

SOUTH AFRICAN FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, RANKING LISTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, RANKING LISTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

1. PREAMBLE

The South African Fly Fishing Association represents the interests of organised competitive Fly Fishing in South Africa. SAFFA is affiliated to FIPS Mouche, and is a Member Association of SASACC.

SAFFA is the responsible body for the selection of and recommendation to SASACC of anglers who will represent South Africa at various recognised and approved international tournaments.

It is SAFFA's duty to ensure the implementation of a fair and unbiased Team Selection Policy. The document entitled National Championships, Ranking Lists and Selection Criteria for Representative Teams sets out the criteria for the selection of representative teams.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE TEAM SELECTION POLICIES

- 2.1. To set out the events and qualification criteria for anglers to be put on a National Ranking List
- 2.2. To select anglers and support staff representing South Africa at the *FIPS Mouche* Championships; Commonwealth Championships and any other championships and tournaments as approved by SAFFA.
- 2.3. To ensure a fair and undisputed selection of anglers, managers and coaches.

3. THE PROCESS OF TEAM SELECTION

The selection of representative teams will be preceded by the National Championships and the approval of National Ranking Lists by the SAFFA Executive. Once these events have been concluded, eligible anglers will be invited to participate in National Trials where they will be assessed by the Selection Panel. Anglers who are selected will be recommended to the SAFFA Exco which will endorse the selections and submit the names of the anglers to the SASACC bodies for the awarding of colours.



4. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 4.1. A Selection Committee will be appointed at the SAFFA AGM from nominations received. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:
The Convener of the National Selection Committee.
The National Head Coach.
Three members of the National Selection Committee.
The Selection Committee will compile and approve a list of Alternative Selectors to assist the committee to form a Selection Panel for each of the trials.
The names of the Selection Panel will be submitted to Exco for approval at least 4 weeks before Trials are held. The Selection Panel will be confirmed by Written Resolution.
- 4.2. Members of the Selection Committee and/or Panels must be suitably qualified and preferably be recipients of SASCOC or SASACC colours for international participation.
- 4.3. Members of the Selection Panel or their families will not be eligible for selection.

5. COMPOSITION OF A NATIONAL TEAM

- 5.1. The National Team will consist of the following members:
Team Manager
Team Coach
Team Captain
Anglers (x5)
One Reserve Angler
- 5.2. The position of Team Manager, Team Coach and Team Captain may be filled by any one of the anglers selected.
- 5.3. National Colours may only be awarded to team members who actually participate as a member of the team and to the official reserve.

6. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, RANKING LISTS and TEAM SELECTION

6.1. SENIORS

- 6.1.1. Tournaments will be held as an annual A and a B Nationals. The B Nationals will be held prior to the A Nationals in the same angling calendar year,
- 6.1.2. Anglers competing must be members of a Member Association of SAFFA and shall compete as teams and/or individuals.
- 6.1.3. Tournaments will be held in accordance with the SAFFA Competition and Fishing Rules.
- 6.1.4. Member Associations are entitled to enter one A team into the A Nationals and one or more teams into the B Nationals.
- 6.1.5. Members of Provincial A teams are not eligible to participate in the B Nationals.



- 6.1.6. Women and Youth anglers may compete in the A and B Nationals.
- 6.1.7. The top 10 individual anglers from the B Nationals will be entitled to compete as individuals in the A Nationals of the same angling year. These anglers shall compete in Invitation teams and shall not be eligible for team medals.
Should an individual angler in the top 10 not be available to fish in the A Nationals, the next placed angler in the B Nationals would become eligible up to, and including, position 15.
- 6.1.8. The Senior Ranking list will be compiled after the A Nationals and will be calculated on the results of the latest three A Nationals in a weighted ratio of 33:33:34 with the current year's A Nationals' results counting 34.
- 6.1.9. Only anglers participating in the A Nationals will qualify for placement on the Senior National Ranking list.
- 6.1.10. Once the Senior National Ranking List is accepted by Exco, it is considered final.
- 6.1.11. Anglers placed on the ranking list will have their results sorted as per Sorting Table (Annexure A)
- 6.1.12. The top 16 ranked available anglers up to position 25 will be invited to a National Trials if there is only one team to be selected, and the top 20 ranked available anglers up to position 30 if two teams are to be selected. The trials are to be organised by the SAFFA Executive Committee or its approved Trials Organiser.
- 6.1.13. A Selection Committee, appointed by SAFFA at the AGM, will approve and recommend the list of anglers eligible for colours in accordance with the requirements of this policy. All recommendations of the Selection Committee will be submitted for endorsement by the SAFFA Exco prior to the names being announced and submitted to SASACC
- 6.1.14. Only anglers who have participated in National Trials are eligible to be selected for representative teams.
- 6.1.15. The selection criteria of representative teams will be based on 40% NRL, 50% trials and 10% Selection Panel mark.

