



STATE TEAM SELECTION POLICY

OBJECTIVE

1. To select the best eligible team to represent South Australia in the Eire Cup / Interstate Shield (ISS) having regard to the following selection criteria:

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

Playing form will be assessed on scores from Championship Singles Tournaments, observed playing performance during these events and ranking lists.

3. Players who wish to be considered for selection in any year but cannot participate in the stipulated number of qualifying events must advise the selectors of their reasons. The Selectors will review these reasons on their merits to determine whether or not "exceptional circumstances" exist.
4. Association croquet players are expected to compete in at least two Championship Singles Tournaments during the 12 months under consideration, with slightly greater weight given to recent events within the selection period. For Golf Croquet, at least three Championship Singles Tournaments are expected. This period commences with the team's announcement for the previous year and ends two weeks before the team is announced.
5. The events to be considered are:

Association Croquet SA Events: SA Women's Open Singles, SA 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 quality).

Golf Croquet SA Events: SA Gold medal, SA Open Women's, SA Open Men's Championship, SA Women's Championship, SA 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 quality).

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) A demonstrated ability to promote a responsible attitude, commitment, trust, respect, equity and sportsmanship among team members;
 - (ii) Doubles compatibility;
 - (iv) Adherence to team rules;
 - (v) A 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.
In consultation with the State Coach, the Selection Sub-committee 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 the 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 exclude 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 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 the respective State Squad members. All selections are subject to appeal, and once the appeal period is over, the team will be publicly announced.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

19. Appointment of Captain and Vice Captain
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 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 before 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 actively contribute to South Australia's sport at Club, State or National levels. Examples of contribution include qualified coach, referee or official position on a Club, State or National Committee.
23. State Team members must be registered players with Croquet SA and free of any debt to the Association or affiliated Club.
24. Notwithstanding the above, in exceptional, justifiable circumstances, the Selection Subcommittee has an overriding discretion to deviate from the above policy in respect to the selection of that team.

The link to the Appeals process is:

<https://www.sacroquet.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Appeals-process-June-2014.pdf>