

## **SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN 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. In addition, we feel that we must include a few younger ones with good potential for exposure. This is to nurture them to carry our torch as we progress towards our Olympic dream.
2. The Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) includes participating countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand which are powerhouses in world class badminton. Hence, for badminton, the SEA Games is a world class tournament. It is thus necessary for Singapore shuttlers to spend almost full-time in its preparation for the Games.

### **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) Has not represented any other country for three years immediately preceding the date of the fixture or last represented Singapore<sup>1</sup>.

### **SEA Games 2021 (13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022)**

4. Subject to any changes by the Organising Committee, Men's and Women's Team Championships will comprise of min 4 players and maximum 10 players competing in best of 5 matches format (3 singles and 2 doubles events).
5. Individual Championships (must be from the players in the team event) comprising of:
  - Men's Singles (max. entries – 2 singles)
  - Women's Singles (max. entries – 2 singles)
  - Men's Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)
  - Women's Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)
  - Mixed Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)

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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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### Selection Trials for SBA SEA Games 2021 preparatory squad

6. In view of the high level of competition (world class) at the SEA Games, only players who have achieved the following results<sup>2</sup> (between 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021) shall be invited to join the list together with the National shuttlers (National Training Squad and above):
  - Reached the Last 16 round of any BWF Super 750 and 1000 competition;
  - Reached the Quarter Finals and above for any BWF Super 100, 300 and 500 competition;
  - Reached semi-finals for BWF International Series and Challenge events;
  - Players that reach top 4 for any of the events in National Open 2021 shall also be invited to join the selection trials (to be considered only if completed before 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021);
  - Top Ranked NIS Men's and Women's Singles respectively (internal ranking will be conducted);
  - Top Ranked NIS Men's and Women's Doubles pair respectively (internal ranking will be conducted).
  
7. SBA shall invite players who meet the requirements to take part in the Selection Trial to be conducted in mid-February 2021 or later. (exact date to be confirmed at least 2 weeks in advance).
  
8. The selection criteria for the SEA Games Preparatory squad (of about 24 players) shall be as follows:
  - a) The top 3 men's and women's singles will be selected into the squad;
  - b) The top 2 men's and women's doubles will be selected into the squad;
  - c) Selection for the remaining slots shall be according to the recommendations of the selection panel based on a few considerations (i.e., results from the ranking exercise, team and games strategy, training attitude and discipline and so on).
  
9. Players will be directly included in the SBA SEA Games 2021 nomination list (individual and team events) without the need to play in the Selection Trial if they have met the following BWF ranking criteria for the period of August 2020 to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021:
  - Men's Singles Top 40
  - Women's Singles Top 40
  - Men's Doubles Top 30
  - Women's Doubles Top 30
  - Mixed Doubles Top 30

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<sup>2</sup> Results will only be considered where players have at least played and won one round of matches.

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### **Commitment required of members of SBA SEA Games 2021 Preparatory Squad**

10. Players selected for the SEA Games 2021 Preparatory Squad must commit to the following:
  - (a) Competition period of 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022;
  - (b) Train in accordance with SBA's training plan (may be subject to change):
    - Train at least 5 sessions per week from 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 onwards in preparation for the SEA Games;
    - Train at least 8 sessions per week with the National Team from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 onwards and participate in the centralized training & friendly competitions overseas / in Singapore in April/May 2022 (actual dates to be finalised).
    - Compete in planned competitions (if any) for benchmarking with regional competitors;
  - (c) Possess good attitude during training.

### **Finalising of SEA Games 2021 nomination list by SBA**

11. For the Men's and Women's Team events, SBA shall select a maximum of 10 Men and 10 Women after considering and assessing the following in totality:
  - a. Players who are automatically included in the nomination list as they had obtained the BWF ranking criteria stated in para 9 above;
  - b. Ranking derived from selection trials of SEA Games 2021 Preparatory Squad;
  - c. Competition results (e.g., international competitions, internal playoffs etc.)
  - d. Attitude towards and attendance for training during lead-up period;
  - e. Team needs and games strategy;
  - f. Coaches recommendations;
  - g. Any other factors deemed necessary for consideration by SBA.
12. For individual events, SBA's final selection shall be based on the nomination list for the Team events with the top 2 players/ pairings selected for nomination to the Singapore National Olympic Council.

### **Final Selection by Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC)**

13. Based on the selection process above, SBA will nominate the final selected players to SNOC. Final approval and selection of players for the SEA Games resides with the SNOC whose criteria is athletes or teams who have achieved or are benchmarked to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Southeast Asia, or better.

### **Appeal Process**

14. 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 SEA Games to SNOC.
15. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy and criteria was not properly followed.
16. 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.

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17. 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.
18. 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**

19. A player selected for the SEA Games 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
  - 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.
20. Where a player has been de-selected from the team for the singles event, SBA may fill the vacant position with the person next on the ranking list. However, this is subject to the rules of the competition.
21. Where a player has been de-selected from the team for the doubles event, SBA may fill the vacant position with any player from the SEA Games 2021 Preparatory Squad. However, this is subject to the rules of the competition.

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**Planned Milestones**

22. The list of tentative milestones as follows:

Regular Training (Initial List) – at least 5 sessions/week	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 onwards
Submission of SBA's final selection to SNOC	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2022
Commencement Regular Training (SEA Games 2021 Men's and Women's Teams) – at least 8 sessions/ week	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2022
Centralized training & Friendly Competitions in Singapore / abroad (SEA Games 2021 Men's & Women's Teams)	Apr/May 2021
SEA Games 2021	13 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022