



Singapore Canoe Federation

Selection Policy

20th Asian Games
(Aichi-Nagoya, Japan)
19 September to 4 October 2026

Canoe Sprint

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1. Competition Overview

Competition Name	20th Asian Games (AG26)
Technical Handbook	Download (v3.0 12 February 2026)
Competition Dates	Overall: 19 September to 4 October 2026 Official Training: 20 to 22 September 2026 Canoe Sprint: 23 to 26 September 2026
Qualifying Period	1 May 2025 to 15 June 2026 ¹
Objective	To identify athletes with medal potential or at least 6th placing in Kayak and Canoe events at AG26.
Events	<p>The Canoe Sprint competition of the 20th Asian Games consists of 12 events, including five (5) men's events and five (5) women's events and two (2) Mixed events.</p> <p><u>Men's Canoe</u> Men's Canoe Single 500m (MC1 500m) Men's Canoe Double 500m (MC2 500m)</p> <p><u>Women's Canoe</u> Women's Canoe Single 200m (WC1 200m) Women's Canoe Double 500m (WC2 500m)</p> <p><u>Men's Kayak</u> Men's Kayak Single 500m (MK1 500m) Men's Kayak Double 500m (MK2 500m) Men's Kayak Four 500m (MK4 500m)</p> <p><u>Women's Kayak</u> Women's Kayak Single 500m (WK1 500m) Women's Kayak Double 500m (WK2 500m) Women's Kayak Four 500m (WK4 500m)</p> <p><u>Mixed Events</u> Mixed Canoe Double 500m (XC2 500m) Mixed Kayak Double 500m (XK2 500m)</p>
Athlete Quotas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A maximum of 8 male athletes across canoe & kayak. 2. A maximum of 8 female athletes across canoe & kayak. <p>Each country may enter only one (1) competition boat per event.</p>

¹ Based on the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) Selection Criteria (Correct as of 6 August 2025, Addendum 15 October 2025.) Qualifying Period end date is aligned with the deadline for appeal.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. The athlete must be Singapore Citizens and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination.
- 2.2. The athlete must be in good financial standing with SCF and have no outstanding dues.
- 2.3. The athlete must be in good standing and have not brought SCF into disrepute.
- 2.4. The athlete has participated in all competitions and met the performance requirements detailed below under the section "Selection Criteria"
- 2.5. The athlete must participate the following competitions and/or events:

Competition	Event(s)
2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28-29 March 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men Canoe: C1 500m• Women Canoe: C1 200m• Men Kayak: K1 500m• Women Kayak: K1 500m

3. Long List

- 3.1. From the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships, athletes who achieve the following qualifying criteria will be invited to the Long List:

	Canoe	Kayak
Top 8 boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC1 500m• MC1 1000m• WC1 200m• WC1 500m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MK1 500m• MK1 1000m• WK1 500m• WK1 1000m
Top 4 boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC2 500m• WC2 500m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MK2 500m• WK2 500m
Top 3 boats	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MK4 500m• WK4 500m

4. Selection Criteria

4.1 Selection Process

- i. Any athlete/team achieving a top-four placing at the 2026 ACC Asian Canoe Sprint Championships (24 to 26 April 2026) will earn automatic selection by name by SCF for the corresponding event at AG26. For clarity, such events will not be contested at the 2026 Asian Games Selection Competition.
- ii. For events with no automatic selection by name, athletes/teams should achieve the following results at international competitions² and/or in the ICF World Ranking during the qualifying period (1 May 2025 to 15 June 2026):
 - a. minimum ranking within the top-six Asian nations OR
 - b. within 3% of the timing of the top-six Asian nations

Where fewer than six (6) Asian nations are represented, additional data points will be required to demonstrate top-six Asian ranking. Selection under this para is by quota, not by name.

