



# SINGAPORE CRICKET ASSOCIATION

*The Governing Body of Cricket in Singapore*

## Singapore National Cricket Team Selection Policy

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### 1. Purpose:

This comprehensive selection policy by the Singapore Cricket Association (SCA) outlines the structure, criteria, and procedures for selecting players to represent Singapore in the International Cricket Council (ICC), Asian Cricket Council (ACC), South-East Asian (SEA) Games, Asian Games, Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, and National competitions scheduled by Singapore Cricket Association, ensuring fairness, transparency and consistency. This policy was published on 01/12/2024 to stipulate the selection window for SEA Games 2025. The policy will be updated and published to indicate the selection window for future Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, ICC and ACC tournaments.

### 2. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee includes a minimum of three members appointed by the SCA Executive Committee and with one serving as chairperson.

Committee members must have experience representing Singapore and actively observing local games.

National Coach / Coach Consultant shall provide input to the Selection Committee but will not partake in the decision-making of the selection.

### 3. Selection Committee Member Criteria

Represented Singapore in ICC, ACC, Sea Games, Asian Games.

Able to present observations report on at least 2, domestic premier games a month.

To be present 60% of all National Games/ Practice games hosted the SCA Locally. [as per point 6]

Not a member of the Executive committee.

### 4. Team Selection Process

Initially a pool of 25 plus players will be selected to form the training group. Nearer to the competition this would be later trimmed to a squad of 18/16/14 (As per given guidelines) one month before the ICC and ACC / Asian Games/ SEA Games Event.

For the SEA Games/ Asian Games, the selection window and timeline will be fixed and announced following Singapore National Olympic Council's Selection Criteria.

#### SCA Selection Window –

- a. The selection window for non SNOG tournaments / events is estimated one year prior to team submission date.
- b. For the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA games Thailand 2025, the selection window would be from date of publication of SCA selection policy to 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025.



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## 5. Players Eligibility:

For WCL/ CWC & ACC as per the current ICC/ ACC qualification rules.

For SEA Games/ Asian Games/ Commonwealth, Asean Games all players must be Singapore Citizens and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old. [unless stated otherwise by organizer]

## 6. Selection Criteria:

- A. Consistently high performance at the National level in major / ICC / ACC tournaments.
- B. Higher weightage will be given to the most recent performances.
- C. League performance – the SCA Premier League is the premier competition in Singapore and performance in the League will also be a one of the key factors.
- D. Performance in Matches organized by SCA (Annual Series Vs Malaysia, Matches Organized by SCA Coaching department) and are on SCA record.
- E. Performance in Elite Player Series (EPS), Emerging Player Series (EPS), Elite Emerging Player Series (EEPS)/ SG Select Vs Invitational teams or High-performance Matches...etc., before the main competition will be the ultimate criteria of selection.
- F. In case of force majeure or pandemic, no cricket activity takes place, Selection committee will decide the team basis on immediate previous performances of the player.
- G. Attitude
  - Behavior on the field, in terms of interaction with umpires, opposition and team-mates.
  - Commitment to training, especially around a tournament. Also, 85% of National training sessions go through the year, without compromising on the Job / School front. This shall be determined by the SCA Secretariate. Displaying a sense of "Team Ethic" always.
- H. Fitness:
  - Players will be expected to take responsibility to maintain the level of fitness required of a national player. Again, guidance should be given by the National coach/ Fitness Coach.
  - This can be done under the guidelines of an appointed fitness coach and National Coach.
- I. Availability
  - Players should demonstrate that playing for Singapore is a priority by making themselves available for 100% of the national matches [ICC, ACC, SEA GAMES, ASIAN GAMES, HP Games, and international games].
  - Exceptional circumstances may be considered with prior explanation in writing at least 3 weeks prior to the event to the SCA Secretariate.
- J. Conduct
  - There will be an expectation that all national players always conduct themselves appropriately, to ensure that the reputation of cricket in Singapore is maintained at a high level. All selected players in HP System must sign the SCA Code of Conduct.



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## **Communication:**

The selection of the initial squad and the trimmed down squad of 18/16/14 (As per given guidelines) and the final team will be communicated by the SCA, to all players.

## **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.

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.

## **Extenuating Circumstances**

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:

Injury or illness, Travel delays, Bereavement and such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

## **7. High Performance Working Group (HPWG)**

The HPWG plans, monitors, and evaluates competitions / events leading up to the Games.

A minimum of 3 members and one act as a chairperson appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.

## **8. Appeal and Rights and Process**

Appeal against the selection process shall be lodged within 7 days of the announcement of the players selected for the SEA Games in writing to:

[3 members committee Appointed by the Exco]

### **Attention - Chairman**

SCA- Appeal Board

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Members of the selection committee and executive board members cannot be members of the appeal committee.

The sole ground for any appeal is that any selection was not conducted in accordance with the selection. An appeal must be made in writing within 5 working days after team announcement by SCA (Email, social media.... or by any form of communications) with an appropriate and sufficient documentations and must be accompanied by a deposit of **\$300** payable to Singapore Cricket Association. If the appeal is unsuccessful the deposit will be forfeited. Any appeal made after 5 days of selection will be null and void.

The appeal board shall investigate and convene a meeting to hear the appeal within 14 days of receipt of the appeal.

The SCA secretariat shall in writing notify the players concerned about the decision.

The decision of the appeal board shall be final.

## **9. De- Selection**

A player selected for the National Team may be dropped from the team if the player:

Is unable to perform to the required standard due to illness or injury, as certified by a medical doctor.

Does not meet training requirements and preparation in the opinion of the responsible national coaches.

Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of the Anti- Doping Policies, SCA criteria of selection, SCA Code of conduct, SportSG, ICC, etc.

To maintain a level of fitness required for the best performance.

Any disciplinary action/ report launched by team officials.