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2022 Male International Team Selection Information

The aim of this document is to provide insight and guidance on the selection process for Welsh National Golf Teams (Men's & Boys Teams ONLY), in order to improve the understanding of players, personal coaches, the wider golfing membership, media and other interested parties.

This document contains the following information ...

1. **Details of Team Events** covered by this document, including ...
 - number of selections
 - number of automatic selections
 - selection announcement dates
 - supporting notes

2. **Eligibility** for International Selection

3. **Key Events** & Supporting Notes

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1. Team Events & Announcement Dates

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Selections</u>	<u>Auto Sel.</u>	<u>Ann. Date</u>
05-Jul	09-Jul	European Boys Team	GER, ST Leon Rot	6 U18	2 (02/06)	02-Jun
05-Jul	09-Jul	European Men's Team	ENG, Royal St Georges	6	2 (16/06)	21-Jun
21-Jul	23-Jul	European Young Masters	FIN, Linna	2 U16	0	21-Jun
02-Aug	04-Aug	Boys Home Internationals	SCO, Downfield	9 U18	3 (14/07)	22-Jul
03-Aug	05-Aug	Mens Home Internationals	IRE, Ballyliffen	9	3 (14/07)	22-Jul
31-Aug	03-Sep	Mens WATC (Eisenhower)	FRA, Le Golf National	3	1 (21/07)	25-Jul

Announcements

All teams will first be announced on the Wales Golf website and social media accounts, at 14:00 on date stated above. Selected players will then receive a formal letter, via email, to confirm their selection and arrangements.

In the majority of cases, reserve players will not be announced publicly.

Automatic Selections

Automatic selections are awarded to the number of players stated for each event, based on their position in the **World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) on the Announcement Date** stated for each event. These automatic selections are subject to players being **ranked 1000 or better for Men's teams**, and **ranked 3000 or better for Boys' teams**.

If an automatically selected player is ineligible or unavailable to be selected for a team, the Selection Committee will select an alternate player. The next best ranked player in WAGR will not be automatically selected.

Supporting Notes

- 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 there may be changes to the tournament schedule for 2022 and therefore reserve the right to amend the Key Events if significant schedule changes occur.
- 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.
- All persons selected for Welsh teams /competitions must to the satisfaction of the Director of Performance and Selection Committee:
 - Meet the **Welsh eligibility criteria** (see below)
 - 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 Welsh Golf Teams**
 - **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.
- 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.
- Communication regarding **your availability to be considered for selection, or if you are unavailable to be considered for selection** is welcomed, via **email to the Chair of High Performance (Carl Rowe v.rowe@sky.com)**.

2. Eligibility for International Selection

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 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 2022 you must not have played in the Close Championship of another country in 2021 or 2020) or:
- You have played in the full International Team of another country

3. Key Events

Important Notes

- Results and scoring data will be collated from each of these Key Events. This data, along with observations by members of selection committee at identified events (*), will be presented to the selection committee for consideration in advance of the selection meeting.
- Consideration for selection will also include participation and performances in national championships outside GB&I.
- While results and scoring data from other events may be considered at the discretion of the selection committee, it is recommended that you **prioritise competing in these Key Events** in order to enhance your position to be considered for selection.
- **Members of the selection committee, including national/squad coaches, are not permitted to advise players on their schedule after 31st March 2022**, as this may be construed as offering an advantage to some players over others.
- It is accepted that players will not be in a position to compete in all of these events and expected that players do not endeavour to do so. Therefore, we recommend that you refer to the "Tournament Schedule Guidance" and discuss with your personal performance team, when determining a tournament schedule that fits with your goals and personal circumstances.
- Please note that these Key Events are only relevant to the selection of teams stated in this document. Players are encouraged to continue to compete in events after these selection dates, as all performances will be considered when selecting teams for any challenge matches or training squads later in the year.

** A member of the selection committee will be in attendance at these events*

Boy's (U16s) Key Events

02-Apr	03-Apr	Central Wales Boys*	Borth
06-Apr	08-Apr	Scottish Boys Open Strokeplay Championship	SCO, Murcar
08-Apr	10-Apr	Duncan Putter*	Southerndown
21-Apr	24-Apr	Welsh Open Strokeplay Championship*	Ashburnham
29-Apr	01-May	Fairhaven Trophy*	ENG, Fairhaven
30-Apr	01-May	North Wales Boys Open*	Rhuddlan / Abergele
07-May	08-May	Clwyd Open*	Prestatyn / Wrexham
14-May	15-May	Trubshaw Cup*	Tenby/Ashburnham
27-May	29-May	Welsh Open Youths (Mixed) Championship*	Porthmadog
17-Jun	19-Jun	Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters	ENG, Nizels
18-Jun	19-Jun	St. Davids Gold Cross*	Royal St David's
	22 Jun	EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS TEAM SELECTION	

