



Singapore Canoe Federation

Selection Policy

2026 National Team Selection Policy

Canoe Sprint

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1. About The Selection Policy

This is the selection policy for Singapore Canoe Federation's (SCF) 2026 National Canoe Sprint Team ("2026 National Team") for the period 1 Apr 2026 to 31 Mar 2027.

2. Committees Involved

SCF Selection Committee

Jori Lim – Chairperson

Ho Hin Yang – Member

Shaun Ho – Member

SCF Appeals Committee

Qiu Yun Ru – Chairperson

Lim Ling Min – Member

Qua Bi Qi – Member

Noelle Seet – Member

3. Eligibility

Athletes who wish to qualify for the National Team must meet all of the following criteria:

- Singapore Citizen*
- Meet selection criteria as per the National Team Selection Policy
- Must be in good financial standing with SCF and have no outstanding dues
- Must be in good standing and have not brought SCF into disrepute
- Agree to comply with the provisions of the SCF National Athlete Handbook (Canoe/Kayak Sprint)

Junior – Born on 1 Jan 2008 or later

Senior – Born on 31 Dec 2007 or earlier

*Existing FY25 National Team Junior athletes who are Singapore Permanent Residents continue to be eligible for the National Junior Team.

4. Selection Competitions

For Junior athletes, the 2026 Singapore Junior Canoe Sprint Championships (14-16 Mar) serves as the **Main National Junior Team Selections**. Qualification is by K1 or C1 only. The selection results will be announced by 17 Mar (Tue).

For Senior athletes, the first weekend of the 2026 Singapore Canoe Sprint Championships (28 & 29 Mar) serves as the **Main National Senior Team Selections**. Qualification is by K1 or C1 only. The selection results will be announced by 31 Mar (Tue).

Should there be unfilled quotas after the **Main Selections**, other national competitions in the calendar year 2026 may be designated as additional selection competitions.

5. Selection Criteria

To qualify for the National Team, athletes may either earn a quota through the Selection Competitions or be granted an exemption under the Temporary Exemption scheme.

5.1 The following quotas are available at the Finals of the Main Selections.

- a. For athletes who earn quotas in both distances, the 1000M quota (for Men Kayak, Women Kayak and Men Canoe) and 500M quota (Women Canoe) are returned for possible reallocation.
- b. Where applicable, the order of selection is Final A athletes > Final B athletes.

Senior Men Kayak, Senior Women Kayak, Senior Men Canoe

Senior A	For 500M, Top 6 in Final A who are within 3% of the winner. For 1000M, Top 2 in Final A who are within 3% of the winner.
Senior B	For 500M, Next 6 athletes within 10% of the Final A winner. For 1000M, Next 2 athletes within 10% of the Final A winner. If less than 8 Senior B quotas are filled, SCF may choose to invite the next best athletes until a maximum of 8 quotas are filled.

Senior Women Canoe

Senior A	For 200M, Top 4 in Final A who are within 3% of the winner. For 500M, Top 4 in Final A who are within 3% of the winner.
Senior B	For 200M, Next 4 athletes within 10% of the Final A winner. For 500M, Next 4 athletes within 10% of the Final A winner. If less than 8 Senior B quotas are filled, SCF may choose to invite the next best athletes until a maximum of 8 quotas are filled.

Junior Men Kayak, Junior Women Kayak, Junior Men Canoe

U18	For 500M, Top 5 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. For 1000M, Top 3 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. If less than 8 quotas are filled, SCF may choose to A) widen the % criteria and invite the next best athletes (including from the Final B) until a maximum of 8 quotas are filled and/or B) transfer the remaining quotas to U14.
U17	For 500M, Top 5 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. For 1000M, Top 3 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. If less than 8 quotas are filled, SCF may choose to A) widen the % criteria and invite the next best athletes (including from the Final B) until a maximum of 8 quotas are filled and/or B) transfer the remaining quotas to U14.
U16	For 500M, Top 8 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. For 1000M, Top 4 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. If less than 12 quotas are filled, SCF may choose to A) widen the % criteria and invite the next best athletes (including from the Final B) until a maximum of 8 quotas are filled and/or B) transfer the remaining quotas to U14.
U15	For 500M, Top 8 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. For 1000M, Top 4 in Final A who are within 10% of the winner. If less than 12 quotas are filled, SCF may choose to A) widen the % criteria and invite the next best athletes (including from the Final B) until a maximum of 8 quotas are filled and/or B) transfer the remaining quotas to U14.
U14	Unfilled U18/17/16/15 quotas may be offered to U14 based on Final A rankings.

- 5.2 Under the Temporary Exemption scheme, existing FY25 National Team athletes who do not earn a quota may apply to remain in the team for one year if they meet one of the following criteria:
- a. Serving full-time National Service, or less than 1 year between operationally ready date and the Main Selections i.e. ORD date is 28 Mar 2025 or later.
 - b. 19 to 21 years old (born in 2005 to 2007).
 - c. Extenuating circumstances which may include Injury or illness, Equipment failure, Travel delays or Bereavement. This clause only applies to existing FY25 National Team athletes who have represented Singapore at international competitions in FY25 and/or FY24.

Athletes should have a good track record of attendance and must endeavour to earn a quota at the next available opportunity.

Application for the Temporary Exemption scheme must be sent with supporting documentation to SCF's High Performance Manager (HPM) hpm@scf.org.sg no later than 15 Mar (Sun), 2359h for Juniors and 29 Mar (Sun), 2359h for Seniors.

6. Appeals Process

- a. An appeal can only be brought on the grounds that the selection was not carried out in accordance with this policy document;
- b. Appeals must be sent with supporting documentation to SCF's High Performance Manager (HPM) hpm@scf.org.sg within 48 hours of the announcement of the selection results. The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to SCF. If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.
- c. 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.
- d. The outcome of the appeal will be conveyed to the athlete within 21 days.

7. Enquiries

Please direct all enquiries to:

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