



Selection Policy:

Competition	Hangzhou 2022, Asian Games
Qualifying Window:	1 August 2021 to 16 May 2023

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10 Feb 2023	1.5		Updated Dates
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1. Introduction

1.1 The 2022 Asian Games (AG) is scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China between 10 and 25 September 2022. (Postponed to: 23 September to 8 October 2023)

The Triathlon competition will be held from 29 September to 2 October 2023 at Chun’an Jieshou Sports Centre Triathlon Course.

1.2 For the sport of Triathlon, there will be 3 events:

Events:	Men’s Individual	Women’s Individual	Mixed Relay Team
Schedule:	29 September 2023, 08:00 to 10:30	30 September 2023, 08:00 to 10:30	2 October 2023, 08:00 to 10:30
Max Quota:	6 Athletes: 3 Men & 3 Women		
Quota:	2 Men	2 Women	2 Men + 2 Women
Distance:	1500m Swim (750m x 2 laps) 40km Bike (6.6km x 6 laps) 10km Run (2.5km x 4 laps)		(300m Swim, 6.6km Bike, 2km Run) x 4 athletes

1.3 This policy set out the process and criteria for nominating athletes to represent Singapore at the 2022 Asian Games Triathlon events.

1.4 This policy may be amended at any time if Triathlon Singapore (TAS) is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary. TAS will publish this policy (and any amendments) on TAS website at (www.triathlonsingapore.org).

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 To be considered for selection, an athlete must meet all the following eligibility:
- a) Singapore Citizen, and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 21 years old at the time of nomination
 - b) At least 18 years of age as of 31 December 2023
 - c) Paid up member of TAS, and in good standing
 - d) Signed current TAS athlete agreement
 - e) Member of the National Squad or National Development Squad
 - f) Draft Legal Endorsed (exempted if had raced in a WT race in the last 36 months)

3. Submission of Nominations

- 3.1 The selection panel will consist of the following:
- a) General Manager TAS (Chair) – Eugene Ong
 - b) TAS Exco Representative – Paul Rachmadi
 - c) TAS Board Representative - Michelle Evelyn Chow
 - d) TAS High Performance Committee Representative – James Middleditch
 - e) Technical Official Representative – Omar Bakar
- 3.2 The selection panel shall approve the selection policy, and shall decide on the athletes to be nominated in accordance to the criteria as set out in the policy.
- 3.3 The panel shall seek the approval of the TAS Management Committee before submitting the nominations. (Please refer to Appendix A for key dates and timeline)
- 3.4 The Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) is the governing body which sets the qualifying standards and criteria, selects the athletes for the Games, and considers any appeal cases which TAS may submit. Final decision for participation at the Games will be at the sole discretion of SNOC Selection Committee

4. Process

- 4.1 Selection events:
- a) Any standard distance races and/or time trials sanctioned or organized by TAS
 - b) Any super sprint races (300m swim, 6.3km bike, 2.1km run) sanctioned or organized by TAS
 - c) Any standard distance draft legal races sanctioned by World Triathlon or member National Federation
 - d) Any time trial races (1500m swim and 10km run) sanctioned by the appropriate governing body.
 - e) Official times must be sent to TAS within 3 days of the conclusion:
eugene.ong@triathlonsingapore.org
- 4.2 Qualifying Criteria (Individual events):
- a) 6th placed time of the 2018 Asian Games - Men (1:53:14), Women (2:04:31)
 - b) Marginally off 8% - Men (2:02:18), Women (2:14:29), but achieved at least 2 out of 3 target times set in point 4.3
- 4.3 Target Times (range between fastest swim/run time overall and slowest swim/run time from top 6th placed of the 2018 AG individual events, and 0-5%):
- a) 1500m Swim - Men (18:48 to 20:56), Women (19:02 to 22:21)

- b) 10km Run – Men (33:33 to 37:27), Women (38:04 to 43:22)
- c) Combined – Men (52:21 to 58:23), Women (57:06 to 1:05:43)

4.4 For the individual events, a quota of 2 athletes per gender may be considered for selection. To be considered:

- a) Athletes who had achieve the qualifying criteria set out in point 4.2 at any selection events before the end of the qualifying window, automatically qualifies to be nominated for the 2022 AG.
- b) Should there be more than 2 athletes, TAS will consider other factors such as:
 - number of times qualifying criteria had been achieved
 - quality of the selection events in which qualifying criteria had been achieved
 - comparison with other Asian competitors if any
- c) In addition to the above, the following qualities of the athletes will also be assessed:
 - Attitude and behavior
 - General conduct and character
 - 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 team mates
 - Such other non-performance related qualities as TAS may consider to be relevant

4.5 For the Mixed Relay event, a quota of 2 athletes per gender may be considered for selection:

- a) Within the qualifying window period, TAS may organize a series of super sprint races to provide opportunities for up to 2 athletes to qualify for nomination.
- b) Target Times (range between the fastest leg time overall and slowest leg time from the top 6th placed at the 2018 AG) – Men (21:33 to 24:46), Women (23:26 to 25:45). (Note: For the Distance 300m Swim – 6.3km Bike – 2.1km Run)
- c) Athletes are required to achieve the target times set out in point b above before the end of qualifying window.
- d) Up to 2 fastest athletes per gender can qualify to be nominated, provided if there are available quota after the individual event's nominations. Should there be more than 2 athletes with the same qualifying time, then the athlete's second fastest time (and subsequent times should there continues to be a tie) will be considered.
- d) A maximum total quota of 3 athletes per gender over both the individual and Mixed Relay events, should be considered.
 - I. If 1 or no athlete qualifies for the individual event, 2 athletes from mixed relay can qualify.
 - II. If 2 athletes qualifies for the individual event, 1 athlete from mixed relay can qualify. The remaining member of the mixed relay team will be selected from the 2 athletes that had qualified for the individual events.

