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Criteria for Selection to Boland Junior Squash IPT / SACF Team for 2025

Boland Junior Squash will be sending individuals to the SA Country Festival in April and teams to the major IPTs in the June 2025 holidays. Players must meet the following requirements to be selected for any of the Boland Junior Squash teams. Depending on the strength of each age group, players not selected for the main Inter-Provincial teams may be chosen to participate in the SA Country Schools' Festivals.

1. Points Accumulation

Players will earn and accumulate points in the following selection tournaments:

TOURNAMENT	MONTH	MULTIPLIER	COMPULSORY
Strand Junior Open	August 2024	X1	
Hermanus Junior Open	September 2024	X1	
Paarl Junior Open	September 2024	X1	
Ceres Junior Open	October 2024	X1	
Van der Stel Junior Open	January 2025	X1	
Boland Junior Open	February 2025	X2	*
Boland Junior Closed	March 2025	X3	*
Growthpoint Nationals	March 2025	X2	

To qualify for IPT / SACF for 2025, players must participate in the Boland Junior Open, Boland Junior Closed to be eligible for team selection.

Points will be accumulated according to the points system at each tournament.

2. Age Group Adjustment

All tournaments from July 2024 will be played in the 2025 age groups. This assists players in adjusting to playing against older competitors in their age group, which they will remain in for two years.

3. Leave of Absence

Players unable to participate in the two compulsory tournaments must request permission in writing (including a valid medical certificate or a letter from their school stating they are representing their school in another provincial or national event) three weeks prior to the event. All decisions will be at the Committee's discretion. The Committee will advise on alternative tournaments to be played in lieu of the missed compulsory tournament. In the event of sudden illness, a medical certificate is required, and the Committee will provide guidance on points allocation or challenge matches.

4. Deposit and Fees

Players making themselves available for selection must pay a deposit of R 2 000.00 for the SACF / IPTs by 1 February 2025. Players not selected for the final teams will be refunded. Withdrawals from the SACF / IPTs will result in forfeiture of the deposit. The balance of the fees is due by 1 April 2025 (SACF) or 1 June 2025 (IPTs).

5. Squad Training

Players selected for provincial teams must attend squad training sessions and fitness training as determined by Boland Junior Squash. SACF players will attend two squad training sessions. Fitness testing and marking/refereeing exams/tests are required before final team announcements. Non-attendance may result in a change in the playing order. Doctors' certificates are required for injury/illness. Squad training sessions will be held at Strand Squash Club for U11-U14 and Radloff Park Squash Club for U16-U19.

6. Score Squash App

Ensure the Score Squash app is downloaded and you are correctly signed in. All Boland Junior Squash tournament scoring will be done via this app. A valid and current SA Squash membership is required for participation in any tournaments.

7. Conduct

Conduct on and off the court, attitude, fitness, and commitment are factors selectors will consider when selecting IPT/SACF teams.

8. Code of Conduct

All players and parents/guardians must accept and sign the Boland Junior Squash Code of Conduct prior to the start of the Boland Junior Open. The Code of Conduct remains applicable throughout a player's participation in Boland Junior Squash events. Unsatisfactory conduct may result in exclusion from team selection.

9. Selection Decisions

Selection decisions made by the Selection Committee for IPT/SACF teams are final and no correspondence will be entertained.

10. Play-offs and Head-to-Head Results

The selectors reserve the right to request play-offs and specific head-to-head results at tournaments. Pool draw positions may be adjusted to accommodate this. No parental interference will be entertained.

11. School Team Participation

Players must play for their school's team if squash is offered at their school.

12. U11 IPT Festival and SACF New Players

New U11 IPT Festival and SACF players will qualify for regional clothing and the official SACF match kit but not the IPT tracksuit and match kit. A T-shirt, shorts/skorts, and hoodie will be available for SACF.

13. SACF Route to IPT

Top players following the SACF route to IPT will qualify for half provincial colours at SACF level and upgrade to full provincial colours if chosen to play at IPT.

15. Higher Age Group Participation

Permission must be obtained from the committee to play in a higher age group. Ranking points will align with the player's final standing in their proper age group. Players must compete in their correct age group in the Boland Junior Open and Boland Junior Closed. Only the top 3 players in an age group may play up, provided the number 1 player also plays up.

17. Communication

All communication must be via email to: bolandjuniorsquash@gmail.com.

18. Marking and Refereeing Course

Completion of the Level 2 marking and refereeing course on the World Squash Officiating website is required.

19. Approximate Costs for 2025

- SACF (excluding clothes and transport): R7 000.00
Includes: accommodation, meals, tournament entry fees
Excludes: personal expenses, additional equipment
- IPT (excluding clothes and transport): R 8 000.00
Includes: accommodation, meals, tournament entry fees
Excludes: personal expenses, additional equipment
- Squad training: R1 400.00
Includes: training sessions, fitness testing, referee exams