6.2. WOMEN

- 6.2.1. Tournaments will be held as an annual Ladies' Nationals.
- 6.2.2. Anglers competing must be members of a Member Association of SAFFA and shall compete as teams or individuals.
- 6.2.3. Tournaments will be held in accordance with the SAFFA Competition and Fishing Rules.
- 6.2.4. Member Associations are entitled to enter one or more teams into the Ladies' Nationals.
- 6.2.5. Only women may compete in the Ladies' Nationals
- 6.2.6. Only anglers competing in the Ladies' Nationals will qualify for placement on the Ladies' Ranking list.
- 6.2.7. The Ladies' Ranking list will be compiled after the Ladies' Nationals and will be calculated on the results of the latest two Nationals in a weighted ratio of 50:50.



- 6.2.8. Once the Ladies' National Ranking List is accepted by Exco, it is considered final.
- 6.2.9. To be eligible for Protea/SASACC/SAFFA selection an angler has to have competed in at least two National Championships.
- 6.2.10. To be eligible for National Team selection anglers must participate in the Ladies' Selection Trials organised by the SAFFA Selection Committee appointed by the SAFFA Exco. The SAFFA Selection Panel will approve and recommend the list of anglers eligible for colours in accordance with the selection guidelines. All recommendations of the Selection Panel will be submitted for endorsement by the SAFFA Exco prior to the names being announced and submitted to SASACC.

6.3. YOUTH

- 6.3.1. Tournaments will be held as an annual Youth Nationals. Youth Nationals shall not be held concurrently with other National Tournaments
- 6.3.2. Anglers competing must be members of a Member Association of SAFFA and shall compete as teams or individuals.
- 6.3.3. Tournaments will be held in accordance with the SAFFA Competition and Fishing Rules.
- 6.3.4. Member Associations are entitled to enter one or more teams into the Youth Nationals.
- 6.3.5. Youth are anglers who are under the age of 19 at any time in the year of the Youth Nationals.
- 6.3.6. Only anglers competing in the Youth Nationals will qualify for placement on the Youth Ranking list.
- 6.3.7. The Youth Ranking list will be compiled after the Youth Nationals and will be calculated on the results of the preceding two Nationals in a weighted ratio of 50:50
- 6.3.8. Once the Youth National Ranking List is accepted by Exco, it is considered final.
- 6.3.9. To be eligible for Protea selection anglers must participate in the Youth Protea Selection Trials organised by the SAFFA Selection Committee appointed by the SAFFA Exco. The SAFFA Selection Panel will approve and recommend the list of anglers eligible for colours in accordance with the guidelines. All recommendations of the Selection Committee will be submitted for endorsement by the SAFFA Exco prior to the names being announced and sent to SASACC.

6.4. MASTERS

- 6.4.1. Tournaments will be held on an ad hoc basis as per the needs and wants of the members. A Masters Nationals may be held concurrently with other National Tournaments with the approval of the Exco.
- 6.4.2. Anglers competing must be members of a Member Association of SAFFA and shall compete as teams or individuals.
- 6.4.3. Tournaments will be held in accordance with the SAFFA Competition and Fishing rules. A Masters National Championship may have teams of less than 4 anglers.



