



Singapore Canoe Federation

Philippines 2019 SEA Games Selection Policy

(Canoe Sprint)

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Introduction

The role of the National Canoe Sprint Team Selection Committee (“NCSPS Committee”) of the Singapore Canoe Federation (“SCF”) is to provide a framework for the development of sprint and identify National Canoe Sprint Athletes and provide an effective and harmonious environment for success as an elite team. The selection policy is based on a defined set of criterion framework in order to be transparent and accountable to all stakeholders and athletes.

NCSPS Committee

The NCSPS Committee consists of:

- Chairman of the Canoe Sprint Coaching Committee
- National Canoe Sprint Coach/es
- Not fewer than two members appointed by the Executive Committee of the SCF, to ensure that the NCSPS Committee is always comprised of an uneven number of members.

The members of the NCSPS Committee shall be elected annually, and are eligible for re-election upon approval by the Executive Committee.

The number of members in the NCSPS Committee may vary and will be determined by the Executive Committee.

All decisions of the NCSPS Committee will be made by vote, with each member of the NCSPS Committee having one (1) vote.

Definitions

“NCSPS Committee”	Means the National Canoe Sprint Selection Committee
“SEA Games”	Means the South East Asia Games

“SNOC”	Means the Singapore National Olympic Committee
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1. Objectives

- 1.1 To identify athletes with potential to win medals at regional/international competitions.
- 1.2 To identify and develop junior athletes for high-level performance.
- 1.3 To provide opportunities for committed athletes to achieve higher standards of performance.

2. Selection Aims

- 2.1 To give context to the following policy and processes, the aims of the Singapore Canoe Federation’s High-Performance program for the 2019 season are as follows:
 - a. Identify athletes who demonstrate the international performances required to qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
 - b. Qualify Olympic quota places for Singapore through the Olympic Qualification Event; in 2019, that means a high priority will be placed on the following boat classes: (i) MK1 200m (ii) WK1 500m (iii) WK1 200m.
 - c. Qualify for A finals at major competitions including ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups and the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019.
 - d. Develop athletes for the 2024 cycle.

In addition to these goals the Singapore Canoe Federation does recognise the SEA Games as an important major championship for canoeing in Singapore. Due to the lack of Olympic events in the SEA Games and a high proportion of Canadian Canoe events the SCF will compete only where we have a very high chance of success.

3. Selection Considerations

- 3.1 All athletes wishing to be considered for selection as National Canoe Sprint Athletes must meet the following minimum requirements:
- a. be a Singapore Citizen and hold a valid Singapore passport (Permanent Residents will be based on a case-to-case basis);
 - b. hold the Kayaking Proficiency Personal Skills One Star Award (Recreational) under the National Kayaking Accreditation Scheme; and
 - c. must have competed at stipulated competitions and achieved the minimum standards stated over a given period.
 - d. Other requirements (if any): and not subject to any disciplinary action or investigation.
- 3.2 Athletes who wish to be considered for selection must complete and sign the National Canoe Sprint Squad Selection Application form (Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook), and return it to the NCSPS Committee before the stipulated closing date. Application forms will be sent to all affiliated clubs and can be downloaded from the SCF's website at URL: <http://www.scf.org.sg>.
- 3.3 Athletes must be available for international and domestic training camps which will occur periodically throughout the year and the Olympic cycle.

