



# Singapore Canoe Federation

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Asia Olympic Qualifier

ICF World Cups

Olympic Games

## **Selection Policy**

(Canoe Sprint)

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## 1. 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 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.

## 2. SELECTION ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All athletes wishing to be considered for selection as National Canoe Sprint Athletes must meet the following minimum requirements:

- a. be a Singapore Citizen (Permanent Residents will be based on a case-to-case basis) and has a valid Singapore passport for long list submission;
- 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.

2.2 Non-National 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. ASIA OLYMPIC QUALIFIER 2021 (PATTAYA, THAILAND), ICF WORLD CUP 1 (SZEGED, HUNGARY), ICF WORLD CUP 2 (BARNAUL, RUSSIA)**

Date	Selection Criteria	Remarks
29 – 31 January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletes must compete in K1 events.</li> <li>• Top 6 in each event qualify to selection #2, can choose to do any event(s) in selection #2</li> <li>• Kayak events only               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MK1 200m</li> <li>• MK1 1000m</li> <li>• MK2 1000m</li> <li>• WK1 200m</li> <li>• WK1 500m</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Winners from selection #1 (29 – 31 Jan 2021) earn one credit, if they win selection #2 (26 – 28 Feb 2021), they have two credits and are selected.
26 – 28 February 2021	<p>Top boat to qualify for Asia Olympic Qualifier if meet timing criteria for respective events:</p> <p><u>Timing Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MK1 200m – 36.7s</li> <li>• WK1 200m – 42s</li> <li>• WK1 500m – 1 min 58s</li> <li>• MK1 1000m – 3.41 min</li> <li>• MK2 1000m – 3.23 min</li> </ul> <p>Second boat to qualify for World Cups if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200m – 0.8s from 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• 500m – 2s from 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• 1000m – 4s from 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>	If another athlete wins the second selection, a "race-off" will be organized on the same day to decide on the winner who qualifies for the Asia Olympic Qualifier in the respective event.
<p><b><u>Note</u></b></p> <p>If there is no quota won at the Asia Olympic Qualifier, top 2 boats qualified for World Cup will race at ICF World Cup 2 – Final Olympic Qualifier competition.</p>		

#### 4. OLYMPIC GAMES (TOKYO, JAPAN)

Event	Dates	Selection Criteria
Asia Olympic Qualifier (Pattaya, Thailand)	5 May – 7 May	Asia Olympic Qualifier Competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athlete who wins the quota at this competition will represent Singapore for Olympic Games in that event</li> <li>• Athlete who wins the quota at this competition qualify for SEA Games</li> </ul>
ICF World Cup 2 (Barnaul, Russia)	21 May – 23 May	Final Olympic Qualifier Competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athlete who wins the quota at this competition will represent Singapore for Olympic Games in that event</li> <li>• Athlete who wins the quota at this competition qualify for SEA Games</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Remarks</u></b></p> <p>SCF may include or remove selection competitions and adjust the selection policy with prior notice, depending on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A quota is won and adjustments need to be made in consideration of the quota winners travelling schedule.</li> <li>2) Changes to overseas competition schedule and plans due to COVID-19 or other mitigating factors.</li> <li>3) Travel restrictions imposed by Singapore and international competitions host countries.</li> </ol>		

## 5. APPEALS

6.1 Athletes are required to submit the appeal within 3 days after the announcement of the respective selection results. The grounds on which an appeal can be made are based on:

- There is an error in the results of any of the selection races.
- There is an error in the selection and/or nomination of an athlete based on the selection criteria.

6.2 An appeal tribunal will be established by the NCSPS once an appeal has been made. The appeal tribunal will consist of at least 3 Executive Committee Members, who are not involved in the selection process/NCSPS.

6.3 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 and criteria laid out in this policy.

6.4 If the selection process is found by the appeals tribunal to be incorrect, recommendations will be submitted to the SCF Executive Committee for a decision.

6.5 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.

6.6 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.

6.7 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.

6.8 Unresolved disputes internally by the Singapore Canoe Federation's NCSPS will be referred to independent arbitration with specialists from the Court of Arbitration in Sport.

## **6. OVERRIDING/OTHER FACTORS**

### **7.1 National Service**

- a. Athletes unable to compete at the above-mentioned selection race on the stipulated date will need to submit the application and appeal form to the NCSPS Committee before the closing date.
- 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 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. 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

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