



Scottish Golf Boys' Selection Policy

AIMS

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

OBJECTIVES

- To publish a criteria for selection to be individually supported by Scottish Golf;
- 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 Programme;
- To give players feedback on reasons why they have or have not been selected;
- To improve communication between the Men's Selection Committee and the Boys Selection Committee.

GENERAL

All persons selected by Scottish Golf for Scottish teams/competitions or Training must:

- Meet the Scottish Golf eligibility criteria at the commencement of the Championship.
- Comply and have complied with the rules and etiquette of golf as laid down by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews;
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Scottish Golf relating to the conduct of Scotland Golf Teams;
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Scottish Golf relating to anti-doping regulations. (listed below)

TRAINING SQUAD and ACADEMY TIER SELECTIONS

Criteria for selection

- Potential to represent Scotland at the Boys European & GB&I level within 2 – 3 years.
- Results in key Boys Scottish and Open amateur events (national and international).
- Improving profile of performance – Results.
- Improving key playing statistics recorded in GolfDataLab (GDL).

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel is made up of the following members:

Chair of Selectors and R&A independent selector – Scott Knowles

Acting Head of Performance – Stuart Clayton

Men's National Coach – Ian Rae

Boys' National Coach – Spencer Henderson

All panel members receive a vote.

Selection process

For all teams, players that are in consideration for selection will be contacted prior to the selection date to check their availability for the upcoming selection. On the day of selection players that are selected will be contacted by email by 1pm, all selections will then be posted on the Scottish Golf website by 2pm the same day including a reserve (where suitable).

TEAM SELECTIONS

Primary Selection Factors

Players who fulfil the automatic selection as identified for the European Boys Championship and the Boys Home Internationals.

Automatic selections are not transferable down the rankings.

Note: Automatic selections are subject to the players not being under any kind of review for code of conduct or disciplinary issues either from their Club, Area or Scottish Golf.

Secondary Selection Factors

- Performances in pre-identified key events leading up to the selection date will be taken into account (Scottish Boys Amateur, Scottish Boys Stroke Play, Fairhaven Trophy, Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters, McGregor Trophy, and European Young Masters)
- Historical performance record in key events.
- Boys Scottish Golf Order of Merit (OOM).

- Intelligence gathered throughout the Scottish Golf's Championship Calendar
- Performances in International, National, Men's events above and beyond Boys Order of Merit Events

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 an assessment of a players overall ability of to cope with a range factors.

These include: -

- Level of competition (World and European), and player experience
- Competition format, team and/or individual
- The type of course with the assessed difficulty of the course
- Player performances, including foursomes record when appropriate
- Climatic conditions
- General fitness level
- Medical considerations

Under 16 Events and Annual Match versus England

Intelligence from all events where Scottish under 16 Boys are playing will be taken into consideration when teams are selected. A player's recent performance will be the key factor in selecting players to represent Scotland. The selection panel will consider players who will gain valuable developmental experience from playing in the above mentioned events.

KEY SELECTION DATES FOR TEAMS

European Boys Team Championship (6 players) 11 – 15 July

Automatic selection date: 26th June, Selector's picks: 26th June

- Top 3 in Scottish Golf Boys OOM
- 3 selectors picks.

Where the automatic selection places are not filled, the selection committee will select the remaining players.

Please Note – The EGA deadline for submission of team names is 28 June therefore the team will be selected before the start of the Scottish Boys Amateur Championship.

Home Internationals (11 players) 8 – 10 August

Automatic selection date: 21st July, Selector's picks: 21st July

- Winner of the Scottish Boys Amateur Championship
- Top 5 in Scottish Golf Boys OOM
- 5 Selectors picks.

Where the automatic selection places are not filled, the selection panel will select the remaining players.

European Young Masters

Intelligence from all events where Scottish Under 16 Girls are playing will be taken into consideration when teams are selected. A player's recent performance will be the key factor in selecting players to represent Scotland. The selection panel will consider players who will gain valuable developmental experience from playing in the above mentioned events.

Selection Date: 19 June 2017

FEEDBACK TO PLAYERS

Following selection for a major competition (e.g. European Championship, Home Internationals), the Acting Head of Performance will speak with those not selected but who had reasonable expectation of selection and explain why, on this occasion, they were not chosen.

Any Under 18 player wishing to discuss any part the selection criteria on a personal basis can contact the Acting Head of Performance. This communication process will end at this point as the Scottish Golf Acting Head of Performance has overall responsibility for the Performance Player Pathway.

ANTI – DOPING POLICY

Scottish Golf follow the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor), as amended from time to time. Such rules shall take effect and be construed as the rules the Scottish Golf.

You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules here:

<http://www.ukad.org.uk/resources/document/uk-anti-doping-rules>

Please note:

Where a player qualifies automatically for both the Men's and Boys' teams, it will be at the discretion of the selection committee to decide which team the player will represent. Consideration will be given to matching player development to the appropriate level of competition.