Boy's (U18s) Key Events

02-Apr	03-Apr	Central Wales Boys*	Borth
06-Apr	08-Apr	Scottish Boys Open Strokeplay Championship	SCO, Murcar
08-Apr	10-Apr	Duncan Putter*	Southerndown
21-Apr	24-Apr	Welsh Open Strokeplay Championship*	Ashburnham
29-Apr	01-May	Fairhaven Trophy*	ENG, Fairhaven
30-Apr	01-May	North Wales Boys Open*	Rhuddlan / Abergele
07-May	08-May	Clwyd Open*	Prestatyn / Wrexham
14-May	15-May	Trubshaw Cup*	Tenby/Ashburnham
27-May	29-May	Welsh Open Youths (Mixed) Championship*	Porthmadog
	08 Jun	EUROPEAN BOYS TEAM SELECTION	
17-Jun	19-Jun	Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters	ENG, Nizels
18-Jun	19-Jun	St. Davids Gold Cross*	Royal St David's
02-Jul	03-Jul	Tucker Trophy*	Newport / Whitchurch
11-Jul	13-Jul	South Wales Boys Open*	Cardigan
19-Jul	22-Jul	Welsh Boys Championship*	Rhuddlan
19-Jul	22-Jul	English Boys (U18) Open S'play C'ship	ENG, Silloth on Solway
	22 Jul	BOYS HOME INTERNATIONALS TEAM SELECTION	

Men's Key Events

08-Apr	10-Apr	Duncan Putter*	Southerndown
21-Apr	24-Apr	Welsh Open Strokeplay Championship*	Ashburnham
30-Apr	02-May	Lytham Trophy*	Royal Lytham & St Annes
07-May	08-May	Clwyd Open*	Prestatyn / Wrexham
12-May	15-May	Irish Amateur Open Championship	IRL, The Island
14-May	15-May	Trubshaw Cup*	Tenby/Ashburnham
19-May	22-May	English Open Amateur Championship (Brabazon)*	ENG, Saunton
27-May	29-May	Scottish Men's Open Championship	SCO, Cruden Bay
03-Jun	05-Jun	St.Andrew's Links Trophy	SCO, St. Andrews Links
04-Jun	05-Jun	Aberconwy Trophy*	Maesdu / Conwy
13-Jun	18-Jun	Amateur Championship*	ENG, (See Fixture List)
18-Jun	19-Jun	St. Davids Gold Cross*	Royal St David's
18-Jun	19-Jun	The Berkshire Trophy*	ENG, The Berkshire
	21 Jun	EUROPEAN MENS TEAM SELECTION	
22-Jun	25-Jun	European Amateur Championship	ESP, Parador de El Saler
02-Jul	03-Jul	Tucker Trophy*	Newport / Whitchurch
19-Jul	21-Jul	The Walton Heath Trophy*	ENG, Walton Heath
	22 Jul	MENS HOME INTERNATIONALS TEAM SELECTION	
	25 Jul	MENS WORLD AM TEAM SELECTION	

4. Selection Process

Selection Factors

Members of the selection committee will consider the following objective and subjective information when determining team selections ...

- Performances in KEY EVENTS, as outlined in this document, including ...
 - Stroke average (including stroke differential)
 - Finish position, relative to strength of the competing field
- Current World Amateur Golf Ranking, including ...
 - relative movements within a 6 month period
 - events in which ranking points have been accumulated
- Historical performances in relevant events, including ...
 - Stroke play or match play record, relevant to the format of event for which a team is being selected
- 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.)
 - Physical fitness required to perform in the competition environment
- Attitude and willingness to be a team player and contribute to the goals of the team

Note: 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 Wales Golf.

2022 Male Selection Committee

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
Carl Rowe	Chair of High Performance
Neil Matthews	National Male Coach
Jonathan Williams	Captain for Mens' European and HIM Team
Llew Matthews	Captain for Boys European and HIM Team
Mark Heames	Selector
Andrew Ingram	Selector
Chris King	Selector
Shaun Purdie	Selector
John Roberts	Selector

It is not permitted to approach a member of the selection committee with regard to upcoming selections or to request information/feedback on recent or historical selections. Selection is implemented under strict confidentiality and therefore any approach to a member of the selection committee is unacceptable, as the integrity of the selection process is paramount.

Non-Selection Feedback

Wales Golf is supportive of a clear, transparent and fair selection process. It supports the right of the player to request feedback on a team selection decision, where the player believes there is a clear and objective rationale for their selection. Should this be the case, the following process must be adhered to ...

- Player must contact the Director of High Performance (via email) no later than 48hrs following the team announcement, outlining relevant facts and to formally request feedback
- Director of Performance will confirm receipt of request and subsequently consult with the relevant Selection Committee to gather feedback
- Director of Performance will speak with the player concerned to deliver the feedback, no later than 48 hours following confirmation of the receipt of request for feedback.

Appeal Process

Following the receipt of feedback, if the individual is still not satisfied that the selection process was implemented appropriately, and wishes to formally appeal the selection, this must be done so based on one of the following grounds

- The decision was based on error of fact
- The decision was manifestly unreasonable given the facts before the committee
- Serious irregularity occurred in the selection process

The individual seeking to appeal the selection committee's decision must serve a "Notice of Appeal", in writing, to the Wales Golf Chief Executive within 5 days of receiving feedback from the Director of High Performance.

This Notice of Appeal shall state the following information:

- Date and decision against which the appeal is lodged
- The grounds of appeal relied upon
- A statement of facts upon which the appeal is based

Upon receipt of the Notice of Appeal, the Wales Golf Chief Executive will consider the matter and decide if the Notice of Appeal shows that grounds are made for appeal.

Selection Process Enforcement

The processes of the selection committee, relevant to the selection of teams listed in this document only, are applied by the Director of High Performance. These processes are subject to annual review and amendment.