



Singapore Canoe Federation

19th Asian Games 2022
(Hangzhou, China)

Selection Policy
(Canoe Sprint)

15th May 2023

1. Introduction

This selection aims to select the Canoe/Kayak sprint athletes, who will compete in the Asian Games 2022 (“the Games”) which has been postponed to October 2023. This policy outlines the selection process and the criteria. Initial selection for the Games will be based on the framework outlined in this document. If there are any controversial decisions or appeals, the ultimate decision lies with the National Canoe Sprint Team Selection Committee¹.

2. 19TH Asian Games (“AG22”) Events

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

Table 1: List of Asian Games events

3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1 Athletes must be Singapore Citizens and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 21 years old, at the time of nomination.
- 3.2 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 potential² to equal or surpass it in time for the Games will be considered for nomination.
- 3.3 The SCF selection criteria aligned to SNOC’s selection criteria³.
- 3.4 It requires athletes to meet the timing criteria stated in the SCF Performance Criteria (Table 2) for the closed selection races and results before 16 May 2023, and results from World Cup 1 from 11 May 2023 to 14 May 2023.
- 3.5 The selection criteria are as shown below:

¹ National Canoe Sprint Team Selection Committee (“NCSPS Committee”): the role of this committee within 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 comprises the SCF Chairman of the Canoe Sprint Committee, Technical Director, High Performance Manager, National Head Coach, not fewer than two members appointed by the Executive Committee of the SCF, to ensure that the NCSPS Committee always has an uneven number of members. The number of members in the NCSPS Committee may vary at the discretion of 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 Refer to Appendix A- refer to performance timings within 2 percent of the qualifying standard

³ Performance timings meet the 6th place timing at the 2018 Asian Games

Selection Event	Selection Timing Criteria	Selection Event	Selection Timing Criteria
MK1 500m	≤ 1min 44.00s	MK2 500m	≤ 1min 36.00s
MK1 1000m	≤ 3min 41.30s	MK4 500m	≤ 1min 28.00s
WK1 500m	≤ 1min 56.30s	WK2 500m	≤ 1min 48.30s
MC1 500m	≤ 1min 55.30s	WK4 500m	≤ 1min 40.30s
MC1 1000m	≤ 4min 03.80s	MC2 500m	≤ 1min 47.30s
WC1 200m	≤ 49.40 s	MC2 1000m	≤ 3min 47.80s
WC1 500m	≤ 2min 15.70s	WC2 200m	≤ 47.40s
		WC2 500m	≤ 2min 07.70s

Table 2: Selection Performance Criteria Timing for Asian Games Events

4. Closed Selection @ Marina Reservoir

- 4.1 Athletes who wish to participate in the closed selection must have achieved the National Team Timing Criteria at SCF sanctioned/organized time trials/competition/selections in the last 12 months.
- 4.2 As this is a closed selection, non-national team athletes who display potential to meet the timing criteria can only be nominated by clubs/schools' coaches to participate in this selection race. Nominations will be reviewed by the NCSPS Committee prior to the race.
- 4.3 Prerequisite timings to allow participation of non-national athletes, in the selection are outlined in the following table:

Event	Timing	Event	Timing
MK1 500m	1:49.00 min	WK1 500m	2:02.00 min
MK1 1000m	3:53.00 min	WK1 1000m	4:25.00 min
MC1 500m	2:01.00 min	WC1 200m	51.9.00 secs
MC1 1000m	4:16.00 min	WC1 500m	2:23.00 min

Table 3: Prerequisite timings for non-national team athletes

6. Qualification for teamboat selection by K1 timings:

- 6.1 Athletes who wish to participate in any teamboat event must meet the K1/C1 timing criteria or better than the K1/C1 timing criteria for the respective distances. K1/C1 timings are outlined in the Performance Selection criteria in Table 2.

6.2 Athletes who achieve a timing that is within 2 percent from the K1 performance selection timing criteria as outlined in Appendix A, may be considered for the teamboat selection.

6.3 Notwithstanding individual members' performances, each teamboat must meet the timings or better the timings outlined in the Performance Selection criteria in Table 2 to be selected for the games:

Strategically, should the athlete who wins the K1 event only participate in the K1 event, then teamboats will be formed without the K1 winner.

