



# Singapore Canoe Federation

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19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games 2022  
(Hangzhou, China)

## **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 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 and details of selection races will be sent to all affiliated clubs, and published on the SCF’s website at URL: <http://www.scf.org.sg>.

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

### 3. 19<sup>TH</sup> ASIAN GAMES 2022 (“AG22’) EVENTS

Men	Women
K1 1000m K2 500m K4 500m	K1 500m K2 500m K4 500m
C1 1000m C2 500m C2 1000m	C1 200m C2 200m C2 500m

### 4. SELECTION CRITERIA

The SNOC selection criteria requires Athletes to achieve at least 6th placing e.g., time/distance/score/mark of the 2018 Asian Games. Athletes who miss the qualifying standard marginally but show potential to equal or surpass it in time for the Games will be considered for nomination.

The SCF selection criteria requires Athletes to meet the respective timing criteria stated in the SCF Performance Criteria (Appendix A) for each selection race.

#### 4.1 Selection Race #1 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6 March 2022) @ Marina Reservoir

- a. Athletes who wish to participate in the selection race #1 (long list nominations) are required to have achieved or display potential to meet the National Team Timing Criteria at SCF sanctioned/organized timetrials/competition/selections.
- b. Non-national team athletes who display potential to meet the timing criteria can be nominated by clubs/schools’ coaches to participate in this selection race. Nominations will be reviewed by the NCSPS Committee.
- c. The National Team Timing Criteria to participate in selection #1 are as follow:

Event	Timing	Event	Timing
MK1 500m	1:53 min	WK1 500m	2:06 min
MK1 1000m	3:59 min	WK1 1000m	4:32 min
MC1 500m	2:05 min	WC1 200m	53.4 secs
MC1 1000m	4:24 min	WC1 500m	2:27 min

- d. Selection Events & Timing Criteria

Selection #1 aims to allow development of crews and athletes by selecting the pool of athletes who can meet the nomination timing criteria on single boat events for the respective distance featured in AG22 events.

<b>Selection Event</b>	<b>Selection Timing Criteria</b> [3% Asian Timings, which are equivalent to SEA Timings]
MK1 500m	1:50 min
MK1 1000m	3:55 min
WK1 500m	2:03 min
MC1 500m	2:02 min
MC1 1000m	4:18 min
WC1 200m	52.3 secs
WC1 500m	2:24 min

- e. Athletes who have met the Asian timings stated in SCF Performance Criteria during SCF organized competitions, time trials and ICF World Cups/Championships from July 2021 can be exempted from selection race #1 and qualify directly for the final selection in May 2022.

#### 4.2 Selection Race #2 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022) @ Marina Reservoir

- Athletes who met the nomination timing criteria stated in S/N 4.1.4 and S/N 4.1.5 will qualify for selection race #2.
- All selected athletes (including those studying in overseas tertiary institutions) must participate in the selection race #2.
- Selection Format

#### Kayak Selection Events & Format

<b>Event</b>	<b>Selection Format</b>
MK1 1000m	Winner from K1 1000m
MK2 500m	Top 2 ranked K1 500m boats and other K1s in the final may be considered if within 3 percent of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> ranked boat
MK4 500m	Top 4 ranked K1 500m boats and other K1s in the final may be considered if within 3 percent of the 4 <sup>th</sup> ranked boat
WK1 500m	Winner from K1 500m
WK2 500m	Top 2 ranked K1 500m boats and other K1s in the final may be considered if within 3 percent of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> ranked boat
WK4 500m	Top 4 ranked K1 500m boats and other K1s in the final may be considered if within 3 percent of the 4 <sup>th</sup> ranked boat

#### Canoe Selection Events & Format

<b>Event</b>	<b>Selection Format</b>
MC1 1000m	Winner from MC1 1000m

MC2 100m	Winner from MC2 1000m
MC2 500m	Winner from MC2 500m
WC1 200m	Winner from WC1 200m
WC2 200m	Winner from WC2 200m
WC2 500m	Winner from WC2 500m

- d. All winning boats need to meet the Asian Performance Timing for Selection Events and AG22 events as follow:

Men	Women
*K1 1000m – 3:48 min K1 500m – 1:47 min *K2 500m – 1:39 min *K4 500m – 1:31 min	*K1 500m – 1:59.7 min *K2 500m – 1:51.7 min *K4 500m – 1:43.7 min
*C1 1000m – 4:11 min *C2 500m – 1:51 min *C2 1000m – 3:55 min	*C1 200m – 50.8 secs *C2 200m – 48.8 secs *C2 500m – 2:12 min

*\*denotes AG22 events*

#### 4.3 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.

#### 4.4 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 criterias within the past 12 months.

#### 4.5 ICF World Cups & ICF World Championships 2022

- a. Athletes selected from selection race #2 will be able to participate in ICF World Cup 1, ICF World Cup 2 and ICF World Championships 2022.
- b. These competitions will served as preparation races for the Asian Games 2022 squad leading up to the actual games.
- c. The representation at the competitions will be decided by the NCSPS Committee in consideration of FY22 budget and travel itineraries.

