



## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PLAYERS TO REPRESENT THE FREE STATE GOLF

### UNION'S PROVINCIAL SIDES – 2018

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

Players have to register each year to be eligible for selection to any team and only scores since registration shall count. Order of merit points count as from date of registration. The season for Selection start 1 August 2017.

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<sup>st</sup> place and ties: 50 points (per round)

2<sup>nd</sup> and ties: 35 points

3<sup>rd</sup> and ties: 25 points

4<sup>th</sup> and ties: 15 points

5<sup>th</sup> and ties: 10 points

6<sup>th</sup> and ties: 5 points

Bonus: 10 points for any round under par

**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.**

The overall winner of a Tournament will receive a bonus of 50 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> will earn 35 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> will earn 25 points, 4<sup>th</sup> will earn 15 points, 5<sup>th</sup> will earn 10 points and 6<sup>th</sup> will earn 5 points. All players will earn 5 points for attendance.

All rounds must be played in the tournaments indicated for qualification purposes and to qualify for selection in the 2016 season a player must play a minimum of:

16 rounds for the Country District side (TBA)

12 rounds for the Senior or Super Senior Sides (TBA)

17 rounds for the Provincial side (TBA)

12 rounds vir 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)** en other **Provincial** Union's Open Championships (per tournament) as follows:

SA Amateur:	Finish in top 10:	100 points
(stroke play)	Finish in top 20:	75 points
	Finish in top 50:	50 points
Provincial <b>Union's</b> 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 Team only**. Teams to be selected by the selectors.

For selection purposes of the Mid-Amateur and Senior Teams of the Union the following points will be allocated to players when they participated in the Provincial Senior Opens or Mid-Amateur Opens of other Unions. Players who play in the Senior- or Mid Amateur Open Tournament of another Union must ensure that the other Union's Open tournament is not on the same day as the Free State Open. Points accumulated in these clashing events shall not count.

The points allocated will be as follows:

Mid-Amateurs/Seniors/Super Seniors

Win:	50 points
Finish top 10:	35 points
Finish top 20:	20 points

These points will not count towards selection of the Country District or IPT teams.

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

The Selectors will also have the option to omit any player for a team (including the top 6 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 **From 2016 all players selected for teams of the Union must participate in the League of the Union and have to attend the FS Open Foursomes Tournament.**

11 **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.**