

## THE PROVINCIAL CHAIRPERSON

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### SCSA SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL FINAL 2024

The SCSA Interschool Final is an invitational event for High Schools after a season of provincial or regional qualification events known as provincial or regional series events hosted by SCSA or their respective event organisers on their behalf.

#### Selection Criteria for 2023 Finals at Wagpos 21 -22 September 2024

- 1.1 The following selection guidelines determines School Teams qualification for Finals.
- 1.2 The qualification criteria are based on a quality points model that will see a more competitive Inter-schools Final. Large teams with quality riders will also get the opportunity to field more riders.
- 1.3 The number of qualifying riders for the interschools final is calculated pro-rata to the number of high school participants nationally: The 2024 allocation will be determined by the number of riders participating from the province.
- 1.4 Girls and Boys School teams qualify independently of each other. These points shall consider all categories for each gender.
- 1.5 A school can qualify a maximum of two boy's teams and two girl's teams for finals.
- 1.6 Boys / Girls ratio at Finals should be as close as possible to 60 / 40

#### Team Calculations

- 2.1 **BOYS teams:** the points of Boy riders 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 per school, irrespective of category. In the case of 1 qualifying team, the 6th ranked rider may travel to the Finals.
- 2.2 **GIRLS teams:** the points of Girl riders 1, 2, 3 per school, irrespective of category. In the case of 1 qualifying team, the 4th ranked rider may travel to the Finals
- 2.3 **Mixed team:** The points of 3 Boys and 2 girls per school, irrespective of category. Only riders who appear on the overall season rank are eligible to participate. Should a school qualify even though they do not have a full squad, only those riders who participated in the provincial or regional series events are invited.

- Points are based on a best '3 out of 4' or '4 out of 5' events basis, whichever is applicable. Please check your respective province's points table calculation mechanism as not all provinces run 4 or more events. It is the responsibility of the schools to understand the respective provincial qualification criteria.
- Where riders are tied on points, example a sub-junior and a junior, preference are given to the senior category unless the sub-junior is an overall category qualifier as per criteria 3.1.1

## Qualification for Finals

3.1. A rider that finishes in the top 3 overall in his/her respective category qualifies automatically, irrespective of whether his/her school fields or qualifies a team in any SCSA provincial or regional series events. See 3.2. These qualifiers are automatically part of the school squad and do not constitute additional riders.

3.2 SCSA reserves the right to limit the number of automatic qualifiers where a category has 5 or less participants.

3.3 Overall points winners: SCSA recognises schools who bring large squads to our races and shall reward the school accumulating the most points over a season with 1 Boys team (6) and 1 Girls team (4) invitation to the Interschools final.

3.4 This invitation is only available to schools who do not qualify a team based on the criteria as set out in Section 2: Standard Qualification.

3.5 Should the overall points winner qualify only 1 team of a gender the team will be allowed to bring a 2nd team of the opposite gender.

**NOTE:** A school can potentially send a larger than allocated squad should 7 or more riders qualify via these criteria.

## Use of Allocation

1. Schools have the right to waive all or part of any team allocation.
2. Should the school not take up a full allocation, any remaining slots will be returned to the Provincial committee.
3. Schools cannot transfer slots to any other school.
4. **Wildcards:**
  - To assist schools with Team selection SCSA offers a "Wildcard" system.

- A school automatically qualifies for one Wildcard for every school team that qualified. E.g., A school that qualifies for a boy and a girl team has 2 Wildcards.
- A Wildcard allows the school to replace any team member.
- Schools can apply a Wildcard in any permutation. E.g., Boys can replace Girls and vice versa.
- Should the Wildcard allocation be insufficient to manage the changes a school requires (E.g., more injuries) a school can apply in writing to SCSA Committee to motivate additional changes.

**4.1 Special cases:** In the junior year (17-19) our top riders travel to, for example, World Cup and World Championship events. In these cases, SCSA reserves the right to offer Wild card entries to such riders, with preference given to riders selected to the World Championships. In all previous cases, these riders have communicated these issues timeously and the SCSA expects schools to do so in future. The primary consideration for the allocation of such a Wild Card entry is the riders' support of the SCSA provincial or regional series events over previous seasons.

**4.2 Schools Wild Card:** A school reserves the right to issue one Wild Card entry to a top rider, who due to unforeseen circumstance like injury or illness, misses qualification. Such a rider must be able to demonstrate that there was a real attempt to participate in SCSA provincial or regional events. Any such Wild card shall be brought under the attention of SCSA and be accompanied by a solid motivation.

Motivation shall include but not be limited to:

4.2.1 Historic SCSA provincial or regional series events participation,

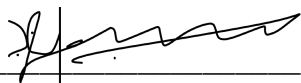
4.2.2 Cycling SA national rank,

4.2.3 Written motivation

4.2.4 SCSA reserves the right to allocate any such Wild Card slot.

**4.3 Other riders:** SCSA reserves the right to invite any rider or team to the Interschools Final, irrespective of qualification criteria, nationality, or schools' affiliation. Such a rider/team shall earn points, results, podium and participate as any other rider.

**This policy shall constitute the selection criteria for future seasons unless replaced by an updated version.**



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