5. Conditions and Commitments

5.1 Athletes are required to:

- i. signed and comply with the provisions of the TAS and SNOC athletes agreement at all times.
- ii. make themselves available and participate in all related activities designated by SNOC and TAS, wearing the appropriated Team attire/Uniform as advised by TAS.
- iii. not act in a manner as to bring SNOC, TAS or the athlete into public disrepute.
- iv. provide a training plan, for at least a 6 months leading up to the Games. The plan should include full training load of at least 20 hours per week, training and competition targets towards peak performance at the Games, endorsed by TAS.
- v. attend any team training, specific competitions and time trials as advised by TAS, and wearing the team uniform as required.
- vi. declare accurate whereabouts information as instructed by Anti-Doping Singapore (ADS), and agree to participate willingly in sample collections for Doping Tests conducted by ADS, pursuant to WADA's policies. A breach in this point would include the failure to accurately declare requested information, not cooperating with ADS officers or any violation in the Anti-Doping Rules and Tests.
- vii. keep TAS updated on any changes to their health and fitness, or training plan. They are to immediately inform TAS of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact their ability to perform at Games, and more importantly, the impact on their overall health and well-being.

5.2 A breach in the above may result in an athlete being withdrawn nomination rights, remove from the Team and/or face disciplinary actions.

Addendum

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, SNOC will assess nominations based on a wider parameter.

Triathlon Singapore's addendum to our selection Policy:

- Inclusion of results from time trials (1500m Swim and 10km Run) as data points to support athlete's assessment to show potential to equal or surpass their performance in time for the Games
- Results from the 2018 Asian Games as gauge to athletes standing to set the target times

Addendum part 2

In view of the postponement of the Games to 2023,

1) The athletes selected at the Selection Committee Meeting on 18 April 2022 will remain. There will not be another Selection Committee Meeting.

2) The Appeals Committee meeting scheduled on 27 May 2022 has been postponed, with the new date for this meeting on 7 June 2023.

3) The selection window will be extended to the month before the Entry-By-Name deadline 30 June 2023. Henceforth, NSAs can use upcoming competitions (including the 32nd SEA Games) as data points for submission to the Appeals Committee.

4) The athletes already selected on 18 April 2022 will remain. However, the selection window will be extended for all to compete to get data points on an equal footing. For example, if there is an event with a maximum of 2 competitors per country; and one (Athlete A) has been already selected, his/her selection is not automatic. If there are three more athletes (B, C, D) meeting the SNOC and TAS Selection/Qualifying Criteria in the extended window, TAS will select the best two athletes from A, B, C, D.

Contact details

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Appendix A: Timeline

(Updated by SNOG on 6 Feb 2023)

20 Feb 2023	Long List Restart
1 April 2023	Appeals Begins
1 May 2023	Deadline for Longlist
16 May 2023	Appeal Deadline
7 June 2023	Appeal Committee Meeting
30 June 2023	Sports Entry by Name Deadline
2 Sept 2023	Team Managers Meeting (TBC)
29 May 2022	Entries-By-Name Deadline

Appendix B: Appeal Process

Right of Appeal - An athlete who fails to be selected for nominations may appeal against the decision. The appeal shall be conducted as a process to inquire if the decision made had properly adhere to the selection process and criteria set out in the selection policy, and not as a re-selection process

Appeal Panel – The appeal panel shall consist of the following:

- (i) A Representative from TAS MC, with no known conflict of interest.
- (ii) An invited official from another organization, independent from TAS.
- (iii) An invited official from another NSA

Notice of Appeal – Within 48 hours of any official announcements, an athlete who wishes to appeal must put forth in writing to : General Manager TAS, Email: eugene.ong@triathlonsingapore.org

Any appeals received after 48 hours will not be entertained.

The appeal must be accompanied by:

- A summary of all arguments and documentations that the athlete wishes to be considered in support of the appeal, and also evidences that will be relied upon in support of those arguments for the appeal.
- An appeal bond of SGD\$500. (via bank transfer to TAS’s UEN S92SS0052C). Failure to receive payment will result in the appeal being null and void.

Hearing of the Appeal – The appellant will be advised on a date for the hearing as soon as necessary.

- The hearing will be conducted with as little formality and technicality.
- The hearing must observe the principles of natural justice.
- The parties to an appeal may be represented at a hearing but not by a barrister, solicitor or a legally trained person.

Results of hearing – The appeal panel may decide on the following:

- I. That there are irregularities in the selection process, and makes recommendation to the MC for a decision.
- II. That an unfair selection decision had been made by the selection panel, failing to abide by the required selection guidelines and/or selection criteria, and makes recommendation to the MC for a decision
- III. That there is no basis to the appeal and the decision of the selection panel be upheld

The final decision of the hearing will be made by the TAS MC, on the recommendation of the appeal panel, and announced no later than 24 hours after the hearing.

Regardless of the decision, the appeal panel may also stipulate that all or part of the appeal bond be refunded to the appellant.