4. Qualification Competitions Applicable for SEA Games

4.1 Domestic Races

Entries will be open to all domestic athletes for all Singapore National selection races as follow:

- a. Singapore National Selection Race – 6th and 7th of April 2019
- b. Singapore National Selection Race (ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019 and SEA Games 2019) – 6th and 7th of July 2019

4.2 International Races

Only athletes that qualify through domestic races as per the selection policy guidelines in section 5 of this selection policy will be eligible to race in the following races

- a. ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 1 Poznan 2019
- b. ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 2 Duisburg 2019
- c. SEACC date to be confirmed

5. Qualification for SEA Games

5.1 Singapore National Selection Race - 6th and 7th of April

- a. For the purpose of SEA games selection, this event will serve to select athletes for the SEACC 2019 in addition to relevant overseas races in the Olympic qualification selection policy.
- b. Selection for the events will be as follows:
 - i. 1st in any SEA Games event will be considered for selection.
 - ii. Athletes will need to demonstrated medal potential (out of SEA countries) in either the ICF Canoe Sprint World cups 1 and 2 or the South East Asia Canoe Sprint Championships. This will be reviewed and determined by the NCSPS.

5.2 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cups Poznan and Duisburg 2019

- a. Athletes will be eligible for nomination to the SNOC if they perform to a potential medal winning standard out of SEA countries at these (determined by the NCSPS).

5.3 Singapore National Selection Race (ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships 2019 and SEA Games 2019) - 6th and 7th of July 2019

- a. Athletes that achieve 1st place at this selection race in one or more of the SEA Games Canoe Sprint events will be eligible to be nominated to the SNOC if they;
- b. Achieve a top 3 placing (out of SEA countries) in World Cups 1 or 2 or the South East Asia Canoe Sprint Championships and have demonstrated medal winning potential as assessed by the NCSPS.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 There is an error in the calculation of ranking at World Cups.
- 6.2 There is an error in the results of any of the National selected races.
- 6.3 There is an error in the selection and/or nomination of an athlete based on the selection criteria.
- 6.4 An appeals tribunal will be established by the NCSPS once an appeal has been made.
- 6.5 The appeals will not be a re-selection process but rather a process to inquire whether the decision reached by the selectors was properly made and according to the selection process & criteria laid out in this policy.
- 6.6 If the selection process is found by the appeals tribunal to be incorrect, it will be referred back to the selectors for a re-selection.
- 6.7 A bond of **SGD 100** must be lodged at the time of filing an appeal. Should the appeal be found to be unmeritorious or frivolous the bond will be forfeited.
- 6.8 Where athlete A's appeal poses a risk to athlete B of being excluded from the final selection, athlete B will be given an opportunity to be heard at the appeal.
- 6.9 Legal representation will be warranted in cases where legal issues are involved and the athlete's best chance of articulating the appeal depends on it.
- 6.10 Unresolved disputes internally by the Singapore Canoe Federations NCSPS will be referred to independent arbitration with specialists from the Court of Arbitration in Sport.

7. Overriding / Other Factors

7.1 National Service

- a. Athletes unable to compete at a National Selection Trial on the stipulated date will need to submit the application and appeal forms to the NCSPS Committee before the closing date. The NCSPS Committee will consider the appeal as per paragraph 4.5 (b) of the National Athlete Handbook.

- b. The SCF will apply on the behalf of the athlete for 'Leave of Absence' from the related authority if selected athletes are still serving Full-Time National Service.

7.2 **Illness / Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances**

- a. The NCSPS Committee may at its sole discretion, give special consideration to extenuating factors and may allow a second opportunity to athletes as per paragraph 4.5 (b) of the Athlete Handbook. Athletes may be granted a second opportunity under the following circumstances:
 - illness or injury,
 - bereavement, or other extenuating circumstances
- b. The NCSPS Committee will make decisions on a case-by-case basis

- 7.3 The NCSPS Committee, in consultation with the National Canoe Sprint Coach/es may, at its absolute discretion admit athletes to the National Canoe Sprint Squad at any time if they satisfy the minimum timings as identified in the Athlete Handbook.

8. National Athlete Handbook

- 8.1 By nominating for the National Team as described in the National Athlete Handbook an athlete agrees to the code of conduct, declaration of commitment and nomination to the team.
- 8.2 In regards to Olympic selection, this document supersedes all other selection criteria in the National Athlete Handbook or other previous documentation distributed to athletes.