

Eligibility

Players who register for the Open 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
6. Be a minimum of 18 years of age on or before 1 September 2026.

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 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 Doubles (7-8 November) at a dedicated one-day assessment on Monday, 9 November 2026.

All registered players must participate in all 3 days.

Selection will be based on performance over all three days of assessment. Trained scorers will use an FIPJP certified game evaluation scoring system to provide information on how individual players perform in their selected positions 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 2027 Trans-Tasman teams by phone no later than 17 November 2026.

Selectors for Trans-Tasman team

Open Men's and Women's Selectors – Sharon Cannon and Michael Rocks
Coach for Open Trans-Tasman team – TBA

Timeline for Representation Process

- Applications open – 20 July 2026
- Applications close – 30 September 2026
- National Doubles – 7-8 November 2026
- TT Open Selection Day – 9 November 2026
- TT Open team announced – 17 November 2026
- Trans-Tasman – 1-2 May 2027 (Stanley Bay)

Note: 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.

Selection process for other international events

Each season there are other international representative events PNZ are invited to attend; some subject to pre-qualification or FIPJP permission.

The 2027 season includes an opportunity to attend

- Singles/Doubles/Mixed Doubles world Championship
- Women's World Championship
- Oceania Championship

Players selected and who plays in the Open Trans-Tasman team have priority to be selected for these other events.

If there are insufficient numbers of available players in the Open TT team, PNZ reserves the right to put out an EOI to all eligible and active players to see who would be available and interested

Result – a list of EOI players

The Selectors for other representative events

PNZ aims to create a pool of selectors who are already involved in the Trans-Tasman – as a captain or official. This enables a current and sustainable approach and also helps mitigate when conflict of interest arises.

A pool of 6 - 8 selectors comprising:

- Trans-Tasman selectors (open and senior – 4 people)
- Trans-Tasman coaches and managers (open and senior – 2 - 4 people)
- Captains of the Open TT teams (and possibly senior Teams)

- 1) PNZ puts out an EOI to all active and eligible members to see who is available and interested.
- 2) From the EOI list The Selectors will assess players being considered and liaise with Open players on combinations, before final selections are made.
- 3) PNZ will advise the selection decisions for each representative event as soon as possible and once PNZ has confirmation of NZ attendance at the events.

Dispensation rule

Players involved in selection/coaching for the Open Trans-Tasman team who want to contend for the other representative events will be given dispensation from playing in the Open TT team (the team they will be selecting!!).

This year, this dispensation rules applies to:

- Sharon Cannon
- Michael Rocks
- Murray Porter
- Any other Coach as applicable, if appointed later

Representative process concludes for the season.