- iii. For events selected under 4.1 (ii), athletes/teams must participate in the 2026 Asian Games Selection Competition (23-24 May 2026) in the relevant event(s) and place 1st to be selected. Additionally, other athletes/teams who may not meet the criteria in 4.1 (ii) but participate in the 2026 Asian Games Selection Competition and finish 1st in their respective events will also be considered for selection.
- iv. For Single events (MC1 500m, WC1 200m, MK1 500m, and WK1 500m): in addition to meeting the benchmarks above in 4.1 (i), (ii) or (iii), the athlete must place 1st at the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships in the relevant event. If the winners at the 2026 Asian Games Selection Competition and Singapore Canoe Sprint Championship are different athletes, a race-off will be held on 25 May 2026. The athlete who places 1st will be selected.

4.2 An exemption may only be granted by the SCF Selection Committee under extenuating circumstances. Upon request by the Selection Committee, evidence of the extenuating circumstances must be provided before the exemption will be considered. Extenuating circumstances may include:

- i. Injury or illness
- ii. Equipment failure
- iii. Travel delays
- iv. Bereavement
- v. Other circumstances deemed relevant by the Selection Committee

4.3 SCF will determine the list of athletes for nomination to SNOC following the selection process above. SNOC, as the National Olympic Committee of Singapore, has sole and final authority in selecting athletes to represent Singapore at the Asian Games. All final selections are subject to SNOC's approval.

² Competitions must be sanctioned by International Canoe Federation (ICF), Asian Canoe Confederation (ACC), and/or South East Asian Canoe Federation (SEACAF).

5 Selection Implementation and Team Management

- 5.1 Athletes seeking selection agree to be bound by the process outlined in this policy.
- 5.2 Where the number of athletes selected by SCF exceeds the maximum quota (8 males, 8 females), final AG team selection will be determined by a time trial on 25 May 2026. For clarity, all events must contest in this final time trial, except event(s) that qualified by name (i.e. top-four at 2026 ACC). Results from the time trial will be assessed against SCF's Quality Indicators (Annex A) for the respective event(s), with timings calculated as a percentage for comparison. The athlete with the timing closest to (or better than) the indicator will earn their spot on the team.
- 5.3 When an athlete has been selected by SNOC for multiple events, the Selection Committee will determine their final event allocation in consultation with coaches, prioritising the team's overall performance and finish positions. However, the following scheduling restrictions apply:
- i. An athlete selected for the MK1 event will not be eligible for selection in the XK2 or MK4 event due to scheduling conflicts in the competition programme.
 - ii. An athlete selected for the WK1 event will not be eligible for selection in the WK2 or XK2 event due to scheduling conflicts³ in the competition programme.
- 5.4 Where an athlete selected by SCF is not selected by SNOC, SCF reserves the right to select the next highest-ranked athlete for the event who has received SNOC selection approval.
- 5.5 The Selection Committee reserves the right to replace athletes before the Asian Games team managers meeting, or as provided by the Asian Games Organising Committee, subject to the approval of SNOC and/or the Asian Games Organising Committee.
- i. Any replacements will be made from among athletes already selected by SNOC to represent Singapore at AG26.
 - ii. The order of replacement for singles and team boats is based on the fastest K1/C1 500m (C2 200m for WC) results at the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28-29 March), subject to Para 5.3.
 - iii. For clarity, the replacement policy will only be activated if athletes/boats demonstrate the deselection criteria outlined in Section 7.

6 Other Considerations

- 6.1 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."
- 6.2 Selected athletes must abide by the SCF Code of Conduct listed in the SCF Athlete Handbook and SNOC's team membership agreement, which will be provided following the final selection of athletes by SCF.
- 6.3 Selected athletes must abide by the logistic arrangement set by SCF/SNOC, including any pre-Games staging camp, unless there are reasons for consideration such as injuries, major academic exams or national services obligations. Any variation request must be made in writing to the High-Performance secretariat as early as reasonably possible.

