



ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY FOR ASIAN GAMES 2026

Mixed Martial Arts Association of Singapore
(MMAAS)

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1. Introduction

- 1.1.** This policy outlines the eligibility requirements and criteria for the selection of MMAAS (MMA Association of Singapore) Athletes for Asian Games 2026.
- 1.2.** The aim of this policy is to ensure that the best and most deserving MMAAS Athletes in Singapore are selected, in a consistent and transparent manner, to the national teams and to represent Singapore in international competitions and major games such as the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games), Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Olympic Games.
- 1.3.** These criteria are guided by and consistent with SNOC's set of selection criteria for Asian Games: Refer to Annex A.

2. Eligibility Requirement

Athletes must fulfil the following requirements to be eligible for selection stated in paragraph 1.1 above:

- Singapore Citizens and not holding dual citizenship if above 22 years old
- Must be born between 1 January 1986 and 31 December 2008
- Member of a MMAAS Affiliate
- Member of MMAAS National Team (to include, if applicable).
- Formally agree and adhere to the MMAAS Athletes' Code of Conduct, and Agreement, as well as the MMAAS's Anti-doping, Safe Sport policies and procedures, and the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions.
- Not undergoing any disciplinary proceedings or serving any suspension by MMAAS, AMMA (Asian Mixed Martial Arts Association) or FIMMA (Federation of International Mixed Martial Arts).

3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1.** The following criteria will be applied in MMAAS's selection process for nominating athletes to SNOC for Asian Games:
 - 3.1.1** Minimum national training attendance of 85% with effect from Oct 2025 or from the date of joining the National Team, whichever is later.
 - 3.1.2** Participation in all National Team trials, training camps, competitions, sports science test regimes and related activities as required by MMAAS.
 - 3.1.3** Achieved top 8 placing among Asian countries in international competitions and/or international rankings.
 - 3.1.4** In lieu of the criteria in subparagraph 3.1.3 above, any competition result where the athlete(s) has won or finished above a medallist(s) from the last edition of the respective games or has finished above an athlete(s) who meets the ranking criteria specified in 3.1.3.

- 3.1.5 Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his/her ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country.
- 3.2. Only results from competitions that are organised, sanctioned or recognised by MMAAS and AMMA, and that are achieved during the period from 1st January 2026 to 31st May 2026, will be considered for the criteria stated in subparagraphs 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 above.
- 3.3. Only international rankings from AMMA that are current starting from 1st January 2026 will be considered for the criteria stated in subparagraphs 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 above.
- 3.4. An athlete(s) who marginally fall short of the criteria stated in subparagraphs 3.1.3 or 3.1.4 may be considered for nomination to SNOC if the athlete(s) demonstrates potential and commitment to win a medal at the respective games, as evidenced by:
- 3.4.1 Performance trends in sanctioned competitions over past 6 months
- 3.4.2 Achievement of results within 80% of qualifying standard
- 3.4.3 Consistent top 8 rankings in Asian-level competitions
- 3.5. If the number of eligible athletes satisfying the criteria stated in subparagraphs 3.1.1 to 3.1.4 above exceeds the number of available quota places for an event, the athlete(s) with the best medal prospect at the respective games will be nominated/selected.
- 3.6. Further to paragraph 3.1.5 above, the following factors will be considered if the athletes concerned are deemed to have similar medal prospects:
- 3.6.1 Head-to-Head results.
- 3.6.2 International Ranking.
- 3.6.3 Performance at the last edition of the respective games.
- 3.6.4 Age and future major games prospect
- 3.7. All selected athletes must formally agree to and comply with the SNOC Athletes' Agreement.

4. Other Considerations

In addition to the selection criteria stated in paragraph 3 above, the following “qualities” of the athletes will also be taken into consideration, where applicable, by the selectors:

- Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, officials, and sports administrators.
- General conduct and character that upholds the reputation and values of the sport.
- Past disciplinary record.
- Current skill level, fitness, and level of commitment.
- Potential for future development.
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials.
- Ability to serve as a role model to the sporting youth of Singapore.

