



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PLAYERS TO REPRESENT THE FREE STATE GOLF

UNION'S PROVINCIAL SIDES – 2023

1. Players wishing to qualify for the 5 provincial sides (Country Districts, Mid-Amateur, **Seniors, Super Seniors** and IPT Provincial Team) will be selected on the basis of a merit system.

All players in selected tournaments will be entered into Order of Merit for the side/sides they qualify to participate in. The season for Selection start 1 August 2022. Please see Fixture List on Union Website fsgugolf.co.za.

2. The merit system awards points for the first 6 places of registered players in a round to specific tournaments indicated on the Free State Calendar as follows:

1 st place and ties:	50 points (per round)
2 nd and ties:	35 points
3 rd and ties:	25 points
4 th and ties:	15 points
5 th and ties:	10 points
6 th and ties:	5 points
Bonus:	10 points for any round under par

3. **At the FS Provincial Open, the points will be allocated in the normal manner for rounds 1 and 2. For rounds 3 and 4 the points will be allocated in the same manner as for a Provincial Open – these scores to then be allocated per round and counts towards selection for the IPT team only.**

The overall winner of a Tournament will receive a bonus of 50 points, 2nd will earn 35 points, 3rd will earn 25 points, 4th will earn 15 points, 5th will earn 10 points and 6th will earn 5 points. All rounds must be played in the tournaments indicated for qualification purposes and to qualify for selection in the 2022/2023 season a player must play a minimum of:

12 rounds for the Country District side	(TBA)
12 rounds for the Senior or Super Senior Sides	(TBA)
12 rounds for the Provincial side	(TBA)
12 rounds for the Mid-Amateur side	(TBA)

5 In addition to the Union's Tournaments players can also score merit points and rounds by participating in the SA Amateur **(Strokeplay)** and other **Provincial** Union's Open Championships (per tournament). **Mid-Am Opens as well as Senior Opens as follows to count only for Mid- Am/Senior Teams.**

SA Amateur:	Finish in top 10:	100 points
(Stroke play)	Finish in top 20:	75 points
	Finish in top 50:	50 points
Provincial Union's Open's	Finish in top 10:	60 points
(Stroke play)	Finish in top 20:	45 points
	Finish in top 50:	25 points

These points to be calculated for **the Provincial, Seniors and Mid-amateur teams. Senior and Mid-Amateur Opens count only for Senior or Mid-Amateur Teams.** Teams to be selected by the selectors who shall consist of the President, Vice-president and the team manager.

6 **The 5 top players from each merit list will automatically be selected for a side, while the 6th 7th and 8th players and the 2 reserves will be appointed by the Selectors – (except for the Super Senior Team where the top 3 players will be selected automatically with the no 4 player appointed by the Selectors.**

The Selectors will also have the option to omit any player for a team (including the top 5 or top 4 respectively from the merit lists in special circumstances).

When a player withdraws from a Selected Provincial Team after selection all other players not in the originally selected team - inclusive of any reserves – becomes wild cards and may be selected by selector's committee regardless of total rounds played to replace the withdrawn player."

Their decision will be final and will not be open for discussion **after approval by the Management Committee of the Union.**

7 The final chosen team of 8 or 6 players must take part in practice matches and/or tournaments as determined by the Union if required. Failure might result in replacing such player on a team with the reserve. The 2 reserves must commit themselves to be available for any circumstance, only emergencies will be accepted as an excuse.

8 **Players lose points for the following offences:**

***Loss of all points accrued in a Tournament for disqualification and for serious misconduct, requiring disciplinary action by the Union.**

***Suspension for 2 Tournaments for foul language and club throwing.**

9 Players must sign the Code of Conduct and Indemnity Forms of the Union and, when not behaving in a manner as may generally be expected from Provincial Players (on or off the course), will not be considered for selection, or omitted from a team.

10 **Juniors- Selection will take place as per the Junior Order of Merit. The Junior IPT team shall include 2 players of color as per SAGA requirements.**