



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES FIGURE SKATING SELECTION POLICY

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) 2018 Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible figure skating athletes are selected to represent Singapore for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games to be held in PyeongChang, South Korea from 9 to 25 February 2018.
- 1.2. The SISA EXCO may appoint, at its discretion, a panel comprising of up to five (5) but no less than three (3) from outside the sport and from SISA (SISA Selection Panel) whose task will be to consider athletes to be nominated to Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) to represent Singapore in the 2018 Winter Olympic Games as according to this policy.
- 1.3. The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

SISA	Singapore Ice Skating Association of Singapore
SNOC	Singapore National Olympic Committee
ISU	International Skating Union
SISA Selection Panel	A panel, appointed by SISA Executive Committee, comprising of up to five (5) but no less than three (3) who have the necessary sporting experience and background, are technically proficient and competent to make decisions relating to athlete selection.
ISU International Event	An event listed on the ISU Figure Skating Event Calendar and as defined in ISU Rule 107.4
TES	Technical Element Score
Appeals Committee	The SISA Executive Committee (EXCO) will form an independent appeals committee responsible to deliberate fair queries and appeals/ protests lodged by athletes
ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition	ISU Nominated Competition for qualification of a quota place for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games is the 2017 Nebelhorn Trophy

2. Nomination of Athletes

For the purposes of nomination to the SNOC of Figure Skating Athletes for selection to the 2018 Singapore Olympic Winter Team, SISA will:

- 2.1. only nominate Athletes who satisfy the requirements of ISU Rule 400 and meet ISU Minimum Technical Scores for 2018 Olympic Winter Games in the Short Program and Free Skating as determined and published by ISU by 17 May 2016.
- 2.2. nominate Athletes according to the following process:
 - a. if Singapore qualifies a quota place at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition, then Singapore Ice Skating Association will nominate the Athlete no later than 31st December 2017 for the place based on the following criteria:
 - i. met the requirements of clause 2.1 by 8th January 2018; and
 - ii. obtained the highest total mean for each of their two highest Technical Element Scores (Short and Free):
 - a. 2017 ISU World Figure Skating Championships;
 - b. 2017 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships;
 - c. 2017 Asian Winter Games;
 - d. 2017 SEA Games;
 - e. 2017 ISU Senior Grand Prix Events as published on the official ISU Event Calendar from time to time; and
 - f. 2017 ISU Senior International Competitions between 1 July 2017 and 31 December 2017 as published on the official ISU Event Calendar from time to time.
 - iii. In the event of a tie in total mean TES scores after applying clause 2.2 (a)(ii), then the Athlete with the highest Total Scores from the two events used to determine the Total Mean Score in clause 2.2 (a)(ii) will be nominated to the SNOC.
- 2.3. only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognized by the SNOC as Eligible:
 - a. be citizen of the Republic of Singapore (as according to ISU Communication 1420);
 - b. be a current member of SISA
- 2.4. only nominate those Athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- 2.5. not nominate more Athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System;

- 2.6. not nominate Athletes who have breached the SNOC Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed.
- 2.7. for the avoidance of doubt, please note that Singapore did not qualify a quota place at the 2017 ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

3. Selection to compete at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition

- 3.1. Subject to clause 4, the Athlete with the highest Total TES Score (Short and Free) achieved at the 2017 SEA Games, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will be chosen to compete in the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition; and
- 3.2. Where the Athlete identified under clause 3.1 above is unable to compete at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition by reason of illness or injury, the Athlete with the next highest Total TES Score achieved at the 2017 SEA Games, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will be chosen to compete in the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition;

4. Illness/Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances

- 4.1. In considering the performances of Athletes at the 2017 SEA Games, required under clause 3.1 of this Nomination Criteria, the SISA Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances. For the purposes of this clause 4, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete at the 2017 SEA Games due to injury or illness.
- 4.2. The SISA Selection Panel will only consider the extenuating circumstances if the Athlete has achieved a higher Total TES Score (Short and Free), at any of the following competitions, than the score achieved by another Athlete at the 2017 SEA Games.
 - a. ISU Senior International Competition between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 as published on the ISU Event Calendar;
 - b. 2017 ISU World Figure Skating Championships;
 - c. 2017 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships;
 - d. 2017 Asian Winter Games
- 4.3. Athletes unable to compete at the 2017 SEA Games, required under this Nomination Criteria must advise the SISA President and Selection Panel in writing of this fact and the reasons before the start of the 2017 SEA Games.
- 4.4. Athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by SISA.

- 4.5. A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the SISA Selection Panel on an individual basis. Any such decision will not be binding on the SNOC.
- 4.6. If the SISA Selection Panel determines to give weight to extenuating circumstances for an athlete who meets the requirements of this clause 4, the SISA Selection Panel may in its discretion allow that athlete to compete in the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition instead of the Athlete with the highest Total TES Score (Short and Free) achieved at the 2017 SEA Games as referred to in clause 3.1.

5. Replacement of Athletes after Nomination by SISA to the SNOC

- 5.1. Should any nominated athlete be unable to compete in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games by reason of injury or illness then SISA may identify a replacement Athlete for nomination to the SNOC in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 5.2. If SISA determine that an athlete who has been nominated to and selected by the SNOC should be replaced by a replacement athlete then:
 - a. SISA will recommend to the SNOC that the athlete is to be replaced; and
 - b. should the SNOC (or during the period of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2018 Singapore Winter Olympic Team) determine that the selected athlete should be replaced; then
 - i. SISA may nominate a replacement athlete for selection by the SNOC (in accordance with this Nomination Criteria); and
 - ii. the SNOC (or during the period of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2018 Singaporean Winter Olympic Team) may in its absolute discretion select that nominated replacement athlete. In exercising its discretion, the SNOC will be subject to any conditions that apply in relation to entry for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

6. Making of Nominations

- 6.1. The SNOC has the sole and absolute discretion:
 - a. to determine whether an Athlete has met the requirements of selection;
 - b. to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.
- 6.2. Nominations by SISA must be received by the SNOC by 5pm **Monday 8th January 2018**. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the

SNOC may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non- nomination to the SISA Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the SNOC's Olympic Team Selection Policy and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the SNOC.

- 6.3. The 5pm Monday 8 January 2018 deadline for the making of nominations by SISA applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

7. Amendments to Nomination Criteria

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by SISA with the prior written approval of the SNOC. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by SISA via email to all members and posted on the SISA website.

8. Appeal Procedure

- 8.1. An Appeals Committee will be available to look into disputes relating to the nomination or non-nomination of an athlete. The members of the Appeals Committee will be published by SISA.
- 8.2. Athletes must state in writing their intention to appeal a selection decision within 48 hours of SISA's announcement of Athlete Nominations for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, accompanied by a cheque of S\$100.00, payable to Singapore Ice Skating Association:

President, Singapore Ice Skating Association

3 Stadium Drive

#01-33, Singapore 397630

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If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded.

- 8.3. The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
- the relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 - the decision was affected by actual bias.
- 8.4. Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of this Selection Policy for nomination of athletes to represent Singapore in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, SNOC Appeals Committee reserves the sole right to interpret this document and to use its discretion in the resolution of the matter in conflict or dispute.