- Other non-performance related qualities considered relevant by the selectors

5. Selection Process

- 5.1.** As stipulated by AMMA, qualification quota places for Asian Games would be allocated to each NOC with athletes who ranked top 8 in the qualifying events based on total number of points accumulated after competing in the 3rd &/or 4th AMMA Asian Championship.
- 5.2.** Note that the qualification slot earned by an athlete from the 3rd &/or 4th AMMA Asian Championship does not necessarily guarantee the final selection of the same athlete in the Asian Games 2026.
- 5.3.** The MMAAS Selection Committee will determine the selection of athletes for nomination to SNOG for Asian Games based on the selection criteria stated in paragraph 3 above.
- 5.4.** All selection decisions will be announced on the MMAAS official website and/ or via email to the athletes concerned.
- 5.5.** The MMAAS Selection Committee shall be chaired by the 2nd VP, and assisted by the members, who are, Head of Athletes' Development, Head of Referees' Development, Secretary General and Head of Coaching Development.

6. Appeals

- 6.1.** An appeal in respect of any non-selection may be lodged by the athlete concerned, or by an MMAAS affiliate if the athlete is below 21 years old and is a member of the affiliate, on the following grounds:
 - The criteria for selection were not adhered to.
 - The athlete was denied a fair and equal opportunity during the selection process.
 - New evidence of performance or considerations that emerged after the initial selection but still meets the MMAAS's selection criteria.
- 6.2.** The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Appeal Committee at [info@mmaas.com.sg] within 3 calendar days following the announcement of the selection decision. An administrative fee of \$500 must be paid to MMAAS (UEN No.: T23SS0082F) via "PayNow" or other approved payment methods. The fee is refundable if the appeal is successful.
- 6.3.** All appeals will be reviewed by the MMAAS Appeals Committee, chaired by the Assistant Secretary-General of MMAAS and 2 other appointed full members with no conflict of interest, approved by the MC, which will either make the final decision or, depending on the MMAAS's structure, recommend a decision to the MMAAS Board for final approval. The Appeals Committee or MMAAS Board may:
 - Dismiss the appeal and uphold the decision by the selectors; or
 - Accept the appeal and select the athlete (contingent upon available quota and team composition requirements). If needed, provide a recommendation for policy review.

- 6.4.** The Appeals Committee shall not be a standing committee and shall be constituted only upon receipt of a formal appeal. The composition of the Appeals Committee shall be selected to ensure independence, neutrality, and the avoidance of any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest. No person directly involved in the original decision, investigation, or matter under appeal shall serve on the Appeals Committee.
- 6.5.** The decision made by the Appeals Committee or MMAAS Board is final. No further appeal will be entertained (Note: Board members in the Selection Committee should recuse themselves from this decision-making process).

7. Conflict of Interest and Communication

- 7.1.** To ensure impartiality, the Selection Committee and Appeals Committee must consist of different individuals. No person may serve on both committees simultaneously.
- 7.2.** All members of the Selection Committee and Appeals Committee are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest to the MMAAS Board.
- 7.3.** The MMAAS Board will take appropriate measures to manage any conflicts of interest to ensure fair and impartial selection and appeals processes.
- 7.4.** MMAAS will ensure that all selection criteria, processes, and decisions are clearly communicated to athletes in a timely manner.
- 7.5.** Any changes to selection policies or procedures will be communicated to all relevant parties and published on the MMAAS official website.

8. De-selection

De-selection of athletes by MMAAS may be made due to:

- Medical reasons - is unable to perform to the required standard due to illness or injury, as certified by qualified medical personnel;
- Performance compliance – demonstrates a lack of commitment and failure to meet training, preparation, or fitness standards;
- Policy compliance - breaches or fails to observe the selection policy, constitutional requirements, or international federation laws and regulations;
- Disciplinary action - is subject to disciplinary proceedings or has committed conduct violations that breach team protocols or behavioural standards;
- Eligibility issues - becomes ineligible for selection due to medical, disciplinary, or other regulatory reason; and/or
- Force majeure - encounters exceptional circumstances beyond the athlete's control that prevent participation.

