

SOUTH AFRICAN BASS ANGLING ASSOCIATION

SABAA Team Trails (SABAA TT)

National Qualifying Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The qualifying policy, as approved by the South African Bass Angling Association (SABAA), will be submitted to the South African Sport Anglers and Casting Confederation (SASACC) for onward submission to South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC).
- 1.2 Changes to the policy can be made after approval by the National Council of SABAA.
- 1.3 After any changes to the policy have been made, the latest version will be submitted to the SASACC for onward submission to SASCOC.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE QUALIFYING POLICY

The objective of the team qualifying policy is to:

- 2.1 Select National Protea and President teams from the SABAA TT to represent SABAA and South Africa.
- 2.2 To ensure a fair and reasonable policy for the qualifying of angling teams.
- 2.3 To set a policy that is fair, reasonable and provides equal opportunities to all who qualify to take part in the SABAA National Team Championships.

3. TEAMS AND RESERVES

- 3.1 A team consists of two anglers (skipper and co-angler) fishing off one boat.
- 3.2 A reserve angler may replace one of a team's anglers under exceptional circumstances, for a regional qualifying event, however a team may only utilize a reserve angler for a maximum of 2 regional qualifying events per season.
- 3.3 No reserve angler may compete in the SABAA National Team Championships, unless the team's nominated reserve angler is replacing an angler representing South Africa on an international bass fishing tournament or event, making it impossible for the replaced angler to compete in the SABAA National Team Championships.

- 3.4 Any team member of a qualifying team may compete solo in a National Team Championships, subject to approval by the SABAA TT Committee.
- 3.5 No nominated reserve angler fishing in the SABAA National Team Championships as per section 3.3 above, may be nominated for president's / protea colours or be nominated to compete in the Bassmaster Team Championships.
- 3.6 No team may change or substitute any team member on a permanent basis during a regional qualifying season, except under extraordinary circumstances as detail in section 3.8 below.
- 3.7 Any changes of team members during a season, will constitute the formation of a new team, and the score history for the season to date of such a team will be forfeited.
- 3.8 Should one of a team's members pass away, or suffer from a serious debilitating illness or injury, the SABAA TT Committee may at their discretion, sanction a team member replacement for the remainder of a season.
The team may continue with the remainder of the season and participate in the National Team Championships should they qualify.
No member of the team may however qualify for Protea or President's Colours, for the season.
The team will retain their ranking (for history purposes) on the National Team Seeding list for the season.

4. CLASSIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The SABAA National Team Championships may be referred to as the National Team Championships.

5. Regional Team Trails

- 5.1 There will be 8 qualifying tournaments held within each Regional Team Trail per season.
- 5.2 The team ranking for each Regional Team Trail, will be determined by the best 6 scores from the 8 qualifying events.
- 5.3 The top 6 Teams from each Regional Trail will automatically qualify for the National Team Championships, provided they comply with the participation requirements as listed in section 6.2 below.
- 5.4 The balance of the number of teams to qualify for the National Team Championships from each Regional Team Trail will be calculated proportionally from the number of teams, from each region, who comply with the participation requirements as listed below.

6. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION TO THE NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6.1 The SABAA TT Committee will determine the maximum number of teams to participate in a National Team Championships, on an annual basis.
- 6.2 To qualify for participation in a National Team Championships an angler must meet the following requirements:
- 6.2.1 Be a registered member of SABAA and a registered competitor with the Bassmaster Team Championships (USA).
 - 6.2.2 The best 6 of the 8 qualifying tournaments will be used to calculate the respective Regional Team Trail standings.
 - 6.2.3 Both team members have signed the following prescribed forms of the SABAA TT:
 - i Indemnity form.
 - ii Completed a National Team Championships entry form.
 - iii Code of Conduct.
 - 6.2.4 Both team members must be fully paid-up members and in good standing with both their Regional Team Trail and the SABAA TT associations.
 - 6.2.5 The National Team Championships entry fee is paid in full.

