



## 2021 SENIORS SELECTION NOTES

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The aim of this document is to provide insight and guidance on the selection process for Welsh National Golf Teams (Senior Mens and Senior Ladies Home International Matches ONLY), in order to improve the understanding of players, 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 2021 Selection Committee
- Appendix 3: Key Events (for Seniors Men ONLY)
- Appendix 4: Announcement Dates for Wales Golf Teams (listed in this document only)
- Appendix 5: SENIORS HOME INTERNATIONAL MATCHES – Summary Notes

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

We would welcome communication regarding your availability to be considered for selection and planned tournament schedule, via **email to the Chair of Seniors Golf (Roger Floyd [floyd10plus@btinternet.com](mailto:floyd10plus@btinternet.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 logistical 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 relevant events (See appendix for KEY EVENTS – Senior Men ONLY)
  - Historical performances in relevant events
- 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
  - Current handicap index
  - 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

The above guidance for Selection Committees is only relevant to those teams listed.

## 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

### 2. Members of 2021 Seniors Selection Committee

Roger Floyd (Chair of Seniors Golf)  
Jean O'Connor

### 3. Key Events

#### Senior Men (ONLY)

02 – 04 Jun	English Open Seniors	@ Blackmoor and Army
08 – 10 Jun	Welsh Closed Seniors	@ Aberdovey
23 – 25 Jun	Welsh Open Seniors	@ Tenby
06 – 09 Jul	Senior Amateur Championship	@ Ganton

### 4. Dates of Announcement for Wales Golf Teams

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Announcement</u>
Seniors Home International Matches @ Woodhall Spa, ENG	04-06 Aug	12 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.*

**All selected team members must be available on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July to attend a team preparation session (venue tbc)**

## **5. SENIORS HOME INTERNATIONAL MATCHES – Summary Notes**

Full information about the SHIM may be viewed at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)

### **Event Eligibility (in addition to Wales Golf Eligibility)**

- Women must have reached the age of 50 years before the first day of the Matches and Men must have reached the age of 55 years before the first day of the Matches. In all other respects the qualification shall be the same as that laid down by each country for its Closed Championships or National Team.
- If a player has represented a country at the Women's & Men's Senior Home International Matches, they will not be eligible to represent any other country in a future Women's & Men's Senior Home International matches for a period of five years.

### **Team Format**

- The R&A Women's' & Men's Senior Home International Matches will comprise teams of 8 players, 4 women and 4 men. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the requirements for competing in the Matches.
- Teams from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales compete against each other in individual matches.
- The scores are calculated by team results with each team scoring one point for a team win and half a point for a halved match.
- Team positions shall be determined according to the highest number of match points.
- Each country may appoint one person (Team Captain), who must be an amateur golfer, who may give advice to members of the team but shall not go onto the putting green to give advice.
- The Matches will be played on three consecutive days. Each team shall play every other team. The order of play for Day 1 will be determined by a draw.
- A match shall consist of 4 foursomes games (2 women's and 2 men's) and 8 singles games (4 women's and 4 men's). Each game shall consist of 18 holes.
- Each Captain shall decide the order in which the team shall play and shall choose pairings for the games, in relation to the team they are participating in.

### **Supporting Notes**

- Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. The R&A will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation where (i) the player making the request has a disability and (ii) the player can demonstrate that there is a medical need for transportation that results from that disability. Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made by the Home Nation when submitting its team. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The R&A's Transportation Policy, available on request from The R&A.
- Caddies are permitted.
- The use of Electric trolleys is permitted.