



POLICY: PROCESS OF TEAM SELECTION FOR WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

The Management Committee of SATSA has approved the following policy for selection of the Team to represent South Africa in the World Transplant Games.

OPPORTUNITIES TO QUALIFY FOR SA TEAM TO WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES (WTG)

NATIONAL TRANSPLANT GAMES (NTG):

The NTG takes place every two years and give the opportunity to qualify for possible inclusion in the SA Team to the WTG.

EXTRA OPPORTUNITY TO QUALIFY:

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.

- The Secretary of SATSA will 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.

EXTRA-ORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO QUALIFY:

A request for Extra-Ordinary Qualification will be considered in the following circumstances:

- Athletes who due to unforeseen circumstances could not attend the scheduled National Transplant Games (NTG)
- Athletes who experienced clashes with sports items during the NTG. **TAKE NOTE: Permission for extra-ordinary qualification will only be given if the sports item does not clash with other items on the World Transplant Games schedule.**

This request must reach the Secretary of SATSA **at a specific deadline.**

Completed **Medical forms (MF1 & 2 similar as for National Games)** must accompany the request.

The Management Committee will consider the request and if successful, the athlete will be allowed an attempt at qualifying.

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.

The Secretary of SATSA will provide the athlete with the necessary qualification forms.

RE-QUALIFYING PERIOD:

This is a period in which athletes who qualified for selection must again reach the qualifying standards in sports items for which they have qualified either at the NTG or during an extra-ordinary opportunity, to be included in the final SA Team.

- The Executive Secretary of SATSA 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 **SA Team**.
At a specific deadline athletes must provide the following to the Selection Committee:
 - Proof of membership to a sports club or part of school sports **AND**
 - Proof that he/she is actively participating in sports events
 - 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
 - After successful re-qualification his/her name will be added to the final **SA TEAM** list
 - The Selection Committee will identify the final Team after which the National 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.

SPORTS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRA/RE-QUALIFICATION CYCLING 30 KM

Extra and Re-qualification attempts for cycling will be equal to the length, route profile and elevation as at the National Transplant Games and should be held during ordinary competition where official race commissaires are present and official timing can be provided.

If, in the exceptional circumstance, an athlete is unable to attend a formal race event, the athlete may apply to participate in a formally timed event, with necessary commissaires present. The distance of said timed event is to be no less than the distance at the National Transplant Games, with a similar route profile and elevation.

Events may be no shorter than 26km in length when part of an official race. Where shortened distances are covered, times will be adjusted accordingly. If you attempt qualification where it is not part of an official race the distance should be at least 30km.

Applications for such individual events need to be made to SATSA who will review the application and notify the athlete of the outcome thereof.

Cycling Extra and Re-Qual Regulations

- It must be a road cycle race/route (Not an oval track), where possible and an officially sanctioned event.
- There should be a net elevation change of 0m (zero meters) or more for the complete 30km.
- There should be an elevation gain of at least 120m (showing that it was an undulating race and not just a flat road).
- The first 30 km of any officially sanctioned race can be submitted provided it complies with the above criteria.
- A shorter race can be submitted provided it is no less than 26km in length, is an officially sanctioned race with official timing, and complies with the above guidelines. Where a shorter race is done the time will be adjusted for the shorter distance according to a set formula found at the following link: <https://www.calculatorsoup.com/calculators/math/speed-distance-time-calculator.php>
- A special 30km event can be arranged for qualification if there is no prospect of officially sanctioned events happening in the allotted timeframe, then the proposed route must be submitted to the applicable regional chair and the SATSA office for pre-evaluation (using the above criteria) and approval.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will consist of five members, of which one will be from the Executive Committee, one member nominated by GTSA, one from WCTSA, one from ECTSA and one from KZNTSA. The Selection Committee will make **recommendations to the Management Committee** regarding the selection of the team. This is to be done in a consultative, fair, transparent, and equitable manner, and is to be aligned to the strategy of SATSA.

