



Surfing Association (Singapore) 2026 Asian Games Selection Policy & Participation Agreement

1. Policy Overview

1.1 This agreement outlines the selection process for athletes aiming to be part of the **Singapore Surfing Team (SG)**. Selected surf athletes will represent Singapore in regional and potentially international surf competitions, including world-level events.

1.2 Gender & Competition Categories

The selection is open to the following competition categories:

- **Women's Shortboard**
- **Men's Shortboard**

1.3 However, for this cycle of selection, only **one gender category is open** for selection:

Open (Women's)

1.4 From this category, **only one (1) female surfer** will be selected to form part of the **travelling team** for international competitions. The final selection will be made by the **Surfing Association (Singapore) Selection Committee [SA(S) Selection Committee]** at a later date.

2. Submission Requirements & Selection Process

2.1 Any member of the **Surfing Association (Singapore) [SA(S)]** wishing to be considered for selection to the **Singapore Surfing Team (SG)** must:

- Submit this completed agreement form to info@surfingsingapore.com by **31 March 2026**.
- Ensure that all outstanding **SA(S) membership fee(s)** are fully paid by the submission deadline.

2.2 Only athletes who have submitted the required documents and confirmed their **eligibility for selection** will be considered for inclusion in the Singapore Surfing Team (SG) and for **national representation at international surfing competitions**.

2.3 Upon confirming eligibility, athletes will also be required to read and agree to the following:

- **Disciplinary Procedure**
- **Contest Participant Guidelines**

2.4 Selection Committee

2.4.1 The selection process will be conducted by the **SA(S) Selection Committee**.

2.4.2 All Selection Committee members must disclose any conflict of interest

2.4.3 Members with conflicts of interest must recuse themselves from relevant decisions

2.4.2 Selection Committee

2.4.2.1 The selection committee shall comprise of:

1. Mr Arfian Abu (Vice-President)
2. Ms Cheryl Tang (Secretary-General)
3. Mr Haridzal Arshat (Team Manager/Coach)

2.4.3 The decisions of the Committee are **final**, and the Committee **reserves the right to apply its own selection procedures**.

2.4.4 Should any athlete be dissatisfied with the outcome of the selection process; they may submit a formal appeal. In such cases, please forward your details to **info@surfingsingapore.com**, and an **appeals committee** will be convened to review the matter.

2.5 Appeal Committee

2.5.1 All Appeal Committee members must disclose any conflict of interest

2.5.2 Members with conflicts of interest must recuse themselves from relevant decisions

2.5.3 Appeal Committee shall comprise of personnel not part of the Selection Committee and shall be named at a later date

2.5.4 The decisions of the Committee are **final**, and the Committee **reserves the right to apply its own appeal procedures**.

3. Selection Criteria

3.1 The **SA(S) Selection Committee** will base the selection of athletes for the Singapore Surfing Team (SG) on multiple performance factors, including:

- Individual results at **International and National surfing events**
- **Surf Tour Rankings**
- Participation and performance in **squad training**

3.2 Qualifying Competitions

3.2.1 The current list of qualifying competitions includes, but is not limited to:

- **ASF Asia Surf Competitions**
- **WSL Tour Surf Competitions**
- **ISA Surf Competitions**
- Other recognized **Asian National Surf Competitions**

(Refer to **Appendix A** for the complete list)

3.3 Merit-Based Selection

3.3.1 Selection to the National Team SG is strictly **merit-based**.

3.3.2 Applicants must achieve a minimum placement of **6th place or better** in **Asia** through participation in these qualifying competitions.

3.3.3 All members must satisfy the '**Eligibility Process**' as outlined in the '**Eligibility Policy**' (see paragraph 14) to be eligible for representing the Singapore team.

3.4 International Based Singapore Surfers Selection Criteria

3.4.1 The management team will evaluate internationally based Singapore surfers using the following:

- **Video footage** of recent performances (no older than six months)
- Results from **national and international competitions**
- Current **surf tour rankings**
- A **personal statement** (maximum 300 words) submitted by each internationally based squad member

3.4.2 Selection for the National Team SG remains **merit-based**, requiring applicants to achieve at least **6th place or better** in Asia through recognized competitions.

