

WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE PARTICIPATION OF PLAYERS THROUGHOUT NSW IN GOLF CROQUET AT STATE LEVEL - PLEASE HELP US!

The NSW Golf Croquet Selection Committee (GCSC) seeks your club's support in encouraging regionally-based development squads, as part of our strategy for inter-State competition in 2022 and thereafter. Our aim is to increase the opportunities for players, who are widely-distributed around NSW, to represent the State, while also ensuring we field the strongest possible team for the InterState Shield.

Context:

We are expecting to name a State Team for 2022 by June, assuming that the InterState Shield will take place in September. Prior to this, towards the end of January, we will organise a State Squad to commence intensive training of prospective Team members.

In the meantime, we want to ensure that we identify and support players throughout NSW who have the potential and the interest to play for the State. Such players could, depending on timing, be selected for the 2022 State Squad, or added to it, or helped to develop towards selection in future years.

To achieve this, we think that Development Squads should be encouraged to form in regions throughout NSW. Such squads already exist in the Northern Rivers, Hunter, and ACT regions, and have previously operated in the metropolitan Sydney area. Development Squads would organise regular competition in their regions, for players already in, or keen to achieve, Division 1 standard, and would maintain two-way communications with the GC Selection Committee.

We recognise that, in some regions, groups of players already get together for high quality competition, and where that is the case, we seek to build good communications with those groups, so that we can keep them informed about State selection processes, provide advice and support where needed, and inform ourselves about promising players and their performances.

What we would like you to do:

Clubs:

Circulate this message to your members, and if possible encourage members to support the formation of a Development Squad in your region;

If possible, identify a member of your club who would be willing to take a lead role in the coordination of such a Squad, and ask them to contact the GC Selection Committee to discuss how this can be done.

Club Members:

If you are a player of Division 1 standard, or aspire to reach this standard, please participate in a Development Squad if and when it is established in your region. **If you want to be considered for the State Squad in 2022, please notify the GC Selection Committee of your interest before the end of January 2022.**

Coordinators of Regional Development Squads:

Organise regular competition at Division 1 level involving the clubs in your region, and maintain communications with the GC Selection Committee so that we are aware of players' interest, progress and performance, with a view to considering them for membership of the State Squad or State Team.

We welcome any questions or comments.

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