



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

2017 ASIAN WINTER GAMES SELECTION POLICY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- (1) The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Asian Winter Games Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore for the Asian Winter Games 2017 to be held in Sapporo, Japan from 19 to 26 Feb 2017.
- (2) Ice Skating events at Asian Winter Games 2017, pending official announcement, will comprise of:
 - (a) Figure Skating - Senior Ladies and Senior Men
 - (b) Short Track Speed Skating – 500m, 1000m, 1500m, Relay (3000m Ladies & 5000m Men).
- (3) The maximum number of quota places, pending official announcement, for each nation (National Olympic Council) is:
 - (a) Figure Skating - 2 Ladies, 2 Men
 - (b) Short Track Speed Skating – A maximum of 5 Men and 5 Ladies comprising of 3 athletes competing in the 500m, 1000m and 1500m and up to 2 additional athletes (ladies and men) for the Relay (3000m Ladies & 5000m Men).
- (4) The SISA EXCO may appoint, at its discretion, a panel comprising of up to five (5) but no less than three (3) persons from outside the sport and from SISA (SISA Selection Panel), whose task will be to consider athletes to be nominated to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) to represent Singapore in the Asian Winter Games 2017 in accordance with this policy.
- (5) The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

SNOC Asian Winter Games Minimum Performance Standard	The Minimum Technical Scores for Short Program and Free Skating (Figure Skating) and race times (Short Track Speed Skating)
SISA Nominated Qualifying Event or SISA Nominated Selection Trial	SISA Nominated Qualifying Event/s or Selection Trial (local/regional competitions) as published by SISA. Interclub competitions with participants from at least two members (eg. Asian Junior Skating Challenge events) may be included in accordance with ISU Rule 107.4, following an evaluation of the judge and technical panel qualifications by the SISA Selection Panel following the competition
International Squad (Figure Skating)	Figure Skating athletes within the respected division who have achieved the minimum standard (SISA Minimum Technical Scores) to be considered for selection for ISU international events
International or Development Squad (Short Track Speed Skating)	Short Track Speed Skating athletes who have achieved the minimum race time standards (Minimum SISA Performance Standard (International) or (Development))
Minimum Technical Element Scores	The minimum technical element scores for the Short Program and Free Skating as published by SISA

ISU International Event	An event listed on the ISU Figure Skating Event Calendar and as defined in ISU Rule 107.4
TES	Technical Element Score
SISA Selection Panel	A panel, appointed by SISA Executive Committee, comprising of up to five (5) but no less than three (3) persons who have the necessary sporting experience and background, are technically proficient and competent to make decisions relating to athlete selection.
Appeals Committee	The SISA Executive Committee (EXCO) will form an independent appeals committee responsible to deliberate appeals/ protests lodged by athletes.

2.0 QUALIFICATION

(1) Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate at the Asian Winter Games 2017, athletes must:

- (a) be a citizen of the Republic of Singapore (in accordance with ISU Communication 1420); and
- (b) be an current member of SISA; and
- (c) meet the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the IF Qualification System:
 - (i) Figure Skating - reached at least the age of 15 before 1st July 2016;
 - (ii) Short Track Speed Skating – reached at least the age of 15 before 1st July 2016; and
- (d) meet the SNOC Asian Winter Games minimum performance standards prescribed by the Qualification System i.e. in terms of Minimum Technical Scores (for Figure Skating) and Race Times (for Short Track Speed Skating) which is equivalent or surpassed the sixth (6th) placing result from the previous Asian Winter Games; and
- (e) achieve or surpassed the SNOC Asian Winter Games minimum performance standards during the Qualification time period between 1 July 2016 to 20 December 2016; and
- (f) signed and complied with SISA’s Athlete Agreement; and
- (g) abided by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore.