3.5 Wildcard Application

- 3.5.1 Additional wildcard applications for **all divisions** will be accepted until **31 March 2026**.
- 3.5.2 Wildcard applicants must submit the following via email to info@surfingsingapore.com:
 - Recent **video footage** (online edits accepted) no older than six months
 - National and/or international **competition results**
 - A **personal statement** of no more than 300 words

3.6 Character and Conduct Considerations

- 3.6.1 Throughout the competitive season, the SA(S) Team Management will observe members' conduct both in and out of water.
- 3.6.2 Team Singapore expects all SA(S) members to demonstrate exemplary personal etiquette and professionalism.
- 3.6.3 Any unprofessional behaviour may negatively impact an individual's chances of selection

3.7 Other Considerations

- 3.7.1 In addition to the above selection criteria, the following "qualities" of the athletes will be taken into consideration:
 - Attitude and behaviour 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.
 - Past disciplinary record;
 - Current skill level and fitness;
 - 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.

3.8 Selection Deadline

- 3.8.1 The Development Team for Team SG will be selected and publicly announced by the Team Manager and/or Assistant Team Manager and the Team Coach, on 30th June 2026.
- 3.8.2 The National Team SG surf athletes will be officially announced by 30th June 2026.

4. Eligibility Requirement

- 4.1 Athletes must fulfil the following requirements to be eligible for any of the selections stated in paragraph 3 above:
 - 4.1.1 Singapore Citizens and not holding dual citizenship if above 22 years old.
 - 4.1.2 Obtained parental consent if below 21 years old.
 - 4.1.3 Member of a Surfing Association (Singapore) Affiliate.
 - 4.1.4 Member of Surfing Association (Singapore) National Team (not applicable for National Teams' selection).
 - 4.1.5 Formally agree and adhere to the Surfing Association (Singapore) Athletes' Code of Conduct [<https://www.surfingsingapore.com/general-1-1>], and Agreement [<https://www.surfingsingapore.com/general-1-1>], as well as the Surfing Association (Singapore)'s Anti-doping [<https://www.surfingsingapore.com/general-1-1>] and Safe Sport [<https://www.surfingsingapore.com/general-1-1>] policies and procedures.
 - 4.1.6 Not undergoing any disciplinary proceedings or serving any suspension by Surfing Association (Singapore), Asian Surfing Federation or Surfing International Federation.
- 4.2 Athletes who have currently achieved at least 6th placing e.g., time/distance/score/mark of the 2022 Asian Games.
- 4.3 Athletes who miss the qualifying standard marginally but show potential to equal or surpass it in time for the Games.
- 4.4 All achievements submitted for consideration should have taken place at international competitions sanctioned by the International and/or Regional controlling bodies, but SA(S) may submit the achievements from overseas championships and meets of athletes studying in overseas tertiary institutions. However, these must be properly accredited and sanctioned to be accepted.

- 4.5 All achievements should be achieved from 1 May 2025 up to 30 April 2026, or before the Organising Committee's Nomination Deadline (4 May 2026), as the nominations must be submitted to the SNOCA Appeals Committee for approval before the deadline.
- 4.6 Surfing Association (Singapore) may follow the SNOCA selection window period on the condition that including these results (if achieved before their SA(S) selection policy publication date) does not affect other athletes' nomination or non-nomination status.
- 4.7 Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country."

5. Singapore Squad Development Weekends 2026

- 5.1 Details of the **Singapore Squad Development Weekends** will be confirmed by the **Team Manager** and communicated to squad members via email.
- 5.2 Prospective squad training sessions are expected to begin in **January 2026**.

6. Surf Competitions

- 6.1 The current qualifying competitions include the **Asian Surfing Championship**, **WSL Tour Surf Competitions**, **ISA Surf Competitions**, and other recognized **Asian National Surf Competitions** (see **Appendix A**), as well as any other events deemed appropriate by **SA(S)**.
- 6.2 All Singaporean athlete surfers are encouraged to participate in these competitions and aim to achieve at least a **6th place** or better.

