



2021 BOYS' SELECTION NOTES

1st May 2021

The aim of this document is to provide insight and guidance on the selection process for Welsh National Golf Teams (European Boys Team Championship, European Young Masters and Boys Home International Matches ONLY), in order to improve the understanding of players, parents/guardians, personal coaches, the wider golfing membership, media and other interested parties.

It is the intention of Wales Golf to enter teams to compete in the events outlined in this document. However, Wales Golf will consider COVID-19 restrictions and advice from relevant bodies on an ongoing basis and may choose not to compete in these events, should it be in the best interests of Wales Golf and our stakeholders.

We appreciate that the tournament schedule for 2021 is congested, with ongoing changes to event dates likely to lead to clashes. We also appreciate that players will have wide and varied factors to consider when planning their schedule. With this in mind, we will endeavour to take a rounded view of all performances, with the information outlined in this document acting as a guide.

Below you will find notes relevant the selection of teams in 2021, in addition to the following appendices ...

Appendix 1: Eligibility for International Selection

Appendix 2: Members of the 2021 Boys Selection Committee

Appendix 3: Key Events

Appendix 4: Announcement Dates for Wales Golf Teams (listed in this document only)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We would welcome communication regarding your availability to be considered for selection and planned tournament schedule, via **email to the Chair of Boys' Selection Committee (Chris King chrisking1967@icloud.com)**.

Due to the ongoing unprecedented situation worldwide, resulting in changes to event schedules and playing opportunities for players, **Wales Golf will be selecting teams for 2021 based on the total and complete discretion of the relevant Selection Committee**, which will be overseen by the Director of High Performance.

Therefore, a **formal "appeal process" or "feedback request process" will not be in operation following team selection announcements**. Additionally, **a Golfer of the Year or Order of Merit competition will not be administrated in 2021**.

In all instances Wales Golf reserves the right to not select an eligible player if the selection committee decide that this in the best interests of Welsh golf.

All selections are subject to a player not being under any kind of review for code of conduct or disciplinary issues either by their Club, County or Wales Golf.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All persons selected by Wales Golf for Welsh teams /competitions must to the satisfaction of the Director of Performance and Selection Committee:

- Meet the Welsh eligibility criteria (see appendix)
- Comply and have complied with the etiquette of golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews
- Follow and have followed any guidelines published by Wales Golf relating to conduct and guidance for Wales Golf Teams / Squads
- Comply with anti-doping rules laid down by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), which can be found here <https://www.ukad.org.uk/2021Code> . If players are taking any medication they must check the prohibited list and apply for Therapeutic Use exemption if required.
- Comply with and conduct themselves in accordance with Welsh Law & Guidelines relating to Covid19. Restrictions regarding Covid-19 vary from country to country and all personnel must respect and comply with the laws within the country they reside in and travel to.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

All teams will be first announced on the Wales Golf website and social media, on dates stated within this document. Selected players will then receive a formal letter to confirm their selection and arrangements.

TEAM SELECTION NOTES

While there is no strict selection policy in operation for 2021, the following notes will act as guidance for the Selection Committee ...

- Selection Factors which will be considered by the Selection Committee include ...
 - Performances in World Amateur Golf Ranked events leading up to the selection date (see below for list of KEY EVENTS ... where possible, Wales Golf will endeavour to have a member of the Selection Committee present at these events)
 - Current World Amateur Golf Ranking with consideration of relative movements within a 6 month period and events in which ranking points have been accumulated
 - Historical performances in relevant events
 - Stroke average at WAGR & Wales Golf events in the current year
- At their discretion, the Selection Committee may also consider these additional selection factors ...
 - Attitude and willingness to be a team player and contribute to the goals of the team
 - Commitment to Performance Programmes and associated Performance Plans throughout the year (although players do not have to belong to a Performance Programme to be considered for selection)
 - Players ability to adapt to the demands of the competition environment, including ...
 - Competition format (i.e. matchplay, strokeplay, singles, foursomes)

- Course typography and difficulty (i.e. length, accuracy, grass type, green size & speed etc.)
- Climate (i.e. altitude, average temperatures)
- Physical fitness required to perform in the competition environment
- Players who show potential and improvement and who will gain valuable experience from playing in the event

The above guidance for Selection Committees is only relevant to those teams listed. All selections for other representative teams, as well as the allocation of individual exemptions or invites to international events, will be at the complete discretion of the selection committee.

APPENDICES

1. Eligibility to represent Wales

You are eligible to play for Wales if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Born in Wales
- One of your parents was born in Wales
- One of your grandparents was born in Wales
- Resided in Wales for two years prior to the start of the Welsh Amateur Championship in the year of selection (if under 18 years of age)
- Resided in Wales for three years prior to the start of the Welsh Amateur Championship in the year of selection (if over 18 years of age)

You are not eligible to play for Wales if:

- You have played in the Close Championship of another country within the last two years (e.g to be eligible to play for Wales in 2021 you must not have played in the Close Championship of another country in 2020 or 2019) or:
- You have played in the full International Team of another country

With the following exception for U18's:

- Any boy or girl under 18 years who has competed in the Closed Boys' or Girls' Championship of any other country or played in the Boys' or Girls' International Team of any other country.

2. Members of 2021 Boys Selection Committee

Chris King (Chair of Selection Committee)
Neil Matthews (National Men's Coach)
Shaun Purdie
John Roberts
Llewellyn Matthews

3. Key Events

28 – 30 May	Welsh Youths	@ Whitchurch, WAL
05 – 06 Jun	Aberconwy Trophy	@Maesdu/Conwy, WAL
11 – 13 Jun	Stephen Gallagher Foundation Trophy	@ Castle Park SCO
26 – 27 Jun	Royal St.Davids Gold Cross	@Royal St Davids, WAL
14 – 16 Jul	South Wales boys	@ Builth Wells, WAL
18 – 21 Jul	Welsh Boys	@ Cardiff, WAL

4. Dates of Announcement for Wales Golf Teams

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Announcement</u>
European Boys Team Championship @ Furese, DEN	06-10 Jul	14 June 2021
European Young Masters @ Vierumaki Cooke, FIN	22-24 Jul	14 June 2021
Boys Home International Matches @ Woodhall Spa, ENG	04-06 Aug	23 July 2021

Note: All teams will be published on the Wales Golf website at 14:00 on the relevant announcement date. Notice of any changes to the announcement dates will also be published in advance on the Wales Golf website.