

SELECTION CRITERIA POLICY FOR 2018 ASIAN PARA GAMES 6 – 13 OCTOBER 2018

1. Nomination

- a. Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) to nominate athletes to represent Singapore at the 2018 Asian Para Games according to Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC) eligibility and selection criteria as mentioned below. The final selection of athletes remains at the discretion of the SNPC.
- b. In its nominations, SDSC should state clearly using the prescribed forms the justification for the athletes to be selected. Refer to Annex A for the required information and justifications.
- c. Athlete's eligibility for nomination:
 - Must be a Singapore citizen;
 - Must be at least 15 years of age in 2018 (Calculation: 2018 minus year born);
 - Compliance with the sport specific classification rules¹; and
 - Must be in good standing² with SNPC and SDSC.

2. Selection Criteria

- a. Athletes/ teams who have performances during the qualification period (as stated in paragraph 2g) that at least matches, in official time/score/mark/rank, the 6th placing of the 2014 Asian Para Games. For non-quantifiable sport³, comparative performances against the 6th placing at the 2014 Asian Para Games will be taken into consideration in determining their eligibility for selection.
- b. Should the event or sport not be in the 2014 Asian Para Games, the top two (2) placed athletes/ teams of the specific class based on time/score/mark/rank at national games (Eg. Singapore National Para Games, Haw Par National Youth Para Athletics, Haw Par National Youth Para Swimming, National Inclusive

¹ must have their classification confirmation prior to the start of the games

² complies with the high standard of sporting behaviour and ethical conduct, and not under any form of disciplinary suspension

³ Quantifiable Sports - sports that results are measurable (time based, distance and point scoring during game play). Non quantifiable sports have outcome results that not measurable (Outcomes based on scores from a panel of judges)

Athletics Championships, National Inclusive Athletics Swimming Championships), national trials or competitions for the sport as identified and published by SDSC and/or SNPC's website may be eligible for selection.

There must be at least 4 or more competitors in the race or event for the 2nd placed athlete/ team to be considered. If the numbers of competitors are 3 or less, only the 1st placed athlete/ team may be eligible for selection.

Nominations must also be supported with comparison of the athlete's time/score/mark/rank against regional and/or national results (Eg. Using recently concluded ASEAN Para Games results/ regional games).

- c. Developmental athletes whose performance achieved during the qualification period (as stated in paragraph 2g) showing variance of not more than 10% from the 6th placing of the 2014 Asian Para Games may be considered for selection.
- d. Should any events have less than 6 participants at the 2014 Asian Para Games edition, the performance (time/score/mark/rank) of the last placed finisher will be taken as the minimum qualifying score (MQS).
- e. The selection of athletes/ teams will also be based on the availability of the events and the number of slots available in each event. Sports are encouraged to have a reserve list of athletes (when applicable) in the event that selected athletes have to pull out after being selected. Athletes on reserve list must also meet the eligibility and nomination criteria.
- f. All results submitted for consideration must take place at SDSC identified local and international championships and trials. SDSC may submit results from overseas events of athletes living, studying or working overseas. However, these events have to be properly accredited, sanctioned and endorsed by SDSC for the results to be accepted.
- g. The qualification period will be from 1 Feb 2017 - 30 April 2018.
- h. Quantitative results comparison
 - Performance results of athletes/ teams being nominated should also include the number of competing countries or athletes (for e.g. Athlete XYZ came in 5th out of 10 athletes or Team A came in 1st out of 6 countries).

- i. Combine class or team events considerations
 - Athletes/ teams who do not meet the minimum 6th placing MQS but are needed to form a combined class or category of events or team events may be considered for selection.

3. Additional Considerations

In addition to the above selection criteria, the following may be taken into consideration by SNPC when assessing nominated athletes:

- Attitude and behaviour;
- Current skill level and fitness;
- Level of commitment and attendance;
- Potential for future development; and
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and works well with team mates.

4. Selection and Appeal Process

- a. Results from the SNPC final selection will be published on SNPC website on 3 May 2018.
- b. Appeal against non-selection by SNPC must be made in writing using the prescribed form as published on SNPC's website within **3 days (72 hours)** of the announcement of the athletes selected for the 2018 Asian Para Games.
- c. The ground for any appeal is that:
 - The athlete's omission was a result of a failure by SNPC to properly apply the eligibility and selection criteria set out in this policy;
 - The athlete's omission was a result of a failure by SNPC to adhere to the terms set out in this policy;
 - Existence of fresh and compelling evidence and/or data which had not been submitted in the initial nomination. Appeals must be made in writing and accompanied by a cheque of S\$100.00, payable to "Singapore National Paralympic Council". If the appeal is successful, the cheque will be returned.
- d. SNPC Appeals Committee will consider and deliberate the appeal and, if deemed justifiable, will hear the appeal by the athlete concerned.

- e. SNPC will, in writing, inform all parties about the decision taken to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision will be final and no further appeal or correspondence will be entertained.

- f. Any queries on this selection policy or the 2018 Asian Para Games should be directed to admin@snp.org.sg or 6346 1158.

Annex A

All nominations must include the following additional information:

- a. How long has the athlete been playing this sport
- b. The frequency and duration of training undergoing
- c. Attitude and behavior
- d. Current skill level and fitness
- e. Level of commitment and attendance for the past 2 years
- f. Any national classification done
- g. Coach's report on athlete's current performance and outcome of his/ her future sports development for the next 2 years
- h. Is athlete training on his/her own expenses or under council development programme
- i. Performance results of athletes being nominated should also include the number of competing countries or athletes for e.g. Athlete XYZ came in 5th out of 10 athletes or Team A came in 1st out of 6 countries
- j. Sports result analysis of athlete's potential for future development. For young athletes, there should be an age relative comparison based on their sport class, against a current high performance athlete, locally or internationally. For e.g. young athlete, age 16, performs XX sec against current national para athlete, age 20, who is in the same class performs YY sec during this age
- k. For developmental athletes and/or debutants at major games, justification on how this game is at a suitable level for him/her, over other more conducive games that can be more suitable to start with
- l. What is the personal philosophy toward athlete's sporting journey? (to be written by athlete)