

SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES 2025

Introduction

1. The Singapore Badminton Association (SBA) aims to nominate athletes for the Southeast Asia Games 2025 (SEA Games) aligned to the 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 most outstanding talents in the country, targeting the participation of **20 athletes** in the following events:

| Category | Event | Number of Athletes |
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| Singles | Women's Singles (WS) | 2 |
| | Men's Singles (MS) | 2 |
| Doubles | Women's Doubles (WD) | 4 |
| | Men's Doubles (MD) | 4 |
| | Mixed Doubles (XD) | 4 |
| Team | Team Event | 10 female/ 10 male |

4. The SEA Games Badminton competition includes world-leading badminton nations like Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. Hence, the SEA Games is considered a world-class competition.
5. SBA focuses on 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 hold dual citizenship if they are over 22 years old at the time of nomination.

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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) from 1st April 2025.

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. Performance profile scores and progress made in calendar years 2023 and 2024
 - b. Competition results between **1st October 2024 – 5th September 2025**
 - c. Coaches' recommendations
 - d. Team and Games Strategy
10. Longlisted athletes will be invited to participate in a multi-day selection trial during the first week of [TBC]. The athlete selection panel will select the final squad based on the trials' outcomes.

Other Considerations

11. Under 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 behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, whether about 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 records
 - d. Current skill level and fitness; and character
 - e. Level of commitment and attendance
 - f. Potential for future development

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- g. Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
- h. The selectors may consider other non-performance related qualities to be relevant.

Extenuating Circumstances

- 12. 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 events, training camps or other required attendances arising from:
 - a. Injury or illness
 - b. Equipment failure
 - c. Travel delays
 - d. Bereavement; and
 - e. Other circumstances that the selectors may consider to be relevant.

Final Selection by Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC)

- 13. Based on the selection process above, SBA will nominate the final selected players to SNOC. The SNOC, whose criteria are athletes or teams that have achieved or are benchmarked to 3rd place in Southeast Asia or better, has the final approval and selection of players for the SEA Games.

Appeal Process

- 14. An appeal against the non-selection may be made in writing to the CEO of SBA within 72 hours of the announcement of the players nominated for the SEA Games to SNOC.
- 15. The sole grounds for any appeal are that the selection policy and criteria were improperly 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.
- 17. Within two (2) working days of receiving the appeal, the 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.

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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 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-
 - d. Doping Singapore or other approved agencies, if applicable; or,

Any other reason not stated above, but where deselection is deemed appropriate and approved by the Athlete Selection Panel.

Timeline

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| Entry by Sport | 8 March 2025 |
| Entry by Number | 8 April 2025 |
| Longlist start | 15 April 2025 |
| Nomination starts | 15 May 2025 |
| Longlist and nomination deadline | July 2025 |
| Selection Committee Meeting | August 2025 |
| Appeal Committee Meeting | August/ September 2025 |
| Sports Entry by Name Deadline via SportSync | 19 September 2025 |