

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS – SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES 2023

Introduction

1. Singapore Badminton Association (SBA) aims to nominate athletes for the 2023 South East Asia Games (SEA Games) aligned to nomination and qualifying standards and criteria established by the Singapore National Olympic Committee (SNOC).
2. This document outlines the key principles, selection process, selection eligibility and criteria, appeal process and timelines.

Key Principles

3. SBA believes that participation and representing Singapore in the SEA Games is a privilege and shall be accorded to the best shuttlers and greatest talents in the country, targeting participation of **20 athletes** in the following events:

Singles	Men's Singles (max. 2 singles)
	Women's Singles (max. 2 singles)
Doubles	Men's Doubles (max. 2 pairs)
	Women's Doubles (max. 2 pairs)
	Mixed Doubles (max. 2 pairs)
Team	Team Event (max, 10 male/ 10 female athletes)

4. SEA Games Badminton competition includes world leading badminton nations like Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. Hence SEA Games is considered a world-class competition.
5. SBA adopts a long-term focus in athlete development and aims to nurture future generations of athletes to carry our torch as we progress towards our Olympic dream.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

6. Nominated and selected athletes must be Singapore Citizens and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 21 years old, at the time of nomination.
7. Considering the world-class competition environment, nominated and selected athletes must be registered as members of SBA's National Team (NT) or National Training Squad (NTS) as per FY2022.

Selection Process

8. Athlete selection and nomination will be led by an Athlete Selection Panel comprised of:
 - Chair of Pathway and Development Committee
 - Technical Director
 - Singles Head Coach
 - Doubles Head coach

9. The Athlete Selection Panel will first establish a long list based on:
 - a. 2022 competition results
 - b. 2022 performance profile scores and progress
 - c. Coaches' recommendations
 - d. Team and Games strategy
10. Athletes will be directly included in the SBA SEA Games 2023 nomination list when they have achieved at least a semi-final in a major competition in 2022 (SEA Games, Commonwealth Games), having demonstrated medal winning potential in the 2023 SEA Games.
11. Remaining athletes will be invited to take part in a multi-day selection trial to be conducted during the first week of December 2022.

Criteria for the SEA Games Nomination List shall be as follows:

- a. The top 3 men's and women's singles will be selected
- b. The top 2 men's and women's doubles will be selected
- c. Selection for the remaining slots shall be according to the recommendations of the Athlete Selection Panel based on the following considerations:
 - i. December 2022 Performance Profile score
 - ii. 2022 competition results
 - iii. Team and Games strategy

Other Considerations

12. Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country." In addition to the above selection criteria, the following "qualities" of the athletes will be taken into consideration:
 - a. Attitude and behavior towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise
 - b. General conduct and character which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport
 - c. Past disciplinary record
 - d. Current skill level and fitness; and character
 - e. Level of commitment and attendance
 - f. Potential for future development
 - g. Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
 - h. Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

Extenuating Circumstances

13. In consideration of the performance and “qualities” of athletes, the selectors may at their discretion give consideration to extenuating circumstances. For this purpose, “extenuating circumstances” mean an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend event, training camps or other required attendances arising from:
 - a. Injury or illness
 - b. Equipment failure
 - c. Travel delays
 - d. Bereavement; and
 - e. Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

Final Selection by Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC)

14. 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 3rd place in Southeast Asia, or better.

Appeal Process

15. Appeal against the non-selection may be made in writing to the CEO of SBA
16. Chairman (Pathway & Development), SBA within 72 hours of the announcement of the players nominated for SEA Games to SNOC.
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 the SBA. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded in full.
19. Within two (2) working days of receiving the appeal, CEO of SBA, 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.
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 SEA Games 2023 may be deselected at any point if the player:

- a. Due to illness or injury becomes unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the Athlete Selection panel (after receiving medical advice from SSMC@SSI); or
- b. Demonstrates a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the National Coaches and Technical Director or
- c. 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
- d. Any other reason not stated above, but where deselection is deemed appropriate and approved by the Athlete Selection Panel.

Timeline

Longlist and Nomination start via SportSync	1-Nov-22
Technical Handbook Distribution	12-Dec-22
Deadline for longlist and Nomination	19-Dec-22
Selection Committee Meeting	17-Jan-22
Appeal process begins	18-Jan-23
Appeal deadline	1-Feb-22
Appeal Committee Meeting	23-Feb-23
Sports Entry by Name Deadline	28-Feb-23