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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Athlete Competition Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore at ISU Championships and international competitions.
- 1.2 This Policy is for the current international skating season and remains in force until amended or revoked by the SISA Executive Committee.
- 1.3 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.
Current International Skating Season	Commences 1 st July 2021 and concludes 30 th June 2022
ISU Events	ISU Championships
International Competitions	All other competitions as listed in the annual ISU Communication published by the ISU as defined in ISU Rule 107.3
ISU Qualifying Timing	<p>The qualifying time required by the ISU (ISU Rule 281, 283 and the related ISU Communications for the season) to participate in the World or World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships.</p> <p>All skaters entered must have achieved the qualifying time over the distance of 500m, achieved at the latest twenty-one (21) days before the respective ISU Events</p> <p>Qualifying times must have been achieved in either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISU Championships; - ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions; - International Short Track Speed Skating Competitions as listed in ISU Communication No. 2414;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned; - Other Short Track Speed Skating Competitions sanctioned by the ISU. - Achieved since July 1, 2019 may be considered - Reference to ISU Communication No. 2415, section 5.4 b - h
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five, but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Executive Committee.
SISA Mandated Events	Training (on & off ice), Events and Competitions held in Singapore.
SISA Ranking List	The ranking list will be used for selection of athletes onto the ISU Events.

2.0 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 select the best possible teams to represent Singapore.
- 2.3 The SISA Selection Panel will also ratify athletes within the National and Development Team and their Rankings.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 In order to be selected to the competitions, each athlete must:
- (a) Be an individual member of SISA;
 - (b) Adhere to division Age Limits - ISU Rule 108; and
 - (c) Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2030 - 'Update to Rule 109'; and
 - (d) Adhere to ISU Eligibility (ISU Rule 102, ISU Rule 103); and
 - (e) Have competed at the 2021 Singapore Short Track Speed Skating National Championships or qualify for exemption from SISA based on exceptional circumstances.
- 3.2 The SISA Selection Panel will determine if an athlete has met the above requirements (Section 3.1) for selection.

4.0 SELECTION TO ISU EVENTS

- 4.1 In order to be selected to ISU Events, each athlete must have:
- (a) Met Section 3.1 above; and
 - (b) Be included in the National Team.
 - (c) Participation in all SISA Mandated Events for the season, unless recommended for exemption with a valid reason by the National Coach and approved for exemption by the SISA EXCO.
- 4.2 The SISA Selection Panel will determine if:
- (a) An athlete has met the above requirements (Section 4.1) for selection; and
 - (b) The maximum number of Athletes permitted by Entry Quotas or Qualification System to be selected.
- 4.2.1 For all events, National Team athletes will be allocated for events before Development Team athletes.
- 4.3 Reserves Policy
To ensure that SISA fulfills her international participation requirement at assigned ISU events where possible; a reserve list of 2-3 skaters will be lodged with ISU and the organizing committee. This will ensure that in the event Singapore's first choice athlete is not able to participate in the competition due to medical or unforeseen reasons, the second or third reserved can be called upon to represent Singapore.
- 4.4 If selected athlete(s) are unable to compete, it will be the responsibility of the SISA Selection Panel to select a replacement.

4.5 ISU Events

(a) ISU World Championships

- (i) Selection to the ISU World Championships will be allocated to athletes who have:
 - a. Met 3.1 and Section 4; and
 - b. Reached the age of 15 before 1st July of the current season;
 - c. Achieved an ISU Qualifying Time for the World Championships over the distance of 500m with reference to the ISU Rule 281, ISU Communication No. 2415 or subsequent ISU Communications. Only results achieved after July 1, 2019 and at the latest twenty-one (21) days before the Championships will be considered.
- (ii) If more athletes than the entry quota in each event has met the above requirements, athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the latest published SISA Ranking List.

(d) ISU World Junior Championships

- (i) Selection to the ISU World Junior Championships will be allocated to athletes who have:
 - a. Met 3.1 and Section 4
 - b. Reached the age of 14 not have reached the age of 19 before the 1st of July of the current season; and
 - c. Achieved an ISU Qualifying Time for the World Junior Championships over the distance of 500m according to ISU Rule 283, ISU Communication No. 2415 or subsequent ISU Communications. Only results achieved after July 1, 2019 and at the latest twenty-one (21) days before the Championships will be considered.
- (ii) Relay selection
 - a. To enter a relay team, all member of the team must have achieved the qualifying time over the distance of 500m as stipulated in ISU Communication No. 2415.
- (iii) If more athletes than the entry quota in each event have met the above requirements, athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the latest published SISA Ranking List.

4.6 **International Competitions**

Refer to the ISU website (www.isu.org) for the latest information regarding ISU International Events.

ISU International Events will be allocated to age eligible athletes who have met Section 3.1 and are in the National Team or Development Team.

4.7 **Other Events**

The SISA Selection Panel will not determine participation in other competitions and/or events not listed on the ISU Calendar. Skaters may enter these events through personal application on the condition that the competition is registered and sanctioned by SISA in order to retain their Eligibility status.

5.0 **SISA RANKING LIST**

5.1 Athletes will be ranked according to their fastest 500m race time achieved at any of the following events from 1 July 2019 up till 21 days prior to the respective competition:

- ISU Championships;
- ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating Competitions;
- International Short Track Speed Skating Competitions as listed in ISU Communication No. 2414;
- National Championships sanctioned by the ISU Member concerned;
- Other Short Track Speed Skating Competitions sanctioned by the ISU.

5.2 A SISA Ranking List will be published after every competition.

5.3 In case of tie, the 1000m ranking from the above list [5.1] will be used.

6.0 **ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES**

6.1 To accept selection to the international assignments, each athlete must have:

- (a) Signed and complied with SISA's Athlete Agreement
- (b) Abided by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
- (c) Completed the ISU Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
- (d) Maintained a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete. 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 diagnosis. The SISA Selection Panel has the discretion if an athlete's entry should be removed for any relevant events.

6.2 If an athlete is unable to attend any assigned competitions, he/she must provide documentary evidence to the SISA Selection Panel in order to be considered for future ISU Events and/or to be retained on the team.

7.0 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 7.1 For all appeals regarding selection, 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.
- 7.2 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.

8.0 REFERENCES

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

ISU Rule 131 – Declaration