

## STATE TRAINING SQUAD POLICY

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### 1. Purpose

- a. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that athletes of the highest calibre and those with long term potential are selected into a training squad from which state teams for domestic competitions are ultimately chosen.

### 2. Procedure

- a. Expressions of interest will be called from all registered bowlers in junior, youth, adult and senior categories who wish to be considered for selection into male and female categories in their relevant age division.
- b. The TBA State Manager, State Coaching Coordinator, and one additional appointment as determined by the Board of VicTenpin, hereby known as the State Selection Panel (SSP), will evaluate all applications received.
- c. The State Training Squad (STS) will be comprised of those athletes who, in the mind of the State Selection Panel (SSP) stand a reasonable chance of being selected in a state team. STS squad numbers may vary between age and gender divisions.
- d. The following automatic inclusions into the STS will be allowed provided the athlete nominates in one of the divisions:
  - Athletes who are currently in the National Team in any division.
  - Athletes who have represented the state in President Shield, Youth Team Challenge, Rachuig, Seniors Challenge or ATBSO Open Division in the current or proceeding year.
  - The top 15 ranked athletes in the state, based off the TBA national ranking system at the time of nomination, in any divisions.
- e. Should an athlete not meet one of the criteria listed in 2/d, the athlete may make an application to the State Selection Panel (SSP) to seek inclusion into the STS under the guise of an exemption from meeting the aforementioned criteria.
- f. Prior to the athlete's application for exemption being accepted, they may be required to attend to State development clinic to determine their eligibility for exemptions.

- g. The SSP may at its discretion conduct state development clinics to identify bowlers with future potential to include in the STS
- h. All athletes wishing to be included in the STS will need to fulfil the following criteria once selected for the STS. This criteria includes, but are not limited to, the following:
- Athlete registration with the national body
  - Compete in the State team roll offs for their age division, but not limited too.
  - Participation in a TBA registered league for a minimum of 24 games within a TBA registered centre.
  - Participation in a minimum of three (1) TBA ranked events in a year.
  - Complete an All Events entry in State Championships for the current STS year.
  - Proven record of adherence to the rules and regulations of our sport
  - Potential for future state and national team selection in any division.
  - Full compliance with the ADSA and WADA anti-doping codes and subsequent policy requirements pertaining to athlete anti-doping compliance
3. Athletes may be excluded from the STS after initial selection. Reasons for exclusion include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Breaching or failing to observe STS selection criteria
  - Sustaining an injury or illness that would cause the inability to fulfil the performance criteria associated with this policy
  - Breaching the ASDA and/or WADA anti-doping policies
4. Athletes may be added to the STS in their relevant age and gender division at any time during the year as determined by the SSP.
5. Athletes not selected into the STS have the right for a reasonable explanation from the SSP as to the reasons behind their initial omission.
6. There is no process of appeal from athletes not gaining selection into the STS.