- 6.4.4. Member Associations are entitled to enter one or more teams into the Masters Nationals.
- 6.4.5. Masters are anglers of the age of 50 and above.
- 6.4.6. To be eligible for SASACC Masters Team selection anglers must participate in the Masters National Championships. If a Masters National Championships is not held in a year then to be eligible for SASACC Masters Team selection anglers must have participated in the Senior Mens National Championships or the Ladies National Championships of that year.
- 6.4.7. Masters SASACC Selection Trials will be organised by the SAFFA Selection Committee appointed by the SAFFA Exco. The SAFFA Selection Panel will approve and recommend the list of anglers eligible for colours in accordance with the guidelines. All recommendations of the Selection Committee will be submitted for endorsement by the SAFFA Exco prior to the names being announced and sent to SASACC.

7. INVITATIONS TO ATTEND NATIONAL TRIALS

- 7.1. Anglers will be invited to participate in Nationals trials based on the National Ranking Lists.
- 7.2. Only candidates from Member Associations that have fulfilled their obligations with regard to Development Projects and Sports Council affiliation will be considered for invitation to National trials from 2017.
- 7.3. The following anglers will be eligible for invitation to trials:

SENIORS

- 7.3.1.1. The top 16 ranked available anglers up to position 25 will be invited to a National Trials if there is only one team to be selected, and the top 20 ranked available anglers up to position 30 if two teams are to be selected.
- 7.3.1.2. The preceding year's Protea anglers will get an automatic invitation to Trials provided that they have fished 2 out of the preceding 3 A National Championships and that they are still ranked within the top 30 on the National Ranking List

WOMEN

- 7.3.1.3. The top 12 ranked available anglers from the Ladies' National Ranking List will be invited to attend the Ladies' National Trials
- 7.3.1.4. The preceding two years Protea anglers will get an automatic invitation to Trials provided that they have fished in at least one of the 2 preceding Ladies National Championships and are still ranked within the top 10 on the Ladies National Ranking List

YOUTH



7.3.1.5. The top 16 ranked anglers from the National Ranking List will be invited to attend the Youth National Trials.

7.3.1.6. The previous year's Protea anglers will receive an automatic invitation should they still be eligible according to age; they have fished at least one out of the preceding two Youth National Championships; and they are still within the top 30 on the Youth National Ranking List.

7.3.4 MASTERS

7.3.4.1. The top 10 ranked available anglers from the Masters National Ranking List will be invited to attend the Masters' National Trials

7.3.4.2 Ladies Masters who are not on the senior National ranking List but are in the top 6 of the Ladies National ranking list will be invited to the Masters Trials

8. NATIONAL TRIALS

- 8.1. National Trials will be held annually for the selection of the relevant National Teams and Federation Teams
- 8.2. The National Trials will be conducted according to SAFFA's approved Team Selection policy.
- 8.3. The Selection Committee will communicate the Trials Format and Evaluation Criteria 4 weeks prior to the Trials. This will give a guideline on what will be evaluated at the trials and thus enable Selectors to design the trials with specific tournament waters in mind. Different rubrics and criteria can be used for Ladies, Seniors & Youth depending on the fishing discipline and venues of the championships they are trying out for.
- 8.4. Due to a lack of funds within SAFFA, anglers who qualify for inclusion in the national team shall be excluded from team selection if they are not able to finance their participation in the team, except if financial assistance can be obtained from governmental sources and/or sponsors;
- 8.5. Anglers who qualify on merit for inclusion in the National Team shall not be excluded from such national team on grounds of religion, gender, colour, sexual orientation or creed.

9. NATIONAL, FEDERATION AND SAFFA TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

9.1 Criteria for attending trials

To be eligible for participating in the National Trials and for selection into the National, Federation and SAFFA Team, anglers must comply with the following administrative criteria:

- Be a South African citizen in possession of a valid South African passport.



- Be a registered member in good standing of a Member Federation or Member Association.
- Be of the correct age group to satisfy the International Controlling Body's requirements
- Be prepared to sign an indemnity form.
- Meet visa requirements for the country in which the team will compete
- Meet the National Ranking list and number of tournaments requirements as set out in Section 6

9.1. Selection Criteria for Anglers at Trials

9.1.1. The anglers in the National Teams will be selected on merit by the National Selection Committee or Approved Selection Panel.

