

2022 World Doubles Championships Selection Policy

The National Team Selection policy outlines the selection processes Squash NZ will select players for the New Zealand Team to compete at the 2022 World Doubles Championships held 5th- 9th April in Glasgow, Scotland.

The underlying expectation is that the selection criteria will allow a team to be selected that best represents the vision of Squash New Zealand at this time, "New Zealanders enjoying squash from grassroots to excelling on the world stage".

Performance Outcomes

Squash NZ will select pairings for the Team who have the best chance of contributing to podium performances at the 2022 World Doubles Championships.

Team Members

1. Players selected for the Team will compete in one or multiple events. These events are Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
2. The event, or events, which players and/or pairings are selected to compete in will be determined by the Selection Panel based on maximising the Team's potential to achieve stated in the Performance Outcomes.
3. Squash NZ will select up to (8) athletes to compete. There will be up to two (2) entries in each of the Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles.
4. The size of the team is subject to changes due to international travel risk and funding.

Selection Criteria

The Selection Panel will consider the following Criteria in determining their selections:

- Performance which has demonstrated the player's and/or pairing's ability to contribute to the Performance Outcome. This includes:
 - Performances at PSA events, WSF events and SNZ events from January 2021 to February 2022.
 - PSA ranking, including PSA ranking trajectory.
 - Performance potential at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
 - Previous Medal winning performances in Commonwealth Games and World Championship events.
- Willingness to promote SNZ in a positive manner.
- Any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection in the New Zealand National Team, a player:

1. Must be a member of an affiliated club, and in good standing with their district and Squash NZ,
2. Must be eligible to represent New Zealand in the Championships. This requires that a player be born in New Zealand, or be a citizen of New Zealand, or have resided in New Zealand for at least the three years immediately preceding the Championships; and,
3. Must not have represented another country in the three (3) years preceding the start date of the Championships in a recognised international Squash Team Championship in any age group.

Athlete Commitments

Once selected to the Team, and to remain selected, players shall:

- Player's training schedules should be ratified and agreed by the Squash NZ High-Performance Manager and Lead Coach in preparation for the event.
- Demonstrate commitment to the Team by maintaining or improving their fitness levels and ensuring that their competitive performances are maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the Championships.

- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination, they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Squash NZ) to remain as a selected player on the Team.
- Athletes must provide medical clearance when requested by Squash NZ as per the athlete agreement.
- Failure to satisfy the above criteria by a player may result in the player being removed from the Team entirely.
- Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed, and continued selection will be dependent on these factors.

Selection

- The Commonwealth Games Selectors including the HP Manager and lead coach will select the Team. The weighting of the criteria will be at the discretion of the selectors.
- The team will be selected and announced the week of the 14th February 2022.

Suspension

A player selected for the Team may be suspended or deselected if the Squash NZ High Performance Manager and Selectors, at its absolute discretion, considers that the player:

- Due to illness or injury, becomes unable to perform to a standard deemed satisfactory by Squash NZ. Squash NZ may obtain and act upon medical advice for determining whether a player's physical condition warrants deselection for this purpose
- Demonstrates a lack of training or tournament preparation required to perform to the best of their abilities, this includes non-participation in training camps or selected events
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping or Match-Fixing policies of Squash NZ, WSF or other approved agencies.

Dispensation

If players are unable to meet components of the selection criteria, they must provide evidence satisfactory to the HP Manager and then receive written permission from the Selectors and HP Manager. Exemptions may be granted to players at the discretion of the Selectors and HP Manager for valid requests supported by evidence. Granting exemptions is a standard procedure at both junior level and elite senior level. The provision of an exemption for a player is in no way indicative of their selection or otherwise, nor does it preclude any player from fair consideration for selection.

Appeals

Any player who is aggrieved by the Squash NZ Selectors' decision not to select them in the Team may appeal the decision initially to the Squash New Zealand CE through the High-Performance Manager, and if still not satisfied, to the Sports Disputes Tribunal of New Zealand. An appeal to the Sports Dispute Tribunal may only be made on one or more of the following grounds:

- The selection criteria have not been properly followed and/or implemented
- The person seeking selection was not afforded reasonable opportunity to satisfy the applicable selection criteria
- The selection decision was affected by actual bias, or
- There was no basis on which the selection decision could have reasonably been made. The selection appeal must be filed within ten days of the selectors' decision being published. The decision of the Sports Disputes Tribunal shall be final and there shall be no further right of appeal.

Additional Information

SNZ reserves the right to withdraw from national teams' events when there are issues around international travel and government restrictions.