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National Men's Inter-Provincial Tournament Qualification & Eligibility Policy

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Status: For consultation and verification against the current GolfRSA tournament conditions. This document is not an approved or published GolfRSA policy.

1. Purpose and scope

This proposed framework sets out a consistent national approach to establishing player eligibility for GolfRSA men's inter-provincial team events. It covers Premier, Mid-Amateur, Senior, Super Senior, Country Districts / Coastal Challenge and Junior (U/19) IPTs. It distinguishes eligibility to represent a province from the province's discretion to select its team.

2. General eligibility framework

- Players must comply with the current Rules of Amateur Status and the conditions of the relevant GolfRSA event.
- A player must be eligible to represent the nominating provincial union under the current GolfRSA affiliation, handicap and transfer rules.
- Citizenship or permanent-residency requirements must be applied only to the extent prescribed by the current GolfRSA conditions.
- A player must meet the age requirement on the event's stipulated age-reference date.
- Provincial Unions with less than 5 500 affiliated male members can play as many IPTs as they wish.
- The nominating union is responsible for verifying supporting records before submitting its team.

3. Division-specific qualification

Event	Age restriction	Transformation / SA Citizen
Premier IPT	No minimum age	Minimum of one player
Mid-Amateur IPT	30 years at start of event	Minimum of one player
Senior IPT	50 years at start of event	No minimum requirement
Super Senior IPT	60 years at start of event	No minimum requirement
Country Districts IPT / Challenge IPT	Player may not be younger than 16 years of age at the start of the event.	Minimum of one player
Junior / U19 IPT	Under 19 at start of event	Minimum of two players

Note: Country District & Challenge age minimum proposal as well as transformation requirements. SA Citizen.

4. Provincial selection versus national eligibility

A provincial union may establish its own transparent and documented selection measures/criteria, such as order-of-merit standings, minimum tournament starts, league participation, trials, team compatibility and selectors' picks, provided they do not conflict with GolfRSA conditions.

5. Affiliation and transfers

Any player representing a union should be handicapped and affiliated at least six-month prior to each team event in order to qualify for their respective Union. Permanent relocation and exemptions can be submitted to GolfRSA for review. GolfRSA should confirm the permitted exceptions, evidence requirements and decision-making authority in writing to each Union.

6. Verification and entry procedure

1. Each union checks age, identity, amateur status, club affiliation, handicap history and any relevant prior IPT participation.
2. The union confirms each player meets the published conditions for the specific competition year.
3. Any requested exception is referred to GolfRSA in writing before final entry, with supporting documentation.
4. The union retains its eligibility evidence and submits the team by the prescribed deadline.

7. Transformation and representation

Any applicable transformation and team-composition requirements must be taken from the current GolfRSA-approved competition conditions and governing policies.

8. Decisions, exceptions and disputes

GolfRSA should identify the body/committee authorised to interpret national eligibility, decide applications for exceptions, hear eligibility objections and issue binding decisions. Provincial selection appeals should remain governed by each union's approved selection procedures, subject to applicable GolfRSA governance requirements.

9. Priority of rules and review

Where this framework conflicts with the current GolfRSA tournament conditions, formally adopted GolfRSA regulations or applicable transformation charters, those controlling provisions prevail. Review annually before entries open and publish any changes with an effective date.

10. Union size

Restrictions apply to unions with more than 5500 players.
Unions with less than 5500 No restrictions apply.

Appendix A — Items requiring GolfRSA confirmation

- Official age cutoff for each event and the age-reference date.
- Citizenship, permanent residence, amateur status and handicap requirements.
- Six-month provincial affiliation/transfer rule and exceptions.
- Any category-specific transformation/team-composition requirements.
- Final team sizes, entry deadlines, documentation and appeal procedures.

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM EVENT Premier IPT

Information

- The Premier Inter Provincial Tournament takes place in **April**.

Age Limit

- No age limit applies.

Minimum Requirements

- Transformation: In alignment with the GolfRSA transformation charter a minimum of one player of colour will be selected to represent the Union in the Premier IPT team.
- The player must be a South African Citizen or
- A foreign player must be in possession of proof that he is a permanent resident and / or has the necessary work / study visa and has proof that he has lived in South Africa for at least 1 year and does not count towards the transformation target.
- This is subject to change and will act in according to the GolfRSA policy at the time of selection.

GolfRSA Conditions

- Players that have moved to a Union, must be an affiliated member of a golf club and handicapped in their region for at least 6 (six) months, before being eligible for team events. The 6 (six) month window applies from handicap effective date, until start of respective IPT/Team event. Exception may be granted by GolfRSA should a player have permanently relocated to a different Union.

Union Conditions

- Players at any level of selection may at the discretion of the Union committee, be overlooked for selection, irrespective of their position on the order of merit should such players have a poor team performance record & contribution to team morale, or disciplinary record at either team, club or provincial level.

Eligibility for other GolfRSA sanctioned team events

Players participating in Premier IPT may qualify for any other age-related tournament in the same year:

Junior IPT
Mid-Amateur IPT
Senior IPT
Super Senior IPT

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM EVENT Mid-Amateur IPT

Information

- The Mid-Amateur Inter Provincial Tournament annually takes place in October.

