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C.1 SELECTION COMMITTEES.

- a. Divisional selection committees shall be elected at the Annual Divisional Meetings (ADM). Eligible candidates from the ranks of team management who are attending the championship, must be nominated in writing by any Association. Nominations to reach the Divisional Secretary before the stipulated date. To qualify, nominees for the Senior A, Masters and Ladies Divisions, must have been awarded Protea or President A colours, while nominations from all other divisions must have at least 3 years championship experience.
The selection committee shall comprise:
 - i. A convener of selectors who shall chair the selection committee meeting. In the event of nominations for convener not being received prior to the ADM, nominations may be called from the floor at the ADM. If no nominations are received from the floor, then the SASAA representative must fulfil this position.
 - ii. Three (3) or five (5) selectors.
- b. No Member Association shall have more than one (1) of its individual members represented on the Selection Committee. This does not apply to the convener of selectors.
- c. Selection Committee members may not be nominees for a team to be selected, except for Managers or Captains.
- d. For the Selection Committee to proceed with its activities, a quorum of all the selectors and the convener is required. Should any of the Selectors not be present or available at the time, the Chairman shall co-opt a suitable substitute that qualifies in accordance with the requirements of Clause C.1 (a) and (b) above.
- e. Nominations for Managers and Captains must be submitted in writing to the Divisional Secretary. A minimum of 2 nominations for each position will be required. In the event of the minimum requirement not being met, the Divisional Chairperson shall call for additional nominations at the A.D.M.
- f. Nominations for Managers for Protea teams will be called for by the Secretary of SASAA and appointed by the Executive Committee, as and when required.
- g. The selection of members for the National team is subject to the provision that each nominee must have participated in the more recent and at least in one (1) of the previous two (2) National Championships. Protea managers are excluded from this proviso as they are selected by the Excom.
- h. The selectors will select the teams and a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th reserves, (reserve names and position will not be announced and remain confidential) for each team. The Convener will forward the complete team list to the SASAA Secretary, the President, and relevant Divisional Chairpersons.
- i. Despite team announcement at the prize giving all teams will be distributed to all Associations on a SASAA letterhead signed by the Secretary, the President, or their nominee.
- j. Should there be a withdrawal/s the Convener of selectors will request in writing the availability from the next eligible reserve/s, inform the Divisional Chairperson and the SASAA Secretary the name of the new team member/s and clause C1.i will apply in addition to the new team member.
- k. Should all reserve names be depleted the Convener of Selectors will convene a selectors tele-conference meeting and same selection procedure will apply.

C.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

C.2.1 It is the primary responsibility of the selection panel (the panel) to select the best eligible anglers for the Protea and SASAA President and Inland teams in terms of the protocol set out hereunder and without regard for personal prejudice or affiliation.

C.2.2 To qualify for selection an angler must have consistently abided by SASCOC's Code of Conduct during the 3 years prior to team selections:

- C.2.2.1 Respect the rules and play in the spirit of the game.
- C.2.2.2 Display high standards of behaviour that promote a positive image for the game.
- C.2.2.3 Respect the opponents.
- C.2.2.4 Respect the officials and their decisions.
- C.2.2.5 Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- C.2.2.6 Give team-mates positive inputs and feedback.
- C.2.2.7 Compete fairly.
- C.2.2.8 Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language or behaviour on or off the field.
- C.2.2.9 Maintain a sense of self-control and dignity at all times.
- C.2.2.10 Thank officials and opposing teams after every game/match.
- C.2.2.11 Maintain a sense of integrity.
- C.2.2.12 Respect the facilities/equipment.
- C.2.2.13 Be a true team player.
- C.2.2.14 Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence, and other dangers to the sport; and
- C.2.2.15 Denounce those who attempt to discredit the sport.

C.2.3 The 3-year ranking system will serve as the primary indication of angler merit and should be used as guidance for selectors to identify a subgroup of anglers to be considered for selection. Together with the 3year ranking system, the selectors shall also consider, but not be limited to the following aspects:

- The angler's ability to cast.
- The angler's ability to wade.
- The angler's physical strength and fitness.
- The angler's work rate during the competition.
- The angler's ability to adjust to variable/changing angling conditions.
- The angler's bait presentation and the use of correct traces.

a) 3-year ranking.

The following Divisions will be ranked on 3 years accumulative points on the 50/30/20 basis: Ranking will be calculated as stated in C.2.4 below.

