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SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

SQUAD SELECTION POLICY **season 2024/2025**

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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 Board.
- 1.4 The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

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| Eligible | Age Eligibility ISU Rule 108 and meet all ISU and SISA residency requirements (ISU Communication 2030) to be able to represent Singapore. |
| 2023/2024 Season | The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2023 and concludes on the 30 th June 2024. |
| 2024/2025 Season | The ISU Skating Season that commences on 1 st July 2024 and concludes on the 30 th June 2025. |
| ISU Events | ISU Championships ISU World Cups ISU Junior 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. |
| 2024/2025 SISA Nominated Qualifying events | Competitions on the ISU Calendar - https://www.isu.org/short-track/events/short-track-calendar |
| 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, Events and Competitions. |

2 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The SISA Board has overall and final responsibility for all selection criteria and individual selection decisions.
- 2.2 The SISA Board 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 2024/2025 Squad will be published and subsequently updated following SISA Nominated Benchmark event/s.

3 QUALIFICATION (Due to the absence of an Olympic-sized rink in Singapore, the annual Nationals will not be held).

- 3.1 In order to be selected into the National or Development Squad, each athlete must:
 - i. Be an individual member of SISA.
 - ii. Adhere to division Age Limits - ISU Rule 108
 - iii. Adhere to Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure ISU Communication 2030 – ‘Update to Rule 109’
 - iv. Adhere to ISU Eligibility (ISU Rule 102, ISU Rule 103)
- 3.2 All existing Squad members will be invited to renew their Squad status.
- 3.3 Athletes will be included in the SISA National or Development Squad when they have:
 - i. Fulfill all of Section 3.1(i) to (iv) or be eligible under Section 3.2
 - ii. For National Squad – Participate in at least one (1) competition on the ISU Calendar by 31 December 2024.
 - iii. Achieve the SISA Performance Standard at either one of the following:
 - 2023/2024 ISU Events, International Competition & SISA Sanctioned Events
 - 2024/2025 ISU Events, International Competition & SISA Sanctioned Events
 - SISA Nominated Qualifying events

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

4 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 In order to confirm and maintain his/her selection in the National or Development Squad, each athlete must:
- Sign and comply with SISA's Athlete Agreement
 - Abide by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
 - Complete the ISU Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
 - Maintain a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete (i.e. at least commit to 80% of training per week, including a compulsory attendance of one (1) inline training, 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 General Manager 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 Board.

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:
- The relevant policy has not been properly followed and/or implemented; and/or
 - The decision was affected by actual bias.

6 SELECTION PANEL

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| Dr Helen Chai | SISA Advisor, Assistant Dean and Director, BBA Programme, NUS Business School |
| Dr Ho Mun Wai | Formerly Programme Chair, Diploma in Sport Coaching, RP; Formerly, Chief, Knowledge Management and Corporate Policies, SSC. |

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| Mr Kevin Wong | Director, Performance Consultant at E3Sports Asia |
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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 Exceptional Circumstance and Medical Notification and Clearance Policy Current and Potential Team Members (<https://sisa.org.sg/about-sisa/policies>)