



NZPF NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION POLICY

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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To be eligible for selection in a NZPF National team, the following conditions apply:

1. The player must be a New Zealand Citizen or hold New Zealand Residency.
2. The player must be a currently registered and financial playing member of a NZPF affiliated club/association or hold a current and registered NZPF individual membership.
3. Attendance at the relevant National or Selection Tournament is compulsory for selection unless the National Team Selectors have granted an exemption.
4. If any National Tournament or selection event comprises of more than one weekend or session, players are required to attend all weekends or sessions, unless an exemption is granted.
5. A player may be eligible for more than one national team.
6. There is no age eligibility with respect to National Squad or National Team selection; however players must comply with age eligibility guidelines for relevant National and International tournaments.
7. Players must comply with any rules of eligibility applied by NZPF and relating specifically to the tournament or event that they are being selected for – i.e. age-restrictions, performance or specific skill parameters.
8. Players must only use legal equipment according to FIPFA Guidelines.
9. Players must be able to display appropriate skill sets.
10. Players must display appropriate behaviours on and off the court and must not bring FIPFA, NZPF or the sport of Powerchair Football into disrepute.

National Team Selectors

Summary

The national team selectors are responsible for steering the selection process for representative teams for international championships. These events include; Paralympic Games, World Cup, APO Cup, Friendly Internationals and Development Competitions such as the APF Nationals.

The NZPF Committee appoints selectors for the period up to and including the 2015 World Cup.

Typically three selectors are appointed; however this may be varied if it is deemed that a better outcome for a team will occur from appointing more selectors. If a head coach is in place for a team, it is expected that they will be added as a selector for that team taking up one of the selector positions, and fulfill the selector role as described below in addition to their coaching duties.

The core of the selector's role is to make decisions about which players will be on the team.

Central to this role is communicating with all players who have nominated for selection, so that those players know where they stand in selection during the process. Selectors need to be accessible to players with questions and need to actively drive communication and the overall selection process.

It is ideal that selectors have extensive experience in powerchair football, team building and selection.

Selectors are expected to attend all nominated selection events and to be involved in selection meetings on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Tasks

Attend nominated selection events

Attend local training sessions if appropriate

Work with coaches and prospective team leaders to assist in:

- Planning the national calendar in relation to team selection needs
- Gather input on candidates
- Determine the time commitment and event attendance required from each player
- Observe players in training and competitive environments
- Maintain player dossiers
- Share player dossiers with other relevant selectors.
- Provide timely feedback to players via email, phone or in person
- Provide a candidate player, with, on request:
 - A suggested best-fit role on the team
 - A percentage chance that that player will make the team at that point in time
- Select the players for the team
- Provide the NZPF Committee with a written report on the selection process if required

Essential Criteria

- Be a member of the NZPF and abide by its policies
- Access to internet, email, web, MS Excel, MS Word or equivalent/compatible
- Strong written (especially email) and oral communication skills
- Ability to be frank and open in providing feedback to players
- Previous experience selecting a powerchair football team
- Unbiased and display sound judgment
- Work well in a team

Desirable criteria

Previous experience in an elite-level selection process, preferably powerchair football or another sport

As the selector will be working in a committee, it is not essential that each selector has full knowledge, but as a whole, the selection panel should encompass:

- first-hand high-level knowledge of a variety of players trying out for the team
- knowledge of current tactics and structures used internationally
- knowledge of the athletic demands of a world championship
- knowledge of training techniques for skills, tactical and physical development

Remuneration

The role is essentially a volunteer position, but reasonable costs will be covered NZPF if funding is available.

Travel and accommodation costs to get to training and selection camps, NZPF national events (if required)

Termination

If for any reason the terms of the contract cannot be fulfilled, either party may terminate it by giving one months notice in writing.