



SELECTION CRITERIA

INTER PROVINCIAL TEAMS | 2026

RANKING SYSTEM

The current ranking system is a differential against the course rating on the day at the open event and / or counting events. The ranking system works on a rolling 12-month basis. At the time of selection, the last 12 months of rolling differential shall be used. Each player will benefit from 2 of their worst rounds being removed from the average provided you have played 7 or more events in the past 12 months. Below is set out by team the minimum criteria required to be selected and / or eligible for selection. It is also noted that a player may not play more than 2 IPT events in the same calendar year. It is further noted that should any MGU open not score the event on the required system / format and or not meet the minimum criteria to hand a ranking event it will not count towards the order of merit.

12 MONTHS	2 ROUNDS	MAX 2 IPTs
Rolling ranking period	Worst rounds removed*	Per calendar year

**Provided 7 or more events have been played in the past 12 months.*



PREMIER IPT

TEAM SELECTION: 1 January annually | AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS: Top 4

HOW THE TEAM IS SELECTED

1

Top 4 players on the order of merit are automatically in the team. Should a player in the top 4 be unavailable or choose not to play, that spot rolls down to the next person on the order of merit and so on.

2

2 spots are allocated to the Mpumalanga SAGDB Chapter to select their top 2 players within the Mpumalanga SAGDB Chapter. These players need to be the top 2 Mpumalanga SAGDB players on the MGU order of merit.

3

The last 2 spots will be selected by the Selection Committee to strengthen the team. These 2 spots are open to any criteria that the Selection Committee sees fit at the time to strengthen the team for the IPT.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Minimum 6 events played in past 12 months.
- ✓ Compulsory Events: MGU Closed. Lowveld Open or Highveld Open.
- ✓ GolfRSA Official Open events will count towards ranking and selection.
- ✓ It is the onus of players to ensure all their tournament rounds are entered correctly and timorously into the HNA system. Players who do not enter 90%+ of their counting tournament rounds into the HNA system will not be eligible for selection.



COUNTRY DISTRICTS IPT

TEAM SELECTION: 1 June annually | AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS: Top 5

HOW THE TEAM IS SELECTED

1	Top 5 players on the order of merit are automatically in the team. Should a player in the top 5 be unavailable or choose not to play, that spot rolls down to the next person on the order of merit and so on.
2	The remaining 3 spots are fulfilled as follows: 2 players as wild cards chosen by the Selection Committee and the highest ranked player of colour on the order of merit that is eligible. Should the player of colour form part of the automatic 5 players, the Selection Committee will choose 3 wild cards.
3	It is noted that a wild card selection needs to still meet the eligibility as well be ranked inside the top 20 of the order of merit.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Minimum 6 events played in past 12 months.
- ✓ Compulsory Events: MGU Closed, Lowveld Open or Highveld Open.
- ✓ It is the onus of players to ensure all their tournament rounds are entered correctly and timorously into the HNA system. Players who do not enter 90%+ of their counting tournament rounds into the HNA system will not be eligible for selection.



MID AMATEUR IPT

TEAM SELECTION: 1 June annually | AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS: Top 5

HOW THE TEAM IS SELECTED

1

Top 5 players on the order of merit are automatically in the team. Should a player in the top 5 be unavailable or choose not to play, that spot rolls down to the next person on the order of merit and so on.

2

The remaining 3 spots are fulfilled as follows: 2 players as wild cards chosen by the Selection Committee and the highest ranked player of colour on the order of merit that is eligible. Should the player of colour form part of the automatic 5 players, the Selection Committee will choose 3 wild cards.

3

It is noted that a wild card selection needs to still meet the eligibility as well be ranked inside the top 20 of the order of merit.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Minimum 6 events played in past 12 months.
- ✓ Compulsory Events: MGU Closed and MGU Mid Am.
- ✓ It is the onus of players to ensure all their tournament rounds are entered correctly and timorously into the HNA system. Players who do not enter 90%+ of their counting tournament rounds into the HNA system will not be eligible for selection.
- ✓ Should a player turn 30 prior to the IPT date he will be eligible despite missing some criteria because of when his birthday falls in the year. He will have to be a pick and cannot automatically qualify.



SENIOR IPT

TEAM SELECTION: 1 December annually | AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS: Top 5

HOW THE TEAM IS SELECTED

1	Top 5 players on the order of merit are automatically in the team. Should a player in the top 5 be unavailable or choose not to play, that spot rolls down to the next person on the order of merit and so on.
2	The remaining 3 spots are fulfilled by the Selection Committee.
3	It is noted that a wild card selection needs to still meet the eligibility as well be ranked inside the top 20 of the order of merit.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Minimum 6 events played in past 12 months.
- ✓ Compulsory Events: MGU Closed and MGU Senior Open or Lowveld Senior Open.
- ✓ It is the onus of players to ensure all their tournament rounds are entered correctly and timorously into the HNA system. Players who do not enter 90%+ of their counting tournament rounds into the HNA system will not be eligible for selection.
- ✓ Should a player turn 50 prior to the IPT date he will be eligible despite missing some criteria because of when his birthday falls in the year. He will have to be a pick and cannot automatically qualify.



SUPER SENIOR IPT

TEAM SELECTION: 1 December annually | AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS: Top 2

HOW THE TEAM IS SELECTED

1	Top 2 players on the order of merit are automatically in the team. Should a player in the top 2 be unavailable or choose not to play, that spot rolls down to the next person on the order of merit and so on.
2	The remaining 2 spots are fulfilled by the Selection Committee.
3	It is noted that a wild card selection needs to still meet the eligibility as well be ranked inside the top 20 of the order of merit.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Minimum 6 events played in past 12 months.
- ✓ Compulsory Events: MGU Closed and MGU Senior Open or Lowveld Senior Open.
- ✓ It is the onus of players to ensure all their tournament rounds are entered correctly and timorously into the HNA system. Players who do not enter 90%+ of their counting tournament rounds into the HNA system will not be eligible for selection.
- ✓ Should a player turn 60 prior to the IPT date he will be eligible despite missing some criteria because of when his birthday falls in the year. He will have to be a pick and cannot automatically qualify.



NOTES ON SELECTION

MGU SELECTION COMMITTEE

The over-riding principle and goal is to select the strongest team possible for each IPT. The purpose of this document is to provide a clear understanding for players and encourage player participation. In no way is the intention to place unnecessary restrictions on the Selection Committee. The interpretation of these rules and criteria is at the sole discretion of the MGU Selection Committee, and every team needs to be signed off by the president of the union. Any such decision shall be final. Final selection of the team rests with the Selection Committee of the MGU. Other relevant factors at the discretion of the Selection Committee will be previous and current code of conduct, golf etiquette and behaviour (current and past) on and off the course.

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