



## Western Province Golf

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### 2026 PREMIER IPT: SELECTION CRITERIA

The purpose of the WP Golf Team Selection Criteria is to provide a clear understanding for players of Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT) Team selection, and to encourage player participation.

The interpretation of the WP Golf Team selection criteria is at the sole discretion of the WP Golf Selection Committee.

The over-riding principle is to select a team that will represent WP Golf with pride, dignity, and honour and that affords the team the best possible prospect of success at the IPT for which it is selected, within the selection criteria and policy parameters of WP Golf.

The final selection of WP Golf Teams rests with the Selection Committee in accordance with the WP Golf Selection Policy & Criteria. All WP Golf Teams selected require motivation sent for the ratification of the President of WP Golf.

WP Golf reserves the right to alter the team selection criteria as published at their discretion.

Should a player qualify for selection for more than one IPT Team, WP Golf reserves the right to adjust a Selection Order of Merit accordingly by removing the player and re-ranking the order.

- Tournament Dates:** 13 to 17 April 2026
- Tournament Venue:** Maccauvlei Golf Club, Free State Golf Union
- Team Composition:** 8 Players - No Age Limit Applies



#### PLANNED KEY DATES:

Selection Meeting:	Week of 16 February 2026
Team Announcement:	Week of 16 February 2026
Team Admin Meeting:	Week of 23 February 2026
Capping Ceremony:	March 2026 – date to be Confirmed
Tournament Departure:	Friday, 10 April 2026
Tournament Return:	Saturday, 18 April 2026

#### 2026 SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Regardless of a player’s ability or position on the WPG Selection Ranking / Order of Merit, player behaviour and attitude must fit the ethos of WP Golf.
- The Selection Ranking is a GROSS stroke differential order of merit based on player participation in WP Golf Premier Amateur Tour (PAT) or WP Golf ranked tournaments as well as tournaments carrying GolfRSA National Ranking status as listed in the Qualifying Tournaments for 2025/26 and is the main criterion for selection - Position on the WP Golf PREMIER IPT Selection Ranking.

- ⌚ The GolfRSA Rankings may be utilised for selection purposes; any selection made on this basis shall constitute an automatic pick.
- ⌚ To be eligible for selection, players must be South African citizens or permanent residents in possession of a valid South African identity document or card.
- ⌚ Selections from the Selection Ranking: Minimum of **5** players.
- ⌚ Selector's Selections: Maximum of **3** players.
- ⌚ GolfRSA Team Transformation Targets applicable.
- ⌚ Overall level and consistency of performance.
- ⌚ Historical performance record at previous Inter-Provincial Tournaments.
- ⌚ Performance in key WP Golf and National Tournaments.
- ⌚ Health & Fitness.

### 2025/26 SELECTION RANKING (ORDER OF MERIT):

Season Time Period: 23 February 2025 – 15 February 2026

Min. number of rounds: **16** Rounds to be played.

Counting Round Scores: Best 80% of played round differentials.

Essential Rounds: 2025 WP Amateur Championships or any 1 other National Ranking Tournament.

Qualifying Tournaments: The Qualifying Tournaments for the 2025/26 Premier IPT Team Selection Order of Merit are listed below.

DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	RNDS
11 May 2025	Rondebosch Open	Rondebosch GC	2
25 May 2025	Erinvale Open	Erinvale C&GE	2
1 Jun 2025	Steenberg Open	Steenberg GE	2
8 Jun 2025	Milnerton Open	Milnerton GC	2
15 Jun 2025	Clovelly Open	Clovelly CC	2
22 Jun 2025	Atlantic Beach Open	Atlantic Beach Links	2
13 Jul 2025	Westlake Open	Westlake GC	2
20 Jul 2025	Western Province Closed Championship	Royal Cape	2
27 Jul 2025	WP Winter Team Challenge (Winter League)	KD Mowbray GC	2
8 to 10 Aug 2025	Southern Cape Open	Knysna GC	(2) 3
3 to 5 Sep 2025	Boland Amateur Strokeplay	Devonvale G&WE	(2) 3
8 to 10 Sep 2025	Western Province Amateur Strokeplay Championship	Milnerton GC	(2) 4
26 Oct 2025	Somerset West Open	Somerset West GC	2
2 Nov 2025	King David Mowbray Open	KD Mowbray GC	2
23 Nov 2025	Royal Cape Open	Royal Cape GC	2
30 Nov 2025	Metropolitan Open	Metropolitan GC	2
18 Jan 2026	Kuils River Open	Kuils River GC	2
25 to 30 Jan 2026	SA Amateur Championship	Gauteng North GU	2
8 Feb 2026	Durbanville Open	Durbanville GC	2
15 Feb 2026	Strand Open	Strand GC	2

Note: () – number in brackets denotes minimum rounds as tournament has a cut-off.

