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2027 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: 12 to 16 April 2027 (To Be Confirmed)
Tournament Venue: To Be Confirmed, Eastern Province
Team Composition: 8 Players - No Age Limit Applies



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PLANNED KEY DATES:

Selection Meeting:	Week of 22 February 2027
Team Announcement:	Week of 22 February 2027
Team Admin Meeting:	Week of 22 February 2027
Capping Ceremony:	March 2027 – date to be Confirmed
Tournament Departure:	Friday, 9 April 2027 (TBC)
Tournament Return:	Saturday, 17 April 2027 (TBC)

2027 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: 16 February 2026 – 21 February 2027

Min. number of rounds: **18** Rounds to be played.

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

Essential Rounds: 2026 WP Amateur Championships or any 1 other National Ranking Tournament.

Qualifying Tournaments: The Qualifying Tournaments for the 2026/27 Premier IPT Team Selection Order of Merit are listed below.

DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	RNDS
26 Apr 2026	Metropolitan Open	Metropolitan	2
14 June 2026	Rondebosch Open	Rondebosch	2
22 to 24 May 2026	Bobby Locke Open	Robertson GC	4
24 May 2026	Erinvale Open	Erinvale	2
31 May 2026	WP Winter League	Strand	2
7 Jun 2026	Westlake Open	Westlake	2
21 Jun 2026	Clovelly Open	Clovelly	2
28 Jun 2026	Bellville Open	Bellville	2
19 Jul 2026	Atlantic Beach Links Open	AB Links	2
29 to 31 July 2026	South African Stroke Play Championship	Humewood GC	4
26 July 2026	WP Closed	KD Mowbray	2
2 Aug 2026	Steenberg Open	Steenberg	2
03 to 5 Aug 2026	Cape Province Open	George GC	2
07 to 9 Aug 2026	Southern Cape Open	Mossel Bay GC	2 (3)

DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	RNDS
16 Aug 2026	Somerset West Open	Somerset West	2
30 Aug 2026	King David Mowbray Open	KD Mowbray	2
02 to 4 Sept 2026	Boland Amateur Stroke Play	Arabella CC	2 (3)
07 to 12 Sep 2026	Western Province Amateur	Westlake GC	2 (4)
20 Sept 2026	Milnerton Open	Milnerton	2
22 Nov 2026	Royal Cape Open	Royal Cape	2
17 Jan 2027	2027 PAT 1	To be Confirmed	2
24 to 29 Jan 2027	South African Amateur Championship	To be Confirmed	2
7 Feb 2027	2027 PAT 2	To be Confirmed	2
21 Feb 2027	2027 PAT 2	To be Confirmed	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 who did not fulfil the minimum number of Selection Ranking qualifying rounds due to moving from another union,
- ⌘ To be eligible for consideration as a Selector's Pick, players are required to have participated in at least 50% of the Selection Ranking qualifying rounds for which they were available,
- ⌘ Injury, illness or temporary unavailability of a player whose experience, form or performances are considered of significant value, provided that the player has participated in at least some Selection Order of Merit qualifying rounds,
- ⌘ Position on the Selection Order of Merit,
- ⌘ Outstanding performances in WP Golf & National ranking events,
- ⌘ Previous IPT Team representation & performance,
- ⌘ League Participation: 2026 Premier, Premier Reserve & 1st Leagues, and
- ⌘ Demonstrated commitment to WP Golf.

A player may not receive more than 1 Selector's Pick selection in any consecutive 3-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 GolfRSA 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.

⌘ 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.

Revision	Date	Clause Revision
0	March 2026	First Draft for Talent Management Portfolio Committee Discussion.
1	May 2026	Second Draft for Comment
1.1	May 2026	Third Draft for Comment
2	June 2026	Selection Criteria For Publishing