

Squash Tasmania Junior Performance Pathway Player Selection Regulation

The Committee will select players based on the player selection criteria annually in October. Players are to be selected based on the selection criteria below.

Players selected by the Performance Pathway Committee will be invited to join the Performance Pathway Squad. They will be sent a letter outlining the objectives and requirements of the program, as well as an approximate costing of attending the tournaments players are suggested to attend. They will have a minimum of two weeks to respond to the invitation. They will be required to provide a written response confirming they commit to the Player Regulation. Their selection in the Performance Pathway will be valid until the next annual review unless there is a violation of the Player Regulation. A year in the program will run from December to the following October this allows for a full training schedule to be established by the athletes and their coaches for the two major Australian junior tournaments as set out by Squash Australia.

Players may choose to exit the program or not accept the invitation at which point they will not be reconsidered for selection in the squad until the next annual review. Players who do not accept a position in the squad will still be eligible for State Team selection.

The Committee will meet in October to select the Performance Pathway players for the next year. The Committee will also meet in January, April and July to review the current players and to decide whether any new players should be invited to join the squad for the remainder of the calendar year.

To be considered for selection:

- The player must be registered with Squash Tasmania and have played in each of the State Team Selection Junior Tournaments
- The player must be of eligible age to play in the next Australian Junior Championships
- The player is considered to be of sufficient skill to at least be competitive on a national level
- The player is considered to be a potential state team player in the next Australian Junior Championships or has the potential to be a state player for the following Australian Junior Championships.
 - This is to allow juniors who have moved up an age group, and are not likely to make the next state junior team, or are younger than 12 years old, but show potential to be a state junior team player in the future, to continue training at a high level to maintain improvement.

The players are to be selected by a majority vote of the Committee. In the event where there is a split vote the Committee will discuss the players and if a decision cannot be reached the chairperson has the deciding vote.

When considering the revision of the squad and possible inclusion of other players at the January, April and July meeting the Committee should also consider the number of players already selected. In general the committee should aim to keep the squad to a maximum of the top six players in each age group.

The Committee will aim to select up to four male players and four female players in each age group (where 'age group' is defined by the definition given by Squash Australia for the Australian Junior

Championships) where they meet the criteria listed above. In the instance where there are insufficient players who meet the required criteria then those places will be left blank. In the instance where there are more than four players who meet the criteria (i.e. in the event of a very close group of 5 or 6 players in the same age group, or the Committee wishes to encourage particular players to continue their training) the Committee may elect additional players to be selected at their discretion. This is to ensure there is strong competition not only for the top two spots in the State Junior Team but for the third reserve spot, and that competition is good for future years.

It is noted that under the alternate definition of 'age group' used for the Australian Junior Open some players may end up competing in a different age group in this event compared to the Australian Junior Championships. However selection will be completed based on Australian Junior Championship age groups as success at this event is the ultimate goal.

In the event that a player does not adhere to the Player Regulation the committee will issue a warning and then in the event of any further indiscretion remove them from the Squad. The Committee may also place conditions on a player when inviting them to join the squad which they must meet to remain a Performance Pathway Player.