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2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING SELECTION POLICY

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The objective of the Singapore Ice Skating Association (SISA) 2026 Selection Policy is to ensure the best possible short track speed skating athletes are selected to represent Singapore for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games to be held in Milano Cortina, Italy from 6 to 22 February 2026.
- 1.2. The preparation and update of this policy document is under the purview of the Board of SISA. While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy and currency of this policy, it may be subject to changes based on the Milano Cortina 2026 Qualification System as set by International Skating Union (ISU) and the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC)'s selection criteria.
- 1.3. Ice Skating events at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games will comprise :
 - (a) Short Track Speed Skating – Individual Women and Men in 500m, 1000m and 1500m
 - (b) Short Track Speed Skating – Relay (Men 5000m, Women 3000m, Mixed 2000m)
- 1.4. The SISA Board may appoint, at its discretion, a panel comprising of up to five (5) but no less than three (3) persons from outside the sport and from SISA (Selection Panel) whose task will be to consider athletes to be nominated to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) to represent Singapore in the Olympic Winter Games in accordance with this policy.
- 1.5. The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

SISA	Singapore Ice Skating Association
SNOC	Singapore National Olympic Council
ISU	International Skating Union
ISU Qualification System and Qualifying Competitions for the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026	https://isu-d8g8b4b7ece7aphs.a03.azurefd.net/isudamcontainer/CMS/Corporate-Site/Governance/Transparency/ISU-Communications/2717-ISU-Short-Track-World-Tour-2025-26--OWG-2026-Qual--Competitions-1749549408-856.pdf
SNOC Selection Criteria	Annex A

SISA Selection Panel	A panel, appointed by SISA Board, 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 Competition	Competitions listed on the ISU Short Track Event Calendar and/or Short Track competitions sanctioned by the ISU.
OWG Qualifying Time and Window	Qualifying race times and qualifying window as defined by the ISU
SISA Appeals Panel	The SISA Board will form an independent appeals panel responsible to deliberate appeals/protests lodged by athletes.
ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition	ISU Short Track World Tour (WT) #1: 09 - 12 October 2025, Montreal, Canada #2: 16 – 19 October 2025, Montreal, Canada #3: 20 – 23 November 2025, Gdansk, Poland #4: 27 – 30 November 2025, Dordrecht, Netherlands
SOQC	Special Olympic Qualifying Classification

2. Nomination of Athletes

For the purposes of nomination to the SNOG for Short Track Speed Skating Athletes (Men and Women) for selection to the 2026 Singapore Olympic Winter Team, SISA will:

- 2.1. only nominate Athlete(s) who satisfy the requirements of ISU Rule 284.
- 2.2. athlete(s) must have also achieved the OWG Qualifying Time within the qualifying window as defined in ISU Communication No. 2717.
- 2.3. nominate Athletes according to the following process:
 - (a) if Singapore achieves qualification at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions, SISA will then nominate the Athlete(s) based on the following, to SNOG by 5 January 2026:
 - a. nominate an athlete who is ranked highest in the World Tour Classification **in the distance** for which Singapore has secured a quota place.
 - i. In case of a Tie, SISA will apply the SOQC. That is, SISA will nominate the athlete who is the highest ranked in any one World Tour in the distance for which Singapore has secured a quota place.

- b. In the event there is only ONE (1) quota place in multiple distances for Singapore, SISA will nominate the athlete who is the highest ranked in the World Tour Classification within the distances that Singapore has secured a quota place.
 - i. In case of a Tie, SISA will apply the SOQC. That is, SISA will nominate the athlete who is the highest ranked in any one World Tour in the distances for which Singapore has secured a quota place.
 - c. In the event that Singapore has secured more than one quota place for multiple distances, SISA will nominate athletes who are ranked highest in the World Tour Classification in the respective distances.
 - i. In case of a Tie, SISA will apply the SOQC. That is, SISA will nominate the athlete who is the highest ranked in any one World Tour in the distances for which Singapore has secured a quota place.
- 2.4. 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 2526)
 - (b) must not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination
 - (c) be a current member of SISA in good standing
 - (d) be a current member of the Short Track Speed Skating - National Squad
 - (e) fulfil his / her training attendance as a Squad member
 - (f) meet the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the ISU Qualification System:
 - (i) athlete must be borne before 1 July 2008
- 2.5. only nominate those Athletes that have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria to the best of SISA's knowledge;
- 2.6. not nominate more Athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System;
- 2.7. all athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).
- 2.8. signed and complied with SISA's Athlete Agreement
- 2.9. Other Considerations

