

SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS FOR SOUTH EAST ASIAN GAMES 2019

Introduction

1. In principle, SBA believes that for such Major Games, representing Singapore is a privilege and shall be accorded to the best in the country. In addition, we feel that we have to include a few younger ones with good potential for exposure. This is to nurture them to carry our torch as we progress towards our Olympic dream.
2. The SEA Games includes participating countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand which are powerhouses in world class badminton. Hence, for badminton, the SEA Games is a world class tournament. It is thus necessary for Singapore shuttlers to spend almost full-time in its preparation for the Games.

Mandatory Requirements

3. There are certain mandatory requirements as required by the Organising Committee and the Badminton World Federation which must be fulfilled. These mandatory requirements are:
 - a) Singapore Citizenship; and
 - b) Has not represented any other country for three years immediately preceding the date of the fixture or last represented Singapore¹.

SEA Games 2019 (30th Nov -10th Dec 2019)

4. Subject to any changes by the Organising Committee, Men's and Women's Team Championships will comprise of min 4 players and maximum 10 players competing in best of 5 matches format (3 singles and 2 doubles events).
5. Individual Championships (must be from the players in the team event) comprising of:
 - Men's Singles (max. entries – 2 singles)
 - Women's Singles (max. entries – 2 singles)
 - Men's Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)
 - Women's Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)
 - Mixed Doubles (max. entries – 2 pairs)

¹ Representing is defined as accepting a nomination to be a member in any badminton event where the competition is being teams, or as specified by BWF (i.e. World Championship, individual event in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Asian Badminton Championship).

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Selection Process

Initial Selection of Possible List

6. In view of the high level of competition (world class) at the SEA Games, only players who have achieved the following results² (between 1st Jun 2018 to 31st Jan 2019) shall be invited to join the possible list together with the Full-time National shuttlers (Singapore Citizen and Singapore Permanent Resident):
- Reached the Last 16 and above for any BWF Super 750 and 1000 competition
 - Reached the Quarter-Finals and above for any BWF Super 100, 300 and 500 competition
 - Reached Semi-Finals for BWF International Series and Challenge competition
 - Players that reach Top 4 for any of the events in National Open 2019 shall also be invited to join the selection trials.
7. Players will be selected directly into the final SEA Games squad without playing the selection trial (individual and team events) if they achieved the following BWF World Ranking (as of 3rd May 2019):
- Men's Singles Top 40
 - Women's Singles Top 40
 - Men's Doubles Top 30
 - Women's Doubles Top 30
 - Mixed Doubles Top 30

Conditions for Participation in Selection Trial

8. The player MUST agree to abide by the following conditions in order to participate in the Selection Trial:
- (a) Must be able to train at least 5 sessions per week from 1st March 2019 onwards in preparation for the SEA Games.
 - (b) Must be able to compete in all planned competitions (if any) and the Selection Trials (held in May 2019);
 - (c) Possess good attitude during training;
 - (d) Must be able to train at least 8 sessions per week with the National Team from 1st September 2019 onwards and participate in the centralized training & friendly competitions overseas / in Singapore in October/November 2019 (actual dates to be finalized) if selected into the final list.

² Results will only be considered where players have at least played and won one round of matches.

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Final Selection by SBA

9. SBA shall invite players who meet the mandatory and qualifying requirements to take part in the Selection Trial to be conducted in May 2019 (exact date to be confirmed at least 2 weeks in advance).
10. The selection criteria for the final selection into the SEA Games Men's and Women's Team (10 Men and 10 Women) shall be as follows:
 - a. The Top 3 Men's and Women's singles will be selected into the team;
 - b. The Top 2 Men's and Women's doubles will be selected into the team;
 - c. Selection for the remaining slots shall be according to the recommendations of the selection panel based on a few considerations (results from the selection trial, team and games strategy, training attitude and discipline and so on)
11. For individual events, the selection shall be based on results of the selection trial, with the top 2 players/ pairings to be selected for nomination to the Singapore National Olympic Council (include players who are exempted from selection trial).

Final Selection by Singapore National Olympic Council

12. Based on the selection process above, SBA will nominate the final selected players to SNOC. Final approval and selection of players for the SEA Games resides with the Singapore National Olympic Council.

Appeal Process

13. Appeal against the non-selection may be made in writing to the Chairman (Development & Selection Committee), Singapore Badminton Association within 72 hours of the announcement of the players nominated for SEA Games to SNOC.
14. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy and criteria was not properly followed.
15. An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$50.00, payable to the Singapore Badminton Association. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded in full.
16. Within two (2) working days of receiving the appeal, the Chairman (Development & Selection Committee) with selected members of the Appeal Panel (comprising of members not involved in the actual selection process) will investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.
17. SBA will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeal Panel's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final.

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Deselection

18. A player selected for the SEA Games 2019 may be deselected from the team if the player:
- Due to illness or injury becomes unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and the Technical Manager (after receiving medical advice).
 - Demonstrate a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and Technical Manager.
 - Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of the Singapore Badminton Association, the Badminton World Federation, the Anti-Doping Singapore or other approved agencies, if applicable.
19. Where a player has been de-selected from the team for the singles event, SBA may fill the vacant position with the person next on the ranking list. However, this is subject to the rules of the competition.

Planned Milestones

20. The list of tentative milestones as follows:

(a)	Clearance of Selection Policy	by 15 th Dec 2018
(b)	Sending out of invitation letter to those players who have met our Initial Selection Criteria	by 15 th Feb 2019
(c)	Deadline for selected players to revert	by 21 st Feb 2019
(d)	Regular Training (Initial List) – at least 5 sessions/week	1 st March 2019 onwards
(e)	Selection Trial (actual dates to be advised at least 2 weeks in advance)	6 th to 18 th May 2019
(f)	Internal discussion to decide on the nominated team list between the High-Performance Team and National Coaches.	May 2019 (after selection trial)
(g)	Finalize nominated list and clearance with Selection Sub-Committee and Mgt Sub-Committee	Late May 2019
(h)	Commencement Regular Training (Final List) – at least 8 sessions/ week	1 st Sep 2019
(i)	Centralized training & Friendly Competitions in Singapore / abroad (Men & Women Team)	Oct / Nov 2019
(j)	SEA Games 2019	30 th Nov to 10 th Dec 2019