

## **Provincial participation and selection criteria – 2019 season**

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The Northern Selection Policies are compiled by the Northern Squash Association (NSA) and affect the selection of players for Interprovincial tournaments where they will be representing Northern.

The onus is on the player to be aware of the different selection policies that may be instituted by the NSA selection committee. Please ensure that the NSA has all up to date contact information including telephonic and email.

Players should also be aware that **ALL** the criteria in the selection policies will be taken into consideration and not just results. The Northern selection committee will also take conduct, attitude and sense of commitment to Northern spirit of excellence spirit into consideration, as these attributes form an important role when players represent the province as a team.

Selection Committee (as selected and approved by the NSA).

1. Blaar Coetzee
2. Craig Ruane
3. Bronwen Martin
4. Kim McDonald
5. Derek van der Merwe
6. Mark Southwood

## **RANKING OF PLAYERS & LADDER RULES**

A Northern ladder will be set up to rank all the top players. The purpose of the ladder is to reflect the most current position of a player affiliated to NSA. The ladder and subsequent updates will be published on the NSA website.

1. The ladder will regularly be updated with results against other NSA ranked players.
2. The following results will be used to update the ladder:
  - a) Official challenge matches.
  - b) Official League matches.
  - c) Listed squash tournaments on the relevant SA Squash Calendar.
  - d) Other Northern matches/results; marked by a marker and referee and played the best of five games.

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### **2019 Management Committee**

Blaar Coetzee (Chairman), Cornelia Read (Treasurer)  
Musa Malinga, Bronwen Martin, Angelo Shaik,  
Derek van der Merwe & Toepie Wood

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3. A ranked player may challenge a maximum of TWO positions above their own position on the latest published ladder and an unranked player has one free challenge.
4. A challenge becomes official when a challenger notifies both the NSA and the challengee of the challenge by email ([admin@northerns.co.za](mailto:admin@northerns.co.za)) and the challenge is ratified by Northerns in writing. The challenger is responsible for organising a court, pay for lights and a marker & referee for the challenge match. The venue must as far as possible be neutral e.g. at a neutral club, to avoid any bias towards either player.
5. The players must agree on a mutually suitable time and place to play the match. If consensus cannot be reached, the match shall take place on the eighth day following the official challenge being confirmed by NSA. The only exception is if the eighth day is on a Sunday, the match will take place on the Monday that follows.
6. If any player does not play the scheduled challenge match, then s/he will forfeit the match as a walk over.
7. A player can only be challenged twice a month and play one challenge match in a week unless mutually agreed otherwise between players (challenger and challengee).
8. Chairman's challenges may be enforced where needed to ensure the ladder fairly reflects the players' positions at any time during the season.
9. Results of matches/challenges as referred to earlier in this document, will change the rankings as follows:
  - a) If a lower ranked player/challenger records a win over a higher seeded, player, s/he will take the position of the higher ranked player and every player ranked under the higher ranked player, including the Challengee, moves down one position.
  - b) If a higher seeded player beats a lower ranked player/challenger, the ladder will remain unchanged.
  - c) The Chairman retains the prerogative to require a Chairman's Challenge at his discretion without complying with the two positions' principle. If a player refuses to play a Chairman's Challenge then the player will forfeit the match and a walk over is recorded.
  - d) Each player is personally responsible for submitting ALL their results to the NSA.
  - e) Ladder rankings will be considered for seeding purposes in all NSA tournaments, playing positions in IPT teams and for nomination to other tournaments when required. The selection committee's discretion might apply.

## **CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The selection criteria for an individual to represent Northerns at any official tournaments are:

1. Players must be a paid up registered NSA player along with proof of a paid-up Squash SA membership as applicable.
2. Players must participate in the Northerns winter league. Due to the fact that there are very few results amongst individuals, league results are imperative and will be taken into account to make team selections.
3. All results from national and provincial tournaments will be taken into consideration.
4. Tournaments to be taken into consideration in particular are:
  - a) Northerns Closed (6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019)
  - b) Northerns PSA Challenger (8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019)
  - c) Northerns Satellite 1 (5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019)
  - d) Northerns Satellite 2 (7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019)
5. Compulsory tournaments:

- a) To be eligible for selection a player must play in 2 tournaments selected from the above. One of the two must be either the Northerns Closed **OR** the Northerns PSA Challenger.

