

Nelson Bays Tennis Association Representative Selection Policy

Purpose

The selection of representative teams will be fair and transparent. NBTA desires to have players representing the association for both ability and sportsmanship. Representative tennis is a *team* sport and the selectors are making decisions to reflect a *team* approach rather than an individual. The selectors are picking the best *team* and playing order is the selector's decision.

Selectors

The NBTA selection committee comprises of 3 people; NBTA President, the Junior Convenor and the Regional Coordinator. Coaches will be invited to put forward players they believe should be considered for selection.

Guidelines

1. Each player must be an affiliated member of a NBTA club. We would encourage players to be playing tennis locally – interclub and NBTA tournaments.
2. Selection of players for Tasman teams will be based on the following:
 - Tournament results
 - Interclub results
 - Configure Ranking (TNZ ladder)
 - Play offs, if required by the selection committee
3. The selectors may, at their sole discretion, hold special matches should they wish to clarify a number of their prospective selections. The selectors need only consider these special matches in exceptional circumstances.
4. NBTA will make every effort to recognise exceptional talent from younger players, however while the criteria above are leading selection factors, the NBTA reserves the right to apply other qualitative criteria in team selection. The selectors must also give consideration to the overall team make-up and regional player development and support across all age groups.
5. Unless younger players qualify comfortably at number 1 or 2 in an age group then players within the age group will be given priority.
6. Selectors need to take into consideration doubles combinations and as a consequence of this, at the sole discretion of the selectors. A team may not be made up of the five (or the number being selected) best singles players.
5. The selectors shall follow normal practice of stepping aside from any selection where they may have a conflict of interest. That is, a selector has an association with a player, which may give rise to a question of bias or favouritism in the selection process.
7. Selections will be confirmed at least six (preferably 8) weeks before the fixture. Results that occur in between the selection and the fixture will not change the team.

Eligibility

Players who wish to be considered for NBTA selection:

1. Junior players are required to attend all fixture training.
2. Commit to the representative fixtures and NBTA tournaments.
3. Junior players should play tournaments in the age group that they wish to be selected for, unless prior approval has been given by the selectors.
4. Must be a financial member of a club affiliated to NBTA.
5. Must not owe any money to NBTA.
6. Players are expected to adhere to NBTA Code of Conduct.

Note

Any parent, player or coach dissatisfied with any selection decisions may apply in writing to the NBTA Committee to review the decision.