

## SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS FOR ASIAN YOUTH GAMES 2021

### Introduction

1. In principle, Singapore Badminton Association (SBA) believes that for such Major Games, representing Singapore is a privilege and shall be accorded to the best in the country. Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) has also set stringent selection criteria for the Games.
2. Asian Youth Games (AYG) is scheduled to be held in Shantou, China from 20 to 28 November 2021.

### Mandatory Requirements

3. There are certain mandatory requirements required by the Organising Committee and the Badminton World Federation (BWF) which must be fulfilled. These mandatory requirements are:
  - a) Singapore Citizenship; and
  - b) Must be born between 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2007; and
  - c) Has not represented any other country for three years immediately preceding the date of the fixture or last represented Singapore<sup>1</sup>.

### AYG 2021

4. The following events will be played at the upcoming AYG:
  - Boys Singles
  - Girls Singles
  - Mixed Doubles (form by Singles candidates)

*\*Maximum number of entries per event yet to be finalized by Organising Committee.*

### Selection for AYG training squad

5. All eligible National Team and NTS players shall be selected into the training squad directly.
6. Players who have achieved the following results shall be invited to join the training squad:
  - SEA Games 2021 Preparatory Squad Singles candidates;
  - National Open 2021 Semi-finalists;
  - SEA Games 2021 trial, NIS 2<sup>nd</sup> stage Singles candidates;
  - PAPAGO Age Group 2021, Singles U15 Champion, U17 and U19 finalists.

### Commitment required of members of AYG 2021 Training Squad

7. Players selected for the AYG 2021 Training Squad must commit to the following:
  - (a) Competition period from 20 to 28 November 2021;
  - (b) Train in accordance with SBA's training plan (may be subject to change):
    - Train at least 5 sessions per week in June 2021;

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<sup>1</sup> Representing is defined as accepting a nomination to be a member in any badminton event where the competition is being teams, or as specified by BWF (i.e., World Championship, individual event in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Asian Badminton Championship).

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- Train at least 8 sessions per week after training squad list is published (from August onwards);
  - Meet SBA's requirement for centralized training;
- (c) Possess good discipline and attitude during training and competition;
- (d) Must wear attire provided by SBA & SNOC's sponsors throughout the competition while representing Singapore.

### **Finalising of AYG 2021 nomination list by SBA**

8. A final selection trial will be conducted in July should conditions (i.e. safety measures, pandemic situation) permit. Otherwise, SBA will select the candidates directly after considering and assessing the following in totality:
- a. Competition results (if any);
  - b. Progress and commitment to training requirements of training squad;
  - c. Coaches recommendations;
  - d. Any other factors deemed necessary for consideration by SBA.
9. SBA reserves the right to review and change any selection criteria should the final rules and regulations published by the Organising Committee for the Games substantially affect previously published criteria or team selection decisions.

### **Final Selection by SNOC**

10. Based on the selection process above, SBA will nominate the final selected players to SNOC. Final approval and selection of players for the AYG resides with the SNOC.

### **Appeal Process**

11. Appeal against the non-selection may be made in writing to the Chairman (Pathway & Development), SBA within 72 hours of the announcement of the players nominated for AYG to SNOC. [Click Here](#)
12. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy and criteria was not properly followed.
13. An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$50.00, payable to the SBA. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded in full.
14. Within two (2) working days of receiving the appeal, the Chairman (Pathway & Development) with selected members of the Appeal Panel (comprising of members not involved in the actual selection process) will investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.
15. SBA will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeal Panel's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final.

### **Deselection**

16. A player selected for the AYG 2021 may be deselected at any point if the player:
- Due to illness or injury becomes unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and the Technical Manager (after receiving medical advice from SSMC@SSI); or

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- Demonstrates a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the National Coaches and Technical Manager; or
- Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of the SBA, the BWF, the Anti-Doping Singapore or other approved agencies, if applicable; or
- Is unable to fulfil the mandatory requirements as required by the Organising Committee and BWF (as stated in para 3 above) before the submission of SBA's final selection to SNOC; or
- Any other reason not stated above, but where deselection is deemed appropriate and approved by the Pathway and Development sub-committee.

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**Planned Milestones**

17. The list of tentative milestones as follows:

Invitation for AYG Training Squad	4 <sup>th</sup> June to 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Deadline for invited players to reply	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Regular Training (Initial List) – at least 5 sessions/week	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Selection Trial (if conditions permit)	July 2021
Release of AYG 2021 selection results	By end of July
Submission of SBA's final selection to SNOC	By end of July 2021
Commencement Regular Training – at least 8 sessions/week	Aug 2021
Centralized training & Friendly Competitions in Singapore / abroad	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 (TBC)
Asian Youth Games 2021	20 to 28 Nov 2021