy that includes an explanation of the Selection Order of Merit. If selected, players are expected to be committed to the preparation programme which will be presented to the selected team during the week of the team announcement.





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This may include, for example, travelling to the IPT venue in advance for practice rounds, stipulated practice rounds, foursomes events etc. If a selected player elects not to participate in the preparation programme, the BGU reserves the right to replace that player with an additional wild card selection. This requirement will only be waived in exceptional circumstances.

Budgetary Constraints

The Border region has limited numbers of golfers who are club members. In addition, the rates levied by the Border Golf Union are currently the lowest in the country. As a result of this, the Union does not raise sufficient funds, via levies, to cover the expenses of sending teams to all National IPTs. At the beginning of the year, Border Golf Union, will assess the importance of each IPT, as well as the strength of the expected teams. Based on this BGU will rank the IPTs and decide what portion of the available budget will be allocated to each IPT. Upon selection of the respective teams, a meeting will be held with players to discuss the available finance.

Any shortfall between the cost of playing in the tournament and the allocated budget, will need to be fundraised. BGU will assist the players in their effort to fundraise. Any player who is unwilling to assist with fundraising may be excluded from the team. If, by the time, BGU needs to confirm entry into the IPT, insufficient funds have been raised, the team will not be entered. BGU will then endeavour to arrange a local, less expensive, IPT for the team to partake in.