- (a) Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country."
- (b) In addition to the above selection criteria, the following "qualities" of the athletes will be taken into consideration:
 - (i) Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise
 - (ii) General conduct and character which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
 - (iii) Past disciplinary record.
 - (iv) Current skill level, fitness and character.
 - (v) Level of commitment and attendance (i.e. maintain a level of fitness commensurate with that of an elite athlete – *commitment to training as deemed by the National Coach*).
 - (vi) Potential for future development.
 - (vii) Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials and,
 - (viii) Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

2.10. Extenuating Circumstances

- (a) In consideration of the performance and "qualities" of athletes, the selectors may at their discretion consider extenuating circumstances. For this purpose, "extenuating circumstances" mean an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend event, training camps or other required attendances arising from:
 - (i) Injury or illness.
 - (ii) Equipment failure.
 - (iii) Travel delays.
 - (iv) Bereavement; and
- (b) Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

3. Selection to compete at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition

- 3.1. The Athlete must be a current member of the Short Track – National Squad.
- 3.2. The Athlete must participate in at least one (1) ISU International competition prior to and within the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition season (i.e.: 2025/2026 season)
- 3.3. The Athlete must comply to the requirements as announced in ISU Communication No. 2717 for the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions.
- 3.4. SISA will nominate Athlete(s) 7 days prior to the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions entry by number deadline.
- 3.5. Qualification Window: For a Skater to be qualified for participation in the ISU Short Track World Tour 2025/26, only results achieved after July 1, 2023, will be considered.
- 3.6. Should there be more athletes than the given quota spots, athletes will be ranked by personal best per distance within the qualification window at International competitions listed on the ISU Calendar and;
- 3.7. Training attendance percentage based on actual attendance vs. attendance with excuses (i.e.: athlete with higher attendance without excuses will be prioritized)
- 3.8. Where the Athlete identified under clause 3.1 – 3.3 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.

4. Making of Nominations

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. Nominations by SISA must be received by the SNOC by **5 January 2026**. 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 Panel 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.
- 4.3. The deadline for the making of nominations by SISA to SNOC applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

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

- 5.1. Should any nominated athlete be unable to compete in the 2026 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.
- 5.2. The selection of the replacement Athlete will be prioritised as follows:
 - (a) subsequent best athlete(s) on the World Tour Classification.
- 5.3. 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 consult SNOC on the feasibility of athlete replacement and conduct the replacement before the final entry by name to the IOC; and
 - (b) should the SNOC 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 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 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

6. Amendments to Nomination Criteria

- 6.1 This Nomination Criteria may be amended by SISA with the prior written approval of the SNOC. Any amendments have to be approved by the SNOC before circulation via email to all members and posted on the SISA website.

