

9th ASEAN PARA GAMES 2017
17 – 23 September 2017
NOMINATION POLICY FOR
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The 9th ASEAN Para Games will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 17 to 23 September 2017. Wheelchair Tennis is offered as a sport in the Games and will be held at National Tennis Centre Jalan Duta.
- 1.2 The following events are offered:
- i) Singles event – Men, Women and Quad
 - ii) Doubles event – Men, Women and Quad
- 1.3 Singapore may enter, for:
- i. Singles event – a maximum of three (3) athletes per event
 - ii. Doubles event – a maximum of two (2) pairs per event

2 OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 This policy describes the process and criteria set under the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) to nominate athletes to the Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC) for the representation of Singapore at the 9th ASEAN Para Games 2017.
- 2.2 This policy is guided by the principle that only those who have the highest potential or a high potential to do Singapore proud at the Games would be nominated by SDSC, while the final selection of athletes remains at the discretion of SNPC.
- 2.3 SDSC will publish the nomination policy on its website (url: www.sdsc.org.sg), including any updates or changes to the policy. Athletes and coaches will be responsible for ensuring that they are fully aware of and understand the policy and its content, as well as updates and changes, if any, to the policy.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 To be eligible for consideration as an athlete representative, the participant must:
- i) Be a Singapore citizen
 - ii) Be over 15 years old in 2017 (Calculation: 2017 minus year born)
 - iii) Comply with the sport-specific classification rules
 - iv) Be in good standing with SNPC and SDSC

4 SELECTION TRIALS

- 4.1 The selection trials will be conducted by SDSC on:
- i) SDSC Selection Trial 1 (1 Jun 2017, 7pm – 9pm, MOE Evans Rd)
 - ii) SDSC Selection Trial 2 (10 Jun 2017, 8pm – 10pm, MOE Evans Rd)

5 NOMINATION PANEL

5.1 The Nomination Panel will comprise of:

- i) Mr. Sjaiful Sjahrin, Wheelchair Tennis Coach
- ii) Mr. A Purushothaman, President, WTAS
- iii) Mr. Justinian Chua, Sports Manager SDSC
- iv) Ms. Chew Ziqun, Sports Development Officer SDSC

5.2 The Nomination Panel will perform the duties of:

- i) Assessing and nominating athletes to SDSC's Sports Sub-Committee
- ii) Presenting justifications on the selection of athletes where necessary

5.3 Assessment shall be primarily made on the following:

- i) Performance of the athlete
- ii) Track record of the athlete
- iii) Coaches' recommendation

5.4 Secondary assessment will also be carried out on the following competencies, personal qualities and factors:

- i) Core Playing Competencies
 - Sound skill base and consistency of performance on court
 - Tactical understanding and consistency in making appropriate decisions in demanding situations
 - Ability to use flair and innovation in their game
 - Committed to achieving and maintaining fitness required for this level of competition
- ii) Core Personal Qualities
 - Leadership – leads by example and is a role model for others
 - Commitment – attends at least 80% of training sessions
 - Resilience – demonstrates mental toughness, bounces back after adversity, perseveres and adapts
 - Self-awareness – demonstrates emotional intelligence, composure under pressure
 - Self-responsibility – demonstrated motivation, compliance and ability to manage all aspects expected of an elite athlete
 - Work ethic – has the drive to develop and maintain the competencies required
- iii) Other factors:
 - Understands expectations and can apply learning and make changes
 - Demonstrates team qualities and fit within the team
 - State of fitness, health and well-being
 - Balance of youth and experience
 - Any other factor that is relevant to the overall assessment of an athlete

6 NOMINATION PROCESS

6.1 Singles Event

The Nomination Panel will submit athlete nominations to SDSC.

6.2 Doubles Event

The Nomination Panel will submit athlete nominations to SDSC based on the combination that is deemed to have the highest likelihood of medalling.

6.3 All nominations will be approved by SDSC's Sports Sub-Committee, after which the approved nominations would be submitted to SNPC. The approved nominations will be published on SDSC website (url: www.sdsc.org.sg).

6.4 SNPC, as the national body representing Singapore to the ASEAN Para Sports Federation, has the sole and final decision in selecting or not selecting athletes to represent Singapore at the 9th ASEAN Para Games 2017.

7 **APPEAL PROCESS**

7.1 Appeal against non-nomination by SDSC must be made in writing to SDSC's Sports Manager within 48 hours of the announcement of nominees.

7.2 An appeal must be made in writing with supporting documentation and accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to 'Singapore Disability Sports Council'. If the appeal is successful, the deposit would be refunded in full.

7.3 An appeal would only be considered if the athlete had met the eligibility criteria and MQS for the sport, but was not nominated due to gross oversight by SDSC. SDSC's Sports Sub-Committee will deliberate the appeal and, if deemed justifiable, hear the appeal by the athlete concerned.

7.4 SDSC will, in writing, inform the athlete about the decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision will be final and no further correspondence will be entertained.

8 **DE-SELECTION**

8.1 An athlete selected for the ASEAN Para Games 2017 may be de-selected by SNPC from the team if he/she:

- becomes unable to perform to the required standard due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the National Coach and Team Manager, after receiving medical advice;
- demonstrates a lack of commitment to training requirements or tournament preparations, in the opinion of the National Coach and Team Manager;
- breaches or fails to fulfill any requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of SDSC, SNPC, Anti-Doping Singapore or other relevant agencies where applicable.

9 **CONTACT PERSONS**

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