

ATHLETES NOMINATION & SELECTION POLICY

11TH ASEAN PARA GAMES 2021

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. An athlete must be a Singapore citizen.
- 1.2. An athlete must be at least 15 years of age in 2021 (*the year 2021 minus year born*).
- 1.3. Compliance with the WPA classification regulations - i.e., must have their sports event classification processed and confirmed before the start of the Games.
- 1.4. Must be in good standing with PAS, SDSC and SNPC – i.e., complies with the high standard of sporting behaviour and ethical conduct, and not under any form of disciplinary suspension.

2. Qualification Period

- 2.1. Only athletes with verified performance results from WPA approved competitions and PAS local approved meets/trials **between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021** shall qualify for nomination.
- 2.2. For potential athletes who unable to compete at any WPA approved competitions or have missed out on all PAS local approved meets, they must register for the specific try-out event put up by PAS at the date/time to be advised/provided. Only one such try-out will be organised before the qualification period ends.
- 2.3. Athletes who failed to attend the specific try-out, after they have opted to take part, may risk their opportunity to be nominated. No protest or appeal will be entertained under these circumstances.

3. Nomination Process

- 3.1. Team managers or coaches are to submit their athletes' official performance results achieved during the qualification period to PAS for consideration.
- 3.2. Athletes will be nominated using the PAS ranking list. The PAS ranking list will be based on the verified performance results from the approved competitions and trials described in **Item 2 – Qualification Period**.

- 3.3. All approved results for each eligible athlete will be given a percentage score. The score is calculated by comparing the athlete's verified best results per event to the **2021 National 'A' standard (Annex A)**. An athlete ranking list, by gender, will be generated based on this percentage. A higher percentage is better than a lower percentage.
- 3.4. The percentage score (see **Item 3.6**) from the approved results for each athlete, by gender, for the respective events to be submitted for nomination will be included in the PAS ranking list. This ranking list showing the name of athlete, gender, event taking part and its percentage score shall be listed in descending order (highest to lowest percentage). A date/time of publishing will be shown on the list.
- 3.5. The PAS ranking list comprised of the proposed nominees with their respective percentage score (see **Item 3.6**), for the medal events scheduled to be contested at the APG2021, will be published (see **Item 9**) after the end of the qualification period.

3.5.1. Calculating Percentage

The percentage is calculated by comparing the athlete's best-verified performance result, within the qualification period, to the **2021 National 'A' standard (Annex A)** using the following formula:

$$\text{Track Events} = \frac{\text{A-Standard}}{\text{athlete's performance result}} \times 100 \%$$

$$\text{Field Events} = \frac{\text{athlete's performance result}}{\text{A-Standard}} \times 100 \%$$

The percentage will be calculated to two decimal points (rounded to the nearest hundredths) with a higher percentage compared to the **2021 National 'A' standard (Annex A)** being the better result.

- 3.6. Athletes with a percentage score of 100% and above shall have an excellent chance to be selected. Those having the percentage score ranging from 90% to 99% will be considered for nomination. **Athletes with scores below 90% will not be considered.**

- 3.7. Nominations are based on the availability of the events offered by the GOC and the number of slots available in each event. The **2021 National 'A' standard (Annex A)** list of events were based on the last APG2017 held in Kuala Lumpur. For any enquiries on the events offered, please email to sports@para-athletics.org.sg
- 3.8. Nominations will be submitted via a prescribed form provided by the SNPC.

4. Nomination Rationale

- 4.1. The rationale for the nomination process, described in **Item 3**, is to allow PAS the ability to select athletes based on overall impact and contribution to potential podium performances and their performance progression for future events.
- 4.2. Nevertheless, certain performance criteria may be used to evaluate athletes under discretionary nomination (without the exception of **Item 3**) such as the following, not listed in priority order:
- 4.2.1. The athlete's likelihood of winning a medal at the APG2021.
- 4.2.2. If the athlete experienced an injury, illness, equipment malfunction or was unable to compete for unforeseen circumstances which impeded maximal performance during the qualification period.

5. Nomination Appeal & Protest

- 5.1. An eligible athlete who is not being nominated for selection via the nomination process (described in **Item 3**) may appeal/protest his/her omission or other athlete's inclusion in the PAS ranking list. Either the athlete or coach may submit the appeal/protest to PAS.
- 5.2. The PAS will **ONLY** respond to inquiry based on the objectives (described in **Item 3**) instead of subjective matters that being presented. As such, the sole grounds of any appeal/protest are that:
- 5.2.1. Athlete's omission or inclusion in the PAS ranking list was because of a failure by the PAS to properly apply the nomination set out in **Item 3** of this policy, or
- 5.2.2. There was no material or item on which the decision for the proposed nomination in the PAS ranking list could reasonably be based.

