

### Trans-Tasman Junior Test Series Team 2018

The Squash New Zealand Trans-Tasman Junior Team will compete at the Trans-Tasman Championships held 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Redcliffe PCYC, Brisbane, Queensland.

The Oceania Junior Championships are being held 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January in Redcliffe, Brisbane, Queensland.

The Australian Junior Open is held 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January at Nerang Squash Centre, Gold Coast, Queensland.

This selection policy details the process and criteria by which Squash NZ will select players to compete at the 2018 Oceania Junior Championships and Trans-Tasman Test Series Championships.

### Team Members

The High-Performance Manager and Junior Selectors will select the team to represent Squash NZ. A team of 18 players, two coaches and two managers consisting of the following players:

- 2 x U/13 Girls
- 2 x U/13 Boys
- 2 x U/15 Girls
- 2 x U/15 Boys
- 2 x U/17 Girls
- 2 x U/17 Boys
- 2 x U/19 Girls
- \*4 x U/19 Boys (world championship year)

The age cut-off date is the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 for the Trans-Tasman Test Series.

\*The higher number of boys is to provide preparation for the 2018 World Junior Men's Championships Team to allow for increased international exposure and preparation.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection in the Trans-Tasman Team for the championships, a player:

- Must lodge their interest in representing New Zealand at the 2018 Oceania Junior Championships and Trans-Tasman Test Series in writing to the High-Performance Manager Shelley Kitchen at [shelley@squashnz.co.nz](mailto:shelley@squashnz.co.nz) by 5pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.
- Must be a member of an affiliated club, and in good standing with their district and Squash NZ.
- Must be eligible to represent New Zealand in the Championships. This requires that a player be born in New Zealand, or be a citizen of New Zealand, or have resided in New Zealand for at least the three years immediately preceding the Championships; and,
- Must not have represented another country in the three (3) years preceding the start date of the Championships in a recognised international Squash Team Championship in any age group.

### Player Selection Criteria for Trans-Tasman Test Team:

- Performances during the 2017 season;
- Results at the 2017 NZ Junior Nationals;
- Grading list;
- Grading list activity;

- October National junior rankings;
- On and off court behavior during 2017 that does not contravene NZ Squash Code of Conduct;
- Players ability to perform in a team environment;
- Players in the Squash NZ National Squad program will have priority based upon developing their potential medal winning capability at major events.

### **Suspended or Deselected**

A player selected for the championships may be suspended or deselected if the Squash NZ High Performance Manager and Junior Selectors, at its absolute discretion, considers that the player:

- Due to illness or injury, becomes unable to perform to a standard deemed satisfactory by Squash NZ. Squash NZ may obtain and act upon medical advice for determining whether a player's physical condition warrants deselection for this purpose;
- Demonstrates a lack of training or tournament preparation required to perform to the best of their abilities, this includes non-participation in training camps or selected events;
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping or Match-Fixing policies of Squash NZ, WSF or other approved agencies.

### **Selection Date, Notification and Announcement**

Players selected to be a member of the Trans-Test Series Team will be notified via written or verbal communication by the Squash NZ High Performance Manager of their selection.

- The Squash NZ High Performance Manager and the Junior Selectors will select the team,
- The team selected will be announced on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017,
- If a player has not been personally notified of their selection by that date, that player can assume that they have not been selected for the team.

### **Athlete Commitment Once Selected**

Once selected to the Team, and to remain selected, players shall:

- Agree their training and competition programme with the Squash NZ High Performance Manager in preparation for the event;
- Maintain status as a member of the team in good standing with their district and Squash NZ;
- Demonstrate commitment to the team by maintaining or improving their fitness levels and ensuring that their competitive performances are maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the championships;
- If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Squash NZ) to remain as a selected player on the team;
- Athletes must provide medical clearance when requested by Squash NZ as per the athlete agreement;
- Failure to satisfy the above criteria by a player may result in the player being removed from the team entirely;
- Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed and continued selection will be dependent on these factors.

## **Appeals**

Any player who is aggrieved by the Squash NZ High Performance Manager and junior selectors' decision not to select them in the team may appeal the decision initially to the Squash New Zealand Board through the High-Performance Manager, and if still not satisfied, to the Sports Disputes Tribunal of New Zealand.

An appeal to the Sports Dispute Tribunal may only be made on one or more of the following grounds:

- The selection criteria have not been properly followed and/or implemented
- The person seeking selection was not afforded reasonable opportunity to satisfy the applicable selection criteria
- The selection decision was affected by actual bias, or
- There was no basis on which the selection decision could have reasonably been made.

The selection appeal must be filed within ten days of the selectors' decision being published. The decision of the Sports Disputes Tribunal shall be final and there shall be no further right of appeal.

## **Funding**

Team members will have to contribute approximately \$1500.00 to the cost of competing in the OJC and NZ Trans-Tasman Team. The NZ team will be departing Auckland 9 January and returning 17 January 2018. If team members want to compete in the Australian Junior Open following the Trans-Tasman Test Series, it is individual's parent's responsibility to accommodate the players during the event and their return travel to New Zealand.

During the OJC and Trans-Tasman Test Series Squash NZ will contribute to:

- Flights from Auckland to Brisbane on the 9<sup>th</sup> January and Brisbane to Auckland return 17<sup>th</sup> January;
- Accommodation from the 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of January 2018;
- Coaching/Manager Fees;
- Uniforms;
- Food (Main meals only).

An exact amount the players will have to contribute will be advised on selection. For further information on cost or any questions please contact Squash NZ High-Performance Manager Shelley Kitchen at [shelley@squashnz.co.nz](mailto:shelley@squashnz.co.nz).