

## **2026 Trans Tasman - Open Selection Process**

### **Eligibility**

Players who register for the Open representation process must:

1. Be financial members of a petanque club affiliated to Petanque New Zealand for a minimum of 12 months prior to selection.
2. Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a permanent resident visa.
3. Must have participated in a minimum of one National Championship in the previous 12 months.
4. Accept that selectors decisions are final; there is no appeal process.
5. Agree to abide by the PNZ player Code of Conduct at all times.
6. Be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before 1 September 2025.

### **Entry into the Open Selection process**

Player must register their interest in national selection by completing the registration form on the website. **There is \$50 charge for entry.**

### **Commitment required by players if selected to a New Zealand team**

- Comply with the PNZ player Code of Conduct and alcohol and drug policies.
- Stay with the team as directed by the PNZ appointed team manager.
- Be prepared to pay all costs associated with travel, accommodation and food where required.
- Provide evidence of travel arrangements to the team manager or coach at least one month ahead of the tournament.
- Any breach of any of these commitments gives PNZ in conjunction with the designated coaches grounds to remove a player from the selected team.

### **PNZ commitment to players**

- Advise selected and non-selected candidates by phone on a specified day.
- Appoint a coach and/or manager for teams as appropriate.
- Provide selectors who do not have a conflict of interest with anyone in the category they are selecting from and who will adhere to PNZ's process and timeline.
- Provide all players with a full PNZ uniform on their first year of representation and replace items as required after 5 years of representation. All other uniform items are purchased at the player's expense.

### **Selection Process**

PNZ aims to provide as fair and cost-effective process as possible while choosing the best representative teams possible. We recognise there are many aspects involved in being a good representative player. Apart from the obvious technical skills and experience, a player must have:

- a strategic understanding of the game.
- good current form.
- the ability to take direction.
- good communication with, and a professional attitude to, both other players and officials.
- the ability to work as a team.

- commitment to the process.
- an ongoing desire to strive for continual improvement in their game.

### **Representation Points**

The Open team process will not include a selection added onto the Singles/Doubles Championship weekend.

Players who enter the process will accumulate points on their finishing position by gender in the National and Area/Regional Championships (excluding Senior) held in September through November 2025.

Note that these are not the same points that are allocated for the National Seeding list.

Finishing position	National		Regional/Area	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
1	40	40	30	30
2	39	39	29	29
3	38	38	28	28
4	37	37	27	27
5	36	36	26	26
6	35	35	25	25
7	34	34	24	24
8	33	33	23	23
9	32	32	22	22
10	31	31	21	21

The maximum points that an individual player may earn from competing in 3 National Championships and 3 Regional/Area Championships is 210 points (3 x 40 + 3 x 30).

The threshold for consideration for the Trans Tasman Open team is expected to be around 100 points.

Note that the points are awarded by finishing position by gender. For example, Elizabeth wins the Regional Singles beating Thomas in the final. Elizabeth would receive 30 points as the top placed female and Thomas would receive 30 points as the top placed male.

Where 2 or more players/teams finish in the same position then the points for positions will be added together and divided by the number of players who finish in those positions. For example, third equal in a National Championship will each earn 37.5 points (38+37)/2.

Points for Doubles and Triples will not be further divided amongst the members of the team. That is, if a team finishes second in an Area Championship, then both players will receive 29 points not 14.5 points each.

### **Selectors for Trans Tasman team**

Open Men's and Women's Selectors – Murray Porter and Bethne Rouse

**Timeline for Representation Process**

- Applications open – 20 June 2025
- Applications close – 31 August 2025

**Notes**

- An Open player may also put their name forward for the Senior Trans Tasman selection process, if they are eligible. The Open team will be announced first so the player will not be asked to decide which team they wish to be a member of.

**PNZ Executive****June 2025**

