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PROCESS OF TEAM SELECTION FOR WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

The Management Committee of SATSA has approved (13 August 2013) the following process for selection of the Team to represent South Africa in the World Transplant Games (WTG):

Process for selection for SA Team to WTG

Taking the Rules of the National Transplant Games (NTG) as well as Qualifying Standards documents into consideration the following was approved:

1. Opportunity to qualify:
 - Athletes will be given an opportunity to reach the qualifying standards in the following ways:
 - Participating in the NTG
 - Athletes not reaching the qualifying standards at the NTG, but performed within 10% thereof, will be given another opportunity for qualification by the Selection Committee till 31st January of the next year. Following approval the athlete must make the necessary arrangements through the Regional Structures to qualify according to the process prescribed
 - If participating in the NTG is not possible due to various reasons or in the case of a new member joining SATSA after the NTG period, an athlete can apply for an extra-ordinary opportunity to qualify. Forms are available from the Secretary. This request will be considered by the Management Committee. Following approval the athlete must make the necessary arrangements through the Regional Structures to qualify according to the process prescribed
 - The Selection Committee will be appointed by the Management Committee
2. Qualified for selection:
 - Criteria for qualification for selection as outlined in the relative document:
 - Reached the qualification standard
 - Past performances at WTG
 - Active participation in selected sporting events
3. Selection of the SA Team to participate in WTG:
 - Once an athlete has qualified for selection, his/her name will be added to a preliminary A-list and they will be informed in writing about their inclusion in the provisional list and the process to follow
 - Three to five months prior to the announcement of the final Team (depending on registration dates), a second qualifying period will take place. An athlete must provide the following to the Selection Committee:
 - Proof of membership to a sports club or part of school sports **OR**
 - Proof that he/she is actively participating in sports events

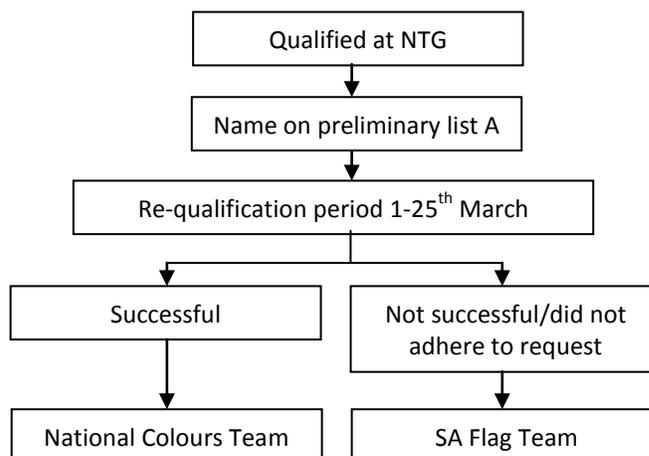
- Re-evaluation by a recognised sports official that he/she has reached the qualifying standards at another event other than the NTG
 - In this matter SATSA Regional structures will take responsibility for ensuring the above
- The final Team will be announced prior to the early bird registration closing date of the WTG.

Categories for selection of WTG Team:

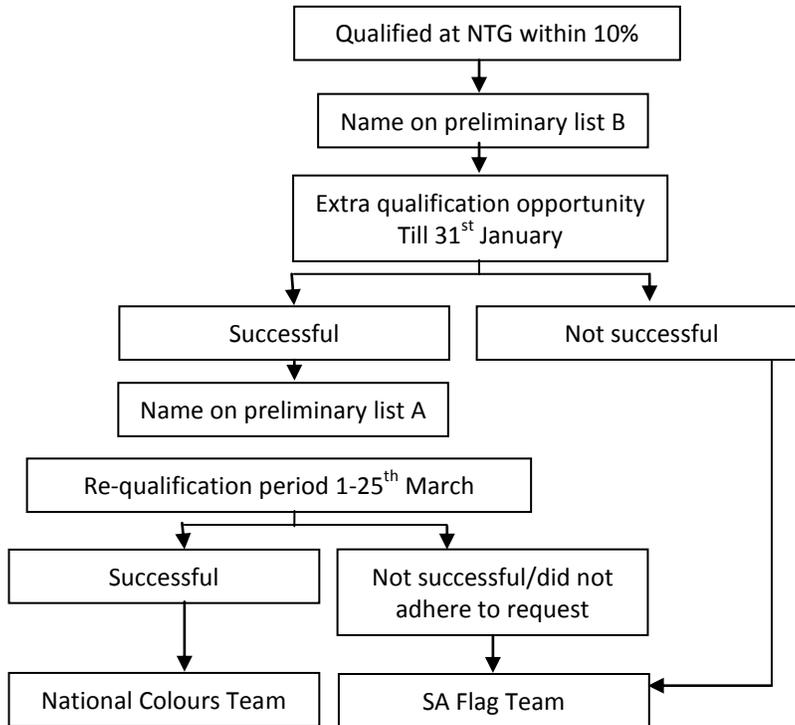
The following terminology is described for clarification:

