

Scottish Golf Union Men's Selection Policy



AIMS

To formalise the selection process for Scottish National Golf Teams and Squads that is understood by players, personal coaches, the wider golfing membership, media and other interested parties.

OBJECTIVES

- To publish a criteria for selection to the SGU Men's Performance and Development Training Squads;
- To publish a criteria for the selection of individuals to represent Scotland in identified teams/competitions;
- To identify the selection process and key timescales;
- To obtain and record as much standardised information about individual players as possible;
- To ensure that potential as well as achievement remains a key factor in the process of selection for the National Squad Programme;
- To give players feedback on reasons why they have or have not been selected; and
- To improve liaison and communication between the Men's Selection Committee and the Boys Selection Committee.

GENERAL

All persons selected by the SGU for Scottish teams/competitions or Training Squads must to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee:

- Meet the Scottish eligibility criteria;
- Comply and have complied with the etiquette of golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews;
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by the SGU relating to conduct and guidance for Scotland Golf Teams; and
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by the SGU relating to anti doping regulations.

TRAINING SQUAD SELECTIONS

Criteria for selection

- Potential to represent Scotland at the Men's World or European level within 2 years (Performance Squad) or 4 years (Development Squad).
- Results in key open amateur events (national and international)
- Improving profile of performance - Results
- Improving key playing statistics recorded in Golf Data Lab (GDL)

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TEAM SELECTIONS

Primary Selection Factors

Players who fulfil the automatic selection standard as identified for each competition.

Please note: to fulfil the Automatic selection criteria a player must be in both the SGU OOM top 15 and in the top 15 Scot's on the WAGR on the selection date.

Automatic selections are not transferable down the rankings.

Secondary Selection Factors

- Performances in pre-identified key events leading up to the selection date will be taken into account.
- Historical performance record in key events
- Historical performances in major international teams
- Current WAGR and relative movements within a 6 month period
- SGU OOM
- Playing statistics as recorded in GDL

Additional Selection Factors

The features, conditions and design of the course on which matches and events will be played will be taken into account when selecting teams, along with the overall ability of each player to cope with these factors.

These include: -

- Competition format;
- Team and individual factors;
- The type of course with the assessed difficulty of the course, including -
 - length of the course and the driving skills required;
 - overall design and style of the holes;
 - type of grasses throughout the course, but mainly the fairways and greens;
 - speed, slope and size of the greens;
 - severity of the rough;
 - style of bunkers and water hazards;
 - overall terrain/topography of the course;
 - altitude of the course
- Player records, including foursomes record when appropriate;
- Climatic conditions;
- General fitness level and medical issues;
- Travel factors.

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KEY SELECTION DATES FOR SQUADS

- **Men's Performance Training Squad (October 2012)***
- **Men's Development Training Squad (October 2012)***
- **UAE Training Camp (October 2012)**
- **South Africa Training and Competition Camp (November/December 2012)**
- **European Individual (6 players) – 8th to 11th August in August, annually**
(Selection date 11th July following the Cameron Corbett)
 - Top 2 on WAGR, top 2 on New OOM, 2 selectors picks
- **Home Internationals (11 players) – 15th to 17th August, annually**
(Selection date 25th July for automatic selections following the Newlands Trophy and the additional picks following the Scottish Amateur on the 4th August)
 - Top 4 WAGR, Top 4 SGU OOM, 3 Selectors picks
- **Johnnie Walker (2 players TBC each year by organisers) - 23rd to 26th August, annually**
(Selection date 8th August)
 - Top WAGR and/or Scottish Champion (to be agreed by organisers)
- **Northern Open (8 players TBC each year by the sponsors)- 1st to 2nd September**
(Selection date 8th August)
 - Top 2 WAGR, Top 2 Players from OOM, 4 selector picks
- **Eisenhower Trophy (3 players) – 4th to 7th October, biennially**
(Selection date 5th September following the Northern Open)
 - 1st on WAGR, 2 Selectors picks

*for some individuals this may depend on timing and outcome of Tour School events and decisions to turn professional.

FEEDBACK TO PLAYERS

Following a major selection (e.g. Eisenhower Trophy, European Championship, Home Internationals), the Chairman of Selectors will speak to those selected and those not selected who had reasonable expectation of selection and explain why, on this occasion, they were not chosen.

For National Squads, the Chairman of Selectors or Performance Manager will advise players who are selected or deselected for squads as soon as possible after the decision has been made.