7. Kayak Selection Format (by event):

Event	Selection Method
MK1 1000m	<p>Only if the K1 male athlete achieves:</p> <p>(1) 1st place in the K1 1000m Final A; and</p> <p>(2) 3min 41.3s[#] for the 1000m set;</p> <p>[#]K1 winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 3min 41.3s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)</p>
MK2 500m	<p><u>Any permutation of 2[#]:</u></p> <p>(1) K1 male athletes who have met the qualifying timing; and</p> <p>(2) Any other K1 men who have achieved a timing that is within 2 percent from the K1 performance selection timing criteria as outlined in Appendix A may be considered (refer to Annex A)</p> <p>[#]K2 winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 1min 36.00s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)</p> <p>[#]Selection of the K2 will depend on the final race schedule of the games & physical ability to train in the same location for a minimum period of 12 weeks.</p>
MK4 500m	<p><u>Any permutation of 4[#] male athletes who either achieved:</u></p> <p>(1) K1 male athletes who have met the qualifying timing; and</p> <p>(2) Any other K1 men who have achieved a timing that is within 2 percent from the K1 performance selection timing criteria as outlined in Appendix A may be considered (refer to Annex A)</p> <p>[#]K4 winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 1min 28.00s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)</p>

	#Selection of the K4 will depend on the final race schedule of the games & physical ability to train in the same location for a minimum period of 12 weeks
WK1 500m	Only if the K1 female athlete achieves: (1) 1st place in the K1 500m Final A; and (2) 1min 56.30s [#] for the 500m set; [#] K1 winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)
WK2 500m	Any permutation of 2 [#] : (1) K1 female athletes who have met the qualifying timing; and (2) Any other K1 women who have achieved a timing that is within 2 percent from the K1 performance selection timing criteria as outlined in Appendix A may be considered (refer to Annex A) [#] K2 winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 1min 48.30s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A) [#] Selection of the K2 will depend on the final race schedule of the games & physical ability to train in the same location for a minimum period of 12 weeks
WK4 500m	Any permutation of 4 [#] female athletes who either achieved: (1) K1 female athletes who have met the qualifying timing; (2) Any other K1 women who have achieved a timing that is within 2 percent from the K1 performance selection timing criteria as outlined in Appendix A may be considered (refer to Annex A) [#] K4 winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 1min 40.30s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A) [#] Selection of the K4 will depend on the final race schedule of the games & physical ability to train in the same location for a minimum period of 12 weeks

Table 3: Kayak team's selection format

8. Canoe Selection Events & Format

Event	Selection Format
MC1 1000m	1 st place in the C1 1000m Final A and meet qualifying time as outlined in Table 2. C1 1000m winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 4min 03.80s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)
MC2 100m	1 st place in the C2 1000m Final A and meet qualifying time as outlined in Table 2. C2 1000m winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 3min 47.80s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)
MC2 500m	1 st place in the C2 500m Final A and meet qualifying time as outlined in Table 2. C2 500m winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 1min 47.30s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)
WC1 200m	1 st place in the C1 200m Final A and meet qualifying time as outlined in Table 2. C1 200m winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 49.40s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)
WC2 200m	1 st place in the C2 200m Final A and meet qualifying time as outlined in Table 2. C2 200m winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 47.40s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)
WC2 500m	1 st place in the C2 500m Final A and meet qualifying time as outlined in Table 2. C2 200m winner may be selected if the winner does not achieve 2min 15.70s but is within 2 percent of the selection performance criteria (ref Annex A)

Table 7: Canoe team's selection format

9. Final Selection by Name⁴

- 9.1 Final selection by name will take into consideration (1) Selection pool size; (2) race schedule; and (3) probability of an athlete or a team boat to contribute to potential podium success⁵.
- 9.2 Crew combinations will also consider factors including but not limited to, proven team boat performances, technical compatibility, crew compatibility, sportsmanship and coachability.
- 9.3 All selected Athletes for team boats must commit to training in the same venue⁶ for at least 12 weeks before Asian Games (est. 10 Jul to 30 Sep 2023)

⁴ This refers to the final submission to SNOc, specifying the name and event(s) of each athlete

⁵ To illustrate, if the winner of K1/C1 decides to only participate in the K1 event, the next best placed athletes who meet also the timing criteria outlined in Appendix A will form, and attempt to qualify the team boat.

