

SELECTION OF STATE TEAMS 2021

The following is a summary of the recommendations to the State Team Selection panel from the Ross Meeting of October 30th 2020. These were ratified by the TBA on November 10th 2020 to provide formal advice for the Selection Panel.

1. Following retirement of Malcolm Sherlock, Simon Edler will chair the Selection Panel for 2021.
2. Simon to form his own subcommittee comprised of an additional people with good bridge experience but no desire to compete for the state. David Robinson has indicated his willingness to participate on the 2021 Panel. Other Panel members should be from around the state if possible.
3. Pairs will be called to nominate before mid March. Nominees for teams must support their nomination with evidence as to why they should be considered. This is to minimise the work load of the Panel.
4. Given the lack of suitable qualifying events in 2020, the Panel will use a common sense approach to team selection.
5. Teams of 4 will initially be selected. The team of 4 may then decide whether or not they wish to select an additional pair to form a team of 6.
6. If only teams of 4 are selected, the TBA may choose to appoint a NPC who could step in to any team in the case of an emergency.
7. The panel will meet immediately before the April congress and select "in principle" teams. At the conclusion of the April congress, the selections will be confirmed by the Panel and submitted to the TBA Committee for ratification.