



Singapore Canoe Federation

Selection Policy

2024 Asian Olympic Qualifier
(Tokyo, Japan)

Canoe Sprint

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About The Selection Policy

The following selection policy is established to uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and excellence in the process of selecting athletes for participation in the 2024 Asian Olympic Qualifier. Recognising the significance of equitable opportunities and the pursuit of sporting achievement, this policy aims to outline the criteria, procedures, and considerations guiding the selection process.

This policy seeks to provide a clear framework that ensures objectivity, integrity, and accountability in the selection of athletes representing our nation at regional, national, and/or international levels.

The selection process outlined herein is founded on the values of meritocracy, dedication, and respect for each athlete's commitment to their sport. It endeavours to prioritise the identification and endorsement of individuals who exhibit exceptional skill, dedication, and potential to uphold the values of fair play and competitive spirit.

It is Singapore Canoe Federation's (SCF) commitment to uphold the following core values to ensure that all athletes are given equal opportunities to showcase their abilities and contribute to the legacy of our sport endeavours:

- **Transparency** (in everything that we do. In this case, our entire selection process.)
- **Respect** (towards all stakeholders)
- **Inclusive** (in providing equal opportunity to athletes who meet the specified criteria)
- **Professional** (operating within governance and without bias)

Competition	2024 Asian Olympic Qualifier (18 to 21 April 2024)
Qualifying Period	1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024
Objective	To select athletes to represent Singapore in the upcoming Asian Olympic Qualifier, with the goal of qualifying 1 athlete from any event for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
Committees Involved	<p>National Canoe Sprint Team Selection Committee (“Selection Committee”) comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair of the High-Performance Committee & Vice-President, High Performance – Sean Chua - Vice-President, Coaching and Technical Development – Evan Kong - Assistant Honorary Secretary – Timothy Chia <p>Appeals Committee comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President – Nicholas Yap - Vice-President, Community and Infrastructure – Andrew Xiao - Honorary Secretary – Chuck Ng
Selection Events based on events available at the competition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men K1 1000m 2. Men K2 500m 3. Men C1 1000m 4. Men C2 500m 5. Women K1 500m 6. Women K2 500m 7. Women C1 200m 8. Women C2 500m
Qualifying Mark for Paris 2024	Asian Olympic Qualifier quota for Paris 2024 Olympic Games
Selection Races	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023) 2. Closed¹ National Team AOQ Selection Race (9-10 March 2024) 3. Other SCF-recognised events within the Qualifying Period
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for the competition, an athlete must meet all the following eligibility criteria and maintain through the period leading up to the competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Singapore Citizen and not holding dual citizenship if above 21 years old 2. Met performance standards as designated by SCF² 3. Have competed and qualified in at least 1 of the selection races stated in the previous section, or a designated competition³ (if based overseas) within the qualifying period. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. An exemption may be granted under the provisions of the criteria by the Selection Committee. b. This exemption may only be granted under extenuating circumstances. On request of the Selection Committee, evidence shall be provided of the extenuating circumstances, prior to the exemption being considered. c. Extenuating circumstances may include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Injury or illness ii. Equipment failure iii. Travel delays

¹ Athletes who wish to participate in the closed selection must have achieved the National Team Performance Timing Criteria at SCF-recognised/organised time trials/competition/selections in the last 12 months, and must be nominated by clubs/school coaches. Nominations must be submitted to SCF 14 working days before the start of the closed selection. Performance Timing Criteria can be found in Annex C.

² Athletes must meet individual performance standards (in Annex A) to qualify for team boat events.

³ 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Bereavement v. Such other circumstances that the committee may consider to be relevant <p>4. Be available to fulfil the Team Commitments as listed below and any additional commitments following selection.</p> <p>5. Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in Anti-Doping Singapore's, World Anti-Doping Agency, or International Canoe Federation's Anti-Doping Rules.</p>
Team Commitments	<p>All athletes must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sign and always comply with the provisions of the SCF Athlete Handbook. 2. Conform to SCF requirements regarding team training participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable training plan, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required. 3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SCF. 4. Not act in such a manner as to bring the SCF, athlete or affiliate club into public disrepute. 5. Athletes are required to appear at events and platforms whereby their images and presence are needed to achieve SCF's objectives of giving back to the Sport and the wider community. These obligations will be outlined in the SCF Athlete's Agreement.
Performance Requirements	<p>2nd placing at a designated competition³ or SCF Performance Criteria Senior Standard⁴ in flat wind conditions (wind speed < 2m/s).</p> <p>Refer to specific Performance Standard in Annex A, and timing proxy of 2nd place in Annex B. Additional criteria for team boats applies. Athletes must be able to train together for a designated period prior to the competition.</p> <p><i>(Caveat: Athletes that are within 2% of the SCF Performance Criteria Senior Standard and show potential of meeting the Senior Standard in time for the competition will be considered.)</i></p>
Team Size	<p>Each country is allowed to send only 1 boat per event, up to a maximum of 12 athletes. The Selection Committee's decision is final.</p> <p>The fastest qualifying athlete for each individual event within the qualifying window will, by default, be automatically nominated to represent Singapore at the 2024 Asian Olympic Qualifier.</p> <p>If the fastest athlete chooses not to compete in an event, the slot will go to the next qualifying athlete in the event and so on.</p> <p>SCF shall not be obligated to take a full team of 1 representative per event if there are no qualifying athletes available for selection.</p>