## **SELECTION POLICIES**

### **1. Dispensations**

- a) If for any reason a player cannot play a required tournament for selection for medical reasons a medical certificate must be sent to the NSA no later than the day that the tournament starts. Any other reasons will only be accepted under exceptional circumstances and the player may be required to meet further criteria in such a case.

### **2. Northerns players residing outside the Province**

- a) Any Northerns registered players that reside outside of the province nationally or internationally and as a consequence are unable to play in the above mentioned league and/ or tournaments as well as training sessions might be selected at the discretion of committee based on individual circumstances, despite not meeting the selection requirements.
- b) It is the responsibility of such players to keep Northerns informed of the player's availability for selection.

### **3. Conduct and Attitude**

- a) Players must show a history of an acceptable standard of behaviour and response to discipline both on and off court.
- b) Players must show adaptability to team situations.

### **4. Commitment**

- a) Players must show a commitment to participation in the provinces tournaments and league.
- b) Players will be expected to attend pre inter-provincial Tournament training sessions.
  - 4.b.1. Training will be held at least once a week from May 2019.
  - 4.b.2. A player will have to attend a minimum number of sessions to be eligible for selection.
- c) Top players will be expected to coach as required by the selection committee.

### **5. Team Selection and Captaincy**

- a) A squad list of individuals available for selection will be released. It is the players' responsibility to make the selection committee aware of their availability for Inter-provincial Tournaments.
- b) The draft team selections will be available 1 month before the Inter-Provincial tournament to allow for challenges and queries.
- c) The team selection will be finalised 2 weeks before the Inter-Provincial tournament. Selectors' decision are final and a player may query any selection within 48 hours after

the selection was announced by sending a mail to the NSA with a motivation on why the selection is queried. If no query is received within this time there will be no obligation on the NSA to reconsider the selection, regardless of whether it's later proven to have been an incorrect selection.

- d) Players will be expected to attend the capping ceremony. (DATE TBA).
- e) The selection of captains of each team is up to the discretion of the NSA selection committee and will be announced with the teams. Any queries pertaining to captaincy can be queried by sending an email to the NSA. 48 hours after the teams and captains have been announced no more queries will be accepted or attended to.

## **6. Challenges**

- a) Challenges may be lodged in accordance with the ladder rules.
- b) A challenge weekend will be made available to finalise positions before selection and no challenge results will be accepted after this date. (21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019).

## **7. Current playing standard**

- a) Players are responsible to ensure that their playing standard is of a high level.
- b) Selection will be based on current playing form and results closest to the Interprovincial tournament.

## **8. Clothing**

- a) Players who represent Northerns must play in the kit that is stipulated and the Northerns tracksuit.
- b) For formal events
  - 8.b.1. Men wear navy chinos, white shirt, brown shoes and Official Northerns blazer.
  - 8.b.2. Ladies wear black or navy dress with Official Northerns blazer and scarf.

## **9. Financials**

- a) For a player to be eligible for selection they need to be in good financial standing with the province including all previous fees payables or acceptable arrangements made.
- b) Payments due must be made in the stipulated time advised by the NSA.

## **10. General**

- a) All final selection decisions will be made by the NSA selection committee and all decisions in regard to queries and disputes will be discussed and decided on by the committee.
- b) Northerns will not be liable for the death, injury, loss or damage of any kind whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from any act or omission (whether negligent or otherwise) by any person whatsoever, connected with the player, his/her travel to and from the event, his/her participation at the event, or any disciplinary action taken against him/her by Northerns or the host province or event organisers.