



Chapter 5

National Team Selection

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5.1 The Process

- 5.1.1 Players are selected into the National Training Squad at least 3 months before an upcoming event. They will be informed directly from the Selection Committee in writing. Players are required to reply to the Selection Committee by signing the acceptance form on or before the deadline
- 5.1.2 National Team Selection Committee (NTSC) member, Selectors, will base on the defined criteria to select the National team for the upcoming event and propose to the Management Committee for endorsement. Non-selected players are allowed to appeal within 7 days after the official announcement of the National team for the event.

5.2 Selection Committee

- 5.2.1 The Selection Committee is responsible for
- (a) Selection of players into the National Team Training Squad to participate in trainings in preparation of international competitions.
 - (b) Confirm the training aims, details and schedules.
 - (c) Base on the selection criteria set in paragraph 5, the National Team shall be selected by the selectors and endorsed by the Management Committee.
- 5.2.2 The National Team Selection Committee will comprise of not more than Five (5) members and not less than Three (3) members
- 5.2.3 Members of the National Team Selection Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the Management Committee. Selectors will hold position for One (1) year. A certificate will be issued to the NTSC members stating their terms of services.
- 5.2.4 Members are allowed to be re-appointed into the National Team Selection Committee after finishing One (1) year services.
- 5.2.5 To be eligible for appointment as member of the National Team Selection Committee, the person must be
- (a) With at least Ten (10) years of lawn bowling experience
 - (b) No tracked record of discipline problem in any lawn bowls game.
 - (c) Should not be a member of the Training Squad
- 5.2.6 Contact - Should there be any enquiry related to the selection process, it must be addressed directly to the Chairman of the High Performance Committee in writing
- 5.2.7 In the absence of a NTSC, proposals for National Team will be made by the Executive Committee.

5.3. National Training Squad

- 5.3.1 Elite Squad – top athletes in the ranking list, number as approved by the MC.
- 5.3.2 Development Squad – second tier athletes in the ranking list, number as approved by the MC.
- 5.3.3 Number of members in the Elite Squad and Development Squad for the current year will be proposed by the Selection Committee and approved by the Management Committee.
- 5.3.4 A ranking list will be updated every quarter from athletes' international^{#1} and national results calculated according to Appendix I.

5.4. Applicable Event

- 5.4.1 Major Event – the objective is to win medals in these events and benchmark our level with the region and world standards.
 - (a) Asian Lawn Bowls Championship.
 - (b) Asia Pacific Bowls Championship.
 - (c) SEA Game (as approved by SNOC)
 - (d) Commonwealth Game (as approved by SNOC)
 - (e) World Cup
 - (f) World Singles Champion of Champions
 - (f) World Bowls Championship.
- 5.4.2 The team to participate Major Events will be selected from the Elite Squad unless no suitable players are available.
- 5.4.3 Development Events – the objective is to identify and develop potential players and gives them exposure under the guidance of experienced bowlers or coaches assigned by the Executive Committee.
 - (a) Tiger Bowls International Fours
 - (b) DHL International Mixed Fours
 - (c) Singapore International Lawn Bowls Championship
 - (d) Kula Lumpur International Fours
 - (e) Arafura Games
 - (f) Others as and when organized.
- 5.4.4 The team to participate Development Events will comprise of players from both the Elite Squad and Development Squad at a composition agreed by the Management Committee.

5.5. Selection Criteria

5.5.1 Fundamental criteria - Players eligible for being selected into the Training Squad must fulfill the following:

- (a) Singapore Citizen (in the case of SEA Game and Commonwealth Game), or Permanent Resident for other international competitions.
- (b) Members of clubs affiliated to Bowls Singapore.
- (c) No tracked record of misbehavior in any of the local or international competitions.
- (d) Existing players in the National Squad with acceptable level* of attendance in the past 1 year.
* As approved by MC on case to case basis.
- (e) Top players in the ranking list summarized from local national games in the past two years with participation in more than 75% of the games.
- (f) To sign the Notice of Intent and the Players' Agreement

5.5.2 Objective criteria for selection into National Team -

- (a) Pass the Competence test within the recent 1-year period. (Test will be held quarterly)
 - (i) Position as Lead (including lead and second) – 75% of bowls rest within 1 meter radius of the jack
 - (ii) Position as Skip (including skip and third) – 75% of bowls rest within 60cm radius of the jack and 50% accuracy of running shots.
 - (iii) 80% correct on the 10-questions quiz related to the Laws of the Sports of Lawn Bowls
- (b) Performance during training
- (c) Performance in oversea competitions

5.5.3 Subjective criteria –

- (a) Commitment to the trainings and practices
- (b) Attitude in all aspect with the sport
- (c) Players' discipline and conduct
- (d) Best position in the team
- (e) Synergy with other team players

5.5.4 Specific criteria for special Major Events –

- (a) For SEA Game and Commonwealth Game, players must satisfy the prevailing criteria set by SNOC.
- (b) For World Singles Champion of Champions, players must be National Singles Champion within the past one (1) year before 31st March.

5.5.5 The Squad members' performance and attendance will be assessed quarterly. Appropriate action will be taken if Squad members are found to be greatly lagged behind.

5.5.6 Players having outstanding performance in current National Tournaments may also be recruited during the quarterly review exercise.