- **National Colours Team:** Athletes and players who have reached the qualifying standards and have proven in a second qualifying period that they have adhered to the standards set. Request for National SATSA colours will be submitted to SASCOC and they will participate as the National Team. These athletes and players will be sponsored as finances allow.
- **SA Flag Team:** Athletes and players who have not reached the qualifying standards either on first attempt or during the second qualifying period will be allowed to participate in the WTG under the SA Flag. These athletes and players will be dressed in the same outfit as the National Team but portraying the SA Flag as logo. They will be responsible for their own costs.
- **Qualified at NTG:** Athletes/players who have reached the qualifying standards at the NTG
- **Preliminary list A:** List containing names of athletes/players who have reached the qualifying standards at the NTG.
- **Preliminary list B:** Athletes who have performed within 10% of the qualifying standard at the NTG.
- **Extra-qualifying period:** This is a period between the last day of the NTG and 31st January of the following year in which the following athletes/players are given the opportunity reach the qualifying standards:
 - Athletes/players who performed within 10% of the qualifying standards
 - Athletes/players who, due to circumstances, could not attend the NTG and who requested an extra ordinary opportunity to qualify
 - New SATSA members who joined the Association between the period of the NTG and 1st January of the following year
- **Re-qualifying period – 1-25th March:** This is a period in which athletes who qualified for selection has to again reach the qualifying standards (as described in point 3 above) to be included in the final National Colours Team.

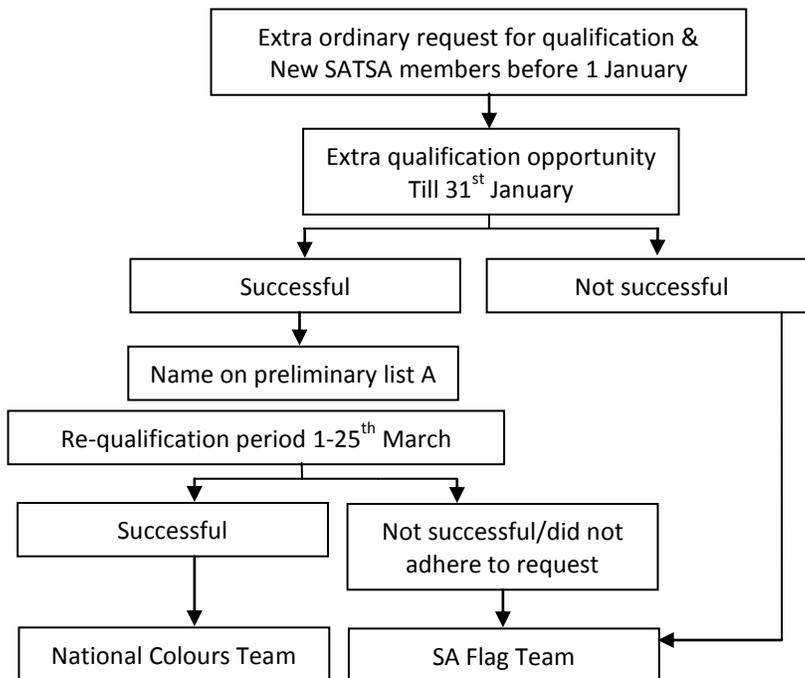
Category 1: Qualified at NTG



Category 2: Qualified at NTG within 10% of standard



Category 3: Extra ordinary request for qualification & new SATSA members joining before 1st January



Process of extra ordinary qualification:

- This request must reach the Secretary of SATSA **before 1st January**;
- Completed **Medical forms** as supplied must accompany the request form;
- The Management Committee will consider this request and if successful the athlete will be allowed an attempt at qualifying not later than **31 January**;
- The Secretary of SATSA will then provide the athlete with the necessary qualification forms and instructions of the process to be followed;
- This attempt should take place in a regular competition or with specially arranged adjudicators, approved by SATSA and the Federation representing that sport discipline. The arrangements & costs associated with this, is the responsibility of the athlete.
- The athlete must notify the Secretary of SATSA about such arrangements at least **7 days before** the event will take place.

Process of re-qualification (1-25 March) till announcement of final teams:

- The Secretary will supply athletes/players with the following written criteria/instructions:
 - Checklist with an outline of requirements to be followed;
 - Score sheets for selected sports items to be used by officials/referees/regional committee members to evaluate the athlete/player.
- The Secretary will monitor the process and supply the Selection Committee with the relevant detail for the final selection of the two teams not later than 27th March.
- The Selection Committee will identify the final Teams after which the Secretary will inform the athletes/players in writing of the outcome.
- Qualification medals will be prepared and distributed to the Regions/regional representatives that will present it to the athletes/players in whatever way convenient to them.

Yours in Transplant Sports



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