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## **SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING**

### **ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY 2018/2019**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Athlete Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore at international competitions.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to eligible athletes, and members of SISA, seeking selection to the National and National Development Team for selection to ISU International Events.
- 1.3 This Policy is for the current international skating season and remains in force until amended or revoked by the SISA Executive Committee.
- 1.4 The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

Eligible	Age Eligibility ISU Rule 108 and meet all ISU and SISA residency requirements (ISU Communication 2030) to be able to represent Singapore.
Current International Skating Season	Commences 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018 and concludes 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Exceptional circumstances	Means an inability to compete, due to injury or serious illness or inability to compete due to clashes with unforeseen national duties that cannot be rescheduled (eg. National Service obligations, excluding reservist). Athletes should notify SISA in advance, as soon as possible.
ISU Events	ISU Championships ISU World Cups
International Competitions	All other competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU as defined in ISU Rule 107.4
ISU Qualifying Timing	The qualifying time required by the ISU (ISU Rule 281, 283, 286 and the related ISU Communications for the season) to participate in the World Cup, World or World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships.  All skaters entered must have achieved the qualifying time over the distance of 500m, achieved at the latest

	<p>twenty-one (21) days before the respective ISU Events</p> <p>Qualifying times must have been achieved in either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ISU Championships</li> <li>- ISU World Cups</li> <li>- International Competitions</li> <li>- National Championships in the current or previous skating season.</li> <li>- All competitions must be according to the conditions stated in Communication 2103 Section 1.2 or subsequent ISU Communications.</li> </ul>
National Team	Short Track Speed Skating athletes who have achieved the minimum 500m race time standard (Minimum SISA Performance Standard (National))
National Development Team	Short Track Speed Skating athletes who have achieved the minimum 500m race time standard (Minimum SISA Performance Standard (National Development))
Previous International Skating Season	The ISU Skating Season that commenced on the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 and concluded on the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
SISA Performance Standard (National or National Development)	The benchmark race time for 500m for the National and/or National Development Team
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Executive Committee.
SISA Sanctioned Time Trial	Time trial organised by SISA, in Singapore. Overseas time trials will not be accepted.
SISA Mandated Events	Events and Competitions held in Singapore.
SISA Ranking List	The ranking list will be used for selection of athletes onto the ISU Events.
SISA Deliberation Period	21 days before the respective ISU Events

## 2.0 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The SISA Executive Committee (EXCO) has overall and final responsibility for all selection criteria and individual selection decisions.
- 2.2 The SISA EXCO may appoint, at its discretion, a panel of up to five but no less than three National Selectors (SISA Selection Panel) whose task will be to select the best possible teams to represent Singapore.
- 2.3 The SISA Selection Panel will also ratify athletes within the National and National Development Team and their Rankings.
- 2.4 The SISA Selection Panel may in their discretion take into consideration exceptional circumstances. The SISA Selection Panel will only consider exceptional circumstances if the athlete/s fulfills Section 4.1 (below) and has entered into the SISA National Championships. Athletes must advise the SISA executive in writing including the reasons of the exceptional circumstance before the end of the SISA National Championships. The SISA Selection Panel will make a decision in each case of exceptional circumstances.

## 3.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 In order to be selected to the National or National Development Team, each athlete must:
  - (a) Be an individual member of SISA. All dues must be paid and forms completed prior to the current season's Singapore National Championships; and
  - (b) Adhere to division Age Limits - ISU Rule 108; and
  - (c) Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2030 - 'Update to Rule 109'; and
  - (d) Adhere to ISU Eligibility (ISU Rule 102, ISU Rule 103); and
  - (e) Have competed at the 2018 Singapore Short Track Speed Skating National Championships or qualify for exemption from SISA based on exceptional circumstances.
- 3.2 The SISA Selection Panel will determine if an athlete has met the above requirements (Section 3.1) for selection.

