



**SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION**

**SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING**

**COMPETITION SELECTION POLICY  
(2025/2026 Season)**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) Competition Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible athletes are selected to represent Singapore.
- 1.2 This Policy applies to eligible athletes, and members of SISA, seeking selection for international events.
- 1.3 This Competition Selection Policy is for the referred international skating season and remains in force until amended or revoked by the SISA Board.
- 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 2526) to be able to represent Singapore.
International Skating Season	Commences 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 and concludes 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
ISU Qualifying Timing	The qualifying time required by the ISU (ISU Rule 281, 283 and the related ISU Communications for the season) to participate in the ISU Events.
SISA Selection Panel	A panel comprising of up to five but no less than 3 National selectors as appointed by SISA Executive Committee.
ISU Event	ISU Championships, ISU World Tour, ISU Junior World Cup
International Event	International competitions organized by an ISU Member as listed on the ISU Calendar of events
Interclub Event	Competitions organized by a club that is open to other ISU members, as defined by ISU Rule 107, paragraph 15.
SISA Mandated Events	Trainings, assigned Events and assigned Competitions.
SISA Ranking List	The ranking list will be used for selection of athletes onto the ISU Events.
SISA Nominated Qualifying Event	Competitions where timings achieved may be used for Squad qualification.

## 2 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The SISA Board Members 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 select the best possible teams to represent Singapore.
- 2.3 The SISA Selection Panel may in their discretion take into consideration exceptional circumstances when selecting athletes for Events. Athletes must advise the SISA Board in writing of this fact and the reasons. A decision in each case of exceptional circumstances will be made by the SISA Selection Panel.
- 2.4 The SISA Selection Panel may determine and will be required to approve participation in Interclub for International and Development Squad members. Athletes then need to enter these events through SISA in order to retain their Eligibility status.

## 3 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to any Event must submit their interest to SISA by the notified due date via the International Competition Request Form.
  - Signed and complied with SISA's Athlete Agreement
  - Abided by the Statement of Anti-Doping of Singapore
  - Completed the ISU Annual Declaration Form (as per ISU rule 131)
  - Maintain a consistent training attendance as structured by the National Coach
  - Maintained a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete. (and subsequent requirements to be listed by the new National Coach).
  - 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 General Manager 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
  - If an athlete is unable to attend an Event that they have been selected for, they must provide documentary evidence to the SISA Selection Panel in order to be considered for further Events.
  - Athletes must confirm to SISA acceptance of their nomination to an Event, within 7 days upon nomination.



#### 4 SELECTION TO ISU AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 4.1 In order to be selected by SISA to ISU Events and International Events, each athlete must:
  - a) Be included in the relevant division of the SISA Squad according to the SISA Squad Selection Policy; and
  - b) Have signed and adhered to the SISA Athlete Agreement; and
  - c) Be ISU eligible (ISU Rule 108); and
  - d) Maintained a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete (and subsequent requirements to be listed by the new National Coach).
- 4.2 The SISA Selection Panel will determine if:
  - a) An athlete has met the above requirements 4.1(a)-(d) for selection; and
  - b) The maximum number of Athletes permitted by Entry Quotas or Qualification System should be selected.
  - c) For all events, National Squad athletes will have priority.
- 4.3 Reserves Policy
  - a) To ensure that SISA fulfils the international participation requirement at assigned ISU Events where possible; a reserves 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.
  - b) If selected athlete(s) are unable to compete, it will be the responsibility of the SISA Selection Panel to select a replacement.



## 5 SISA RANKING LIST

- 5.1 All eligible athletes will be ranked in their respective division based on best times for each distances (500m, 1000m, 1500m) achieved at any of the following events from 1 July 2023 (or as required by ISU) up till 21 days prior (or as required by ISU) to the respective competition:
- ISU Championships
  - ISU World Tour / ISU Junior World Cup
  - International Competitions as listed on the ISU Calendar
  - National Championships sanctioned by ISU Members
  - Competitions sanctioned by ISU Members

The ranking list will be updated and published after every competition.

## 6 OLYMPIC COMMITTEE EVENTS

Athletes must satisfy additional citizenship requirements and qualification systems as specified by IOC and SNOC for participation in the Winter Youth Olympic Games, Asian Winter Games, Southeast Asian Games and the Olympic Winter Games. Separate selection policies for these events will be published by SISA as required.

## 7 ISU CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 7.1 World Short Track Championships and Four Continents Short Track Championships

Entries to Senior ISU Championship Events (World Championships, Four Continents Championships), are subject to entry quotas and ISU Qualifying Time as published by the ISU.

