



BORDER BOWLS SELECTION POLICY 2024 / 2025

1. **MODUS OPPELANDI**

- a) Before the selection process can commence, the selectors should agree on certain goals they would like to achieve in the season as well as over the medium and longer term.
- b) These goals have to be submitted to the Border Executive for approval.

2. **RECORDS**

A record list will be compiled by the competition secretaries of Border Bowls based on the following:

- a) One record list for men and one for ladies. No separate record list for seniors or juniors.
- b) The last two seasons' performances will be used.
- c) The competition secretaries will update the record list after the completion of each competition.
- d) The record will be based on points being allocated for achievements in Border Bowls competitions as per the Victor / Victrix Ludorum method.

3. **SELECTION PROCESS**

- a) The selection of the individual players must be in line with and supporting the modus operandi.
- b) The feedback from the previous year's Inter District tournaments should be taken into consideration.
- c) Achievements at national level will be considered.
- d) A squad of players will be selected as soon as possible after the Inter Districts, and players will be required to commit themselves to the following:
 - i. All players will be required to sign a Memorandum of Agreement.
 - ii. Players are encouraged to participate in Border and Sub District competitions and the league.
 - iii. Players will be required to attend squad trials and practices as well as Z-squads, as determined by the selectors and district coaches.
 - iv. Any player may request leniency in writing to the convenor of selectors, in due time, regarding (ii) and (iii) which will be considered by the selection panel.
- e) Consistency from one year to another is important. The core of the existing teams should be retained, where possible.
- f) Identified Skips may be consulted in determining the final selection. Please take note that the Skips are not selectors and are only consulted by the selectors during the selection process to make as informed choices as possible. The final decision is and will remain with the selectors, subject to ratification by the Border Executive.
- g) Substitutions in the provisional sides will not necessarily come from the remaining squad members subject to prior ratification by the Border Executive.
- h) Announcement of teams to be done no later than 1 November.

4. **OPEN SIDE**

- a) The best 8 players should be selected.
- b) The age of the individual player should not be a disqualifying factor, provided that the player is fit enough to play for the full week.
- c) The position preferences of the individual players should be considered, if possible, to the benefit of the team.
- d) Physical, technical, tactical, psychological and lifestyle attributes of the players must be considered as part of selection.

5. **B SIDE**

- a) The best 8 players should be selected.
- b) The age of the individual player should not be a disqualifying factor, provided that the player is fit enough to play for the full week.
- c) The position preferences of the individual players should be considered, if possible, to the benefit of the team.
- d) Physical, technical, tactical, psychological and lifestyle attributes of the players must be considered as



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part of selection.

- e) The B side players should be those players identified to have the potential to play in the Open / Veterans side in the foreseeable future.
- f) The Skips of these sides should preferably be experienced players of any age.

6. **VETERANS SIDE**

- a) The best 8 players should be selected.
- b) The position preferences of the individual players should be considered, if possible, to the benefit of the team.
- c) Physical, technical, tactical, psychological and lifestyle attributes of the players must be considered as part of selection.
- d) Players must be 60 years or older in the year of the event, provided that the player is fit enough to play for the full week.

7. **COACHING**

All coaching is to be co-ordinated by the district coaches.

- a) Squad members:
 - i. Players should arrange for individual coaching from a qualified coach of preference as and when needed or required by the selectors and / or the district coaches.
 - ii. The district coaches, in conjunction with the selectors and coaches, will arrange for skills training sessions with the squads / teams.
 - iii. The district coaches will set additional exercises which players are expected to complete in their own time on an ongoing basis as part of preparation for the Inter District tournaments.

8. **DISQUALIFICATION**

- a) The Border Executive is the only body who may disqualify players from selection as per the Border constitution.