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| i | Junior u/21 | - | Points accrued in U/16 will be carried forward.
Ranking will be calculated as stated in C.2.4 below. |
| ii | Senior A | - | Ranking will be calculated as stated in C.2.4 below. |
| iii | Ladies | - | Ranking will be calculated as stated in C.2.4 below. |
| iv | Masters | - | Only points accrued in the Masters division will be considered. |
| iv | Grand Masters | - | Only points accrued in Grand Masters Division will be considered. |
| v | Senior B | - | Ranking will be calculated as stated in C.2.4 below. |

b) 2-year ranking: Junior u/16.

The Junior u/16 Division will be ranked on 2-year accumulative points on a 60/40 basis.

The individual ranking of an angler will be calculated as follows:

The maximum rank points that can be awarded for any particular year's competition is 100 points. Each angling day is awarded a percentage of the 100 points, based on total weight points for that day divided by total weight points over the 3 days. The angler that scores the highest weight points for that day is awarded the maximum rank points awarded for that day. All other anglers receive a percentage of the top angler's rank points for that day based on their weight points as a percentage of the top anglers. The total rank points of an angler for any year will be determined by the sum of the rank points over the 3 competition days. The overall rank of an angler for selection purposes is determined as the sum of the ranking positions of the angler over the past 2 years on a 60/40 basis. Anglers will be ranked according to their aggregate ranking positions as set out above (from least to most).

Anglers in this division will only be eligible for selection in his/her second year of participation.

The top angler over the above 2 years, and who have fished in both of the 2 years in question, shall be an automatic selection in the u/16 Protea side.

c) 1-year ranking: Development.

The Development Division will be ranked on 1-year points at the present tournament. Rank will be carried through to the B Division

C.2.4 The individual ranking of an angler will be calculated as follows:

The maximum rank points that can be awarded for any particular year's competition is 100 points. Each angling day is awarded a percentage of the 100 points, based on total weight points for that day divided by total weight points over the four days. The angler that scores the highest weight points for that day is awarded the maximum rank points awarded for that day. All other anglers receive a percentage of the top anglers rank points for that day based on their weight points as a percentage of the top anglers'. The total rank points of an angler for any year will be determined by the sum of the rank points over the four (4) competition days, or three (3) days in the event of the u/21, Ladies, and Grand Masters divisions. The overall rank of an angler for selection purposes is determined as the sum of the ranking positions of the angler over the past 3 years on a 50/30/20 basis. Anglers will be ranked according to their aggregate ranking positions as set out above (from least to most).

C.2.5 Based on the 3-year ranking, a subgroup of the 21 top-ranked anglers (Senior A, Masters & Ladies) will be eligible for selection to the Protea and President sides. In addition to the above group of 21, the 3 top ranked available POC's from the Senior A, Masters and Ladies Divisions shall be included to be considered for selection, of which one (1) must be selected in the Protea and Presidents teams. The reserve selected for the Protea side will 'automatically' be selected to the President Side. For all other divisions (Senior B, Grand Masters, Inland, u/21 & u/16) the sub group will consist of the 12 top ranked anglers. In addition to the subgroup of 12 anglers in both the u/16 & u/21 Divisions, the top 3 ranked available POC's in both (u/16 & u/21) divisions, shall be included in the pool of anglers to be considered for selection. In both (u/16 & u/21) divisions at least one (1) POC must be included in the Protea team. In addition to the subgroup of 12 anglers in both the Seniors B and Inland Divisions, the top 3 ranked available POC's in both divisions, shall be included in the pool of anglers to be considered for selection. In both the Seniors B and Inland divisions at least one (1) POC must be included in the Presidents team.

