



STATE TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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OBJECTIVE

1. To select teams most likely to achieve the best results for South Australia in the Eire Cup and Interstate Shield (ISS) competition.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

2. Selectors will evaluate the members of the State Squad against three criteria. These are: playing form, personal attributes and attendance.

PLAYING FORM

3. Will be based on scores from Championship Singles Tournaments, observed playing performance during these events and ranking lists.
4. Players who wish to be considered for selection in any year but are unable to take part in the stipulated number of qualifying events must advise the selectors of their reasons. These reasons will be reviewed on their merits by the Selectors to determine whether or not "exceptional circumstances" exist.
5. Association croquet players are expected to compete in **at least two** Championships Singles Tournaments during the 12-month period under consideration, with slightly greater weight being given to recent events within the selection period. For Golf Croquet **at least three** Championship Singles Tournaments are expected. This period commences with the announcement of the team for the previous year and ends 2 weeks before the team is announced.
6. The events to be considered are:

Association Croquet SA Events: S.A. Women`s Open Singles, S.A. Men`s Open Singles. CB Sharp Gold Medal and, if invited, the President`s Trophy, the Selectors Invitation, the ACA Bronze Medal and if eligible, the M E Hatwell Gold Medal (3+) and Div 2 Singles (2.5+). (Players must play in a minimum of two SA events to qualify or one SA event and one Interstate, National or International Event to qualify).

Golf Croquet SA Events: S.A. Gold medal, S.A. Open Women`s, S.A. Open Men`s Championship, S.A. Women`s Championship, S.A. Men`s Championship, the President`s Trophy and the ACA Bronze Medal. (Players must play in a minimum of three SA events or two SA events and one Interstate, National or International Event to qualify).

Association and Golf Croquet – Interstate, National and International Tournaments. Players may request one equivalent interstate or international event that they have played in to be counted as a qualifying event.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

7. A playing attitude which reflects;
 - (i) Compatibility with and ability to support other squad and team members.
 - (ii) Demonstrated ability to promote a responsible attitude, commitment, trust, respect, equity and sportsmanship among team members;
 - (iii) Doubles compatibility;
 - (iv) Adherence to team rules;
 - (v) Proactive approach to training;
 - (vi) The ability, both physically and mentally, to complete the events as assessed by the Team Coach/Captain and the Selection Sub Committee

ATTENDANCE

8. To be considered for selection in the team, State Squad members are expected to make reasonable efforts to attend all coaching and training sessions and provide prior notification to the State Coach/Manager of any absences. Similarly, they are expected to make reasonable efforts to attend any agreed events such as fund-raising events.

COMPOSITION

9. The number of players in the State Team will be as required by Croquet SA and Croquet Australia. The Selection Sub-committee, in consultation with the State Coach, will select from the State Squad (except in exceptional circumstances) the players who will be offered provisional places in the team.
10. The Selection Sub-committee will advise the Board of their selections and provide evidence of their selection process if requested. (The composition and format of any State Team may be altered at the discretion of the Selection Sub-committee, given good reason and being consistent with this Policy.

PRACTICE

11. Following the announcement of the State Team, practice will generally be held each month until the event. With discretion, the State Coach/Manager may vary the number of training sessions for squad and team preparation. State Team members are expected to make themselves available for agreed training unless released by the State Coach/Manager.

TERMINATION

12. State team members should understand that non-attendance at training sessions may jeopardise their position in the team.
13. Any substantiated written reports of harassment or disrespect for players or officials may result in the exclusion of members from the State Team.
14. State team members who bring the game into disrepute will jeopardise their position in the team.

15. State team members must adhere to all policies maintained by Croquet SA (including completion of the Player Agreement form).

TENURE

16. Teams will be announced to the State squad, pending appeals, at least three months before the start of the Eire Cup and ISS competitions.
17. The term of the State Team will commence from the date of the public announcement of the team until the completion of travel related to the Eire Cup and ISS competitions respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENT PROCESS

18. Selection of the AC and Golf Croquet State Teams will initially be advised to the Croquet SA Board and then announced to members of the respective State Squads. All selections are subject to appeal. Once the appeal period is over the team will be publicly announced.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

19. Appointment of Captain and Vice-Captain

Association Croquet

At the earliest opportunity, the Captain and Vice-Captain will be elected by the Selection Sub-Committee, Team Coach and Team Manager with input from the team.

Golf Croquet

At the earliest opportunity, the Captain and Vice-Captain will be elected by all Team members (excluding Reserves).

20. Selectors are eligible for selection provided that they satisfy the criteria as stated in this Policy.
21. The approved Agreement form between Croquet SA and the State Team Players must be signed and returned to Croquet SA prior to the event. A copy will be available for the player on request.
22. Members of the State Team are expected to be conversant with the laws (Association) and rules (Golf) of their respective Croquet codes, and to actively contribute to the sport in South Australia at Club, State or National level. Examples of contribution include qualified coach, referee or official position on a Club, State or National Committee.
23. State Team members must be registered members with Croquet SA and free of any debt to the Association or any affiliated Club.
24. Notwithstanding the above, in exceptional, justifiable circumstances, the Selection Sub-committee has an overriding discretion to deviate from the above Policy in respect to selection of that team.

The link to the Appeals process is:

<https://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Appeals-process-June-2014.pdf>