BIENNIAL W.E.S.P.A. CHAMPIONSHIP (WESPAC)

Criteria for New Zealand selection

For players on the New Zealand ranking list:

1. A player must be a New Zealander by birth, citizenship or permanent residency

2. The selection period is Nationals to Nationals (June to June) inclusive, immediately preceding the WESPAC

3. A player must be on the New Zealand ranking list at the end of that period

4. A player must have played a minimum of 50 rated games during the period, from at least two major tournaments (Masters, Nationals, or Trans-Tasman Challenge in either New Zealand or Australia)

For overseas-based players who wish to represent New Zealand but are unable to meet criteria 3 and/or 4:

5. A player must be a New Zealander by birth or citizenship, and have been on the New Zealand ranking list previously

6. During the selection period at 2 above, a player must have played at least 50 games in major domestic or international tournaments overseas (or in New Zealand)

7. During the selection period, a player must have won a major Scrabble tournament overseas or in New Zealand, and/or achieved a top-10 ranking in a WESPA Tier 1 country

8. If selected to represent New Zealand, the player must pay an independent's affiliation fee to SNZ

For all positions:

9. The SNZ executive will have the final authority to rule on eligibility to represent New Zealand under criteria 3 to 7 above.

10. If any of the major events in this period are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the SNZ executive has discretion to alter requirements for number of games to be played and number of major tournaments played.

11. After the Nationals at the end of the selection period, the New Zealand representatives will be announced together with a shortlist of reserves

12. The SNZ executive reserves the right to determine allocation of funding for individual representatives.