Athletes must provide the following to the Selection Committee:

- Proof of membership to a sports club or part of school sports
- Proof that he/she is actively participating in sports events
- Evaluation by a recognised sports official that he/she has reached the qualifying standards at another event other than the NTG

Criteria for selection for the SA Team:

- An athlete must have reached the qualifying standards in sports items during the requalifying period. The following can also be considered by the Selection Committee:
 - An athlete who has fully qualified during the **requalifying period** in at least one sports item but has performed within a 10% margin of the qualifying standards in other sports items during this period, be allowed to participate in these items at the WTG.
 - Under no circumstances will athletes be allowed to enter for random additional items at the WTG other than those mentioned above.
- Past performances and medallists at previous WTG
- Active participation in selected sporting events

World Transplant Games criteria for participation in the World transplant Games:

Entry is open to recipients, aged between 4 and 80 plus, of life-supporting allografts and haemopoietic cell transplants from other individuals or species which require or have required the use of immunosuppressive drug therapies.

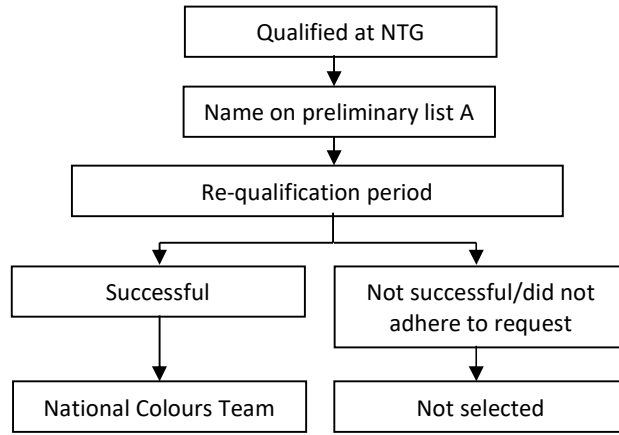
Competitors must have been transplanted for at least 1 year, with **stable graft function**, be medically fit and have trained for the events in which they have entered. If a potential competitor has been transplanted for at least 6 months, with stable graft function, has been training, and has permission from their own doctor, their entry may be considered by the WTGF Medical Committee and be allowed to enter.

CATEGORIES FOR SELECTION OF WTG TEAM – SEE DEADLINE DATES AS INDICATED ABOVE

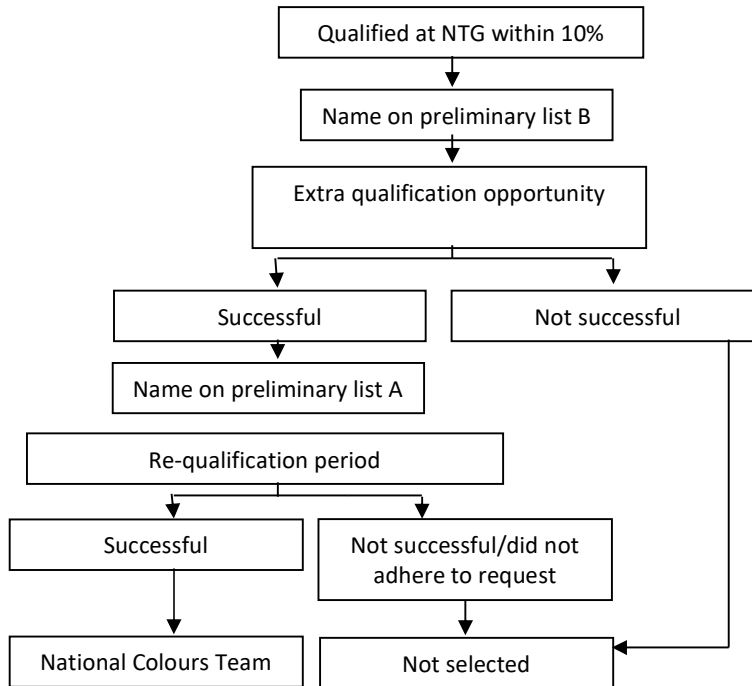
The following terminology is described for clarification:

- **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 Colours (Protea) will be submitted to SASCOC, and they will participate as the National Team. These athletes and players will be sponsored as finances allow.
- **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.

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 till start of NTG



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