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2027 SENIOR & SUPER SENIOR 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: 4 to 7 May 2027

Tournament Venue: To Be Confirmed

Team Composition:

- ⌘ **Seniors:** 8 Players – 50 years and older at the commencement of the tournament.
- ⌘ **Super Seniors:** 4 Players – 60 years and older at the commencement of the tournament.

PLANNED KEY DATES:

Selection Meeting:	Week of 15 March 2027
Team Announcement:	Week of 15 March 2027
Team Admin Meeting:	Week of 15 March 2027
Capping Ceremony:	April 2027 – date to be Confirmed
Departure:	Saturday, 2 May 2027 - To be Confirmed
Return:	Saturday, 8 May 2027 - To be Confirmed

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 the WP Golf Senior Series, the Boland Senior Series as well as any Senior tournaments carrying GolfRSA National Ranking status and is the main criterion for selection - Position on the WP Golf **SENIOR** 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 Senior Inter-Provincial Tournaments.
- ⌘ Performance in key WP Golf and National Tournaments.
- ⌘ Health & Fitness.

2026/27 SELECTION RANKING (ORDER OF MERIT):

Season Time Period: 10 March 2026 to 9 March 2027

Min. number of rounds: **12** Rounds to be played.

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

Essential Rounds: 2027 WP Senior Open or 2026 Senior Masters or any 1 other National Ranking Senior Tournament.

Qualifying Tournaments: The Qualifying Tournaments for the 2026/27 Senior & Super Senior IPT Teams Selection Order of Merit are listed below.

DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	RNDS
27 Mar 26	Boland Senior Series	Arabella	1
29 & 30 Mar 2026	WP Senior Masters	KD Mowbray	2
1 & 2 Apr 2026	Cape Winelands Senior Amateur	De Salze CC	2
17 Apr 26	Boland Senior Series	Malmesbury	1
21 & 22 May 2026	Kingswood Senior Open	Kingswood GC	2
21 May 26	WP Senior Series	Milnerton	1
24 & 25 May 2026	Southern Cape Senior Open	George GC	2
04 Jun 26	Boland Senior Series	Pearl Valley	1
12 Jun 26	WP Senior Series	Kuilsriver	1
19 Jun 26	Boland Senior Series	De Zalze	1
21 & 22 Jun 2026	Border Senior Open	East London GC	2
25 Jun 26	WP Senior Series	Durbanville	1
10 Jul 26	Boland Senior Series	Paarl	1
16 Jul 26	WP Senior Series	Rondebosch	1
14 Aug 26	WP Senior Series	Erinvale	1

DATE	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	RNDS
27 Aug 26	Boland Senior Series	Hermanus	1
3 Sep 26	WP Senior Series	Royal Cape	1
18 Sept 26	WP Senior Series	KD Mowbray	1
27 & 28 Sept 2026	Boland Senior Open	Devonvale GC	2
1 & 2 Oct 2026	WP Senior Open	Erinvale	2
02 Oct 26	Boland Senior Series	Devonvale	1
13 to 15 Oct 2026	SA Senior Amateur Championship	Knysna GC	2 (3)
06 Nov 26	Boland Senior Series	Robertson	1
20 Nov 26	WP Senior Series	AB Links	1

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

Any player who will attain 50 years of age on or before 4 May 2027 shall be eligible to participate in WP Golf & Boland Golf Union Senior Series events and earn stroke differentials for selection purposes from 12 months prior to the 2027 IPT. Such players shall not be eligible to be classified in the tournament results, nor shall they be eligible to win any prizes associated with the tournament, until they have attained 50 years of age.

All WP PAT tournaments during the Selection Order of Merit season period will count as qualifying rounds, provided that a minimum of eight (8) Senior players participate. Where this condition is met, a separate stroke differential will be calculated for the Senior field for that specific event.

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, 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, Senior series 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
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2	June 2026	Selection Criteria For Publishing