Age Limit

- Players must be 30 (thirty) years of age at the start of the Mid-Amateur IPT.

Minimum Requirements

- Transformation: In alignment with the GolfRSA transformation charter a minimum of one player of colour will be selected to represent the Union in the Mid-Amateur IPT team.
- The player must be a South African Citizen or
- A foreign player must be in possession of proof that he is a permanent resident and / or has the necessary work / study visa and has proof that he has lived in South Africa for at least 1 year and does not count towards the transformation target.
- This is subject to change and will act in according to the GolfRSA policy at the time of selection.

GolfRSA Conditions

- Players that have moved to a Union, must be an affiliated member of a golf club and handicapped in their region for at least 6 (six) months, before being eligible for team events. The 6 (six) month window applies from handicap effective date, until start of respective IPT/Team event. Exception may be granted by GolfRSA should a player have permanently relocated to a different Union.

Union Conditions

- Players at any level of selection may at the discretion of the Union committee, be overlooked for selection, irrespective of their position on the order of merit should such players have a poor team performance record & contribution to team morale, or disciplinary record at either team, club or provincial level.

Eligibility for other GolfRSA sanctioned team events

Players participating in Mid-Amateur IPT may qualify for the following tournament within the same year:

Premier IPT

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM EVENT: Country Districts / Challenge IPT

Information

- The Country Districts / Challenge Inter Provincial Tournament annually takes place in September.

Age Limit

- Players must be 16 years or older at the start of the event.

Minimum Requirements

- Transformation: In alignment with the GolfRSA transformation charter a minimum of one player of colour will be selected to represent the Union in the Country Districts / Challenge IPT team.
- The player must be a South African Citizen or
- A foreign player must be in possession of proof that he is a permanent resident and / or has the necessary work / study visa and has proof that he has lived in South Africa for at least 1 year and does not count towards the transformation target.
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GolfRSA Conditions

- Players that have moved to a Union, must be an affiliated member of a golf club and handicapped in their region for at least 6 (six) months, before being eligible for team events. The 6 (six) month window applies from handicap effective date, until start of respective IPT/Team event. Exception may be granted by GolfRSA should a player have permanently relocated to a different Union.

Union Conditions

- Players at any level of selection may at the discretion of the Union committee, be overlooked for selection, irrespective of their position on the order of merit should such players have a poor team performance record & contribution to team morale, or disciplinary record at either team, club or provincial level.

Eligibility for other GolfRSA sanctioned team events

- Players participating in Country Districts or Challenge IPT may qualify for the following tournaments in the same year: Junior IPT

  Players who have participated in one of the following events in the same year will not be eligible for this team:

  Premier IPT
  Senior / Super Senior
  Mid-Amateur IPT (Previous year)

- NO Restrictions to Unions with less than 5500 members.

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM EVENT Senior & Super Senior IPT

Information

- The Senior Inter Provincial Tournament annually takes place in May.

Age Limit (Minimum)

- Players must be 50 (fifty) years of age on the start date of the Senior IPT.
- Players must be 60 (sixty) years of age on the start date of the Super Senior IPT.

Minimum Requirements

- The player must be a South African Citizen or
- A foreign player must be in possession of proof that he is a permanent resident and / or has the necessary work / study visa and has proof that he has lived in South Africa for at least 1 year
- This is subject to change and will act in according to the GolfRSA policy at the time of selection.

GolfRSA Conditions

- Players that have moved to a Union, must be an affiliated member of a golf club and handicapped in their region for at least 6 (six) months, before being eligible for team events. The 6 (six) month window applies from handicap effective date, until start of respective IPT/Team event. Exception may be granted by GolfRSA should a player have permanently relocated to a different Union.

Union Conditions

- Players at any level of selection may at the discretion of the Union committee, be overlooked for selection, irrespective of their position on the order of merit should such players have a poor team performance record & contribution to team morale, or disciplinary record at either team, club or provincial level.

Eligibility for other GolfRSA sanctioned team events

- Players participating in Senior or Super Senior IPT may qualify for the following tournament in the same year:

  Premier IPT

  Players will not be eligible to participate in the following events:

  Mid-Amateur IPT

  Country Districts / Challenge IPT

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM EVENT U/19 IPT

Information

- The U/19 Inter Provincial Tournament annually takes place in December.

Age Limit

- Only players that are under 19 (Nineteen) years of age at the start of the tournament will be eligible for the U/19 IPT.

Minimum Requirements

- Transformation: In alignment with the GolfRSA transformation charter, a minimum of TWO players of color will be selected to represent the Union in the Junior IPT team.
- The player must be a South African Citizen or
- A foreign player must be in possession of proof that he is a permanent resident and / or has the necessary work / study visa and has proof that he has lived in South Africa for at least 1 year and does not count towards the transformation target.
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- Players that have moved to a Union, must be an affiliated member of a golf club and handicapped in their region for at least 6 (six) months, before being eligible for team events. The 6 (six) month window applies from handicap effective date, until start of respective IPT/Team event. Exception may be granted by GolfRSA should a player have permanently relocated to a different Union.

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Eligibility for other GolfRSA sanctioned team events

- Players participating in Junior IPT may qualify for the following tournaments in the following year:
  Premier IPT
  Country District or Challenge IPT (if 16 years and older at the start of the tournament.