7. SABAA TT NATIONAL SEEDING LADDERS.

- 7.1 National Seeding Ladders shall be maintained by the SABAA TT Secretary for all participating teams, nationally, which will be updated immediately after every National Team Championships event.
- 7.2 All scores on the National Seeding Ladders, will be calculated by applying a Grand Prix scoring system, where points are awarded according to the following scale:
- 1st 100 points
 - 2nd 99 points
 - 3rd 98 points
 - Etc.
- 7.3 Tie-braking
- 7.3.1 National Team Championships

Teams that have a tie over the National Team Championships will automatically receive the respective Grand Prix points as per a Single Event as indicated above. In the case of establishing a National Champion (1st Place Tie), both teams would receive 100 Grand Prix points towards the National Seeding, however, to determine the National Champion for the year the following would apply: 1st Tie Break would be the total number of fish over the current National Team Championships. 2nd Tie Break would be the largest bag obtained at the National Team Championships. 3rd Tie Break would be the Biggest Fish at the National Team Championships.

7.3.2 National seeding

In the case of a tie on the seeding lists: 1st Tie Break is based on the total of the current National Team Championships Grand Prix points plus the previous two Nationals Team Championships Grand Prix points (all 3 years added together). 2nd Tie Break is based on the angler with the highest Grand Prix points in the current National Team Championships. 3rd Tie Break would be the total number of fish over the current plus the previous two National Team Championships.

- 7.4 Should a Team split for whatever reason, at the end of a season (Health/Financial etc.) each angler carries Fifty Percent of their team's previous National Team Championships score to their new team. The new teams total Grand Prix points are then based under the combined scores of both the anglers of the new team that has been formed.

8. QUALIFICATION FOR PROTEA AND PRESIDENT'S COLOURS

- 8.1 Teams qualifying for Protea and President's Colours will be determined by a National Seeding Ladder.

- 8.2 For the National Seeding Ladder a score weighting will be applied as follows:

8.2.1 The current National Team Championships result counting 60% of the final score.

8.2.2 The best of the previous two National Team Championships results counting 40% of the final score making up the total numerical contribution to the qualifying process.

SABAA NATIONAL TEAM SEEDINGS NOVEMBER 2021							
RANK	TEAM	ANGLER	CO-ANGLER	TRAIL	History 40%	Current 60%	Total
1	Sensation	J Smith	K Saunders	EBASS	38	57	95
2	Rapala	S John	D Bosh	LBT	32	60	92
3	Yamamoto	K Du Randt	R Wolmarans	Joey's	36	54	90

4	Bass Busters	T Cronje	D van Zyl	NFL	33	56	89
4	Zoom	C Nienaber	N Botha	EBASS			
	Talon	C Scott	O Pretorius	A4A			
	ETC						

9. QUALIFYING OF TEAMS:

9.1 Protea and Presidents Teams

Teams qualifying for Protea and President's Colours, to compete in a International Team event (6 x Boats for Protea and 6 x Boats for Presidents), will qualify based on their national seeding order, after a National Team Championships has been completed.

Only teams that have previously attained President's Colours prior to a National Team Championships, will qualify for Protea Colours on condition that the team is in good standing with both their Regional Trail and SABAA TT Associations.

9.2 BASS Team Championship Contenders

These Teams (Two anglers team, fishing from one boat) are selected from the current Nationals Championship Standings. First time participants at this event will earn President's Colours, second attendance will earn Protea Colours

9.3 Protea and President's Colours

Protea and President's Colours will be awarded when the qualifying teams compete at any international event recognized by and deemed to be appropriate by SABAA National Council and approved by SASCOC.

9.4 Reserve Team

A reserve team is selected on the same basis as the team selection above. If a selected team is unable to compete for whatever reason, the reserve team will replace the withdrawing team.

10. CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING OF NATIONAL COLOURS:

10.1. The Colours Regulations of the "National Colours Commission" shall be deemed to be part of the Association's Colours Regulations. Although the regulations only refer to National Colours the policies are also deemed to apply to President's Colours.

