

Squash Wales Masters Home Internationals Team Selection Policy

The purpose of the Masters Team Selection Policy is to provide:

- a fair and transparent procedure for the selection of teams
 - criteria and additional guidance to captains in making selection decisions
1. Captain Responsibility: The captain is selected by the Squash Wales Masters Committee (SWMC) *[see SW procedure for selection of home international captains]*. The captain is responsible for team selection.
 2. Eligibility: Players must be eligible to play in the WMC to represent Wales in the MHI. Eligibility for WMC requires Wales to be
 - The country of birth; or
 - The country of either Parent's birth; or
 - The country in which he or she is a citizen; or
 - The country in which he or she has been resident for 3 years immediately preceding the start date.

Full details on eligibility can be accessed on the website here:
<https://squashwales.com/policies/eligibility-to-represent-wales/>
 3. Team Size: The team will comprise a minimum of three and a maximum of four playing members for competitions with teams of three players, and a minimum of five and a maximum of seven playing members for competitions with teams of five players. A non-travelling reserve may be selected in addition.
 4. Automatic Selection (WMC): Automatic team selection for players who finish in the top two places of the respective season's Welsh Masters Closed (WMC) tournament. (N.B. If either of these players does not accept the invitation for selection, that vacant place does not automatically extend to third place in the tournament)
 5. Selection Criteria: The captain will select the remaining playing team members (and one non-travelling reserve if desired). In making selection decisions, the captain will consider:
 - a) Participation in the WMC and Welsh Masters Open (WMO) events
 - b) Participation in masters events outside Wales
 - c) Squash Levels (to inform, not dictate)
 - d) Recent performance (previous 6-12 months)
 - e) Past performance and known ability
 - f) Recent previous commitment to, or participation in, Squash Wales masters events
 - g) Player meets the expectations of the Squash Wales code of conduct
 6. Age Category: Players must be the correct age on the first day of the event to play in a category.

7. Self- Selection Rules for Captains: Captains must justify their own selection [*see SW procedure for selection of home international captains*]
8. Submission → Ratification → Communication Timeline:
 - I. The captain will forward their selection and rationale to the SWMC (selected by Squash Wales) for ratification no later than two weeks following completion of the WMC tournament.
 - II. The SWMC is responsible for ratifying the selection for each team. The committee may request additional information or explanation from a captain, or if necessary direct the captain to revise the selection. The committee will ratify selection and inform Squash Wales of selections no later than three weeks following completion of the WMC tournament.
 - III. Selected players will be notified by Squash Wales no later than one week following receipt of ratified teams by the SWMC.
9. Exceptional Circumstances: Whilst this guidance is expected to assist captains in selecting the team, in exceptional circumstances the SWMC has authority to make decisions to ensure that a properly constituted team can be fielded for the MHI.
10. Late Withdrawals: Captains have full authority without consulting the SWMC to select replacement players in the event of any last-minute withdrawals. Any withdrawals within a week of the event constitutes 'last-minute'.

Team Selection Timeframe Summary for 2025-2026 Season:

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| 13.10.2025 | Captains selected |
| 09.02.2026 | Captains submit team selections |
| 16.02.2026 | SWMC ratifies team selections |
| 23.02.2026 | Squash Wales send out selection letters (dependant on other nations providing package costs) |
| 10.04.2026 | First Home Internationals weekend |