## 4.0 PERFORMANCE AND CONDUCT

### 4.1 National Team

Athletes will be included in the National Team when they have:

- (a) Met Section 3.1 (above); and
- (b) Competed in ALL Distances for their division at the Singapore National Championships; and
- (c) Achieved the SISA Performance Standard (National) at the Singapore National Short Track Speed Skating Championships, Singapore Inter-School Ice Skating Competition, SISA Sanctioned Time Trial or ISU Events and International Competitions in the Current or Previous Skating Season:

Category	Men (500m)	Women (500m)
National	<50s	<55s

### 4.2 National Development Team

Athletes will be included in the National Development Team when they have:

- (a) Met Section 3.1 (above); and
- (b) Competed in ALL Distances for their division at the Singapore National Championships; and
- (d) Achieved the SISA Performance Standard (National Development) at the 2018 Singapore National Short Track Speed Skating Championships, , Singapore Inter-School Ice Skating Competition, SISA Sanctioned Time Trial or ISU Events and International Competitions in the Current or Previous Skating Season:

Category	Men (500m)	Women (500m)
National Development	<60s	<65s

4.4 All officially recorded detailed results attained must be submitted to SISA within 14 days after the end of the event.

4.5 Athletes are expected to demonstrate exceptional performance as well as conduct themselves appropriately at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, during the selection process, while the athlete is in the national or national development team, and when the athlete is representing Singapore.

In the event an athlete in National and National Development team is subject to formal criminal investigation(s) or proceeding(s) and/or investigation by the SISA Executive Committee for conduct unbecoming of a National / National Development athlete, the SISA EXCO reserves the right to temporarily suspend all privileges and status of the athlete from the National or National Development team during the investigation, pending a formal outcome.

## **5.0 SISA RANKING LIST**

- 5.1 Athletes will be ranked according to their fastest 500m race time achieved at any of the following events:
- (a) 2018 Singapore National Short Track Speed Skating Championships; or
  - (b) ISU Events and/or International Competitions achieved 12 months before the SISA Deliberation Period.
- 5.2 A SISA Ranking List will be published after every competition.
- 5.3 In case of tie, the 1000m ranking from the above list [5.1a-b] will be used.
- 5.4 In case of a second tie, the fastest 500m race time achieved at a SISA Sanctioned Time Trial in the 12 months before the SISA Deliberation Period will be used.

## **6.0 SELECTION TO ISU EVENTS**

- 6.1 In order to be selected to ISU Events, each athlete must have:
- (a) Met Section 3.1 above; and
  - (b) Be included in the National Team or the National Development Team (Section 4.0).
  - (c) Participation in all SISA Mandated Events for the season, unless recommended for exemption with a valid reason by the National Coach and approved for exemption by the SISA EXCO.
- 6.2 The SISA Selection Panel will determine if:
- (a) An athlete has met the above requirements (Section 6.1) for selection; and
  - (b) The maximum number of Athletes permitted by Entry Quotas or Qualification System to be selected.
- 6.2.1 For all events, National Team athletes will be allocated for events before National Development Team athletes.
- 6.3 Reserves Policy  
To ensure that SISA fulfills her international participation requirement at assigned ISU events where possible; a reserve list of 2-3 skaters will be lodged with ISU and the organizing committee. This will ensure that in the event Singapore's first choice athlete is not able to participate in the competition due to medical or unforeseen reasons, the second or third reserved can be called upon to represent Singapore.
- 6.4 If selected athlete(s) are unable to compete, it will be the responsibility of the SISA Selection Panel to select a replacement.

## 6.5 **Olympic Committee Events**

Athletes must satisfy additional citizenship requirements and qualification systems as specified by IOC and SNOC for participation in the Winter Youth Olympic Games, Asian Winter Games, South East Asian Games and the Olympic Winter Games. Separate selection policies for these events will be published by SISA as required.

