

A questionnaire is going out to all of the people on the current database. It should arrive by email by Monday 15th May. If you wish to be on the database but haven't received it, please contact the DoS at international@sbu.org.uk to be both added to the database and be sent the questionnaire.

The questions 9 and 10 on the questionnaire refer to some general guidance to which respondents might refer. The information below is very much a first attempt to provide helpful guidelines. It will be up-dated after the questionnaires have been received and analysed.

Which recent performances should I include and what is a high-level event?

We intend to take note of all **positive** performances, however much in the past or with a different partner. But it is considered most relevant to list those that involve a current partnership, most recently.

The 'value' of different events is more difficult to define but it has to be (regrettably) accepted that most of these will be outside of Scotland. The table below is a very rough guide and will only be used alongside the data from our Performance Events weekends and previous results in international events. On-line performance should only be included in your response to the questionnaire if you consider them to be of sufficiently 'high level'. The DoS and his team will use their experience and judgement when making assessments of performance from the data they have available.

Please note:- the table of events below is provided to show some of the opportunities available. It is very much a guideline rather than a definitive list. So, (for instance), being part of the winning team in a Scottish event may be considered as worthy as 'doing quite well' in a higher rated overseas event.

Prestige rating	Event	Open	Location
*****	Euro Teams	No	Europe
*****	Euro Open events	Yes	Europe
*****	WBF Open events	Yes	various
****	ACBL Nationals	Yes	USA
****	EBU Spring Foursomes and other World Bridge Tour events eg:- Reykjavik Bridge Festival, Vilnius Cup and Chairmans Cup, Sweden	Yes	See WBF website for venues
****	BGB Gold Cup (later stages)	Yes	London
****	Other overseas bridge festivals (including major congresses in England eg:- EBU summer meeting)	Yes	
****	Camrose	No	Various UK & Ireland
***	Other Home Internationals	No	Various UK & Ireland

***	SBU National League	Yes	Scotland
***	BGB Gold Cup (up to ¼ finals)	Yes	UK
***	SBU Scottish Cup	Yes	Scotland
**	SBU Winter Foursomes	Yes	Scotland or on-line
*	SBU National Teams (Rayne Cup) & SBU National Pairs (Depending on entries in future)	Yes	Scotland

What is the SBU looking for from aspiring internationalists?

There is no definitive list of required activities or characteristics, but we are hoping that players will identify regular partnerships for both playing and practicing. These partnerships should show evidence that they are committed to improving by working on bidding and partnership understandings in defence and continuing to develop each player's skills in playing and defending - possibly by working with a coach and/or attending seminars.

The selection team will seek to be flexible and take account of specific circumstances - looking for potential as well as the results in Performance Events.

Individuals who do not have a regular partner are encouraged to take part in seminars and other training activities. The DoS is available to suggest possible partners.

Expected behaviour and desirable temperament are not easily described but it is expected that all members of the squad will aspire to a high standard. All players selected to represent Scotland will be expected to set an example with exemplary behaviour and involve themselves fully with preparation sessions.

Anyone who feels they would like to discuss these areas more fully is invited to contact the Director of Selection at international@sbu.org.uk