Scottish Golf Men's Selection Policy 2021

Due to the ongoing and evolving situation with Covid-19, it is possible that an exceptional process may have to be put in place for the selection of National teams in 2021. The Scottish Golf performance team will continue to monitor the situation and will reserve the right to adapt the automatic qualification criteria for National Team events. Any changes to the selection process will be communicated to players.

AIMS

To formalise the selection process for Scottish National Golf Teams and Squads that is understood by players, parents, coaches, the wider golfing membership, media and other interested parties.

OBJECTIVES

- To publish a criteria for the selection of individuals to represent Scotland in identified teams/competitions.
- To identify the selection process and key timescales.
- To obtain and record as much standardised information about individual players as possible.
- To give players feedback on reasons why they have or have not been selected.

GENERAL

All persons selected by Scottish Golf for teams/competitions or Training Squads must, to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee:

- Meet the Scottish Golf eligibility criteria at the commencement of the Championship.
- Comply and have complied with the etiquette of golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Scottish Golf relating to conduct and guidance for Scotland Golf Teams.
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Scottish Golf relating to anti-doping regulations. (listed below)

- Automatic selections are subject to the players not being under any kind of review for code of conduct or disciplinary issues either from their Club, Area or Scottish Golf.

TEAM SELECTIONS

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel is made up of the following members:

Head of Performance – Clare Queen
Scottish Golf Ambassador – Paul Lawrie
Performance Coach – Spencer Henderson

All panel members receive a vote.

Selection process

For all teams, players that are in consideration for selection will be contacted prior to the selection date to check their availability for the upcoming selection. On the day of selection, players that are selected will be contacted via email, all selections will then be posted on the Scottish Golf website. Those unsuccessful in selection can contact the Head of Performance for feedback.

Please note:

Where a player qualifies automatically for both the Men's and Boys' teams, it will be at the discretion of the selection committee to decide which team the player will represent. Consideration will be given to matching player development to the appropriate level of competition.

Primary Selection Factors

Players who fulfil the automatic selection standard as identified for the European Championship and Home Internationals.

Please Note: To fulfil the automatic selection criteria a player must be in both the Scottish Golf Order of Merit (OOM) top 15 and in the top 15 Scot's on WAGR on the selection date. Automatic selections are not transferable down the rankings.

Secondary Selection Factors

- Performances in pre-identified key events leading up to the selection date will be taken into account. (See appendix 1)
- Historical performance record in key events and major international teams.

- Current WAGR and relative movements within a 6-month period.
- Scottish Golf Men's Order of Merit.

Additional Selection Factors

Additional factors include: -

- Level of competition (World and European), and player experience.
- Competition format, team and/or individual.
- The type of course with the assessed difficulty of the course.
- Player performances, including foursomes record when appropriate.
- Climatic conditions.
- General fitness level.
- Medical considerations.

KEY SELECTION DATES FOR TEAMS

European Team Championship (6 players) 6th –10th July 2021

Due to the ongoing travel restrictions. Scottish Golf have taken the decision not to send a team to the European Team Championship. https://scottishgolf.org/update-on-2021-european-amateur-team-championships/

Automatic selection date: 16th June 2021 **Selector's Picks:** 21st June 2021

- Top 2 players on WAGR (at the update of the rankings on 16th 2021)
- Top player on Scottish Golf Order of Merit (not already selected via WAGR on 21st June 2020)
- 3 Selectors picks

Please Note – The EGA deadline for submission of team names is 21st June therefore the team will be selected before the start of the European Amateur Championship.

Where the automatic selection places are not filled, the selection committee will select the remaining players.

Home Internationals (11 players) 15th–17th September 2021

Automatic selection date: 18th August 2021 **Selector's Picks:** 23rd August 2021

- Winner of the Scottish Amateur Championship
- Top 5 players on WAGR (at the update of the rankings on TBC, these places are not transferable if a player is unavailable)

- Top 2 on Scottish Golf Men's Order of Merit (not already selected via WAGR on selection date)
- 3 Selectors picks

Where the automatic selection places are not filled, the selection committee will select the remaining players.

Appeals process

Scottish Golf are committed to a fair and transparent selection process. A player who has not been selected for a team can appeal to the Head of Performance where the player believes

1. Scottish Golf have failed to follow the published selection criteria; and/or
2. There has been a statement of fact which is incorrect.

Appeals should be sent to the Head of Performance via email and must be received within 3 days of the team announcement.

ANTI – DOPING POLICY

Scottish Golf follows the rules as laid out by UK Anti-Doping (or its successor). You can find the UK Anti-Doping Rules here: http://www.ukad.org.uk/resources/document/uk-anti-doping-rules

Appendix 1 – Key events

- Lytham Trophy
- Welsh Open Strokeplay
- Brabazon Trophy
- Scottish Men's Open Championship
- St Andrews Links Trophy
- The Amateur Championship
- Scottish Men's Amateur Championship
- Irish Men's Amateur Open Championship