

SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS FOR ASIAN 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 Asian Games (AG) includes some of the world's best badminton nations including powerhouses like China, Japan, Korea and Indonesia. 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 Asian countries to qualify for the AG.
4. The AG is scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China from 10 to 25 September 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 Singapore¹.

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6. Subject to any changes by the Organising Committee, Men's Team and Women's Team Championships will comprise of minimum 4 players and maximum 10 players:
 - 3x Men's/Women's Singles
 - 2x Men's/Women's Doubles
7. Individual Championships 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)

Selection for AG training squad

8. Players who achieved the selection criteria set by SNOC (within top 6 among the Asian nations) shall be included into the AG 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 results². (between 1 May 2021 to 6 Mar 2022) may also be invited to join the training squad:

¹ 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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- 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 500 competitions (For Men's Singles – Last 16);
- Reached the Semi-Finals of any BWF Super 100 and 300 competitions (For Men's Singles – Quarter-Finals);
- Reached the Finals of any BWF International Challenge and International Series competitions;
- Qualification for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games;
- Reached the Semi-Finals of SEA Games and Commonwealth Games (Individual Events) if applicable.

Commitment required of members of AG 2022 Training Squad

10. Players selected for the AG 2022 Training Squad must commit to the following:
 - (a) Competition period of 10 to 25 September 2022;
 - (b) Train in accordance with SBA's training plan (may be subject to change):
 - Train at least 5 sessions per week from 1 May 2022 onwards in preparation for the AG;
 - Train at least 8 sessions per week with the National Team from 1 July 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 Internal Ranking Exercise (if any);
 - (c) Possess good attitude during training.

Finalising of AG 2022 nomination list by SBA

11. Players/pairs who qualify under SNOC's selection criteria (top 6 among Asian nations) for any event, those players/pairs shall automatically be included in the nomination for their respective events if there are not more than 2 qualified players/pairs.
12. If there are more than 2 players/pairs who qualify under SNOC's selection criteria for the same event, the players/pairs shall compete in an Internal Ranking Exercise (exact date to be advised at least 2 weeks in advance). SBA will determine the format for the Exercise depending on the number of eligible players/pairs and other factors (i.e. Safety Management Measures). The top 2 players/pairs for each event arising from the Exercise shall be nominated for their respective events.
13. If no player/pair qualifies under SNOC's selection criteria for any event, SBA may make nominations from the AG training squad after taking into consideration the results from all planned competitions (if any) as well as the Internal Ranking Exercise (if any).
14. If the Men's and/or Women's Team qualifies under SNOC's selection criteria, the players/pairs who qualified under para 11 and 12 shall be nominated to SNOC in the respective team events.
15. Selection for the remaining slots in the team events shall be done in accordance with recommendations from 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:
 - a. Results from the Internal Ranking Exercise (if any);
 - b. Competition results (e.g., international competitions, internal playoffs etc.);
 - c. Commitment and attitude towards training during the lead-up period;

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

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- 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)

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

Appeal Process

17. 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 AG to SNOC. The appeal may be submitted via email to secretariat@singaporebadminton.org.sg.
18. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy and criteria was not properly followed.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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

22. A player selected for the AG 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.
23. 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

24. The list of tentative milestones are:

Announcement of AG Training Squad – Regular training of at least 5 sessions per week	1 Apr 2022
Submission of SBA's final selection to SNOC – Regular training of at least 8 sessions per week	29 May 2022
Centralized training for Asian Games (if conditions permit)	TBC
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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 15 on Finalising of Asian Games 2022 nomination list by SBA, the additional considerations for justification of nominations include:

1. To review the last 2 or 3 Asian 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 Asian Games 2018. (Top 6 placing)
3. NSA's assessment and projection at the 2022 Asian Games.
4. Qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.