6.4 In addition to the above, the following qualities of the athletes will also be assessed³:

- i. Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise
- ii. General conduct and character which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport
- iii. Past disciplinary record
- iv. Current skill level and fitness
- v. Level of commitment and attendance
- vi. Potential for future development as assessed by coaches and SCF's High Performance Sub-Committee
- vii. Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials
- viii. Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant

7 Deselection

7.1 An athlete who has been selected may be deselected based on any of the following criteria:

- i. The athlete becomes ineligible according to the eligibility guidelines.
- ii. The athlete fails to adhere to the SCF Athlete Handbook.
- iii. The athlete's performance in pre-departure training and/or control tests does not demonstrate ability to meet the Performance Requirements or maintain satisfactory standards.
- iv. The athlete is ill or injured between selection and departure for AG26 and is not deemed physically fit to train and compete.
- v. The athlete fails to maintain satisfactory attendance at training before AG26.
- vi. The athlete breaches any clause outlined in this policy

8 Committees Involved

8.1 SCF Selection Committee:

- i. Jori Lim – Chairperson
- ii. Ho Hin Yang – Member
- iii. Shaun Ho – Member

8.2 SCF Appeals Committee:

- i. Qiu Yun Ru – Chairperson
- ii. Lim Ling Min – Member
- iii. Qua Bi Qi – Member
- iv. Noelle Seet – Member

³ Based on the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) Selection Criteria (Correct as at 6 August 2025, Addendum 15 October 2025.)

9 Appeals Process

- 9.1 Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of these Guidelines for the nomination of athletes to represent Singapore in the AG26, SCF reserves the sole right to interpret this document in the resolution of the matter in conflict or dispute.
- 9.2 An appeal, with supporting documentation, must be sent to hpm@scf.org.sg, ccgm@scf.org.sg, within 48 hours of the announcement of the initial nomination decision. The appeal must also be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to Singapore Canoe Federation (UEN S71SS0035C). If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.
- 9.3 The Appeals Committee should not be seen as:
- i. a second pass selection panel, excusing the initial Selection Committee from undertaking true and diligent procedures;
 - ii. an automatic second chance for selection by the athletes. Athletes may only appeal on the grounds that the selection event was not executed in accordance with its notice of race or the selection process was not carried out in accordance with this policy document.
- 9.4 The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and no further correspondence, including those beyond SCF, will be entertained.

10 SNOC Timeline

Updated timeline as of 6 Mar

Date	Item
4 Mar 2026	Long list and Nomination phase begin
4 May 2026	Longlist and Nomination Deadline (NSA)
May 2026	Selection Committee Meeting
1 Jun 2026	Appeal process starts
15 Jun 2026	Deadline for Appeal
29 Jun 2026	Appeal Committee Meeting
30 Jun 2026	Entry by Name Form Deadline (NSA)

Note: All dates provided in this timeline are subject to change based on the schedules and requirements set by SNOC and the Asian Games Organising Committee. Athletes are advised to stay informed of any updates or modifications to these dates.

11 Enquiries

All enquiries can be directed to:

- Gail Chia
- High Performance Manager
- hpm@scf.org.sg

Annex A – SCF Quality Indicators

Benchmark timings are derived from top international timings over multiple years providing a consistent reference point despite variations in race conditions between events. SCF's coaches have validated the reliability of these benchmarks over time, with past examples showing strong alignment between benchmark performance and actual competition outcomes (e.g., athletes meeting certain benchmarks going on to achieve corresponding placings at major competitions). The benchmarks are especially suited for Singapore-based assessments, where environmental conditions are more stable compared to overseas races.

Canoe	
Event	Timing
MC1 500m	1:54.00
MC2 500m	1:38.00
WC1 200m	0:49.20
WC2 500m	1:58.00
XC2 500m	1:53.00

Kayak	
Event	Timing
MK1 500m	1:44.00
MK2 500m	1:36.00
MK4 500m	1:28.00
WK1 500m	1:56.00
WK2 500m	1:48.00
WK4 500m	1:40.00
XK2 500m	1:43.00