

## **SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022**

### **Introduction**

1. In principle, 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 Commonwealth Games (CG) includes strong participating countries including Malaysia, England and India which are among the world's best badminton nations. Hence, it is necessary for Singapore shuttlers to spend almost full-time in preparation for the Games.
3. The Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) has also set stringent selection criteria for the Games. Athletes are required to be ranked within top 6 among the Commonwealth countries to qualify for the CG.
4. The CG is scheduled to be held in Birmingham, England from 28 July to 8 August 2022.

### **Mandatory Requirements**

5. There are certain mandatory requirements required by the Organising Country, International Olympic Council (IOC) and the Badminton World Federation (BWF) which must be fulfilled. These mandatory requirements are:
  - (a) Singapore Citizenship;
  - (b) Not holding dual citizenship if they are above 21 years old; 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>.

### **Commonwealth Games 2022 (28 July to 8 August 2022)**

6. Subject to any changes by the Organising Committee, Mixed Team Championships will comprise of min 4 players (2 males & 2 females) and maximum 10 players (5 males & 5 females):
  - one Men's Singles
  - one Women's Singles
  - one Men's Doubles
  - one Women's Doubles
  - one Mixed Doubles
7. Individual Championships (must be from the 10 players in the mixed team event) comprising of:
  - Men's Singles (max. entries – 3 singles)
  - Women's Singles (max. entries – 3 singles)
  - Men's Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)
  - Women's Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)
  - Mixed Doubles (max. entries – 4 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 for CG training squad**

8. Players who achieved the selection criteria set by SNOC (within top 6 among the Commonwealth nations) shall be included into the CG 2022 Training Squad. This is determined based on the BWF World Ranking on 1 February 2022.
9. In view of the high level of competition at the Games, Full-time National shuttlers and other players who have achieved the following results<sup>2</sup>. (between 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021) may also be invited to join the training squad:
  - Reached the Last 16 round of any BWF Super 750 and 1000 competitions (For Men's Singles – Last 32);
  - Reached the Quarter-Finals of any BWF Super 100, 300 and 500 competitions (For Men's Singles – Last 16);
  - Reached the Quarter-Finals of any BWF International Challenge competitions;
  - Reached the Semi-Finals of any BWF International Series competitions;
  - Reached the Quarter-Finals of SEA Games (Individual Events) – Not applicable for CG 2022 selections;
  - Members of the SEA Games Preparatory Squad.

### **Commitment required of members of CG 2022 Training Squad**

10. Players selected for the CG 2022 Training Squad must commit to the following:
  - (a) Competition period of 28 July to 8 August 2022;
  - (b) Train in accordance with SBA's training plan (may be subject to change):
    - Train at least 5 sessions per week from 1 September 2021 onwards in preparation for the CG;
    - Train at least 8 sessions per week with the National Team from 1 April 2022 onwards and participate in centralized training and friendly competitions overseas or in Singapore if selected into final list.
    - Compete in all planned competitions (if any) leading up to the Games as well as the selection trial(s) to be held between October 2021 and April 2022;
  - (c) Possess good attitude during training.

### **Finalising of CG 2022 nomination list by SBA**

11. For the CG Mixed Team, SBA shall select a maximum of 5 Men and 5 Women.
12. If there is only one player/pair who qualifies under SNOC's selection criteria (top 6 among Commonwealth Nations) for any event, that player/pair shall automatically be included in the nomination into the CG Mixed Team and selected as representative for the Individual Championships for the respective event.
13. If more than one player/pair qualifies under the SNOC's selection criteria, the results from the selection trial(s) will be taken into consideration amongst other factors to determine nominations for the CG Mixed Team and selection of representative for the Individual Championships for the respective event.
14. After the top player/pair for each of the 5 events have been selected for nomination into the CG Mixed Team, selection for the remaining slots shall be done in accordance with recommendation of the selection panel (comprising of National Coaches, Technical Director, Technical Manager, and Pathway & Development sub-committee members) after considering and assessing the following in totality:

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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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- a. Results from the selection trial(s) of the CG 2022 Training Squad;
- b. Competition results (e.g., international competitions, internal playoffs etc.);
- c. Commitment and attitude towards training during the lead-up period;
- d. Team needs and games strategy;
- e. Coaches recommendations;
- f. Any other factors deemed necessary for consideration by SBA.

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

15. Based on the selection process above, SBA will nominate the final list of players to SNOC. Final approval and selection of players for the Commonwealth Games resides with the Singapore National Olympic Council.

### **Appeal Process**

16. 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 CG to SNOC. The appeal may be submitted via email to [secretariat@singaporebadminton.org.sg](mailto:secretariat@singaporebadminton.org.sg).
17. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy and criteria was not properly followed.
18. 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 SBA. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded in full.
19. 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 selection process) will investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.
20. 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**

21. A player selected for the CG 2022 may be deselected from the team 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
  - Demonstrate a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the National Coaches, Technical Director and Technical Manager;
  - Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of SBA, 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 5 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 & Development sub-committee.
22. Where a player has been de-selected, SBA may fill the vacant position with the person next on the ranking list. However, this is subject to the rules of the competition.

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**Planned Milestones**

23. The list of tentative milestones are:

Announcement of CG Training Squad	1 Feb 2022
Regular training for CG Training Squad – at least 5 sessions per week	1 Feb 2022
Selection trial(s) – (if conditions permit) (Exact dates to be informed at least 2 weeks in advance)	Feb/Mar 2022
Release of CG 2022 selection results	26 Mar 2022
Commencement regular training – at least 8 sessions per week	Apr 2022
Centralized training for Commonwealth Games (if conditions permit)	Apr/May 2022
Submission of SBA's final selection to SNOC	14 Jun 2022
Commonwealth Games 2022	28 July to 8 August 2022

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### Addendum

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, SNOC (CGS) will assess nominations based on a wider parameter. The NSA's addendum to our Selection Policy is as follows:

In addition to paras 11 to 14 on Finalising of Commonwealth Games 2022 nomination list by SBA, the additional considerations for justification of nominations include:

1. To review the last 2 or 3 Commonwealth Games (for those sports that are included in them) and look at the trend in results and trend in the number of athletes selected per sport.
2. Extend the selection window back to include results from Commonwealth Games 2018. (Top 6 placing)
3. NSA's assessment and projection at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
4. Qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.