

2027 PNZ Over 70 Selection Process

Important Note

Petanque Australia declined to accept the PNZ invitation to send an Over 70 team to the 2027 Trans Tasman.

PNZ is working on various options to provide the Over 70 team with a replacement opponent.

Eligibility

Players who register for the Over 70 representation squad must:

1. Be financial members of a petanque club affiliated to Petanque New Zealand for a minimum of 12 months prior to selection.
2. Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a permanent resident visa.
3. Must be able to show that they are active players.
4. Accept that selectors decisions are final; there is no appeal process.
5. Agree to abide by the PNZ player Code of Conduct at all times.
6. Be 70 years of age on or before 1 November 2026.

Entry into the Over 70 process

Player must register their interest in national selection by completing the registration form on the website. **There is \$50 charge for entry.**

Commitment required by players if selected to a New Zealand team

- Comply with the PNZ player Code of Conduct and alcohol and drug policies.
- Stay with the team as directed by the PNZ appointed team manager.
- Be prepared to pay all costs associated with travel, accommodation and food where required.
- Provide evidence of travel arrangements to the team manager or coach at least one month ahead of the tournament.
- Any breach of any of these commitments gives PNZ in conjunction with the designated coaches grounds to remove a player from the selected team.

PNZ commitment to players

- Advise selected and non-selected candidates by phone on a specified day.
- Appoint a coach and/or manager for teams as appropriate.
- Provide selectors who do not have a conflict of interest with anyone in the category they are selecting from and who will adhere to PNZ's process and timeline.
- Provide scorers trained in the PNZ scoring method for the selection process
- Provide all players with a full PNZ uniform on their first year of representation and replace items as required after 5 years of representation. All other uniform items are purchased at the player's expense.

Selection Process

PNZ aims to provide as fair and cost-effective process as possible while choosing the best representative teams possible. We recognise there are many aspects involved in being a good representative player. Apart from the obvious technical skills and experience, a player must have:

- a strategic understanding of the game.
- good current form.

- the ability to take direction.
- good communication with, and a professional attitude to, both other players and officials.
- the ability to work as a team.
- commitment to the process.
- an ongoing desire to strive for continual improvement in their game.

All these factors will be considered when choosing NZ representative teams.

Our aim is to be as transparent as possible, but many of the above factors are not easily quantifiable, so there will always be a subjective element to selection.

Selection Camp and Team Selection

The selection camp for both men and women will be held in conjunction with the National Senior Doubles (5-6 December) and a dedicated one-day assessment on Monday, 7 December 2026. All participants are expected to participate in all 3 days.

Selection will be based on performance over all three days of assessment. Trained scorers will be used by selectors to provide information on how players are performing in their selected position and all aspects of play will be observed by the selectors throughout the assessment period.

The selectors may also consider participants results from 2025 Regional and Age group competitions and Nationals if there is insufficient data from the 3-day camp to select a team.

Once selection of a team has been finalised players will be notified whether they have been successful or not. It is expected that all players will be notified of the 2026 Trans-Tasman teams by phone no later than 21 December 2026.

Selectors for Trans Tasman team

Over 70 Men's and Women's Selectors – Murray Porter and Michael Rocks

Timeline for Representation Process

- Applications close – 30 September 2026
- National Senior Doubles – 5-6 December 2026 (Horowhenua)
- Over 70 Selection Day – 7 December 2006 (Horowhenua)
- Over 70 team announced – 21 December 2026

Note

- An Over 70 player may also put their name forward for the Open and Senior Trans Tasman selection process. The Open team will be announced first so the player will not be asked to decide which team they wish to be a member of.

PNZ Executive

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