### 5. TIMELINE

Description	Deadline	Remarks
Selection #1	5 & 6 March 2022	Time trials for single boat events. Athletes to meet the timing criteria to be selected into the pool and to qualify for nominations.
NCSPS Committee to review and approve selection results	8 March 2022	Athletes selected from Selection #1 to complete SportSync Invitation procedures
Submission of Accreditation to SNOC (Long List)	11 March 2022	Athletes selected from Selection #1 to ensure their passports have at least 6 months validity & complete submission
Submission of Nomination Forms	25 March 2022	Nominated athlete is subjected to SNOC approval based on achievements/ results that demonstrate 6 <sup>th</sup> placing achievement
SNOC will inform SCF on the athletes selected by its Selection Committee.	April 2022	SCF to submit new competition results (if any) and appeal for Athletes who do not meet the criteria in March 2022
Selection #2	7 & 8 May 2022	Final time trials for Asian Games events. Athletes to meet the criteria listed in S/N 4.2
NCSPS Committee to review and approve selection results	May 2022	To consider factors such as team crew combination, competition schedule and versatility of an athlete to contribute to podium outcomes
Entry by Name Submission	29 May 2022	Final entry by name list for 19 <sup>th</sup> Asian Games 2022

*\*Subject to changes according to Singapore National Olympic Council "SNOC" schedule*

## 6. OVERRIDING/OTHER FACTORS

### 6.1 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.

### 6.2 Other Considerations

- 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. 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 behavior 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:
  - Injury or illness,
  - 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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## Appendix A

Selection Performance Criteria for Asian Games/SEA Games/National Team								
SENIORS KAYAK/CANOE	Asian Games/ ACC	SEA Games/ SEACC	National Team					
<b>200M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>		<b>200M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>
MK1	37.8 secs	38.9 secs	39.7 secs		WK1	43.3 secs	44.6 secs	45.5 secs
MK2	35.8 secs	36.9 secs			WK2	41.3 secs	42.6 secs	
MK4	33.8 secs	34.9 secs			WK4	39.3 secs	40.6 secs	
<b>500m</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>		<b>500m</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>
MK1	1:47 min	1:50 min	1:53 min		WK1	1:59.7 min	2:03 min	2:06 min
MK2	1:39 min	1:42 min			WK2	1:51.7 min	1:55 min	
MK4	1:31 min	1:34 min			WK4	1:43.7 min	1:47 min	
<b>1000M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>		<b>1000M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>
MK1	3:48 min	3:55 min	3:59 min		WK1	4:19 min	4:27 min	4:32 min
MK2	3:32 min	3:39 min			WK2	4:03 min	4:11 min	
MK4	3:16 min	3:23 min			WK4	3:47 min	3:55 min	
<b>200M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>		<b>200M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>
MC1	42.5 secs	43.8 secs	44.7 secs		WC1	50.8 secs	52.3 secs	53.4 secs
MC2	40.5 secs	41.8 secs			WC2	48.8 secs	50.3 secs	
MC4	38.5 secs	39.8 secs			WC4	46.8 secs	48.3 secs	
<b>500m</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>		<b>500m</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>
MC1	1:59 min	2:02 min	2:05 min		WC1	2:20 min	2:24 min	2:27 min
MC2	1:51 min	1:54 min			WC2	2:12 min	2:16 min	
MC4	1:43 min	1:46 min			WC4	2:04 min	2:08 min	
<b>1000M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>		<b>1000M</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>NATIONAL TEAM</b>
MC1	4:11 min	4:18 min	4:24 min		WC1			
MC2	3:55 min	4:02 min			WC2			
MC4	3:39 min	3:46 min			WC4			

### Notes:

- Based on median timing of 10 World's best timings 2021
- Asian Games - Approximately 11% from world's best
- SEA Games - Approximately 14 % from world's best (3% from Asian criteria)
- National Qualification - Approximately 16% from world's best (athletes should display potential of 2% from SEA Games standards)