7. Team Singapore 'Open' Important Dates/ Timeline¹

- **[To be confirmed at a later date]** – Singapore Surfers Selection Briefing
- **31 March 2026** – Deadline for surf athletes to confirm eligibility for selection (signed documents)
- **4 May 2026** – Submission of final athlete names and results to SNOCA
- **4 – 15 June 2026** – Appeals period for Submission Committee (SNOCA)
- **30 June 2026** – Announcement of Team SG Surf Athlete
- **30 June 2026** – Public announcement of Development Team SG surf athletes

¹ All dates provided in this timeline are subject to change based on the schedules and requirements set by the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOCA) and the Asian Games organising Committee. Athletes are advised to stay informed of any updates or modifications to these dates.

8. Extenuating Circumstances

- 8.1 If a SA(S) member is unable to attend a selection event or camp due to illness, injury or family bereavement, they must inform the SA(S) Team Manager as soon as possible.
- 8.2 Each case will be carefully considered by the management team to find a fair and unbiased solution, ensuing integrity of the team selection process.

9. Funding and Expenses

- 9.1 SA(S) members, along with the volunteer Team Manager and volunteer Team Coach, are required to fully fund their attendance at all competitions at their own expense.
- 9.2 SA(S) is committed to seeking available sponsorship support, whether from commercial or government sources.
- 9.3 Based on the resources secured, SA(S) will make decisions to the best of its ability and knowledge to ensure the optimal use of limited funds.
- 9.4 For any funding concerns, please contact the Team Manager at info@surfingsingapore.com.

10. Disciplinary Procedures

10.1 Three-Strikes Rule

- 10.1.1 Any breach of discipline by a team member while traveling with or representing the Singapore Team will be addressed as follows:
 - a) First Offense – Verbal Warning
 - b) Second Offense – Final Verbal Warning
 - c) Third Offense – Referral to the Selection Panel, resulting in disqualification from team selection for a period of 12 months.

10.2 Breaches of Discipline

10.2.1 Disciplinary breaches include, but are not limited to:

- Leaving team camps, traveling parties, competition venues, or official team gatherings without prior approval from the Team Manager or designated coaches.
- Failing to notify the Team Manager or coaches of return times when requesting leave or failing to adhere to approved absence plans.
- Refusing to comply with reasonable instructions or requests from the Team Manager or coaches.

- Consumption of alcohol or tobacco products during competitions or official team travel.
- Non-compliance with curfews, security protocols, sleeping or domestic arrangements, or other directives from team leadership.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect, or verbal abuse directed towards Team Managers, coaches, fellow athletes, officials, referees, judges, or members of the public.
- Making any racist remarks or gestures.
- Any behaviour deemed inappropriate, unprofessional, or detrimental to team cohesion and reputation as determined by the SAS committee.

10.3 Immediate dismissal

10.3.1 Certain offenses warrant immediate dismissal from the team, including:

- Criminal misconduct.
- Inappropriate sexual behaviour while traveling or representing the team.
- Use or possession of substances prohibited by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- Actions that compromise the safety and security of the team or its members.
- Any conduct considered severely inappropriate or detrimental by the SAS committee.

10.4 Consequences of Dismissal

- 10.4.1 Upon dismissal, the Team Manager holds the authority to alter travel arrangements and repatriate the athlete at their own expense.
- 10.4.2 Administrative and travel costs incurred will be the responsibility of the dismissed athlete.
- 10.4.3 For athletes under the age of 21, a family member must accompany their return to Singapore.

11. Athlete Code of Conduct and Participation Agreement

11.1 All surfers selected for Team SG must adhere to the following selection criteria and participation requirements.

11.2 Membership Fees

- 11.2.1 Selected athletes must maintain current SA(S) membership and pay the required annual fees.

11.3 Compliance with Rules

- 11.3.1 Members must comply fully with rules and regulations set by SA(S), the Team Manager, the Team Coach, the host nation, and the International Surfing Association (ISA).
- 11.3.2 Any contest-specific restrictions imposed after arrival must also be adhered to.

11.4 Code of Conduct

- 11.4.1 Athletes will accept decisions made by referees and judges without dispute.
- 11.4.2 Members must demonstrate self-control, professionalism, and sportsmanship in all situations, whether in competition or outside of it.
- 11.4.3 Athletes are expected to display humility in both victory and defeat.
- 11.4.4 All team members should prioritize the team's interests above individual goals.