7. Appeal Procedure

- 7.1. An Appeals Panel will be available to look into disputes relating to the nomination or non-nomination of an athlete.
- 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 2026 Olympic Winter Games, accompanied by a PayNow screenshot of S\$200.00, payable to Singapore Ice Skating Association:

Appeals Panel
3 Stadium Drive
#01-33, Singapore 397630
administration@sisa.org.sg

PayNow to: UEN S98SS0168E

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. The Appeals Panel will convene and a decision will be made within 7 days from the appeal received.
- 7.5. The decision of the Appeals Panel with regard to the nomination of athletes by SISA to SNOC is final.
- 7.6. Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of this Selection Policy for nomination of athletes to represent Singapore in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games, Appeals Panel reserves the sole right to interpret this document and to use its discretion in the resolution of the matter in conflict or dispute. The decision of SISA's Appeals Panel in this regard is final

8. Members of the Selection and Appeals Panel

8.1 Selection Panel

Dr Helen Chai	SISA Advisor, Assistant Dean and Director, BBA Programme, NUS Business School
Mrs Lisa Jelinek	SISA Advisor
Dr Ho Mun Wai	Former Programme Chair, Diploma in Sport Coaching, Republic Polytechnic. Former, Chief, Knowledge Management and Corporate Policies, SSC

8.2 Appeals Panel

Mr Ganesh S Ramanathan	Advocate and Solicitor, Karuppan Chettiars and Partners
Mr Melvyn Fones	CEO, Singapore Taekwondo Federation
Mr Winston Wong	Notary Public, Commissioner for Oaths. Director, Flint & Battery LLC SISA's Executive Ombudsman

9. Qualification Timeline

Refer to <https://isu-skating.com/short-track/events/olympic-games/> for the latest version.

Date	Milestone
Qualification	
1 August 2025	ISU announces qualifying competitions (ISU Short Track World Tour competitions) determining the Special Olympic Qualifying Classifications (SOQC).
15 September 2025 – 5 December 2025	ISU Short Track World Tour competitions determining the SOQCs. ISU Short Track World Tour #1, 9-12 October 2025, Montréal (CAN) ISU Short Track World Tour #2, 16-19 October 2025, Montréal (CAN) ISU Short Track World Tour #3, 20-23 November, Gdansk (POL) ISU Short Track World Tour #4, 27-30 November, Dordrecht (NED)
Inform and confirm quota allocation	
12 December	Publication of SOQC
12 December 2025	ISU to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places
16 January 2026	NOCs to inform ISU about confirmation and/or rejection of quota places, both for event/distance and in total.
Reallocation of quotas	
17-22 January 2026	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 rejection of the offered quota place.
23 January 2026	ISU to reallocate any unused quota places.
26 January 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline
TBD*	Milano Cortina 2026 Delegation Registration Meetings
6 – 22 February 2026	Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

*To Be Determined



**Selection Criteria for
Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games
6 to 22 February 2026**

Correct as at 20 February 2025

1. Nomination Criteria

- NSAs seeking to nominate athletes for the Games should establish qualifying standards and criteria, at least 15 months before the Games, which are open to all athletes. These standards must be in line with the Qualification Principles of their sport for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games, published by the International Federations. NSAs are required to submit their NSA Selection Policy to SNOC/SSI for endorsement before publication.
- NSAs should state clearly in the nomination forms (sent to NSAs about 6 months before the Games) the justification for the athletes to be selected. The results submitted must be substantiated with the official results or documents from the International Federation.
- Athletes must be Singapore Citizens, and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination.

2. Selection Criteria

Subject to the other considerations listed at paragraph 3 below, the following criteria shall be applied in the selection process:

- Athletes who have achieved standards according to the Qualification Principles of their sport for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games,
- Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country."

3. Other Considerations

In addition to the above selection criteria, the following "qualities" of the athletes will be taken into consideration:

- Attitude and behavior towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, ***whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise.***
- General conduct ***and character*** which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
- **Past disciplinary record;**
- Current skill level and fitness; **and character**
- Level of commitment and attendance.
- Potential for future development:
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
- Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

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- Injury or illness.
- Equipment failure.
- Travel delays.
- Bereavement; and
- Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

5. Selection and Appeals

- The SNOC Selection Committee will meet to discuss the nominations from NSAs and select athletes/teams for the Games.
- NSAs can submit appeals to the SNOC Appeals Committee for athletes/teams who are not selected at the Selection Committee. In the appeals, NSAs must provide new information which had not been previously submitted to the Selection Committee.