



**SELECTION POLICY FOR ATHLETICS
RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES
7 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2016**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Rio 2016 Paralympic Games will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 7 to 18 September 2016. The athletics competition will be held at Olympic Stadium.

1.2 Medal events:

Male	Female	Total
96	81	177

For more details on the medal events and their respective qualification standards (AQS & BQS), please refer to the IPC Qualification Guide for the Rio 2016 Paralympics at <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016/qualification>

1.3 Allocation of Qualification Slots:

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC and not to the individual athlete.

1.4 Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

- i) An NPC can be allocated a maximum of forty-eight (48) male qualification slots and thirty-two (32) female qualification slots.

2 OBJECTIVE

2.1 This policy details and sets out the process and criteria for selecting athletes to represent Singapore at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

2.2 The final selection of athletes remains at the discretion of Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC).

2.3 SNPC will publish the selection policy on SNPC website at (www.snpc.org.sg). Athletes and coaches will be responsible for ensuring that they are fully aware and understand the policy and its content, as well as any changes made to the policy should it occur.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 To be eligible for selection by SDSC for participation at an IPC Athletics Recognized Competition, an athlete must:

- i) be a Singapore citizen
- ii) have achieved at least one (1) 2016 Rio Paralympics AQS performance at an SDSC Recognized Competition in any of his/her respective medal event(s) between 15 October 2014 and 20 May 2016
- iii) be in good standing with both SDSC & SNPC

- 3.2 To be eligible for selection by SNPC for Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, athlete must:
- i) be a Singapore citizen
 - ii) hold an active IPC Athletics License for the 2016 season
 - iii) have achieved at least one (1) 2016 Rio Paralympics AQS performance at an IPC Athletics Recognized Competition in any of his/her respective medal event(s) between 15 October 2014 and 20 June 2016 in accordance with the Athlete Licensing Programme Policies
 - iv) internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2016
 - v) be in good standing with SNPC

4 MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

- 4.1 An NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per Individual medal event provided each has achieved at least a BQS performance in that event.
- 4.2 NPC can enter a maximum of one (1) team in each relay medal event comprising up to six (6) eligible athletes.
- 4.3 NPC may enter a maximum of six (6) eligible athletes in each marathon medal event. A maximum of three (3) athletes per NPC may enter each marathon medal event as their only event.
- 4.4 NPC may enter an eligible athlete in an unlimited number of medal events as long as the athlete has achieved at least a BQS performance in each of these medal events.

5 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- 5.1 Qualification slots will be allocated by IPC Athletics through the following methods:
- i) 2015 Marathon World Championships Allocation
 - ii) 2015 World Championships Allocation
 - iii) Rio 2016 Qualification Rankings Allocation
 - iv) 2016 IPC Athletics Marathon World Cup (London)
 - v) AQS Qualification Allocation
 - vi) Relay Events Allocation
- 5.2 For more details, please refer to the IPC Qualification Guide for the Rio 2016 Paralympics at <https://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016/qualification>

6 SELECTION CRITERIA

- 6.1 Only athletes who met all eligibility conditions in Section 3.2 will be considered for selection.

- 6.2 In the event that the number of eligible athlete is more than Singapore's allocated slot(s) obtained through the AQS Qualification Allocation Method, the following will be used:
- i) Using IPC Athletics Rio 2016 Paralympic Games – AQS Qualification Allocation List as at 20 June 2016, determine the athlete's ranking in their respective event based on their best performance achieved from the following competitions:
 - a. 8th ASEAN Para Games, Singapore (3 – 9 December 2015)
 - b. IPC Athletics Grand Prix Australia, Canberra (5 – 7 February 2016)
 - c. IPC Athletics Grand Prix Italy, Grosseto (8 – 10 April 2016)
 - d. IPC Athletics Grand Prix China, Beijing (22 – 24 April 2016)
 - e. IPC Athletics Grand Prix Germany, Berlin (16 – 17 July 2016)
 - ii) The selection of athlete will be in order of their ranking obtained in their respective event from Section 6.2(i).
 - iii) In the event that athletes have the same ranking, their 2nd best performance and so on will be used until there is a separation in their ranking.
- 6.5 SNPC, as the National Paralympic Committee of Singapore, has the sole and final decision in selecting or not selecting athletes to represent Singapore at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

7 APPEAL PROCESS

- 7.1 Appeal against non-selection by SNPC must be made in writing to SNPC within 48 hours of the announcement of the athletes being selected by SNPC for selection for Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.
- 7.2 The grounds for any appeal is that:
- The athlete has met the 2016 Rio Athletics AQS performance but non-selection could be due to SNPC's determination that the athlete did not satisfy the selection criteria set out in Section 3.2 and/or Section 6.
- 7.3 An appeal must be made in writing with supporting documents.
- 7.4 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 correspondence will be entertained.

8 DE-SELECTION

- 8.1 An athlete selected for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games may be de-selected by SNPC from the team if he/she:
- Due to illness or injury becomes unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and Team Manager (after receiving medical advice)
 - Demonstrate a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and Team Manager
 - Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of SDSC, SNPC, Anti-Doping Singapore or other approved agencies where applicable

9 CONTACT PERSON

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