



# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUAD

## AUSTRALIA VS NEW ZEALAND TEST MATCH, 2022

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Representing Australia in the Trans-Tasman Test against New Zealand is considered the pinnacle of Indoor Bowls in Australia.

The uncertainties created in the last year with the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in some changes being made to the way that the National Selection Committee will select the National Squad.

#### **How do I nominate?**

To put yourself forward for selection, please complete the *Player Nomination Form\_2022*. This must be completed and returned to the National Secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

#### **Who is eligible to nominate themselves?**

For your nomination to be accepted by the Australian Council, you must be registered/affiliated through your state body (i.e. NSWIBA; QIBA; VIBBA; TIBBA or SAIBBA). The requirement to be a competitor in the National Championships held the year of selection has been removed *for this year only* given there has not been a National event played since 2019.

#### **How will the team be selected?**

A 'National Squad' will be selected from the nominees by our National Selection Panel. There is no set number of players in the squad, the selectors have been given discretion to invite as many or as few as they deem reasonable.

We anticipate the National Squad will be named at the end of August/start of September.

The National Squad will be invited to Trials, which will take place in January 2022.

The team of 7 men and 7 women will be selected at the Trials.

#### **Where are the Trials and the Test going to be held?**

With the ever-fluctuating COVID situation, the council has not yet made a final decision on the location of the trials or the Test series. This will be communicated to successful National Squad members in September 2021. The most likely locations at this stage are Victoria, NSW, or Tasmania.

#### **What are the costs involved?**

National Squad members will be expected to pay their own travel and accommodation expenses to attend the Trials.

The Test series will be partially funded by the Australian council but given the COVID situation has impacted the revenue raised over the last two years, there will be a reduction in support available to players. The council anticipates that the funding for players will cover accommodation, but players may need to fund their own travel to the event.