5.6. Appeal rights & Process

- 5.6.1 Appeal Panel – Lead by the President of Bowls Singapore, with members in the Executive Committees that are not members of the Selection Committee and one Singapore Sports Council official.
- 5.6.2 A player must appeal in writing within 7 days to the Appeal Panel after the announcement of the National Training Squad, or National Team, or occurrence of an incident that the player wants to appeal.
- 5.6.3 Player has to pay a fee of S\$100 as a bond for the appeal. If the appeal is successful, the bond shall be refunded.
- 5.6.4 Unmeritorious or frivolous appeals may see the bond being forfeited.
- 5.6.5 Appeal is not a re-selection process.
- 5.6.6 Re-selection to be referred back to selectors if selection process was not adhered to.
- 5.6.7 The Appeal Panel's decision will be final.
- 5.6.8 Disciplinary action will be taken if a player by-passes the Appeal Panel and goes to the media or other parties.

5.7 Performance Management

- 5.7.1 Players are expected to achieve at least the middle range an international tournament.
- 5.7.1 Awards –
 - i. Players having final results in the top range will receive Higher subsidy for the tournament that they attend.
 - ii. Players having final results in the mid range will receive Normal subsidy for the tournament that they attend.
 - iii. Players having final results in the lower range will receive Lesser than Normal subsidy for the tournament that they attend.
 - iv. Players come last in the final result will receive no subsidy for the tournament that they attend.

The Chairman of High Performance Committee will propose the amount for Higher, Normal, Lesser than Normal subsidy base the rating of the tournament and cost of living in the city where the tournament is held and to obtain approval from the MC.

Remarks:

#1 International Event –

The event must be either registered with the World Bowls Ltd and displayed on the International Event List of World Bowls Ltd website <http://www.worldbowlsLtd.co.uk/events.html>), or,

In such event, the competing teams are registered on national team basis. That is, no local clubs or individuals taking part. Only national teams from international member countries affiliated to the World Bowls Ltd as displayed in <http://www.worldbowlsLtd.co.uk/members.html>.

Appendix I Points System for Calculation of Ranking List

- Rule 1: International events results' within 2 years from the date of review are counted.
- Rule 2: National events' results within 1 year from the date of review are counted.
- Rule 3: For both international and national events, only the latest year participated is counted within the period.
- Rule 4: Points obtain according to Table 1.
- Rule 5: According to the rating of the international competition, points obtained are multiplied by the respective factor stated in Table 2 for the final ranking.

Table 1

Discipline	Participation (for local game only)	Winning a game in			
		Preliminary Rounds	Quarter-final*	Semi-final*	Final*
Singles	3	12	24	36	60
Pairs	3	6	12	18	30
Triples	3	4	8	12	20
Fours	3	3	6	9	15

Table 2

Competition	Number of countries	Rating	Factor	
			9-18 ends or 2 sets of 7-9 ends	Lesser than 9 ends per game
World Championships	24 [#]	*****	2.25	
Commonwealth Games	>30	****	2.0	
Asia Pacific Bowls Championship	>30	****	2.0	
World Cup (Singles)	>30	****	2.0	
Singles Champion of Champions	>30	****	2.0	
Asian Lawn Bowls Championship	>10	***	1.75	
SEA Game	>10	***	1.75	
Regional invitation games with local teams participation, such as China Open, Tiger Bowls etc.	10-20	**	1.5	1.25
National Tournaments (Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours only)	1	*	1	

[#] Required to be qualified through qualifying rounds before coming to the final 24 teams in the competition.

* Regional invitation games where there is a second tier trophy, the points for winning a quarterfinal, semifinal and final will be halved.

Example 1: Points given to athletes in a tournament having 2 preliminary rounds:

National Tournaments	Participation	Winning a game in				Result	Point
		Preliminary Rounds	Quarter-final	Semi-final	Final		
National Singles	3	12 x 2	24	36	60	Champion	147
	3	12 x 2	24	36		1st Runner-up	87
	3	12 x 2	24			2 nd Runner-up	51
	3	12 x 2				Quarter-finalist	27
	3	12				Won 1 st round	15
	3					Lost 1 st round	3
Pairs	3	6 x 2	12	18	30	Champion	75
	3	6 x 2	12	18		1st Runner-up	45
	3	6 x 2	12			2 nd Runner-up	27
	3	6 x 2				Quarter-finalist	15
	3	6				Won 1 st round	9
	3					1 st round lost	3
Triples	3	4 x 2	8	12	20	Champion	51
	3	4 x 2	8	12		1st Runner-up	31
	3	4 x 2	8			2 nd Runner-up	19
	3	4 x 2				Quarter-finalist	11
	3	4				Won 1 st round	7
	3					1 st round lost	3
Fours	3	3 x 2	6	9	15	Champion	39
	3	3 x 2	6	9		1st Runner-up	24
	3	3 x 2	6			2 nd Runner-up	15
	3	3 x 2				Quarter-finalist	9
	3	3				Won 1 st round	6
	3					1 st round lost	3

Example 2: Points given to athletes in international events:

International Tournament	Preliminary Rounds	Quarter-final	Semi-final	Final Result	Rating	Factor	Point
Asia Pacific Bowls Championship, Triples	4 x 4	8		Bronze	****	2.0	48
SEA Game, Singles	12 x 3			Silver	***	1.75	63
Asian Lawn Bowls Championship, Pairs	6 x 3			Bronze	***	1.75	31.5
Tiger Bowls, Fours (8 ends per game)	3 x 5			21/78	**	1.25	18.75
KL International, Fours (15 ends)	3 x 3	3	4.5	1 st Runner-up in Plate	**	1.5	24.75
World Cup, Singles	12 x 3			15/20	****	2.0	72
World Singles Champion of Champions	12 x 4			10/20	****	2.0	96