3.0 NOMINATION BY SISA

(1) The nomination by Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) of athletes for selection to Asian Winter Games 2017 will be in accordance with the following process:

(a) **Figure Skating**

SISA will nominate up to two Senior Ladies and two Senior Men who have:

- (i) met the eligibility requirements of Section 2(1)(a)-(g); and
- (ii) achieved the SNOC Asian Winter Games Minimum Performance Standard [(as highlighted in Section 2(1)(d)(e)] in the Junior and/or Senior Division at an ISU International Event between 1 July 2016 and 20 December 2016, or SISA Nominated Qualifying event/s:

		<u>SHORT TES</u>	<u>FREE TES</u>
SENIOR or JUNIOR DIVISION	Ladies	23.85	40.95
	Men	28.33	57.82

; and

- (iii) obtained the highest Technical Element Score (Short and Free) achieved at any two 2016/2017 ISU International Events in the Senior division between 1 July 2016 to 20 December 2016 and as published on the official ISU Event Calendar from time to time.
- (iv) In the event of a tie after applying clause 3(1)(a)(iii), then the Athlete with the highest Total Score in any of the events listed in clause 3(1)(a)(iii) above will be nominated to the SNOC in that event.

(b) Short Track Speed Skating

- (i) SISA will nominate athletes who have:
- a. met the eligibility requirements of Section 2(1)(a)-(g); and
 - b. achieved the SNOC Asian Winter Games Minimum Performance Standard [(as highlighted in Section 2(1)(d)(e)] either at the 2016 Singapore National Short Track Speed Skating Championships, or ISU International Event between 1 July 2016 and 20 December 2016

Category	500m
Men	<43.021 seconds
Ladies	<45.797 seconds

; and

- c. obtained the fastest 500m race time at any 2016/2017 ISU International Event between 1 July 2016 and 20 December 2016 and as published on the official ISU Event Calendar from time to time.
- (ii) The fastest 500m race time will be used to determine the nominations. Athlete/s will be nominated for all individual distance events.
- (iii) An athlete who qualifies for, and is nominated into the individual events in the SEA Games Team must agree to participate in all individual distances and the relay event.
- (iv) The fastest combined cumulative time of the two distances (500m and 1000m) will be used by the SISA Selection Panel to determine any additional athlete nominations, in alignment with allowed athlete quota numbers, for the relay teams.

(2) Reserves Policy

- (a) To ensure that SISA is able to fulfill the quota allocation at Asian Winter Games 2017, where possible, a reserve list of 2-3 athletes each for Figure Skating and Short Track Speed Skating, in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) or (b), will be lodged with the SISA Selection Panel, SISA EXCO and the SNOC.
- (b) Should any nominated athlete be unable to compete at the Asian Winter Games by reason of injury, illness or unforeseen reasons, then the SISA Selection Panel may nominate a replacement Athlete for nomination to the SNOC from the reserve list.

- (3) Timing
 - (a) SISA will advise the SNOC Entry By Number for Asian Winter Games 2017 by 17 November 2016.
 - (b) SISA will announce nomination of athletes for Asian Winter Games 2017 at such time as required by the SNOC and by 17 January 2017.

4.0 SELECTION BY SNOC

- (1) The SNOC has the sole and absolute discretion:
 - (a) to determine whether an Athlete has met the SNOC requirements of selection; and
 - (b) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.

5.0 APPEAL PROCEDURE

- (1) An Appeals Committee will be available to look into disputes relating to the nomination or non-nomination of an athlete. The members of the Appeals Committee will be published by SISA.
- (2) The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
 1. the relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 2. the decision was affected by actual bias.
- (1) Athletes must state in writing their intention to appeal a selection decision within 48 hours of SISA's announcement of Athlete Nominations for the 2017 Asian Winter Games, accompanied by a cheque of S\$200.00, payable to Singapore Ice Skating Association:
President, Singapore Ice Skating Association
3 Stadium Drive
#01-33, Singapore 397630
administration@sisa.org.sg

The Athlete will be required to complete a Statement of the Grounds of Appeal which should set out the particulars of any fact, circumstances, reasons that the Athlete is relying on for his/her appeal (including how the relevant selection policy had not been properly followed and/or how the SISA Selection Panel's decision was affected by actual bias).

If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded.

- (4) Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of this Selection Policy for nomination of athletes to represent Singapore in the 2017 Asian Winter Games, the Appeals Committee reserves the sole right to interpret this document and to use its discretion in the resolution of the matter in conflict or dispute.