## 6.6 **ISU Events**

### **(a) ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Team**

- (i) Selection to the ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating will be allocated to athletes who have:
  - a. Met Sections 3.1 and Section 4; and
  - b. Reached the age of 15 before 1<sup>st</sup> July of the current season.
  - c. Achieved an ISU Qualifying Time for the World Cup over the distance of 500m with reference to the ISU Communication No. 2193. Only results achieved after July 1, 2017 and at the latest twenty-one (21) days before the respective World Cup will be considered.
- (ii) If more athletes than the entry quota in each event has met the above requirements (Section 6.7 (a)(i)), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the latest published SISA Ranking List
- (iii) If less than 4 athletes (in either the Men's or Ladies events) achieve the Performance Selection Standard qualifying times, the SISA Selection Panel may select an athlete/s to compete and/or be the substitute in the relay team.

### **(b) ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships Team**

- (i) Selection to the ISU World Short Track Speed Skating will be allocated to athletes who have:
  - a. Met 3.1 and Section 4; and
  - b. Reached the age of 15 before 1<sup>st</sup> July of the current season;
  - c. Achieved an ISU Qualifying Time for the World Championships over the distance of 500m with reference to the ISU Communication No. 2201. Only results achieved after July 1, 2017 and at the latest twenty-one (21) days before the Championships will be considered.
- (ii) If more athletes than the entry quota in each event has met the above requirements (Section 6.7 (b) (i)), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the latest published SISA Ranking List.

**(c) ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships Team**

Please refer to the [SISA Communication No. 161](#)

**6.7 International Competitions**

Refer to the ISU website ([www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)) for the latest information regarding ISU International Events.

ISU International Events will be allocated to age eligible athletes who have met Section 3.1 and are in the National Team or National Development Team (Section 4).

**6.8 Other Events**

The SISA Selection Panel will not determine participation in other competitions and/or events not listed on the ISU Calendar. Skaters may enter these events through personal application on the condition that the competition is registered and sanctioned by SISA in order to retain their Eligibility status.

**7.0 RELAY SELECTION TO COMPETITIONS LISTED ABOVE**

**7.1 SINGLE GENDER**

- 7.1.1 Top 4 ranked age eligible athletes per gender will be selected for the single gender relay
- 7.1.2 Should the competitions allow for reserve, the 5<sup>th</sup> ranked age eligible athlete will be placed.
- 7.1.3 Should the competitions allow for reserve, the National Coach will hold the final decision if the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> ranked skater will participate in the actual race for the best possible outcome.

**7.2 MIXED GENDER**

- 7.2.1 Should there be a case where 2 men and 2 ladies are available for a mixed gender team (same skaters can be part of the single gender relay), SISA will submit a mixed gender relay.
- 7.2.2 Top 2 ranked men and top 2 ranked ladies will be selected for the mixed gender relay



## 8.0 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1 To accept selection to the National and National Development Team and international assignments, each athlete must have:
- (a) Signed and complied with SISA's Athlete Agreement
  - (b) Abided by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
  - (c) Completed the ISU Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
  - (d) Maintained a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete. If an athlete has a loss of fitness, form or suffers an injury or illness that prevents the athlete from competing or training for extended periods of time, he/she must notify the SISA Selection Panel. The SISA Selection Panel has the discretion if an athlete's entry should be removed for any relevant events.
- 8.2 If an athlete is unable to attend any assigned competitions, he/she must provide documentary evidence to the SISA Selection Panel in order to be considered for future ISU Events and/or to be retained on the team.
- 8.3 If a selected athlete through his/her misconduct brings SISA or the sport of skating into disrepute, he/she may be removed from the National and National Development Team by the SISA Selection Panel in consultation with relevant coaching staff.

## 9.0 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 9.1 For all appeals regarding selection, an official appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the President, Singapore Ice Skating Association no more than 3 days following the announcement. Failing which no appeal will be entertained.
- 9.2 The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
- i. The relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
  - ii. The decision was affected by actual bias.

## REFERENCES

ISU Rule 102 – 'Eligibility'

ISU Rule 103 – 'Reinstatement as an Eligible person'

ISU Rule 108 – 'Age Limits'

ISU Communication 2030 – Rule 109 on Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure

ISU Rule 131 – Declaration

ISU Communication No. 2103 - Entries ISU Championships 2018 for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating