



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

SQUAD SELECTION POLICY
For 2021/2022

(August 2021)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Squad Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore internationally.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to eligible short track athletes, and members of SISA, seeking selection into the National or Development Squad and in consideration of the skater's selection and participation in ISU Events, International and Regional Competitions.
- 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.
2019/2020 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2019 and concludes on the 30 th June 2020.
2020/2021 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2020 and concludes on the 30 th June 2021.
2021/2022 Season	The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2021 and concludes on the 30 th June 2022.
SISA National Championships	2021 SISA National Championships
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
SISA Time Trial	Time trial organised by SISA, in Singapore. Overseas time trials will not be accepted, unless organised or sanctioned by SISA.
SISA Performance Standard	The benchmark race time for 500m for the National and Development Squad. No change from 2019/2020 due to COVID-19 situation.
2021/2022 SISA Nominated Qualifying events	To be published in due course
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five, but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Executive Committee.
Tiering System	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, travel into Singapore has been made difficult for some athletes based or training abroad. The tiering system has been established to enable these athletes to also be fairly considered for the 2021/2022 squad.
SISA Mandated Events	Training (on & off ice), Events and Competitions held in Singapore.

2 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 consider athlete/s based on the performance criteria outlined below for the SISA National / Development Squad.
- 2.3 The SISA 2021/2022 Squad will be published and subsequently updated following SISA Nominated Benchmark event/s.

3 QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 In order to be selected into the National or Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - i. Be an individual member of SISA.
 - ii. Competed in the 2021 SISA National Championships (all distances in their division)
 - iii. Adhere to division Age Limits - ISU Rule 108
 - iv. Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2030 – ‘Update to Rule 109’
 - v. Adhere to ISU Eligibility (ISU Rule 102, ISU Rule 103)
- 3.2 Athletes will be included in the SISA National or Development Squad when they have:
 - i. Fulfill all of Section 3.1(i) to (v) (above)
 - ii. Achieve the SISA Performance Standard at either one of the following:
 - 2021 SISA National Championships
 - 3 December 2020 Squad Time Trial
 - 2019/2020 & 2021/2022 ISU Events, International Competition & SISA Sanctioned Events
 - SISA Nominated Qualifying events

Category	Men (500m)	Women (500m)
National	<50s	<55s
National Development	<60s	<65s

3.3 The athletes will then be tiered as follows:

Tiering System	Status	Consideration for 2021/2022 season*
1	All Singaporean or PR with ISU Clearance Certificate who participated in the 2021 National Championships	Will be considered
2	Existing 2020/2021 Squad Members who are based or training overseas	Exemptions to not return to Singapore for the 2021 National Championships would be considered. The athlete must, however, submit results from alternative sanctioned events [^] which achieves the SISA Performance Standard.

*And upon accepting and submission of the squad agreement and the necessary forms

[^] Sanctioned Events which fulfill the following:

- Timing must be recorded electronically (i.e.: manual timings will not be accepted); or
- In an event sanctioned by the national short track speed skating association of the country you are residing or training in
- The Event date must be after the release of this policy

3.4 By application only

- i. Skaters who fall under Tier 2 must submit the Squad Selection Application Form (Annex A) within 1-month after the end of the 2021 Singapore National Short Track Speed Skating Championships for consideration.

4 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 In order to confirm and maintain his/her selection in the National and Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - (a) Sign and comply with SISA's Athlete Agreement
 - (b) Abide by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
 - (c) Complete the ISU Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
 - (d) Maintain a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete (i.e. at least commit to 80% of training per week, among other things). 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 within 48 hours of being diagnosed. The SISA Selection Panel also has the discretion if an athlete's entry should be removed for any relevant events.
- 4.2 If an athlete is unable to attend any assigned competitions, he/she must write in to the SISA Executive Committee with documentary evidence of his/her reasons (for e.g. medical certificate) to the SISA Selection Panel in order to be considered for future ISU competitions and/or to be retained on the squad.

- 4.3 If an athlete is unable to comply with the SISA Mandated and/or Assigned Events, it must only be due to the Exceptional Circumstances in order to be retained in the squad.
- 4.4 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 Development Squad by the SISA Selection Panel in consultation with the SISA EXCO.

5 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 5.1 For all appeals regarding an athletes' inclusion in the SISA National or Development Squad, 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.
- 5.2 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

(www.isu.org)

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

SISA Declaration Exceptional Circumstance and Medical Notification and Clearance Policy Current and Potential Team Members

(<https://sisa.org.sg/images/ConstitutionPolicies/2019/Medical2019.pdf>)

Annex A

2021/2022 SQUAD SELECTION Application Form

FAMILY NAME:		FIRST NAME:		DATE OF BIRTH:	
					DAY MONTH YEAR

I am a current National / Development Squad Member for the 2020/2021 season and would like to request to be retained in the 2021/2022 Squad.

I am currently based / training overseas (location:) and unable to return to compete at the 2021 National Championships due to:

I would like to provide the following alternative event for consideration in-lieu of having to fulfill para 3.2:

Name of Event:

Date of Event:

Location of Event:

Sanctioned by:

Result: kindly attach printed results signed off by an official (e.g: Competitor Steward, Referee, Organising Committee from the NSA plus stamp)

Signature of Skater

Name & Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if athlete is under 18 years of age)

Date:

Date:

Note: All applications will be reviewed, and a decision will be made and informed within a month from your submission.