

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOLF ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL GOLF TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA 2017**

These selection criteria will serve as the basis for selection to any National Team for the 2016-17 golfing calendar which begins June 1st 2016 to May 8th 2017 for Juniors and July 1st 2016 to May 30th 2017 adults.

The purpose of these criteria is to identify those players who have achieved significant results and also have the potential to improve Trinidad and Tobago's performance at the Regional and International level.

1.0 Pre-requisites

- Player must be a National or Resident of Trinidad and Tobago or must have lived in Trinidad and Tobago for the past 12 months.
- Must be a member in good standing of the Trinidad and Tobago Golf Association with no "Outstanding" or "in Process" Disciplinary Issues at the time of selection.
- Nationals resident abroad for study or other reasons must provide verifiable evidence of scores from any Collegiate or tournament play. Information must include Score, Field size, Field scoring average and finish.
- Juniors are eligible for selection on the National team for Open tournaments. For selection on junior teams, players must meet the age requirements as advised by the Tournament organisers from time to time.
- Player must have participated in the following tournaments (Valid extenuating circumstances may be considered should a player be unable to participate in, or have to withdraw from these Tournaments.
 - Ladies: Agostini Ladies Open, Tobago Open, Brechin Castle Open, TATIL, Nestle Svelty Ladies Open, Trinidad & Tobago Open, Sagicor , Chaguaramas Open (Rudder Alexander)
 - Mens: Tobago Open, Brechin Castle Open, TATIL , Trinidad and Tobago Open, Sagicor, Chaguaramas Open (Rudder Alexander)
 - Juniors: In addition to the relevant tournaments above, the RBL Caribbean Junior Open, all main Junior tournaments hosted by the TTGA(all juniors will be notified of these tournaments by way of notice boards at Golf Clubs and via the TTGA website)

3.0 Selection Process for the Caribbean Championships.

The date for the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championship (CAGC) is usually either the last week of July or first week of August and the Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships (CAJGC) is usually in first 2 weeks of July.

3.1 Automatic Selection

A player who wins the Trinidad & Tobago Open in the "Championship" Flight for men's/ladies will gain automatic selection to the National team. If a junior wins, he/she will gain automatic selection to the National team as well as the Junior team in the appropriate age group for the Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships.

3.2 Other places on the team

Selection for other places on the team will be based on results from the Trials and National Ranking Points earned from participation in tournaments throughout the previous year as outlined earlier

Trials will normally be held **at least 6 weeks prior** to the proposed date for the CAGC (August) and the CAJGC (July)

A player will be awarded points based on performance results as follows:-

- **TRIALS** Will count for **80 percent**
- **NATIONAL RANKINGS** Will count for **20 percent**
- **World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR)** Will be used to allocate ranking points to players playing abroad **on a similar scale to National Rankings**
- **Please see details below of the points system:**

POINTS SYSTEM FOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

For Trials, a **target score** for Men and for Ladies will be set for which a player will earn maximum points. Since **TRIALS** will count for **80 percent** of the overall mark a player who shoots the target score will get 80 points. If two players shoot the qualifying score they will both receive 80 points. The next player will receive 70 points; the following place will receive 65 points, the next player 60 points, etc.

If no player shoots the qualifying score, then the player with the lowest score will get 70 points, the second player will get 65 points, the third player 60 points, the fourth player 55 points, etc.

Examples: If Target Score is 292

Player 1	294	70 points	Player 1	295	65 points
Player 2	295	65 points	Player 2	295	65 points
Player3	296	60 points	Player3	296	60 points
Player4	297	55 points	Player4	297	55 points
Player 5	298	50 points	Player 5	298	50 points
Player 6	299	45 points	Player 6	299	45 points

For LADIES, if the Target score

is 306

Player 1	306	80 points	Player 1	307	70 points
Player 2	308	65 points	Player 2	308	65 points
Player3	309	60 points	Player3	309	60 points
Player4	310	55 points	Player4	310	55 points
Player 5	311	50 points	Player 5	311	50 points
Player 6	312	45 points	Player 6	312	45 points