- 5.3. Athletes or coaches who wish to appeal/protest under the **Item 5.2** shall submit a notice of appeal/protest in writing, **no later than 72 hours**, after the PAS ranking list is published (see **Item 3.4**). Notice to be submitted in writing via the following email: **complaint@para-athletics.org.sg**

6. Athletes Final Selection

- 6.1. The final selection of nominated athletes will be determined by the SNPC. In addition to the PAS nomination process, the selection results of the nominated athletes shall be conclusive, and subject to the selection principles set by the SNPC.
- 6.2. Any appeal/protest made against the final selection, by the SNPC, will **ONLY** be through and from the PAS.

7. Removal of Athletes

- 7.1. Before **Entry by Names** to the GOC, the PAS/SDSC/SNPC has jurisdiction over potential nominees.
- 7.2. An athlete who has been nominated may be removed, for any of the following reasons, as recommended by PAS and resolved by the SNPC:
- 7.2.1. A voluntary withdrawal – athlete must submit a written letter to the PAS.
 - 7.2.2. Injury or illness as certified by the sports medical officer approved by the SNPC. And if the athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by the sports medical officer approved by the SNPC, his/her injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - 7.2.3. Failure to attend mandatory training and/or trials as defined in **Item 11** of this policy and other reported transgression.
 - 7.2.4. Removal by the GOC of the competition event in which the athlete qualified for the Team, from the programme of the APG2021.
 - 7.2.5. Re-classification of the athlete by the WPA, such that the athlete's qualifying performance would not have qualified him/her for the Team.
- 7.3. An athlete who is removed from the Team under the provision described in **Item 7.2**, has the right to file for the administrative grievance to the PAS via the email address **athletes@para-athletics.org.sg**, where he/she will be advised on the appropriate procedures.

- 7.4. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IPC, WADA, WPA, ADS and/or SNPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, where applicable.

8. Replacement of Athletes

- 8.1. The replacement pool of athletes comprised of qualified and eligible athletes that were not selected initially. Replacement athletes will be selected by the SNPC based on circumstances derived from **Item 7**.
- 8.2. Replacement of athletes can only be processed before the submission of **Entry by Names** to the GOC. And hence, no replacement of athletes will be selected after submission already been made to GOC by the SNPC.

9. Broadcast & Circulation

- 9.1. This nomination and selection policy along with the ranking list (described in **Item 3.4**) will be posted/published and made available by PAS at the following location:
- 9.1.1. The ranking list will be published within seven (7) days after the end of the qualification period at the PAS official website via the URL - <https://para-athletics.org.sg/listings/>
- 9.1.2. This nomination and selection policy (latest updated version) can be viewed and downloaded from the PAS official website via the URL - <https://para-athletics.org.sg/policies/>

10. Date of Nomination

- 10.1. Athletes nomination will be announced, at least, within fourteen (14) days after the end of the qualification period. Actual submission of the nomination to the SDSC/SNPC will be on date/time to be determined by the SNPC.

11. Mandatory Training, Trials and/or Competition

- 11.1. Athletes must attend the mandatory training set by the PAS. And they may be required to participate in a competition or trial approved by the PAS, where applicable.
- 11.2. Athletes may be required to attend a pre-Games training camp to be held at a venue to be announced. Written announcement of the pre-Games training camp will be posted on the PAS official website at <https://para-athletics.org.sg/>

11.3. Failure to attend mandatory training, without valid reason or excuse, will affect the athlete's nomination/selection prospect.

12. Anti-Doping Requirements

12.1. Athletes must adhere to all IPC, WADA, WPA, ADS and SNPC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, where applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IPC, WADA, WPA, ADS and SNPC rules, where applicable.

13. International Disclaimer

13.1. This policy is particularly devised by the PAS, and it may or may not be established by IPC and/or WPA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in this policy caused by a change in the Games' perspective will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately.

13.2. The nomination/selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the PAS. However, the nominations and selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

13.3. If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the nomination and/or selection events listed in this document, these nomination/selection policy will be revised, pursuant their resubmission to the SNPC.

Initialisms

ADS	Anti Doping Singapore
APG	ASEAN Para Games
GOC	Games Organising Committee
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
PAS	Para Athletics (Singapore)
SDSC	Singapore Disability Sports Council
SNPC	Singapore National Paralympic Council
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
WPA	World Para Athletics

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not specified in this document are advised to approach their respective coaches, or contact PAS via email athletes@para-athletics.org.sg