⁴ SCF Performance Criteria Senior Standard timing is calculated by adding 6% to the median of Top 10 World's Best times as of October 2023.

<p>Appeals Process</p>	<p>The athlete/legal guardian (if athlete is younger than 18 years old) will submit an appeal in writing via email to SCF High Performance Manager (HPM) (hpm@scf.org.sg) within 48 hours following the announcement of nominations by Selection Committee, along with supporting evidence to be reviewed by the SCF Appeals Committee.</p> <p>The Appeals Committee will deliberate on the merits of the appeal independently of the Selection Committee.</p> <p>With consideration of fairness and consistency in selection based on the posted selection criteria (as per Performance Requirements in this document) and, with consideration of any special circumstances as described in the “Eligibility” section in this document.</p> <p>The Appeals Committee may request additional information from the athlete through SCF's HPM if necessary, to further deliberate on the merits of the appeal.</p> <p>The Appeals Committee will provide the HPM with outcome of the appeal to correspond to the said athlete, within 21 working days that the appeal is in good order (with all additional information submitted).</p> <p>The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.</p>
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Annex A

Performance Standard

Event	Format
Men K1 1000m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 3min 37s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in K1 1000m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9-10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p>
Men K2 500m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 1min 34s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in K2 500m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9 to 10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p> <p>Additional criteria for Team Boat applies.</p>
Women K1 500m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 1min 54s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in K1 500m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9 to 10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p>
Women K2 500m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 1min 46s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in K2 500m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9 to 10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p> <p>Additional criteria for Team Boat applies.</p>
MC1 1000m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 3min 59s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in C1 1000m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9 to 10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p>
MC2 500m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 1min 36s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in C2 500m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9 to 10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p> <p>Additional criteria for Team Boat applies.</p>

⁵ If there are multiple athletes who qualify, e.g. one who qualifies via (1a) & (1b) and another who qualifies via (2), the athletes will have an official race-off to determine the faster boat. The faster boat will be selected for AOQ.

⁶ SCF reserves the right for the Coaches to appeal on behalf of the athletes should reasonable justification be provided that the athlete has the potential to achieve a 2nd placing at the AOQ (e.g., the winner of the event is within 2% of the timing criteria prescribed in Annex B).

Event	Format
WC1 200m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 48s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in C1 200m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9 to 10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p>
WC2 500m	<p>Either⁵: (1a⁶) ≤ 1min 55s in neutral conditions (wind speed <2m/s); and (1b) 1st place in C2 500m Final A of the Closed National Team AOQ Selection Race (9 to 10 March 2024)</p> <p>Or (2) 2nd place at 2023 Asian Games, Hangzhou (October 2023)</p> <p>Additional criteria for Team Boat selection applies.</p>
Additional Criteria for Team Boat Selection: - MK2 500m - WK2 500m - MC2 500m - WC2 500m	<p>Any permutation of 2 athletes who have achieved a timing that is within 2 percent from the K1/C1 performance selection timing criteria and can execute at least 3 trainings a week, together in the team boat, for a minimum consecutive period of 12 weeks prior to the competition.</p> <p>The teamboat pairings will be at sole discretion of the Team's Coach after discussion with Head Coach. The coach's decision is final.</p>

Annex B

Timing Proxy for 2nd Place in Asia

Individual Events	Selection Timing Criteria
MK1 500m	≤ 1min 42s
MK1 1000m	≤ 3min 37s
WK1 500m	≤ 1min 54s
MC1 500m	≤ 1min 52s
MC1 1000m	≤ 3min 59s
WC1 200m	≤ 48.4s
WC1 500m	≤ 2min 11s

Team Events	Selection Timing Criteria
MK2 500m	≤ 1min 34s
WK2 500m	≤ 1min 46s
MC2 500m	≤ 1min 36s
WC2 500m	≤ 1min 55s

Annex C

National Team Performance Timing Criteria

Event	Timing
MK1 500m	≤ 1min 49s
MK1 1000m	≤ 3min 53s
MC1 500m	≤ 2min 00s
MC1 1000m	≤ 4min 17s

Event	Timing
WK1 500m	≤ 2min 02s
WC1 200m	≤ 51.9s
WC1 500m	≤ 2min 21s