



TIO Men's Strike League
(50 over, T20 series)
SELECTION POLICY

1. SELECTION PANEL PURPOSE

The selection panel exists to provide a transparent and objective process for the selection of TIO Men's Strike League squads. The selection panel will operate within the parameters of this policy and will endeavour to select the strongest and most evenly balanced squads as possible.

Furthering the development of Northern Territory emerging talent to earn a contract with a State or Big Bash team participating in Cricket Australia's national competitions is a key focus for selectors in the selection of squads, therefore selectors may show a bias towards the selection of Northern Territory emerging talent when selecting TIO Strike League squads.

2. SELECTION PANEL

The NT Cricket (NTC) selection panel will be appointed annually and shall consist of the following three (3) members:

- (a) NTC's Head of Pathways (Chair);
- (b) Team Head Coach; and
- (c) An independent selector.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

To ensure that selection is carried out effectively and efficiently, the NTC Head of Pathways will facilitate the following process:

- (a) Consult with Darwin & Districts Cricket Competition (DDCC) and Alice Springs Cricket Association (ASCA) Clubs to ascertain player availability, interest and information;
- (b) Compile player depth charts which shall be regularly updated;
- (c) Appoint team coaches;
- (d) Ensure the selection panel, Clubs and players fully understand the selection criteria;
- (e) Organise selection meetings; and
- (f) Ensure selection information is communicated to players, Clubs, the cricket community and media.



4. TIO STRIKE LEAGUE SQUAD COMPOSITION

Squads under the control and direction of NTC (presently City Cyclones, Desert Blaze, Northern Tide & Southern Storm) will consist of a maximum of 15 players.

Within each squad of 15 players there must be a minimum of eight (8) Local Players and no more than seven (7) Marquee Players.

5. LOCAL PLAYER DEFINITION

Any player who meets the following criteria shall be deemed a Local Player:

- (a) A player that is a permanent resident of the Northern Territory; or
- (b) A player that has:
 - (i) played at least one (1) Full Season with a Club that participates in an affiliated NTC association or competition (presently ASCA, DDCC, Katherine & Districts Cricket Association (KDCA) and Tennant Creek Cricket Association (TCCA)) prior to the time of the TIO Strike League squads being selected, and
 - (ii) has played that Full Season within the last three (3) years at the time of the TIO Strike League squads being selected (for the avoidance of doubt, this includes the DDCC or KDCA season taking place in the same year as the relevant TIO Strike League tournament); or
- (c) A player that has previously represented the Northern Territory at youth level (School Sport NT U12s, U15s, U17s & U19s) as part of Cricket Australia's National Championships; or
- (d) A player who currently holds an Australian Cricket Playing Contract and has previously represented the Northern Territory at youth or senior level in an Australian cricket sanctioned competition or tournament (e.g. SACA Redbacks League).

'Australian Cricket Playing Contract' is defined as a player having a match contract, full contract or rookie contract with either Cricket Australia, a State or Territory Association or a Big Bash Club at the time of the TIO Strike League squads being selected.

'Full Season' is defined as a player being selected in the starting XI of 60% or more of the total number of matches scheduled in the respective season of the affiliated NTC association or competition in which the player participated.

6. MARQUEE PLAYER DEFINITION

A Marquee Player is defined as any player that doesn't meet the criteria of a Local Player.

7. SELECTION POLICY REVIEW

This selection policy shall be reviewed annually by NTC in consultation with the Pathways Working Group.