11.5 Team Representation

- 11.5.1 Athletes must wear official Team SG clothing and accessories when required by Team Management.
- 11.5.2 Members must follow all instructions and decisions issued by the Team Manager and Coaches immediately.
- 11.5.3 Travel arrangements, accommodation, meals, and attendance at team meetings and briefings are mandatory.

11.6 Substance and Health Policy

- 11.6.1 The use or possession of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- 11.6.2 Athletes must declare any prescribed medications to the Team Manager before and during contests.
- 11.6.3 Compliance with anti-doping regulations as set by ISA and SA(S) is mandatory.
- 11.6.4 Alcohol consumption and smoking are prohibited while traveling with or representing the team.

11.7 Behaviour and Discipline

- 11.7.1 Inappropriate or criminal behaviour, including sexual misconduct, will result in disciplinary action and may be reported to external authorities.

11.7.2 Members must cooperate with media engagements to promote the sport and the team positively.

11.8 **Training and Participation**

11.8.1 Attendance at all mandatory coaching sessions is required unless prior approval for absence is granted by the Team Manager or Coach.

11.8.2 Post-contest, athletes may be asked to participate in community and promotional activities to support the development of surfing in Singapore.

11.9 **Eligibility**

11.9.1 Members must hold a valid Singapore passport and have no restrictions preventing entry into contest host countries.

11.9.2 Surfers eligible to represent other nations must declare their intention to opt in or out of Singapore's selection process by 1st November 2025.

11.9.3 Once selected, athletes cannot switch to represent another country for a minimum of 12 months.

11.10 **Selection Confirmation**

11.10.1 Athletes must confirm their decision to participate in Team SG's international events in writing by 1st April 2026.

11.10.2 Surfers who opt out may continue to train with the squad but will not travel with the team.

11.11 Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary measures as determined by the Team Manager, consistent with the procedures outlined in the Team's disciplinary guidelines.

Appendix A

List of Sanctioned 2025 Events and Competitions (accurate as of 11 April 2025)

No	Date	Event / Competitions
1	19-21 December 2025	Kejora Surfing Cup
2	17-19 October 2025	Dongsha Open Shanghai Pro/Am
3	5-14 September 2025	ISA World Surfing Games, El Salvador
4	15 August 2025	Uluwatu Single Fin
5	3 – 12 August 2025	Asian Surfing Championship

Annex A - Declaration

I hereby confirm that I have carefully read and understood all sections of the **Selection Policy and Participation Agreement**. I agree to fully comply with and be bound by the conditions outlined herein. I also confirm that I have attached the required documentation listed in **Annex B** to support my application.

I. Full Name of SA(S) member (as per NRIC or Passport):

II. Signature of SA(S) Member:

Date:

(For applicants below the age of 18, parent/guardian must complete the section below):

I. Full Name of Parent / Guardian as per NRIC or Passport:

II. Signature of Parent / Guardian:

Date:

Note:

The signed agreement form should be emailed to the Singapore Team Manager.

If the applicant is under 18 years of age, by signing this form, the parent/guardian also agrees that their child will fully abide by the conditions outlined in the Selection Policy and Participation Agreement.



Annex B

I. National / International Competition Results / Surf Tour Ranking

Results declaration – required for all applications

No	Date	Contest / Surf Tour	Results	Remarks
1				
2				
3				
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6				
7				
8				
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- The above are my national / international competition results and/or surf tour rankings for year_____.

Full Name of applicant as per NRIC or Passport:

Signature of applicant:

Date:



II. Personal Statement

(Required for Internationally Based Singapore Surfers and Wildcard Applications only)

Please provide your personal statement below (*you may attach additional pages if necessary*):

III. Video Footage

Video Footage
(Required for Internationally Based Singapore Surfers and Wildcard Applications only)

Please provide a link to your video footage (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive):

Declaration

I declare that the abovementioned details are true to the best of my knowledge.

Full Name of applicant as per NRIC or Passport:

Signature of applicant:

Date:

