

SELECTION CRITERIA

BASED ON CONSISTENCY, FITNESS

EXPERIENCE, AND SUITABILITY TO VARIOUS VENUES

INTRODUCTION

The concept of Fly Fish Australia is to give every person who joins the organization the opportunity to be able to represent their country at international fly fishing events. Based on the members individual results, over three Australian National Fly Fishing Championships, with the emphasis being on consistency.

This selection tribunal's role will be to select the most consistent anglers from members who have performed well at the National titles over the given period, also taking into account a members experience, level of fitness and suitability to the type of waters to be fished at the international event the team is being selected for.

The tribunal will comprise of five members, one from each state chapter of FFA each member being selected by their state membership or state chapter to sit on the selection tribunal to follow the guidelines of the selection process and to perform these duties to the best of their abilities.

All teams are selected fifteen to eighteen months in advance

In the past all teams were selected approximately six months prior to the international event, as most events are held in the northern hemisphere this created a huge impost on the members chosen not only monetary but also arranging time off work and rearranging family commitments. By selecting teams well in advance of the event, it now allows the members chosen ample time to arrange personal and business affairs, conduct there own fund raising functions to offset cost's and generally allows more time to practice the fishing techniques that will be required when at overseas venues.

AUSTRALIA COMPETES IN THREE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND THEY ARE:

The World Championship

Organised by the International body Fips Mouche. This competition is hosted every year by a member country. Australia sends one team of six members.

The Commonwealth Championships

Organised by a committee of volunteers from the commonwealth countries and is held every two years in the United Kingdom immediately after the Worlds. Australia sends two teams of six members; the second team will be the members who have just completed fishing in the Worlds.

The Oceania Championships

Organised by Fly Fish Australia, and Sport Fly Fishing NZ. This competition is held every two years alternating between Australia and New Zealand. On the off year of the Commonwealth Championships. Australia sends two teams of six members.

Team construction

One non fishing Captain (Voluntary)
One team Manager (Voluntary)
Six fishing members one of which will be the reserve

Numbers of members to participate in alternative years

World and Commonwealth Championships twelve members

World and Oceania Championships eighteen members

The Selection Criteria :

1. To be eligible for selection on any international team, each competitor must be a financial member of Fly Fish Australia prior to competing in any State or National Championships.
2. No member participating in their first Australian National Fly Fishing Championship shall be eligible for selection in a World Team.
3. Each selected member must be an Australian Citizen prior to competing in an International Championship.
4. Each selected member must be a team player and willing to share all information.
5. Selection of any member will be subject to the selection tribunal's consideration of the member's suitability for the actual venue and type of fishing that will be required.
6. The Selection Tribunal will give consideration to the physical demands that will be placed on an individual member to allow peak performance at the venue by the team.
7. The Selection Tribunal will consider all members eligible for International Team selection, this will be subject to the members angling experience and Fly tying ability, results and consistency at National and International events over at least a three year period.

However the selection tribunal reserves the right and at its discretion to take into consideration a members consistency over a shorter period

8. Any member who finishes in the top five or ten of a National Championship should not expect to be automatically eligible for a position on the World Team.

SELECTION PROCESS

World Team Selection

The World team will be selected from the top 15 ranked members from the current Australian National Fly Fishing Championships.

Commonwealth Team Selection

The Commonwealth team will be selected from the remaining top 15 ranked members from the current Australian National Fly Fishing Championships (after the World Team has been selected)

Oceania Team Selection

The two Oceania teams will be selected from the remaining top 25 ranked members from the current Australian National Fly Fishing Championships (after the World Team has been selected).

World Team member options

Any member who has been selected for the World Team can relinquish their right to be a member of the World Team and request to be a member of the Commonwealth or Oceania team (depending on the selection cycle) and such a request may be granted.

If this request is granted – the ex World Team Member will become the 5th Team member of either the Commonwealth Team or Oceania 'A' Team.

In the event such a request is received and granted, the 1st Reserve World Team member will be automatically promoted to the World Team and the 2nd World Team Reserve member will become the new 1st World Team Member Reserve.

Reserves and how it works

At all times the teams must have the required number of member's.

The selection tribunal shall supply three or four reserves in preferred selection ranking order to cover unexpected vacancies in the World Team, Commonwealth Team and Oceania Teams. If this reserve number is exceeded, the selection tribunal will convene a meeting to select further reserves as necessary.

If a member who has been selected for a World, Commonwealth or Oceania Team (depending on the selection cycle) withdraws then the following selection usage of the reserves shall apply:

The World Team will be selected 1 to 5 team members – plus 1st – 2nd – 3rd reserves. The 2nd and 3rd reserve will be first two members of the Commonwealth team or the Oceania 'A' team depending on the cycle.

The Commonwealth Team shall be selected 1 to 5 team members – plus 1st – 2nd – 3rd Reserves.

The Oceania 'A' Team shall be selected 1 to 5 team members – plus 1st – 2nd – 3rd reserves, these reserves are the first three team members of the 'B' team..

The Oceania 'B' Team shall be selected 1 to 5 team members – plus 1st – 2nd – 3rd – 4th Reserve.

In the case of a member from the 'A' team being unavailable or being promoted into a world team the following will occur.

The 1st team member of the 'B' team will be promoted into the 'A' team and the first reserve will be promoted to the 5th place member of the 'B' team.

Captains Authority with reserves

The Captain of the team has absolute discretion on how he utilises the reserve/s. It can be for many reasons' - a few examples are as follows:

Injury, Illness, Misbehavior, Bad form, not being a team player, Insolence etc.

Like any team if you are subject to one of the above, the Captain can bring in the reserve at his discretion.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST A MEMBERS SELECTION

If a member or the FFA Committee of the day has a complaint or concern against a members' selection for a representative position, the following procedures apply:

1. The complaint must be in writing and forwarded to the secretary of FFA stating the reasons in full as why the member selected is unsuitable for a representative position.
2. The member in question will receive a copy of the complaint or concern and be requested to reply in writing within seven days to answer the alleged complaint or concern.
3. Upon receipt of the reply from the member in question, all correspondence will be forwarded to the selection tribunal for determination.

Composition of the Selection Tribunal

The selection tribunal will consist of five members of FFA. One representative from each state chapter being: SA, WA, NSW, TAS, VIC (one member will be the chairperson)

The selection tribunal will be a completely autonomous role from the Committee of FFA. The FFA Committee will have no input whatsoever in the selection tribunals determination in respect to selection of International Teams or the complaint or concern of the selected member/s to represent their country.

No member of the FFA Committee will sit on the selection tribunal

A member of the selection tribunal who is in contention for selection to a representative team must stand down from the selection tribunal until the current representative team that the member of the selection tribunal is in contention for has been selected.

The selection tribunal member standing down can elect to either:

1. Stand down until the selection of the representative team (which the member is in contention for) has been selected.
2. Elect to have a member from the same state chapter fill the temporary position vacated for such time as is necessary to select the International Team that the tribunal member standing down is in contention for.

The board and the members will accept the determination of the selection tribunal as being final and the board will not enter into any correspondence with any member in respect to the determination made by the selection tribunal.