⁶ Selected training venue will be decided by the National Head Coach

10. Race Conditions & Demonstration of Ability

- 10.1 The timings prescribed in tables 2 and appendix A, assume neutral race conditions. The influence of external conditions may positively or negatively influence the ability of an athlete to achieve the timings. Should the external environment deviate from neutral, the assessment of 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.
- 10.2 Such conditions include, but are not limited to, wind speed/direction, wave size and water currents. If unfavourable conditions are present for the selection race, and the NCSPS Committee requires further evidence of the ability to achieve a 6th place position at the Asian Games 2022, the committee may opt to consider relative performance against other athletes who have met the timing criteria within the past 12 months.

11. ICF World Cups & ICF World Championships 2022

- 11.1 Athletes selected for Asian Games during the 8 – 9th April 2022 selection race, can participate in ICF World Cup 1, ICF World Cup 2 and ICF World Championships 2023.
- 11.2 These competitions are preparation races for the Asian Games 2023 squad leading up to the actual games.
- 11.3 The representation at the competitions will be decided by the NCSPS Committee.

TIMELINE

Description	Deadline	Remarks
Selection	8 & 9 April 2023	Final time trials for Asian Games events. Athletes to meet the criteria listed in S/N 4
NCSPS Committee to review and approve selection results	14 April 2023	Athletes selected from Selection to complete SportSync Invitation procedures
Submission of Appeal to SNOC (Long List)	17 April 2023	Nominated athlete is subjected to SNOC approval based on achievements/ results that demonstrate 6 th placing achievement
SNOC will inform SCF on the athletes selected by its Appeal Committee.	June 2023	SCF to submit new competition results (if any) and appeal for Athletes who have not been nominated
Entry by Name Submission	30 June 2023	Final entry by name list for 19 th Asian Games 2022

Table 8: Timeline for selection

*Subject to changes in accordance with the Singapore National Olympic Council's schedule

12. Other Considerations

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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."
- 12.3 In addition to the above selection criteria, the following qualities of the athletes will be taken into consideration, when selecting for the games:
- a) Sportsmanship and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, *whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise*.
 - b) General conduct which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the sport.
 - c) Past disciplinary record;
 - d) Current skill level and fitness; and character
 - e) Level of commitment and attendance;
 - f) Potential for future development;
 - g) Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
 - h) Any other non-timing related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

13. Other Factors (National Service)

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.

14. Other Factors (Extenuating Circumstances)

- 14.1 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:
- a) Injury or illness.
 - b) Equipment failure.
 - c) Travel delays.
 - d) Bereavement; and
 - e) Such other circumstances that the committee may consider to be relevant.
- 14.2 The NCSPS Committee will make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

15. Appeals

- 15.1 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:
- a) There is an error in the results of any of the selection races.
 - b) There is an error in the selection and/or nomination of an athlete based on the selection criteria.
- 15.2 An appeal tribunal will be established by the NCSPS once an appeal has been made. The appeal tribunal will consist of at least 3 members endorsed by the SCF Executive Committee, who are not involved in the selection process/NCSPS.
- 15.3 The appeals will not be a re-selection process but rather a process to inquire whether the decision reached by the Committee was properly made and in accordance with the selection process and criteria laid out in this policy.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 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.
- 15.8 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.