- C.2.6** (i) In the Senior A Division and the Ladies Division, anglers shall only qualify for selection to the respective Protea teams, after first being selected to, and having competed in, the Senior A or Ladies Presidents teams in at least 1 (one) previous tournament.
- (ii) In the Masters Division, all anglers who have previously been selected to, and having competed in at least one(1), Senior A Protea, Senior A President's, SA Masters or SA Masters President's teams, shall qualify for Masters Protea colours. All other anglers shall first have to be selected to the Masters Presidents side and having competed in such tournament at least 1(one) previous year, before qualifying for selection to the Masters Protea team.
- (iii) In the interest of transparency and to affirm SASAA's commitment to the validity of the ranking system, the top 3 eligible anglers should be regarded as automatic selection for the Protea Senior A, Masters, Ladies, Junior u/21 and the SA Grand Masters teams, but subject to the provisions of Sec(s) C.2.6 (i) and (ii) above in respect of the Senior A, Ladies and Masters teams.
- C.2.7** The President Inland team of seven (7) anglers is to be selected from the 12 top ranked (over 3 years), eligible Inland anglers, ensuring automatic selection for the top 7.
- C.2.8** Supplemental to the ranked anglers, the following information should be available to the selection panel as standard issue:
- (a) The individual performance of the pool of anglers to be considered for selection for each of the 3 years, i.e. where each individual angler ended each of the proceeding 3 years' tournaments on individual standing (for example 7th, 19th and 3rd);
 - (b) Details of catches over the previous 3 years; and
 - (c) Any additional information as identified by the selectors.
- C.2.9** All Anglers must nominate prior to the start of the tournament, the relevant teams that they are available for eg: an angler that envisages selection into the Protea Seniors A team must nominate accordingly prior to the start of the tournament and ideally when entry form are submitted by his/her relevant Union for the respective tournament.
- C.2.10** The above selections are at the selector's discretion and should be fully discussed and then put to a vote. The outcome of the vote is determined by a simple majority and, only in the case of a split vote, does the convener have a casting vote.
- C.2.11** The selectors will also select a Captain to represent both the Protea and Presidents sides. The team Managers of the Protea sides will be selected by the SASAA Executive Committee prior to the selection process.
- C.2.12** Associations that suspect that adherence to the Protocol, or any other Constitutional regulation, has been neglected or breached, will have the Right to Appeal.
- C.2.13** Appeal Process:
- (a) Associations may lodge written appeals, with the secretary of SASAA within seven (7) days from the date of team announcement.
 - (b) The Appeal should clearly state/include:
 - The name/names and number/numbers of the individual/individuals alleged to have been disadvantaged.
 - Specific details as to which section/sections of the Protocol or Constitution has not been adhered to.
 - Lodge a deposit of R500.00 to the Treasurer of SASAA; and
 - Should the Appeal be upheld the deposit will be returned to the Association(s).
- C.2.14** Appeal Adjudication:

- (a) The Executive Committee shall adjudicate all Appeals.
- (b) Consult with the Convener of the relevant Selection Committee.
- (c) Consult with relevant individual selectors, if required.
- (d) The final ruling, reflecting all relevant evidence, shall be communicated in writing to all Associations; and
- (e) The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding.

C.2.15 In the event of incorrect or insufficient information being available to the selectors at the time of selecting any of the above teams, SASAA through its Executive Committee retains the right to make changes to selections after the fact. SASAA also retains the right to postpone the selection process should circumstances warrants such action. Should changes to selections or postponement of the selection process be required, SASAA will endeavour to communicate the rationale for such actions to its member associations and the individual anglers.

C.2.16 An angler who was part of the sub-group of anglers to be considered for team selection, and who was not selected, shall have the right, in terms of the PAJA Act (Bylaw J) to request reasons for his/her non-selection, to enable him/her to improve his/her angling skills or personal development in angling, in order to be considered for future team selection. The request for information must be done in writing and submitted to the SASAA Secretary within twenty-one (21) days from the team announcement at the Prizegiving.

C3. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The announcement of the respective SASAA National and/or Invitational Teams shall be made annually during the prize giving function of the specific Division's National Championship event.

C4. SPECIFIC SELECTION NOTES.

- 1) Selector's criteria must be published in the tournament booklet, the ADM agenda and the SASAA representative must distribute a hard copy to the selection committee after the ADM.
- 2) The Protea (Senior A, Masters, Ladies, u/21 & u/16) and the SA Grand Masters teams selected after conclusion of the respective Divisional Championships, shall consist of a maximum of 7 anglers, a Team Manager and or a Captain. Only the total points scored by the top six (6) anglers for these teams will be eligible as team points at the completion of the tournament.
- 3) The President (Senior A, Senior B, Senior Inland, Ladies, Masters & Development) teams, shall consist of a maximum of 7 anglers and a Team Manager. Only the total points scored by the top six (6) anglers for these teams will be eligible as team points at the completion of the tournament.
- 4) Loan Anglers from Coastal Associations shall not be eligible for selection of the President Inland team but will still be allowed to retain their ranking/points obtained at any National tournament.
- 5) The regularity of the selection of the Protea teams shall entirely depend on:
 - i) The availability of tournaments; and
 - ii) SASCOC participation approval.

6) It has become necessary for the team captains to collate feedback from their team and thereafter provide comprehensive feedback to SASAA following international competitions. This feedback is from an angler perspective and will focus on assessing the efficiency and capability of team managers and coaches in leading and coaching their teams effectively. These reports will also be a critical element to consider in future selection of team managers and coaches.