9.1.2. The composition of National Selectors Merit Lists is as follows:

- 9.1.2.1. The contest performance point at the National Trials (50%)
- 9.1.2.2. The performance point from the National Ranking List (40%)
- 9.1.2.3. Evaluation point by Selection Committee of the individual anglers based on observation and interviews (10%)
- 9.1.2.4. Reserve Selection Criteria: The team's reserve shall be selected on merit on the same basis as the anglers in the team. If any selected athlete is deemed unable to represent South Africa at the peak of his/her ability then the reserve shall be selected.

10. MANAGERS AND COACHES/CAPTAINS

10.1. The appointment of Managers and Coaches/Captains will be done by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Selection Committee. Managers and Coaches/Captains will nominate for the position and be subject to interviews by the Selection Committee or approved Selection Panel

10.2. The Executive Committee has the right not to appoint a candidate should they not be satisfied that the candidate is suitable and call for further nominations.

10.3. All Coaches/Captains and Managers must be members of SAFFA.

10.4. Additional Manager Selection Criteria:

- Successful completion of a SAFFA-approved Manager's Training Course
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of Team SA national representivity and its role in international competition.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully manage a team in a major event environment.
- Demonstrated ability to plan and implement all team events, media, including daily press releases and website requirements.
- Demonstrated ability to relate to anglers, management and coaches whilst playing a pivotal role in team harmonics and discipline.
- Demonstrate the ability to complete reports and finalise tasks within a defined timeframe.



10.5. Additional Coach/Captain Selection Criteria:

- Successful completion of SAFFA-approved Coaching courses
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of Team SA national representivity and its role in international competition.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully coach a team in a major event environment.
- Demonstrated ability to devise a training strategy for the team in the months leading up to the event.
- Demonstrate the ability to advise the team on technical challenges they may occur related to the event and its logistics.

11. REMOVAL FROM NATIONAL TEAM

Any member who:

- 11.1. Breaches or fails to observe the obligations contained within this policy.
- 11.2. By reason of illness or injury is unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the SAFFA Executive Committee (after receiving advice from a Federation appointed medical practitioner).
- 11.3. Breaches or fails to satisfy a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policy of WADA.
- 11.4. Breaches or fails to observe any National Team agreements.
- 11.5. Breaches the Federation and or SASCOC Code of Conduct.
- 11.6. Fails to adhere fully to the specified training program will be ineligible for selection to or continued membership of the National Team.

12. APPEAL

Appeals relating to Team Selection will only be considered by the SAFFA Selection Committee when received in writing. These appeals will be considered on an individual basis. All appeals will be communicated via the Tournament Liaison Officer of SAFFA. If the Selection Committee is unable to resolve the matter before it, it will be escalated to the SAFFA Exco.

13. WITHDRAWALS

It may happen that, due to unforeseen circumstances, an angler withdraws from a National team. In such an event the responsibility lies with the SAFFA Executive Committee to appoint a substitute angler to fill the team giving preference to the rank order of anglers on the Selection Panel's Merit List from the trials. The SAFFA Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw a team as an alternative action to a late withdrawal of an angler or anglers from a National, SASACC or SAFFA team.

Accepted and Adopted by the SAFFA Executive Committee on 10 October 2017





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Annexure A: Sorting Table

1. First Sort: Current year's ranking from the preceding Nationals
2. Second Sort: Previous year's ranking from the Nationals one year prior to the current year's Nationals
3. Third Sort: Ranking from the Nationals two years prior to the current year's Nationals
4. Fourth Sort: Current year's fish points from the preceding Nationals
5. Fifth Sort: Previous year's fish points from the Nationals one year prior to the current year's A Nationals
6. Sixth Sort: fish points from the Nationals two years prior to the current year's A Nationals
7. Seventh Sort: Current year's fish count from the preceding Nationals
8. Eighth Sort: Previous year's fish count from the Nationals one year prior to the current year's A Nationals
9. Ninth Sort: fish count from the Nationals two years prior to the current year's Nationals
10. Tenth Sort: Current year's longest fish from the preceding Nationals

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