Appendix A

Selection Event	Timing within 2 percent of Selection performance criteria	Selection Event	Timing within 2 percent of Selection performance criteria
MK1 500m	1min 44.00s – ≤ 1 min 46.10s	MK2 500m	1min 36.00s – ≤ 1 min 37.90s
MK1 1000m	3min 41.30s – ≤ 3min 45.70s	MK4 500m	1min 28.00s - ≤ 1 min 29.80s
WK1 500m	1min 56.30s – ≤ 1 min 58.60s	WK2 500m	1min 48.30s – ≤ 1 min 50.5s
MC1 500m	1min 55.30s – ≤ 1 min 57.60s	WK4 500m	1min 40.30s – ≤ 1 min 42.30s
MC1 1000m	4min 03.80s – ≤ 4min 08.70s	MC2 500m	1min 47.3s – ≤ 1 min 49.40s
WC1 200m	49.40 s – ≤ 50.40s	MC2 1000m	3min 47.80s - ≤ 3min 52.40s
WC1 500m	2min 15.70s – ≤ 2min 18.40s	WC2 200m	47.40s - ≤ 48.30s
		WC2 500m	2min 07.70s – ≤ 2min 10.30s

Notes:

2 percent margin is catered because selection race is held 6 months from the Asian Games.



Final decision is to be made by the NCSPS Committee.

Annex A
K4 Selection Process

Athletes' K1 500m Final Position	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
K4 500m Boat	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial
1st	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4
2nd	1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5
3rd	1,2,4,5	1,2,4,5	1,2,4,5	1,2,3,6	1,2,3,5	1,2,4,5	1,2,3,6

Note:

1. K4 must meet the timing of 1 min 28.00s for MK4 500m, or 1min 40.00s for WK4 500m to be selected for the Asian Games
2. If the K4 does not hit the above timings but are within 2 percent of the selection performance timing criteria as outlined in Appendix A, the K4 may be selected. Decisions will be made by the NCSPS committee.
3. The selection will conclude once a K4 hits the selection performance criteria. Due to strategic reasons if one or more of the paddlers from the selected k4 will have to focus on k1/k2, the next t k4 that hits the selection performance criteria will be selected.
4. If any of the selected paddler is not available for the selection trial in the k4 or is focusing on the k1 and does not do the k4, his position will be given to the next ranked paddler.
5. Only athletes who have achieved the k1 performance criteria timings or are within 2% of the k1 500m performance criteria are eligible to be considered for the teamboat trial.



Legend	
	MK1/ WK1 500m whose timing falls within the selection performance criteria timing
	MK1/WK1 500m whose timing falls within 2% of the selection performance criteria timing i.e. 102% of the qualifying timing

K2 Selection Process

Athletes' K1 500m Final Position	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
K2 500m Boat	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial	Athletes to trial
1st	1,2 / 3,4 / 5,6	1,2 / 3,4 / 5,6	1,2 / 3,4 / 5,6	1,2 / 3,4 / 5,6	1,2 / 3,4 / 5,6	1,2 / 3,4 / 5,6	1,2 / 3,4 / 5,6
2nd	1,3 / 2,4 / 5,6	1,3 / 2,4 / 5,6	1,3 / 2,4 / 5,6	1,3 / 2,4 / 5,6	1,3 / 2,4 / 5,6	1,3 / 2,4 / 5,6	1,3 / 2,4 / 5,6
3rd	1,4 / 2,3 / 5,6	1,4 / 2,3 / 5,6	1,4 / 2,3 / 5,6	1,4 / 2,3 / 5,6	1,4 / 2,3 / 5,6	1,4 / 2,3 / 5,6	1,4 / 2,3 / 5,6

Note:

1. K2 must meet the timing of 1 min 36.00s for MK4 500m, or 1min 48.00s for WK4 500m to be selected for the Asian Games
2. If the K2 does not hit the above timings but are within 2 percent of the selection performance timing criteria as outlined in Appendix A, the K2 may be selected. Decisions will be made by the NCSPS committee.
3. The selection will conclude once a K2 hits the selection performance criteria. Due to strategic reasons if one of the paddlers from the selected k2 will have to focus on k1/k4, the next t k2 that hits the selection performance criteria will be selected.
4. If any of the selected paddler is not available for the selection trial in the k2 or is focusing on the k1 and does not do the k2, his position will be given to the next ranked paddler.
5. Only athletes who have achieved the k1 performance criteria timings or are within 2% of the k1 500m performance criteria are eligible to be considered for the teamboat trial.

Legend	
	MK1/ WK1 500m whose timing falls within the selection performance criteria timing
	MK1/WK1 500m whose timing falls within 2% of the selection performance criteria timing i.e. 102% of the qualifying timing