



## Western Province Golf

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### 2026 CHALLENGE 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:** 16 to 18 September 2026

**Tournament Venue:** Kambaku Golf Club, Gauteng North Golf Union

**Team Composition:** 8 Players – No age limit applies.



KAMBAKU

#### PLANNED KEY DATES:

Selection Meeting:	Week of 20 July 2026
Team Announcement:	Week of 20 July 2026
Team Admin Meeting:	Week of 3 August 2026
Capping Ceremony:	September 2026 – date to be Confirmed
Departure:	Sunday, 13 September 2026
Return:	Saturday, 19 September 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 any 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, MID-AM and / or the CHALLENGE 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 Rankings: Minimum of **4** players.
- ⌚ Selector's Selections: Maximum of **4** 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: 28 July 2025 to 19 July 2026

Min. number of rounds: **14** 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.

Counting Rounds: The Qualifying Tournaments for the 2025/26 Challenge IPT Team Selection Order of Merit are listed below:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>RNDS</b>
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 Strokeplay Championship	Gauteng North GU	2
8 Feb 2026	Durbanville Open	Durbanville GC	2
15 Feb 2026	Strand Open	Strand GC	2
26 Apr 2026	Metropolitan Open	Metropolitan GC	2
24 May 2026	Erinvale Open	Erinvale GC	2
31 May 2026	WP Winter Team Championship (Winter League)	Strand GC	2
7 Jun 2026	Westlake Open	Westlake GE	2
<b>14 June 2026</b>	<b>Rondebosch Open</b>	<b>Rondebosch GC</b>	<b>2</b>
21 Jun 2026	Clovelly Open	Clovelly GC	2
28 Jun 2026	Bellville Open	Bellville GC	2
19 July 2026	Atlantic Beach Links Open	Atlantic Beach Links	2

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

## **SELECTOR'S SELECTIONS:**

A Selector's Pick applies to players outside the automatic qualifying positions on the applicable Selection Ranking (Order of Merit), or to players who have not otherwise met the automatic qualification criteria. A Selector's Pick therefore constitutes a discretionary selection by the Selection Committee.

WP Golf Selectors shall endeavour to select all representative teams from players ranked positions 1 to 8 on the applicable Selection Ranking at the date of selection. Any deviation from the Order of Merit, including the exercise of a Selector's Pick, shall require the Selection Committee to record its reasons.

In considering a Selector's Pick, the Selection Committee 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 3-year cycle, these excluding 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.
- ¶ Selected players are required to ensure full availability for the duration of the event, including all official team activities, and to fully commit to the prescribed team preparation programme.

The preparation programme, as presented to the selected team, may include (but is not limited to) advance travel to the IPT venue for practice rounds, stipulated practice rounds, and participation in designated team events such as foursomes.

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 under exceptional circumstances.

- ¶ Players must travel to and from the event with the team as per the official travel arrangements.

Any request to travel separately, arrive late, or depart early will only be considered under exceptional circumstances and must be submitted in advance for approval by the President.

Where such approval is granted, the player will be solely responsible for all alternative travel arrangements and associated costs, including but not limited to flights, transfers, and accommodation where applicable.

Failure to comply with this requirement, or to obtain prior approval, may result in withdrawal of selection.

- 7 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>	24 August 2025	First Draft for discussion.
<b>0.1</b>	26 August 2025	Draft for Talent Management Portfolio Committee Approval
<b>0.2</b>	3 September 2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft for Talent Management Portfolio Committee Approval
<b>0.3</b>	5 September 2025	Selector's Pick Amended to 2-Year Cycle
<b>0.4</b>	27 January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season Period Amended – shortened by 1 week.</li> <li>• Qualifying Tournament List &amp; Dates Amended to align with the 2026 WP Fixtures Calendar.</li> <li>• Tournament Venue Added</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	2 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rondebosch Open dates amended.</li> <li>• Selector's Selections – criteria revised.</li> <li>• Player Responsibilities – Tournament preparation &amp; travel requirements revised.</li> </ul>