

PROPOSAL FOR 2008 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE TEAMS

SELECTION, TRAINING & MANAGEMENT

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I would like to submit to you our recommendations for the selection, training and management of the 2008 South Australian State Teams.

- 1 Selection to be open to all licensed S.A players
- 2 Selection to be done by a Selection Panel

SELECTION PANEL

The State Director of coaching will appoint a selection panel of five persons including the State Director of Coaching to choose the State Squad and State Teams for the Six A Side competition in Sydney in November and the National Triples competition in Melbourne in January.

Selectors Duties

Working with the State Director of Coaching and using as their reference, the player qualities statement (attached) and the player skill test evaluation results (provided by the coaches)

Selectors should select without fear or favour.

Selectors should act to give the State the best possible Team.

Selectors will be unavailable for selection

Selectors for 2008 will be required to attain/have PA level 1 coaching accreditation as a minimum prerequisite to be eligible as a selector

APPOINT A STATE TEAM MANAGER

The State Director of Coaching will appoint a manager at the earliest possible time as it has been shown to be of great benefit to the organisation of the State Squad and State Team.

It is our belief that the State Team should be largely self-funded and not a drain on the SAPL coffers as it is now.

State Team Manager's duties:

To work with the Director of Coaching in planning selection trials, training sessions and team meetings

To assist in the preparation of a budget for the State Team's expenses

To assist in putting together the necessary fundraising plan.

To keep a team contacts list

To arrange team uniforms

To arrange team travel and accommodation

STATE SQUAD TRIALS

State Squad Trials will be held over 3 Saturdays in August (2nd, 9th & 16th). Players will initially be skill tested as per 2007 with the results being made available to selectors

A form with player qualities requirements and general reasonable expectations will be presented to everyone attempting to make the squad immediately before the skill test. This will be a mandatory requirement and will be expected to be signed and dated to indicate that persons understanding and agreement of the above.

Numbers permitting, the State Squad will initially be made up of:

- 10 – 15 senior men
- 10 – 15 senior women
- 10 – 15 veteran men
- 10 – 15 veteran women
- 4 - 6 juniors

Persons not available will have the opportunity to inform the State Director of Coaching in writing of their circumstances and a brief outline of what they can bring to the squad. This will be presented to the selectors. At the discretion and approval of the Selection Panel, the State Squad may or may not be added to at any time. The selectors reserve the right to ask anyone, including those requesting special consideration to appear before them for further discussion. If invited to join the squad, suitable skill tests will be arranged for any prospective new players. The selectors will reserve the right to approve or disapprove of new players after evaluating their skill test data and their decision will be final.

The initial Squad will be announced a.s.a.p after the trials.

The State Squad will then be trained by the coaches and observed by the selectors. Training sessions will be on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. A register of all attendees to all sessions will be kept with squad members expected to aim for a minimum of 80% attendances.

Any player in the Squad can expect to be under the scrutiny of the Selectors in any tournament, training session or coaching session in which they participate in right up to the time of all State Team selections. Players who behave in a way deemed by the selectors or coaches to be in conflict with the expectations of the player qualities can expect their indiscretions to be noted. Serious misconduct will result in that person being asked to leave the squad for the duration being of the selectors discretion.

Game evaluations will be made at random tournaments with squad members expected to play in teams designated by the State Director of Coaching over the next 6 weeks to be confirmed once the SAPL calendar is available.

A compulsory Saturday training session on the 13th September will include singles and doubles games also for evaluation. Evaluations will be an important and compulsory part of the process.

A final selection will be made in mid September to reduce the State Squad to the required number of players in each category. Those selected will be expected to maintain a high standard and regular training sessions. Serious indiscretions or poor attendances without informing the State Director of Coaching can still result in that person being asked to leave the squad and someone else asked to take their place if endorsed by the selectors. Squad members not selected will be invited to continue being involved in training sessions and be regarded as reserves in case of unforeseen circumstances that see selected players unable to fulfill their role.

The State Squad will continue to train after Sydney and a State Team for the Melbourne Tournament in January will be announced in December.