



## World Doubles Championships 2016

This selection criteria applies to all players wishing to be considered for selection by Squash New Zealand (SNZ) for the World Doubles Championships in 2016.

The National Senior Selectors will determine the athletes to be selected to attend the event on behalf of Squash New Zealand. The World Doubles Coach / Manager will also have input into the selection of the team

The underlying expectation is that the selection criteria will allow a team to be selected that best represents the needs of Squash New Zealand at this time *“represent New Zealand with pride, and have the ability to achieve Squash New Zealand’s High Performance goals”*.

### **Selection Criteria for World Doubles Championships:**

The Senior Selection Panel shall take into consideration the criteria listed below. The weighting of the criteria will be at the discretion of the panel. The panel in its deliberations will maximise the opportunity for pairings to achieve the best result. Domestic results will be used as a guide and play a role, however, given the level of competition at senior world championships, for New Zealand to be competitive we require highly ranked professional players. To be considered for selection an athlete must be a current member of the Senior National Squad.

- World rankings for the 12 months prior to the time the selections are being finalised
- Potential/experienced pairings medal success
- The performances of athletes in tournaments on the international circuit in the 12 months prior to the date the selections are being finalized
- The performance record of athletes in major events including previous World Championships and in pressure situations in international tournaments
- New Zealand rankings for the 12 months prior to the time the selections are being finalised
- The performances of athletes in tournaments in New Zealand in the 12 months prior to the date the selections are being finalised
- The performances of athletes in the immediate past New Zealand National Championships and other specified selection events
- Each athlete’s ability to ‘fit in’ to a team situation with fellow team members, the appointed manager and/or coach, taking into account previous involvement in District or National Teams
- Athlete's future potential to represent SNZ at the 2018 Commonwealth Games

In addition to the criteria identified above, Squash New Zealand will only select players who meet Squash New Zealand’s expectations and obligations, as highlighted in Squash New Zealand’s High Performance Programme.

**Important Selection Criteria Notes:**

While results in designated tournaments are an important part of choosing teams, final selection may be carried out on the basis of the selectors' discretion.

Players who have not met the conditions of their player contract/agreement with Squash New Zealand may be deemed ineligible for selection.

Past performances for New Zealand, based on coach & management reports, will be considered by the selectors.

Players must meet any New Zealand citizenship requirements as necessary to represent New Zealand in International Competition.

**Selection Events for World Doubles Championships 2016:**

There will be four doubles events for the selection of the World Doubles Championships 2016.

- New Zealand Doubles Camp, SquashGym Palmerston North, 11-12 May
- New Zealand Doubles Championships, SquashGym Palmerston North, 13-14 May
- High Performance Meet, Unitec Auckland, 28-30 June
- New Zealand Doubles Camp, Unitec Auckland 19-21 July

Invitations to attend these events will be sent from the HPPM's and HPAP leader.

Players who have been unable to attend the previous meets or camps may be invited to attend based on previous doubles experience and medal potential, however it is in players best interests to attend all camps and meets.

The purpose of these doubles events are to determine potential combinations.

These events will be seeded using the latest New Zealand Ranking list.

Should the Senior Selectors deem it necessary, a play-off between different pairings may be used to determine player selection within the team.

If players are unable to compete at these events, they must provide evidence as to why and then receive written permission to miss the event from the Senior Selectors Squash.

In the case of injury or illness, players may be required to undergo a medical assessment by a doctor or doctors nominated by Squash New Zealand, before the selectors can give any weight to any extenuating circumstances.

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In addition to performance criteria the attitude and behaviour (past and current) of the players will be considered when selections are made.

**Extenuating Circumstances:**

In considering the performances of players at events, selectors may, at their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances. For the purpose of this selection criteria, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability of a player to compete in required competitions because of:

- Injury or illness
- Travel delays
- Bereavement
- Such other circumstances as the selectors reasonably consider constitute extenuating circumstances.

**Team Announcements:**

- The player pairings and players will be announced by the end of July 2016

**Coach/Manager:**

The manager who will accompany the team at the 2016 World Doubles Championships will be (TBC).

**Appeals Regarding Selection to National Teams:**

Any player who is aggrieved by the selectors' decision not to select them in a national squad or team may appeal the decision of the selectors initially to the Squash New Zealand Board through the Squash Director, 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.