

## **Entry Criteria for SDSC Cerebral Palsy (CP) Football (Men) Development Programme 2020-2021**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This serves to provide, to eligible individuals, a clear understanding of entry criteria for the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) Cerebral Palsy (CP) Football Development (Men) Programme 2020-2021.

### **2. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this criteria is to recruit suitable and eligible male athletes who demonstrate potential and commitment to excel in the sport of CP Football, for SDSC to build up a team that may be skilled to represent Singapore nationally and internationally in 2 to 3 years' time.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

To be considered, the candidate must:

- i) be a male Singapore citizen, aged 15 to 30 years old
- ii) meet the Minimum Impairment Criteria (see Annex A)
- iii) comply with the sport-specific classification rules (see Annex A)
- iv) be physically fit and has no other health conditions that limits him from doing physical or football-related activities
- v) commit to a training programme (2 to 3 times a week, during weekday evenings and/or weekend mornings)

### **4. SHORTLISTING PROCESS**

Candidates would attend a technical assessment and an interview, to ensure that they have the right attributes for the programme.

### **5. INVITATIONS TO SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to accept a place in the SDSC CP Football Development (Men) Programme. This placement shall last for a period of one year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, unless terminated earlier.

### **6. OBLIGATIONS OF PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS**

Trainings shall be provided free-of-charge to invited candidates. There is no charge on venue rental, coaching services, equipment usage or uniform.

In return, candidates who accept the placements must be committed to the trainings and demonstrate their best effort to learn and develop their skill. These shall be communicated to the individual in detail via a separate athlete agreement.

### **7. TERMINATION**

Training and/or performance indicators would be set for participants. These include attendance of training sessions and conduct at training sessions. Placements may be terminated if the individual is found to be lacking in these indicators.

Termination may be pursued by the individual if the individual suffers an injury or illness that prevents continuation in the programme.

### **8. EXTENSION**

SDSC may offer to extend the placement annually for individuals, if they achieve the necessary indicators for the programme.

**9. CONTACT PERSON**

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## ANNEX A

### 1. Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC)

Candidates must meet the MIC, which refers to the minimum level of impairment required to participate in CP Football. MIC requires a verifiable and permanent neurological impairment that must disadvantage athletes when competing in regular able-bodied football; AND must impact in the performance of fundamental football skills (i.e. the impairment alters the biomechanical execution or motor control in a way that is demonstrable and which adversely affects performance).

### 2. Sport-specific Classification (CP Football)

In order to compete in CP-Football, an athlete must be affected by at least one of the following impairments:

- Hypertonia
- Athetosis and Dystonia (Dyskinesia)
- Ataxia

Please refer to these links for more information on what classification is, and the details of CP Football classification:

<https://www.ifcpf.com/about-classification>

<https://www.ifcpf.com/static/upload/raw/8ce6fab2-257c-43a7-a22d-db0e74f7b089/IFCPF+Classification+Rules+2018.pdf>