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**SURFING ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE) ANNOUNCES THE NATIONAL SURFING TEAM FOR THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SEA GAMES (PHILIPPINES) 2019**

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The Surfing Association (Singapore) is announcing the national athletes that will represent Singapore and compete in the 30<sup>th</sup> South East Asian (SEA) 2019 Games in Philippines.

This will be the first time that the sport of surfing will be introduced in the SEA Games. The games will feature both the shortboard and longboard surfing events in both men and women categories. We will be sending 6 athletes to compete in all the categories.

All the surf athletes have qualified for their national team spots based on their outstanding performances and merits via regional qualifier competitions as stated in the SA(S) Selection Policy (30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games 2019).

The SA(S) is proud to introduce and would like to congratulate the following National Surf Athletes for the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games 2019.

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The SA(S) SEA Games 2019 Selection Committee

### Men's Shortboard (Open) Category (1)



**Nurimran Bin Jaafar** is 31 years old and works as a Manager.

This will be his first time representing Singapore. He scored the highest in the pre-qualifiers within the men's surfing team.

He likes to do cut backs and snaps during competitions. He also flow rides during his spare time.

### Men's Shortboard (Open) Category (2)



**Arthur Kor Kim Hock** is 36 years old and is a freelance fitness instructor.

He was an avid flow-rider and participated in regional and international competitions.

He has always been into the shortboard style of surfing and does skateboarding to improve his surfing.

### Women's Shortboard (Open) Category (1)



**Michelle Ooi Siew May** is 29 years old and will be participating in the women's shortboard category.

She recently came in 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the recently concluded Pearl of Andaman Phuket Surfing Championships 2019.

She works as a veterinarian and likes to free dive and skate (skateboard) during her free time.

### Men's Longboard (Open) Category (1)



**Michael Lim Chee Siong** is 43 years old and is a seasoned competitor in the regional circuit.

He currently works as a merchandiser and likes to buy unique and vintage style longboards for his personal collection.

This is his first time donning the national colours.

### Men's Longboard (Open) Category (2)



**Mohamad Nazir Bin Salleh** is 47 years old and the oldest athlete in the team.

He is also currently the Coach of the National Team and is the most experienced in the team.

He currently works as a lifeguard and likes to skateboard during his personal time.

### Women's Longboard (Open) Category (1)



**Beckie Liu** is the youngest in the team at 24 years old.

She is an entrepreneur and runs her own business. She prefers the traditional longboard style of surfing and recently came out 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Kata Surfing Championship 2019.

She likes to play tennis and does photography in her spare time.