

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF MPUMALANGA JUNIOR TENNIS TEAMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ANY T.S.A. PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

CRITERIA FOR 2023

1. A player must be a registered Mpumalanga player, i.e. his/her registration/affiliation fees must be paid via his/her district committee or club.
2. Players must be available for the full duration of any tournament they have entered for to qualify for points or position in a team.
3. A medical certificate must be submitted in case of withdrawal due to injury or illness during the trials.
4. TSA ranked tournaments played in Mpumalanga: during the year a ranking list will be drawn up from the seven TSA tournaments presented in the province of Mpumalanga, from which the points of the best three tournaments will be taken into account for invitation to the final trials.
 - Should two players have equal points, points from the fourth tournament will be used.
5. In order for a player to guarantee a spot in the Final Trials, that player should be placed in the top four positions on the ranking list, calculated on the best 3 MP TSA ranked tournaments played.
6. A Total of 16 players per gender and age group will be invited to the trials.
 - 6.1. At least 10 players will be invited on merit (top 4 on the MP TSA ranking list followed by two nominations per district).
 - 6.2. At least 6 players of colour (POC), two from each district must take part in the trials.
 - 6.3. If the two POC per district are already included in the top 4 to be invited from the ranking list, then the district will nominate an additional 4 players all on merit.
 - 6.4. If one POC is included in the top 4 to be invited from the ranking list, then the district will nominate an additional 4 players of which one must be a POC. This can be all on merit or three on merit plus one POC.
 - 6.5. If no POC from the district be included in the top 4 to be invited from the ranking list, then the district will nominate 4 players of which at least two must be POC. This can be all on merit if the POC's are included on merit from the district ranking list.
7. The District Junior and Schools Committees need to do the nominations together. A new player in the province that did not have time to prove him-/herself to be considered for the regional team, can be invited to the final trials if there is still a spot available, due to cancellation. The final decision will be taken by the provincial junior committee.
8. The final trials are the prestige event for Mpumalanga players and will therefore be a compulsory tournament. No excuses will be accepted.
9. The format of the final trials will be played with a main draw and the feed-in system.
 - 9.1 All matches will be played best out of 2 tie-breaker sets and a 10-point tie-breaker for the 3rd set.
 - 9.2 A maximum of 3 matches will be played on any day during the trials. Unless weather interfered or a player has a bye, two opponents should be scheduled in such a way that both play the same number of matches during the day.
 - 9.3 Although two players might have played each other in the main draw, they will compete a second time in the feed-in play off if necessary. The final result in the feed-in will stand.
 - 9.4 If the lowest positioned merit player (included in the team) and the first reserve merit player did not meet somewhere in the draw, a final play-off will be called between these players on the last day of the trials.

9.5 No challenges will be allowed after the trials have been completed. In the event of injury before or during the trials, the player will forfeit their right for a place in the team.

9.6 POCs that did not reach the top 6 positions on merit (ended in position 7-16) may be called to play an additional match against another POC if they did not play earlier in the draw to determine the final selection of the 2 POCs to be included. Simply ending higher in the draw does not guarantee qualification, as an "easier draw" may have resulted in this. The winner from the play-off will qualify for the team.

10. After the final trials, the team will be selected.
11. Selected players must play a minimum of three representative provincial matches to qualify for Mpumalanga colours. The final decision regarding awarding of colours rest on the Mpumalanga Executive committee. Player's behaviour and commitment will also be taken into consideration.
12. If a player moves to a higher age group for the following year, 80% of his/her ranking points will be carried over to the following age group, unless their points were earned in the higher age group in that specific tournament.
13. Management reserves the right to select a player for any age group concerned. The final team selection rests with the selection committee.
14. If two age groups are combined during a TSA ranking tournament, points will, for ranking purposes, be awarded in the age group in which he/she entered. The points will be decided according to the final position of all players of the specific age group.
15. Players selected for the team are to confirm their availability for the teams playing in the Inter Provincial tournament by completing the entry form and making payment (or making arrangements for payment) before the cut-off date as set on the entryform. Late withdrawals from teams add undue pressure on team managers and reserve players (new arrangements, ordering of clothes, etc.). Failure to commit in this time will result in the player losing his/her place in the team, and the next player on the list being invited.

THESE CRITERIA WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO AND NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE IN THE SELECTION OF THE FINAL TEAMS.