10.2 National Colours are only awarded to National Associations who are affiliated to the SASCOC and who are in good standing with that organization. SABAA through its membership in SASACC, is also affiliated to SASCOC.
National Protea Colours are limited to the blazer badge and official tie, scarf, participation apparel and the tracksuit prescribed by the SASCOC.

10.3. National Colours may only be awarded if a National Association adheres to the following requirements:

- 10.3.1 Participate in approved international competitions.
- 10.3.2 National trials were held.
- 10.3.3 The teams were selected according to the qualifying criteria and procedures of the SABAA TT, which have been approved by SASACC. If the Associations Team Qualifying Policy changes an update must be sent to the SASCOC.
- 10.3.4 Equal opportunities must be given for all persons who participate in the National Championships.
- 10.4 Associations are obliged to ensure the prestige of National Colours is maintained and protected against misuse and misappropriation.
- 10.5 National Colours may not be awarded to technical assistants, medical staff, trainers, etc. Only a Team Manager and Team Captain may also receive National Colours.
- 10.6 National Colours may only be awarded to South African passport holders.

11. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF NATIONAL COLOURS:

Application for approval for participation in an international team event and approval of National Colours must be completed in accordance with the angling confederations prescribed regulations in this regard.

12. AWARDING OF NATIONAL COLOURS:

- 12.1 All Protea Colours and President's Colours qualifying teams will receive an SABAA TT Certificate of Merit during every National Team Championships prize-giving function.

All National Protea Colours and President's Colours team's apparel will be handed over to anglers at least 2 weeks before competing in any international event.
- 12.2 Copies of SASCOC's and SABAA's Code of Conduct will be handed to the recipients of Protea Colours and President's Colours to ensure that the sportsman or sportswoman act as befits their new status and that they will behave accordingly.
- 12.3 A President's Colours Certificate will be given by the SABAA TT to be handed to each recipient of Colours. The certificate is in addition to any colours award certificates that may be issued by the SASCOC.

13. DISMISSAL FROM REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS:

- 13.1 Any team member may be discharged or dismissed from a representative team for the following reasons:
- 13.1.1 Breach or non-compliance according to this policy by a team member.
 - 13.1.2 Illness or injury that prevents a team member from completing his team obligation in the judgment of the Qualifying Committee and/or team management. The Association can consult its own designated medical practitioner for advice.
 - 13.1.3 A breach or non-compliance with the requirements of the "Anti-Doping Policy or WADA."
 - 13.1.4 Breaking team agreements that may be in place.
 - 13.1.5 Non-compliance with the SASCOC and/or the SABAA's Code of Conduct.
 - 13.1.6 Non-compliance with prescribed training programs and team activities.
- 13.2 Noncompliance to any of the above by either a skipper or co-angler, will result in dismissal or discharge of the team.
- 13.3 A team member who for unacceptable reasons is dismissed from a representative team, in addition to punitive measures the Association may implement, will for a suspension period of two (2) years not be re-selected in a National Protea or National President's Team.

14. APPEAL AGAINST DISMISSAL

Only written applications for an appeal by a team which is addressed to the National Qualifying Committee will be considered. All appeal applications received will be considered based on their merits. A team has 7 days to appeal against their dismissal.

15. AMENDMENTS

- 15.1 Any amendments to this policy can only be carried out using the following procedure:

- 15.1.1 A motion for amendments shall be, according to the policy, sent to the Regional Team Trails to be addressed at the relevant Section/Discipline committee's Annual General Meeting.
- 15.1.2 The motion(s), if approved by the SABAA TT Annual General Meeting, shall then be presented to the SABAA National Council General Meeting, and must be approved by that meeting.
- 15.1.3 The Chairman of the SABAA Team Trails must submit a request for amendment(s) at the SABAA National Council Annual General Meeting as a discussion point as defined in the Household Rules.
- 15.1.4 The members of the SABAA National Council Annual General Meeting must approve the amendment(s).
- 15.1.5 The SABAA National Council secretary will then make the amendment(s) accordingly.