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Singapore National Paralympic Council Announces Team Singapore Contingent for the 5th Asian Youth Para Games 2025 in Dubai.



The Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC) today announced the selection of 12 young para athletes¹ who will represent Singapore at the upcoming 5th Asian Youth Para Games (AYPG), to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 7 to 14 December 2025.

The Asian Youth Para Games is Asia's largest multi-sport event for youth athletes with disabilities, bringing together the region's most promising talents. This year marks the 5th edition of the Games, following the previous edition in Bahrain in 2021, where Singapore fielded athletes across four sports.

In 2025, Team Singapore will compete in five sports — Para Athletics, Para Badminton, Boccia, Para Swimming, and Para Table Tennis — signalling steady growth and diversification in the nation's youth para sport development.

Led by Ex-Paralympian Chef de Mission, Apple Yap Qian Yin

At the helm of this year's contingent is Chef de Mission (CDM) Apple Yap Qian Yin, a former Paralympian (Sailing) in the Rio Paralympic Games 2016, who brings her experience and mentorship to inspire the next generation. Joining her in leading the team is flag bearer Yan Jia Yi, a seasoned Boccia player competing in the BC3 class. Yan, who will be making her second appearance at the Asian Youth Para Games, will proudly carry the Singapore flag during the Opening Ceremony in Dubai.

CDM Apple Yap Qian Yin shared her excitement ahead of the Games:

"This team represents the future of para sports in Singapore. Many are debutants stepping onto the international stage for the first time, and they've shown incredible resilience and dedication in their preparations. I believe they will do Singapore proud, both in competition and in the way they carry themselves as ambassadors of the sport."

Flag bearer Yan Jia Yi added:

"It's an honour to lead my teammates into the Games. Competing at the AYPG again reminds me how far we've come as a team, and I hope our performances inspire other young persons with disabilities to dream big and get involved in sport."

The AYPG serves as a key stepping stone for youth athletes aspiring to progress to the Asian Para Games and eventually the Paralympic Games. Of the 12 athletes representing Singapore this year, nine are making their international debuts, underscoring the strong pipeline of emerging talent being nurtured through the local para sport ecosystem. The contingent will be supported by a team of coaches, technical officials, and secretariat staff, ensuring that athletes receive comprehensive support throughout the competition.

Encouragement from SNPC President

Dr Teo-Koh Sock Miang, President of the Singapore National Paralympic Council, congratulated the youth athletes on their selection and expressed confidence in their readiness for the Games:

"Our young athletes exemplify the courage and perseverance that define Team Singapore. As they step onto the international stage in Dubai, they not only chase personal goals but also inspire others to believe in their potential. We have every confidence that they will compete with heart, discipline, and pride, embodying the very best of the Paralympic spirit."



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About the Asian Youth Para Games

First held in Tokyo in 2009, the Asian Youth Para Games are organised by the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) and are held every four years. The Games provide a platform for young para athletes to compete internationally, build friendships across borders, and develop the values of excellence, determination, and inclusivity through sport.

The Dubai 2025 5th Asian Youth Para Games will bring together around 1500 young Para athletes from 45 nations across Asia, competing in 11 sports from 7 to 14 December 2025.

About Singapore National Paralympic Council

Founded in 2008, the Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC) is an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) and a registered charity responsible for selecting and leading Team Singapore's para-athletes at major international Games, including the Paralympic Games, Asian Para Games, and ASEAN Para Games.

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Annex A¹: Selected Athletes

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No.	Full Name	Chinese Name	Sport	Debutant Status	Age As At (31 Dec 2025)	Type of Impairment
1	Tan Ming Shih, Irving Paul	陈明士	Para Athletics	Debutant	19	II
2	Koh Ling Yun	许铃雲	Para Athletics	Debutant	17	PI
3	Jaylen Lai Kai Le	黎鎧樂	Para Athletics	Debutant	18	II
4	Marzuq Aqmal Bin Roziman		Para Athletics	Debutant	16	II
5	Hu Jia Rui Felix	胡佳瑞	Para Badminton	Debutant	15	PI
6	Gan Kai Hong Aloysius	颜恺宏	Boccia	No	15	PI
7	Yan Jia Yi	甄佳宜	Boccia	No	20	PI
8	Tham Xin Ting Ashley	谭芯婷	Para Swimming	Debutant	16	II
9	Sage Chua Shan Yao	蔡善耀	Para Swimming	Debutant	12	II
10	Moza Alyka Baihakki		Para Swimming	Debutant	14	PI
11	Caleb Lee Jia Xuan	李嘉轩	Para Table Tennis	No	21	PI
12	Jayden Low Zhe Kai	刘哲恺	Para Table Tennis	Debutant	15	PI

PI = Physical Impairment
 VI = Visual Impairment
 II = Intellectual Impairment