



SINGAPORE ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

2026 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES FIGURE 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 figure 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 comprise of:
 - a. Figure Skating – Individual Senior Women and Senior Men
- 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 Committee
ISU	International Skating Union
ISU Qualification System	https://isu-d8g8b4b7ece7aphs.a03.azurefd.net/isudamcontainer/CMS/Fan site/Olympic-Winter-Games/2024-2025/Documents/MilanoCortina2026QualificationSystemforFigureSkatingV-1742972767-5891.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 Event	An event listed on the ISU Figure Skating Event Calendar
TES/CTES	Technical Element Score/Combined Total Elements Score

OWG Qualifying Score and Window	Qualifying CTES and qualifying window as defined by the ISU
SISA Appeals Panel	The SISA Board will form an independent appeals panel responsible to deliberate fair queries and appeals/protests lodged by athlete.
ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions	ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 (over) ISU Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition, Beijing China (17 – 21 Sept 2025)

2. Nomination of Athletes

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

- 2.1. only nominate Athletes who satisfy the requirements of ISU Rule 400.
- 2.2. athlete(s) meet the ISU minimum Combined Total Elements Score as defined in ISU Rule 400, paragraph 5 and ISU Communication No. 2732.
- 2.3. nominate Athletes according to the following process:
 - a. if Singapore qualifies a quota place at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition, SISA will nominate the Athlete within one week after the communication from the ISU of the quota place obtained.
 - i. nominate athlete(s) who earned the quota place for Singapore at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games.
- 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 Figure Skating – International 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 born on or 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).
 - (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 Competitions

- 3.1. The Athlete must be a current member of the Figure Skating – International 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 by the ISU for the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions.
- 3.4. SISA will nominate an athlete 7 days prior to the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competitions entry by number deadline.
- 3.5. Qualification Window: from 1 July 2024
- 3.6. Should there be more athletes than the given quota spots, athletes will be ranked by the highest total Combined TES score (Short + Free, which can be from different competitions) achieved during the qualification window at an ISU Senior International Event.
- 3.7. 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 within one week after the communication from the ISU of the quota place obtained. 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. Only one (1) athlete is allowed at the ISU Olympic Qualifying Competition, athlete who obtained the second or subsequent highest Combined Total Elements score at ISU International Events within the Olympic season shall be considered.
- 5.3. If SISA determine 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 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 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/figure-skating/events/olympic-games/> for latest version.

Date	Milestone
24 – 30 March 2025	<i>ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025 (Boston, USA)</i>
Within two weeks after the event	The ISU confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
Within two weeks after the communication from the IF	The NOCs to confirm to the ISU the use of the allocated quota places.
17 – 21 September 2025	<i>ISU Figure Skating Olympic Qualifying Competition (Beijing, CHN)</i>
Within two weeks after the event	The ISU to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
Within two weeks after the communication from the IF	The NOCs to confirm to the ISU the use of the allocated quota places.
Within five days after each previous step	ISU to reallocate all unused quota places.
04 – 07 December 2025	ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Nagoya City (JPN), and subsequent ISU information regarding the qualified Teams for the Olympic Figure Skating Team Event
Within 24h of information	NOCs qualified for the Team Event to confirm use of allocated quota place to ISU
08 - 16 December 2025 (*TBC)	ISU to inform relevant NOCs regarding reallocation of Team quota places that will have to be confirmed by the NOC within 24 hours. Lack of an NOC response to the ISU within this deadline will be considered as a refusal of the offered Team quota place.
25 January 2026	ISU to reallocate any unused quota places.
26 January 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline
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.

4. Extenuating Circumstances

In consideration of the performance and "qualities" of athletes, the selectors may at their discretion give consideration to 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:

- 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.