NATIONAL RANKINGS

NATIONAL RANKINGS OR WAGR will count for **20 percent** of the overall points

The qualifying tournaments for 2017 are at present the **AGOSTINI (ladies), Tobago Open, Brechin Castle Open, TATIL, SVELTY (ladies), Trinidad & Tobago Open, SAGICOR, Chaguaramas Open**. Points for each of these will be awarded as follows, (with the exception of the Trinidad & Tobago Open which is double)

- The player finishing **first** will receive **20 points**
- The player finishing **second** will receive **17 points**
- The player finishing **third** will receive **16 points**
- The player finishing **fourth** will receive **15 points**
- The player finishing **fifth** will receive **14 points**
- The player finishing **sixth** will receive **13 points** ETC.

Players who have not already gained automatic selection through the TT Open can earn automatic selection if he/she gains a minimum of 90 points after Trials.

At the end of the TRIALS a team will be selected along with **alternates** who will form a squad of players. Squad members are required to participate and play in all CGA team practices, matches and preparation.

An alternate is squad member is eligible to substitute for a selected team member who fails to fulfill team obligations which include: Attitude, Discipline, Commitment, and Consistency to all efforts of preparation for CAGC tournament participation.

Please note that the selectors reserve the right to choose a minimum of two players and if no one makes the allocated points for automatic selection, the Selection Committee may choose all the players in the Hoerman Cup and the George Teale Trophy.

For 2017 the teams will comprise 6 with a minimum of 4 scores to count each day in the Hoerman Cup and the George Teale (ladies) will comprise a maximum of 4 players with a minimum of 2 scores to count.

The selectors may also recommend fewer players or that no team be selected.

Consideration will be given to players who may be overseas studying or playing abroad, or due to serious illness be unable to otherwise qualify.

3.2 Other Selection Criteria – when making the final selections, the Selection Committee will also consider the following

- Potential and commitment to become a World Class player
- Head to head results at national championships and other significant Tournaments as outlined in Section 1.0 above.
- Illness and injury
- Participation in TTGA sanctioned events e.g. Tight Lies games
- **Must be recognized on the 2017 TTGA Rankings or have been a member of the National team in the prior year at the “Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships” or “Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships” and finished in the top 3 position**

JUNIOR TEAMS

Age requirements:

The age requirements for the relevant age groups are as follows

16 -17	Girls & Boys
14-15	Girls & Boys
11-13	Girls & Boys

Scoring Requirements

Must Average scores over the relevant course rating in at least 10 rounds (July2016 /April 2017) as shown below

	BOYS		GIRLS	
	Course rating +		Course Rating +	
16-17	4		6	
14-15	6		8	
11-13	8		10	

Example 1 (Boys): Course rating is 71 and boy is 14 years of age.

Must have an average of scores of no more than $71 + 6 = 77$ in 10 rounds of golf

Example 2 (Girls): Course rating is 72 and girl is 16 years of age.

Must have an average of scores of no more than $72 + 6 = 78$ in 10 rounds of golf

Please note:

- These rounds must be made up of only competitive individual stroke play rounds from June 1st 2016 - May 17th 2017.
- The rounds may be taken from Club Monthly Medals and other TTGA approved tournaments and a signed score card (including markers, scorer and tournament official signatures) must be submitted within 5 days of the completion of the round.
- The TTGA reserves the right to select a player who may not meet the required scoring average if within the six (6) months leading up to the National trials, there is a continuous improvement in the player's scores with a trend leading towards the required score
- Where a player is playing from tees not normally associated with their age requirements, adjustments will be made to the score.

4.0 Notification to Players

Once the Selection Committee has selected the team, the Committee shall:

- Notify each player in writing and request that the player sign a Consent and Agreement form within 5 working days of notification.
- Send a Notice to all Golf Clubs announcing the team
- Be available for one week to answer any queries or concerns that may come from selected players or others **requesting why they were not selected.** The **Committee must be able to provide an answer to the player.**
- Announce the full Management team composition to include: Team Coach, Team Manager and other named members of the support team e.g. psychologist, physiotherapist etc.

Upon the above being completed, a team meeting will be convened.