



**Singapore Canoe Federation**

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## **ADDENDUM TO**

**31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games 2021  
(Hanoi, Vietnam)**

# **Selection Policy**

**(Canoe Sprint)**

Ver 4.1

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **ADDENDUM TO 31<sup>ST</sup> SEA GAMES 2021 (HANOI, VIETNAM) SELECTION POLICY (CANOE SPRINT) : DATED 28<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

In view of (i) 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games 2021 being postponed to May 2022 (ii) changes to SNOC nomination timeline, this addendum modified the contents of item 4 and item 5 of the 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games 2021 Selection Policy (Version 3.0 dated 10 May 2021).

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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 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>.

2.3 Athletes selected for SEA Games must be Singapore Citizens, and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 21 years old.

### 3. SEA GAMES 2021 EVENTS

#### 3.1 Kayak Events

Men	Women
K1 1000m K2 1000m K4 1000m K4 500m	K2 1000m K4 1000m K2 500m K4 500m

#### 3.2 Canoe Events

Men	Women
C2 1000m C4 1000m C4 500m	C1 1000m C2 1000m C4 1000m C1 500m C2 500m C4 500m C1 200m C4 200m

#### 4. SELECTION TIMELINE, SELECTION CRITERIA & SELECTION FORMAT

- 4.1 In view of the short timeline, Athletes selected from 2021 SEA Games Long List and SCF time trials will be eligible for the Final SEA Games selection in March 2022.
- 4.2 National Team Athletes who managed to meet the SEA Games/ SEACC 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> placing timing criteria in January 2022 will be nominated for SNOC Long List submission and will be eligible for the Final SEA Games selection in March 2022.
- 4.3 The Final Selection format for Kayak and Canoe events are:

##### Kayak Final Selection

Event	Selection Format
MK1 1000	Top K1 1000m from 2021 Selections unless another K1 contest and beats him in the March 2022 final selection in Singapore
MK2 1000	Top K2 from 2021 Selections unless another K2 contest and beats the timing in the March 2022 final selection in Singapore
WK2 500m	Top K2 500m from 2021 Selections unless another K2 beats the timing in the March 2022 final selection in Singapore
WK4 500m	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> K1 500m from 2021 Selections  *In the event if the race schedule allows the top K2 from 2021 Selections to compete in WK4 500m, the top K4 500m will be selected
WK2 1000m	No conclusive result from 2021 Selections, strategic decision to field top K2 from 2021 Selections for K2 1000m since they are the key K2 for Asian Games 2022
WK4 1000m	Top 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> from 2021 Selections
MK4 1000m	Top 4 K1 1000m from March 2022 final selection in Singapore
MK4 500m	Top K1 500m from 2021 Selections + Top 3 K1 500m from March 2022 final selection in Singapore

##### Notes:

- In the event if any female kayaker(s) make it to the long list during January 2022 selection, the Selection Committee and Head Coach will discuss and review the selection criteria for Women's Team Boat events

## Canoe Final Selection

<b>Event</b>	<b>Selection Format</b>
WC1 200m	Winner of WC1 200m March 2022 Final Selection
WC1 500m	Winner of WC1 200m March 2022 Final Selection
WC2 500m	Top Women C2 500m from 2021 Selections from 2021 Selections
MC2 1000m	Men C2 to meet SEA Games 2019 3 <sup>rd</sup> place timing (3:58.72 min) by March 2022 Final Selection

### 4.4 Final Entry by Name

- a. Final entry by name to consider relevant factors applicable to selection pool size, competition schedule and versatility of an athlete or a team boat to contribute to potential podium success. E.g: In the event if the winner of K1/C1 decides to focus solely on K1 event and there is not enough athletes who qualify for team boat selection, the next ranked boat(s) will be considered.
- b. Crew combinations to consider relevant factors including but not limited to, proven team boat performances, technical compatibility, crew compatibility, attitude and coachability

### 4.5 Race Conditions & Demonstration of Ability

- a. The assessment of neutral race conditions and the final decision of whether any athlete has demonstrated the ability to achieve the listed timing criteria is in the absolute discretion of the NCSPS Committee, based on the influence of external conditions that may either positively or negatively influence the ability of an athlete to achieve the timings.
- b. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to, wind speed/direction, wave size and currents. If, in the above listed selection race, there is unfavourable conditions and the NCSPS Committee requires further evidence of the ability to achieve the timings, it may (but is not obliged to) consider relative performances against other athletes who have met the timing criteria within the past 12 months.

## 5. SEA GAMES NOMINATION TIMELINE AND CRITERIA

<b>Description</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Submission of Accreditation (Long List)	14 January 2022	New submissions selected from Selection #1 to ensure their passports have at least 6 months validity & complete submission

Submission of Nomination Forms -	21 January 2022	Nominated athlete is subjected to SNOC approval based on achievements/ results that demonstrate medal potential at SEA Games
SNOC will inform SCF on the athletes selected by its Selection Committee.	February 2022	SCF to submit new competition results (if any) and appeal for Athletes who do not meet the criteria before Nomination deadline.
Entry by Name Submission	10 March 2022	Final entry by name list for SEA Games 2021

\* Singapore National Olympic Council "SNOC" schedule as of 8 December 2021

## 6. OVERRIDING/OTHER FACTORS

### 6.1 National Service

- a. NSAs may submit the achievements from overseas championships and meets of athletes studying in overseas tertiary institutions. However, these have to be properly accredited and sanctioned to be accepted by SCF.
- 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.

### 6.2 Other Considerations

- 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. Pursuant to 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."
- c. In addition to the above selection criteria, the following "qualities" of the athletes will be taken into consideration:
  - Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, *whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise.*
  - General conduct *and character* which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
  - Past disciplinary record;
  - Current skill level and fitness; and character
  - Level of commitment and attendance.
  - Potential for future development

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

### 6.3 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
  - Equipment failure
  - Travel delays
  - Bereavement, and
  - Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.
- b. The NCSPS Committee will make decisions on a case-by-case basis

## 7. APPEALS

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 An appeal tribunal will be established by the NCSPS once an appeal has been made. The appeal tribunal will consist of at least 2 Executive Committee Members, who are not involved in the selection process/NCSPS.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 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.

- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 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.

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