

2026 Trans Tasman - Senior Selection Process

Eligibility

Players who register for the Senior representation squad 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 60 years of age on or before 1 November 2025.

Entry into the Senior 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 scorers trained in the PNZ scoring method for the selection process
- 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.

All these factors will be considered when choosing NZ representative teams.

Our aim is to be as transparent as possible, but many of the above factors are not easily quantifiable, so there will always be a subjective element to selection.

Selection Camp and Team Selection

The selection camp for both men and women will be held in conjunction with the National Senior Doubles (6-7 December) and a dedicated one-day assessment on Monday, 8 December 2025. All participants are expected to participate in all 3 days.

Selection will be based on performance over all three days of assessment. Trained scorers will be used by selectors to provide information on how players are performing in their selected position and all aspects of play will be observed by the selectors throughout the assessment period.

Once selection of a team has been finalised players will be notified whether they have been successful or not. It is expected that all players will be notified of the 2026 Trans-Tasman teams by phone no later than 22 December 2025.

Selectors for Trans Tasman team

Senior Men's and Women's Selectors – Jean Parley and Murray Porter

Timeline for Representation Process

- Applications open – 20 June 2025
- Applications close – 31 October 2025
- National Senior Doubles – 6-7 December 2025 (Christchurch)
- TT Senior Selection Day – 8 December 2005 (Christchurch)
- TT Senior team announced – 22 December 2025
- Trans Tasman – March 2026 (Australia with dates and venue to be confirmed in July)

Notes

- A Senior player may also put their name forward for the Open Trans Tasman selection process. 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.
- Should the Super Senior (over 70) be added to the 2026 Trans Tasman, eligible players may register for that category as well.

PNZ Executive

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