9. Clarifications

- 9.1.** Any queries or clarifications on this selection policy or on the specific selection criteria should be referred to the relevant committee(s) via email to the MMAAS Secretariat at admin@mmaas.com.sg.
- 9.2.** In all matters not provided for in this policy, or doubts on the proper interpretation of this policy and the selection criteria stated in paragraph 3 above, the decision of the Selection Committee shall be final unless it is reversed by the MMAAS Board.

ANNEX A – SNOC Selection Criteria for Asian Games 2026

Selection Criteria

Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games

19 September to 4 October 2026

Correct as of 6 Mar 2026

1. Nomination Criteria

- NSAs seeking to nominate athletes for the Games should establish qualifying standards and criteria, at least 15 months before the Games. These are open to all athletes and they should satisfy these standards in the NSA sanctioned championships. NSAs are required to submit their NSA Selection Criteria to SNOC/HPSI for endorsement before publication.
- NSAs should state clearly in the nominations via SportSync at least 6 months before the Games, the justification for the athletes to be selected.
- Athletes must be Singapore Citizens, and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination.

2. Selection Criteria

Subject to the other considerations listed at paragraph 3 below, the following criteria shall be applied in the selection process:

- Athletes who have currently achieved at least 6th placing e.g., time/distance/score/mark of the 2022 Asian Games. For team sports, they should currently be ranked 6th among the Asian Games countries.
- Athletes/Teams who miss the qualifying standard marginally but show potential to equal or surpass it in time for the Games.
- All achievements submitted for consideration should have taken place at international competitions sanctioned by the International and/or Regional controlling bodies, but NSAs may submit the achievements from overseas championships and meets of athletes studying in overseas tertiary institutions. However, these have to be properly accredited and sanctioned to be accepted.
- All achievements should be achieved from 1 May 2025 up to 31 July 2026, or before the Organising Committee's Entry-By-Name deadline, 30 June 2026, whichever is earlier, as the nominations must be submitted to the SNOC Appeals Committee for approval before the deadline. NSAs may follow the SNOC selection/appeal window period (1 May 2025 – 15 June 2026), on the condition that including these results (if achieved before their NSA selection policy publication date) does not affect other athletes' nomination or non-nomination status.
- Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country."

3. Other Considerations

In addition to the above selection criteria, the following “qualities” of the athletes will be taken into consideration:

- Attitude and behavior towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, ***whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise.***
- General conduct ***and character*** which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
- **Past disciplinary record;**
- Current skill level and fitness;
- Level of commitment and attendance.
- Potential for future development:
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
- Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

4. Extenuating Circumstances

In consideration of the performance and “qualities” of athletes, the selectors may at their discretion consider extenuating circumstances. For this purpose, “extenuating circumstances” mean an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend event, training camps or other required attendances arising from:

- Injury or illness.
- Equipment failure.
- Travel delays.
- Bereavement; and
- Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider relevant.

5. Selection and Appeals

- The SNOC Selection Committee will meet in May 2026 (subject to the Organising Committee’s confirmation of the Accreditation deadline) to discuss the nominations from NSAs and select athletes/teams for the Games.
- NSAs can submit appeals to the SNOC Appeals Committee for athletes/teams who are not selected at the Selection Committee and/or athletes/teams who are already in the ‘Long List’. **The SNOC Appeals Committee will not deliberate the decisions made by the SNOC Selection Committee.** In the appeals, NSAs must provide new information that meets the selection criteria, information which had not been previously submitted to the SNOC Selection Committee.

6. Addendum (15 Oct 2025 and updated on 6 Mar 2026)

Reference to paragraph 2 Selection Criteria bullet point 4 above, the organisers have announced the timeline for the Games. The SNOC timeline is updated as follows:

Date	Item
4-Mar-26	Long list and Nomination phase begin
4-May-26	Longlist and Nomination Deadline (NSA)
May-26	Selection Committee Meeting
1-Jun-26	Appeal process starts
15-Jun-26	Deadline for Appeal
29-Jun-26	Appeal Committee Meeting
30-Jun-26	Entry by Name Form Deadline (NSA)