



## Scottish Golf Men's Selection Policy 2019

### AIMS

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

### OBJECTIVES

- To publish a criteria for selection to Scottish Golf Men's Performance Squad.
- 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 give players feedback on reasons why they have or have not been selected.

### GENERAL

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

- Meet the Scottish Golf eligibility criteria at the commencement of the Championship.
- 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 Scottish Golf relating to conduct and guidance for Scotland Golf Teams.
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Scottish Golf relating to anti-doping regulations. (listed below)
- 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.

## SQUAD SELECTIONS

### Criteria for selection

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

## TEAM SELECTIONS

### Selection Panel

The Selection Panel is made up of the following members:

Chair of Selectors and R&A independent selector – Craig Watson  
Performance Director – Clare Queen  
Men's National Coach – Ian Rae  
Home Internationals Captain – Matt Clark

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 via email by 1pm, all selections will then be posted on the Scottish Golf website by 2pm the same day.

### Primary Selection Factors

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

**Please Note: To fulfil the automatic selection criteria a player must be in both the Scottish Golf Order of Merit (OOM) top 15 and in the top 15 Scot's on 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 and major international teams.
- Current WAGR and relative movements within a 6 month period
- Scottish Golf Men's Order of Merit

### **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

### **KEY SELECTION DATES FOR SQUADS AND TEAMS**

- Men's Scottish Golf Supported Players (September 2019)
- South Africa Training and Competition Camp TBC (November/December 2019)

### **European Team Championship (6 players) 9<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Automatic selection date:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019      **Selector's Picks:** 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

- Top 2 players on WAGR (at the update of the rankings on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019)
- Top player on Scottish Golf Order of Merit
- 3 Selectors picks

**Please Note – The EGA deadline for submission of team names is 26<sup>th</sup> June therefore the team will be selected before the start of the European Individual Championship.**

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

### **Home Internationals (11 players) 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Automatic selection date:** 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019      **Selector's Picks:** 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019

- Winner of Scottish Amateur Championship
- Top 5 players on WAGR (at the update of the rankings on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019)
- Top 2 players on the Scottish Golf Order of Merit (not already selected via WAGR on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019)

- 3 Selectors picks

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

## **FEEDBACK TO PLAYERS**

Following selection for a major competition (e.g. European Championship, Home Internationals), the Performance Director 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 Performance Director will advise players who are selected or deselected for squads as soon as possible after the decision has been made.

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.

## **ANTI – DOPING POLICY**

Scottish Golf follows the rules as laid out by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor). You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules here: <http://www.ukad.org.uk/resources/document/uk-anti-doping-rules>