



# SBU Selection Policy

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1. The SBU Selection Committee ("Committee") hereby defines its policy for team selection for the Home International Series (Camrose Trophy, Lady Milne Trophy and Seniors Camrose), the European Team Championships, the World Bridge Games (previously the World Team Olympiad) and other international events.
2. The Committee is not responsible for the selection of Junior representative teams.
3. The National League and trials are open to all players eligible to play for Scotland.
4. The Committee is deliberately combining trials in even-numbered (European) years to encourage team continuity across events.
5. For the Home International Series - Camrose Trophy:
  - a. The Scottish National League will be used for selection.
  - b. The Committee will automatically select the winning team for the first Camrose weekend, providing pairs meet the playing requirements.
  - c. The Committee will select additional pairs if required for the first Camrose weekend.
  - d. For the second weekend of the Camrose Trophy, the selectors will select pairs taking into account the results of the first Camrose weekend, performance in the National League, and results in recent national and international events.
  - e. Only pairs who competed in the First Division of the National League are eligible for selection, except when the First Division has fewer than eight teams when any pair who participated in the league may be selected.
6. For the Home International Series - Lady Milne Trophy and Seniors Camrose Trophy:
  - a. In odd-numbered (non-European) years, the Committee will automatically select the first and second pairs following a pairs-based trial run over a single weekend.
  - b. In even-numbered (European) years, the Committee will automatically offer selection to both the Home International Series and the European Championships to the winning team following a teams-based trial, expected to be run either over two weekends or one long weekend.
  - c. If required, the Committee will select a third pair taking into account performance in the trial and results in recent national and international events.
  - d. Only pairs who competed in the respective trial are eligible for selection.
  - e. In the event of the winning team declining selection for one of the events the second placed team will be offered the place in that event.

7. For the European Team Championships:

- a. The Scottish National League will be used for selection of the Open team and the trials (as above) for the Women and Seniors teams.
- b. If the winning team declines selection, then the Committee will invite the highest placed interested team, with the caveat that they must have finished in the top half of the First Division of the National League (Open) or trial (Women/Senior). In the event that no interested team finishes in the top half, then at least two other teams who competed will be invited to play off.
- c. If required, the Committee will select a third pair taking into account performance in the trial and results in recent national and international events.

8. For the World Bridge Games (formerly known as the Olympiad), the same process will be used for the selection of the Open, Women's, and Seniors' teams:

- a. There will be a teams trial run over a single weekend.
- b. The Committee will limit the trial to a maximum of four teams (per category). If more than four teams apply, then the Committee will invite teams taking into account performance in the National League, other trials, and results in recent national and international events.
- c. The Committee may seed the trial if it deems appropriate.

9. For other international events the Committee will organise trials if appropriate and, particularly for invitational events, the Committee may select the pairs.

10. This policy replaces all previous selection policies.