

2012 AC WC Wild Card Allocations

World Croquet Federation Management Committee (7 December, 2011)

This process uses the 2012 ACWC entries as supplied on 1 December 2011.

There are 6 + 12 wild cards (WC) to be allocated.

WC Names Supplied by Member Associations

ASSUMPTION: Members who have nominated multiple WC entries will have done so in a specific order which is not necessarily DG-ranked. This implies if it is decided that a WC nominee from a member who has missed out indeed should miss out then it is not necessary to consider players ranked lower by that member for a possible WC place as their ordering is honoured.

The first cut at the 18 WC selections are shown in the table below. Those missing out are in light grey.

Rank	Member	Name	DG
1	AUS	Marty Clarke	2278
2	AUS	Alan Sands	2230
3	AUS	Simon Hockey	2201
4	AUS	Miranda Morgan	2185
5	AUS	Tim O'Leary	2165
6	NZ	Chris Shilling	2157
7	NZ	Andrew Johnson	2140
8	NZ	Dennis Bulloch	2114
9	AUS	Mark Prater	2093
10	NZ	Anthony Ritchie	2092
11	AUS	Tim Murphy	2079
12	AUS	Alan Walsh	2041
13	NZ	Nelson Morrow	2035
14	AUS	Greg Rowberry	2019
15	AUS	Ken Edwards	2007
16	NZ	Steve Jones	2002
17	AUS	Claire Bassett	1997
18	AUS	David Wise	1972
19	AUS	Charlotte Morgan	1976
20	AUS	Rosie Graham	1972
21	AUS	Trish Devlin	1952
22	NZ	David Wickham	1908
23	NZ	Harps Tahurangi	1945
24	AUS	Mike Hughes	1902
25	AUS	Martyn Prins	1906
26	SCO	Andrew Hope	1895
27	SCO	Strat Liddiard	1885
28	AUS	Alan Honey	1867
29	AUS	Graham Whiteway	1829
30	ENG	Jim Field	1825
31	NZ	Kathie Grant	1674
32	USA	Tommy Harrington	1637
33	CAN	Peter Westaway	1624

Consideration of those who have missed out

Consideration must be given to players who have been nominated for WC places but who have missed out to ensure there are no circumstances that might lead to their preferential inclusion over others.

With the assumption above given that WC places 17 and 18 go to AU it is unlikely that Charlotte Morgan, Rosie Graham, Trish Devlin, Mike Hughes, Martyn Prins, Alan Honey or Graham Whiteway should be considered at this time. If more places become available they would be possibilities in the order AU have supplied.

Similarly three NZ players have missed out - Harps Tahurangi, David Wickham, and Kathie Grant. Steve Jones (DG 2002) is the final NZ player to receive a WC (number 16). Applying the same logic to NZ as for AU then at this time it would seem unnecessary to consider Tahurangi, Wickham or Grant.

This leaves consideration of Andrew Hope (SCO, DG 1895), Strat Liddiard (SCO, DG 1885), Jim Field (ENG, DG 1825), Tommy Harrington (USA DG 1637), and Peter Westaway (CAN, DG 1624). Each of these players should be compared to the final WC place (David Wise, DG 1972). For this comparison online World Ranking information was consulted (Chris Williams' site) – including player historical grade data; “Biggest upset wins”, peeling information and tournament win data for 2010/2011. None of the five players here are assessed to be stronger or otherwise more appropriate choices for the final WC place.

Recommendation: That the first 18 players in the table above be issued Wild Card invitations.