- a) Senior ISU Championships will be allocated to senior age eligible athletes from the SISA National Squad who have:
- i. Met Section 4.1 above; and
  - ii. Achieved the ISU Qualifying Time for the relevant ISU Championship as set out by ISU and
  - iii. Reached the age of 17 before 1<sup>st</sup> July preceding the Events and;
  - iv. Have competed in at least one International Event in the international skating season.
  - v. Maintained training attendance as determined by the National Coach
- b) If more athletes than the entry quota has met the above requirements (7.1 a), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the results of the SISA Ranking List for the Senior age division as well as the training attendance % based on actual attendance vs. attendance with excuses (i.e.: athlete with the higher attendance without excuses will be on priority).



## 7.2 Isu World Junior Championships

Entries to the ISU World Junior Short Track Championship are subject to entry quotas and ISU Qualifying Time as published by the ISU.

- a) ISU World Junior Championship will be allocated to junior age eligible athletes from the SISA National Squad who have:
  - i. Met Section 4.1 above; and
  - ii. Achieved the ISU Qualifying Time for relevant ISU Championship as set out by ISU and
  - iii. Reached the age of 15 and have not reached the age of 19 before 1<sup>st</sup> July preceding the Event and;
  - iv. Have competed in at least one International Event in the international skating season.
  - v. Maintained training attendance as determined by the National Coach
- b) If more athletes than the entry quota has met the above requirements (7.2 a), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the results of the SISA Ranking List for the Junior age division as well as the training attendance % based on actual attendance vs. attendance with excuses (i.e.: athlete with the higher attendance without excuses will be on priority).
- c) Relay Selection – to enter a relay team, all members of the team must have achieved the ISU Qualifying Time as set out by ISU.

## 8 ISU WORLD TOUR (ISU OLYMPIC QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS)

Entries to the ISU World Tour are subject to entry quotas and ISU Qualifying Time as published by the ISU.

- (a) Met Section 4.1 above; and
- (b) Refer to SISA 2026 Winter Olympic Games Short Track Speed Skating Selection Policy

## 9 ISU JUNIOR WORLD CUP

Entries to ISU Junior World Cup are subject to entry quotas and ISU Qualifying Time as published by the ISU.

- (a) ISU Junior World Cup will be allocated to junior age eligible athletes from the SISA National Squad who have:
  - i. Met Section 4.1 above; and
  - ii. Achieved the ISU Qualifying Time as set out by ISU and
  - iii. Reached the age of 15 and have not reached the age of 19 before 1st July preceding the Event and;
  - iv. Maintained training attendance as determined by the National Coach
- (b) If more athletes than the entry quota has met the above requirements (9a), athletes will be evaluated by the SISA Selection Panel based on the results of the SISA Ranking List for the Junior age division as well as the training attendance % based on actual attendance vs. attendance with excuses (i.e.: athlete with the higher attendance without excuses will be on priority).



## 10 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

International events listed on the ISU Calendar are open to current Development and National Squad athletes, within their current age eligible division, who may submit their interest in competing in these competitions to the SISA Selection Panel.

- a) The SISA Selection Panel will make selection to International Events if there are more athletes than the entry quota based on all or any of the following criteria:
  - i. SISA Ranking List for the respective division
  - ii. National Squad members will have priority.
  - iii. Development needs
  - iv. Athlete adherence to code of conduct and athlete agreement
- b) The number of athletes selected shall be as determined by the relevant Organising Committee. Subsequently ranked athletes shall be nominated as substitutes.
- c) Non-squad members may request to participate in such competition and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## 11 INTERCLUB EVENTS

- a) Athletes may request to nominate for Interclub events that are conducted by an ISU Member club. These competitions are open to both Squad and non-squad skaters. Athletes attending these competitions are not considered international athletes representing Singapore and do not qualify for the SISA Uniform Policy.
- b) Athletes must notify SISA of a request to compete in such events and be granted permission to compete prior to the competition.
- c) Any timing obtained at this competition may be used for consideration for selection for entry into the SISA Development / National Squad after the competition and the SISA Selection Panel has reviewed the competition results system.
- d) When competition results system are available in advance of the competition, the SISA Selection Panel may determine in advance that this competition is a SISA Qualifying Event for obtaining of timing for entry into the Development / National Squad.



## 12 SELECTION APPEAL PROCEDURE

- a) For all appeals regarding international 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.
- b) 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.

## 13 SELECTION PANEL

Dr Helen Chai	SISA Advisor, Assistant Dean and Director, BBA Programme, NUS Business School
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Mr Kevin Wong	Director, Performance Consultant at E3Sports Asia

## REFERENCES

ISU Rule 102 – ‘Eligibility’  
ISU Rule 103 – ‘Reinstatement as an Eligible person’  
ISU Rule 108 – ‘Age Limits’  
ISU Communication No. 2526 – Rule 109 on Citizenship/Residence requirements and Clearance Procedure  
ISU Rule 131 – Declaration  
SISA National Athlete Squad Agreement  
SISA Development Athlete Squad Agreement  
SISA Squad Selection Policy  
SISA Exceptional Circumstance and Medical Notification and Clearance Policy