## **SELECTOR'S SELECTIONS:**

Selector's Picks may take the following into consideration:

- ⌚ Players not fulfilling minimum number of Selection Order of Merit qualifying rounds due to moving from another union,
- ⌚ Player injury or unavailability but whose experience, form or performances is considered invaluable subject to the player having played some Selection Ranking qualifying rounds,
- ⌚ Position on the Selection Ranking,
- ⌚ Outstanding performances in WP Golf & National ranking events,
- ⌚ Previous IPT Team representation & performance,
- ⌚ League Participation: 2025 Premier, Premier Reserve & 1st Leagues, and
- ⌚ Player commitment to WP Golf.

A player may not receive more than 1 Selector's Pick selection in any consecutive 2-year cycle, this excludes selections made to meet GolfRSA Transformation Targets.

## **PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- ⌚ Players must be registered affiliated members and handicapped at a Club affiliated to WP Golf, and in accordance with the SAGA Ruling must have been handicapped in the WP for a period of 6 months prior to the start of the IPT.
- ⌚ Tournament withdrawals Players who fail to complete a tournament they have entered, whether by withdrawal (WD), no return (NR), or disqualification (DQ), may be deemed ineligible for selection during the current season. Scores from completed rounds in such in-completed tournaments will not count towards the Selection Order of Merit. Each case will be considered on its merits by the Selection Committee.
- ⌚ To play in PAT and other National Tournaments that are included in the Selection Order of Merit qualifying rounds to meet at least the minimum number of qualifying rounds required. The Selection Order of Merit published will display all players, it is the player's responsibility to ensure they are eligible for selection by meeting the minimum number of round requirements.
- ⌚ Players should familiarise themselves with the WP Golf Team Selection Criteria and Policy that includes an explanation of the Selection Order of Merit.
- ⌚ If selected, players are expected to commit to the preparation programme which will be presented to the selected team that may include for example travelling to the IPT venue in advance for practice rounds, stipulated practice rounds, foursome events, etc... If a selected player elects not to participate in the preparation programme, WP Golf reserves the right to replace that player. This requirement will only be waived in exceptional circumstances.
- ⌚ Players are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the Rules of Golf, including the requirements for player conduct, as well as any Code of Conduct, player conduct / etiquette provisions as required or as determined by WP Golf (e.g. WP Golf Hard Card, Player Code of Conduct for Teams and the like) from time to time.

Players not conducting themselves in accordance with any of the conduct and/or etiquette provisions may be regarded as ineligible for selection whether such player qualifies for selection as an automatic pick or not. WP Golf reserves the right, at its own discretion, to overlook any player for selection if it considers a player to be in breach of any such player Code of Conduct whether implicit or not. All players selected to represent WP Golf will be required to sign a mandatory Player Code of Conduct in confirmation of their selection and any breach thereof could result in them being omitted from future selection. Players refusing to sign the Code of Conduct will eliminate themselves from such selection as a result.

<b>Revision</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Clause Revision</b>
<b>0</b>	15 April 2025	First Draft for Discussion.
<b>0.1</b>	24 August 2025	Second Draft for Discussion
<b>0.2</b>	26 August 2025	Draft for Talent Management Portfolio Committee Approval
<b>0.3</b>	3 September 2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft for Talent Management Portfolio Committee Approval
<b>0.4</b>	5 September 2025	Selector's Pick Amended to 2-Year Cycle
<b>0.5</b>	27 January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualifying Tournaments Added - Durbanville &amp; Strand Open to align with the 2026 WP Fixtures Calendar.</li> <li>• Tournament Venue Added</li> <li>• SA Amateur Tournament Rounds amended.</li> </ul>