



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

2022 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING SELECTION POLICY

(completed on 1 April 2021)

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) 2022 Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible short track speed skating athletes are selected to represent Singapore for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games to be held in Beijing, China from 4 to 20 February 2022.
- 1.2. The SISA EXCO may appoint, at its discretion, an Olympic Winter Games panel of up to five (5) individuals, of which at least 60% are individuals that are not currently in the following group or holding the position of:
- SISA EXCO
 - SISA Short Track Committee or sub-committee
 - SISA Short Track Director
 - SISA Short Track Coach

and whose task will be to consider athletes to be nominated to Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) to represent Singapore in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games as according to this policy.

- 1.3. The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

SISA	Singapore Ice Skating Association of Singapore
SNOC	Singapore National Olympic Committee
ISU	International Skating Union
SISA WOG Selection Panel	A panel, appointed by SISA Executive Committee, comprising of up to five (5) but no less than three (3) who have the necessary sporting experience and background, are technically proficient and competent to make decisions relating to athlete selection.
ISU International Event	An event listed on the ISU Short Track Event Calendar and as defined in ISU Rule 107.4
OWG Minimum Performance Standard	Qualified race times as decided by the ISU
Appeals Committee	The SISA Executive Committee (EXCO) will form an independent appeals committee responsible to deliberate fair queries and appeals/ protests lodged by athletes
ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition	October 21-24, 2021 Beijing, CHN – OWG Test Event October 28-31, 2021 Nagoya, JPN November 18-21, 2021 Debrecen, HUN November 25-28, 2021 Dordrecht, NED

2. Nomination of Athletes

For the purposes of nomination to the SNOC of Short Track Speed Skating Athletes for selection to the 2022 Singapore Olympic Winter Team, SISA will:

- 2.1. only nominate Athletes who satisfy the requirements of ISU Rule 284.
- 2.2. nominate Athletes according to the following process:
 - a. if Singapore qualifies a quota place per distance at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions, then Singapore Ice Skating Association will nominate the Athlete no later than 18 Dec 2021 (or when the final ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition is completed, whichever is later – if this is due to a postponement by the ISU)
 - i. nominate athlete(s) who obtained the overall best ranking for Singapore at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions in the distance for which Singapore has qualified a quota place.
- 2.3. only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognized by the SNOC as eligible:
 - a. citizen of the Republic of Singapore (according to ISU Rule 109 and ISU Communication 2030);
 - b. be a current member of SISA in good standing.
- 2.4. only nominate those Athletes that have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria to the best of SISA's knowledge;
- 2.5. not nominate more Athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System;
- 2.6. not nominate Athletes who have breached the SNOC Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed.

3. Selection to compete at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition

- 3.1. The Athlete must comply to the requirements as announced by the ISU for the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions.
- 3.2. SISA will nominate the Athlete by 15 July 2021 or 21 days prior to the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions entry by number deadline. Whichever is later.
- 3.3. Qualifying Window: 24 months* preceding 15 July 2021
- 3.4. Should there be more athletes than the given quota spots, athletes will be ranked by personal best within the qualification window at the ISU International Events.
- 3.5. Where the Athlete identified under clause 3.1 – 3.4 above is unable to compete at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition by reason of illness or injury, the next ranked Athlete will be selected to compete in the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition.

** In view of the exceptional circumstances due to covid-19, the qualification window has been extended to 24 months before 15 July 2021.*

4. Replacement of Athletes after Nomination by SISA to the SNOC

- 4.1. Should any nominated athlete be unable to compete in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games by reason of injury or illness then SISA may identify a replacement Athlete for nomination to the SNOC in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 4.2. The selection of the replacement Athlete will be prioritised as follows:
 - a. Athlete who obtained the second or subsequent best overall ranking for Singapore at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions in the distance for which Singapore has qualified a quota place.
- 4.3. If SISA determines that an athlete who has been nominated to and selected by the SNOC should be replaced by a replacement athlete then:
 - a. SISA will recommend to the SNOC that the athlete is to be replaced; and
 - b. should the SNOC (or during the period of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2022 Singapore Winter Olympic Team) determine that the selected athlete should be replaced; then
 - i. SISA may nominate a replacement athlete for selection by the SNOC (in accordance with this Nomination Criteria); and
 - ii. the SNOC (or during the period of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2022 Singaporean Winter Olympic Team) may in its absolute discretion select that nominated replacement athlete. In exercising its discretion, the SNOC will be subject to any conditions that apply in relation to entry for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

5. Making of Nominations

- 5.1. The SNOC has the sole and absolute discretion:
- a. to determine whether an Athlete has met the requirements of selection;
 - b. to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.
- 5.2. Nominations by SISA must be received by the SNOC by **5pm 18 Dec 2021** (or when the final ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition is completed, whichever is later – if this is due to a postponement by the ISU). Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the SNOC may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to the SISA Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the SNOC’s Olympic Team Selection Policy and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the SNOC.
- 5.3. The **5pm 18 Dec 2021** deadline for the making of nominations by SISA (or when the final ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition is completed, whichever is later – if this is due to a postponement by the ISU) applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

6. Amendments to Nomination Criteria

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by SISA with the prior written approval of the SNOC. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by SISA via email to all members and posted on the SISA website.

7. Appeal Procedure

- 7.1. An Appeals Committee will be available to look into disputes relating to the nomination or non-nomination of an athlete. The members of the Appeals Committee will be published by SISA.
- 7.2. Athletes must state in writing their intention to appeal a selection decision within 48 hours of SISA's announcement of Athlete Nominations for the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, accompanied by a cheque of S\$300.00, payable to Singapore Ice Skating Association:

President, Singapore Ice Skating Association
3 Stadium Drive
#01-33, Singapore 397630
administration@sisa.org.sg
If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded.
- 7.3. The grounds on which an appeal can be made to SISA are based on:
 - a. the relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 - b. the decision was affected by actual bias.
- 7.4. Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of this Selection Policy for nomination of athletes to represent Singapore in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, Appeals Committee reserves the sole right to interpret this document and to use its discretion in the resolution of the matter in conflict or dispute.

8. Qualification Timeline

Refer to <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/olympic-winter-games/fsk-beijing-2022> for latest version.

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 August 2021	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC).
	15 September 2021 – 5 December 2021	ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Competitions determining the SOQCs. World Cup 1 (TBD*) World Cup 2 (TBD*) World Cup 3 (TBD*) World Cup 4 (TBD*)
Accreditation deadline	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	13 December 2021	Publication of SOQC
	13 December 2021	ISU to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
	14 January 2022	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places, both per event/distance and in total.
Reallocation	17 – 21 January 2022	ISU to inform NOCs regarding the reallocation of quota places that will have to be confirmed by the NOC within 24 hours. Lack of a NOC response to the ISU within the deadline will be considered as a refusal of the offered quota place.

Period	Date	Milestone
	22 January 2022	End of reallocation process
Sport Entries deadline	24 January 2022	Beijing 2022 Sport Entries deadline
Delegation Registration Meetings	TBD*	Beijing 2022 Delegation Registration Meetings
Games Time	4 – 20 February 2022	Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

Note: Qualifying Competitions has been determined as per ISU Communication No 2380 - <https://www.isu.org/inside-isu/isu-communications/communications/25564-2380-decisions-of-the-council-march-2-2021/file>