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| Competition | Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games WATER POLO (MEN & WOMEN) 19 September to 4 October 2026 |
| Qualifying Period | 23 rd September 2025 till Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games |
| Initial Release Date | 23 rd September 2025 |

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| 1. The Event | <p>1.1 Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games</p> <p>1.2 Singapore Aquatics Water Polo (SWP) intends to nominate athletes to SNOC in the following events:</p> <p>1.2.1 Men’s Water Polo Team Event</p> <p>1.2.2 Women’s Water Polo Team Event</p> <p>1.3 In accordance with the SWP selection process, it has a Selection Panel that comprises identified selectors as stated in paragraph 9. The Selection Panel will consider athletes to be nominated to SNOC for inclusion in the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games.</p> |
| 2. Eligibility | <p>2.1 To be considered for selection, a water polo athlete must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <p>2.1.1 Be a Singapore citizen, eligible to represent Singapore and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination.</p> <p>2.1.2 Have a signed current Singapore Aquatics (SAQ) Athlete Agreement</p> <p>2.1.3 Must maintain a minimum 80% monthly attendance for all scheduled training sessions, with any absences to be reported in advance to the National Head Coach, Assistant Head Coach or Team Manager. Athletes must also complete three Strength & Conditioning (S&C) sessions weekly, either at the SSI gym during scheduled times, at an approved personal gym following the SSI S&C program, or at alternative scheduled times as agreed with the S&C coach.</p> <p>2.1.4 Able to participate in international competitions or training trips in the months prior to selection and leading to Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games.</p> |

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| | <p>2.1.5 Athletes must attend selection squad training sessions once established by the National Head Coaches during the qualifying period. This does not include players on overseas attachments that have been identified to be qualified for the selection.</p> <p>2.1.6 Athletes must not have had a record of used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have been constituted as doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in ADS's, WADA or World Aquatic's Anti-Doping By-laws.</p> <p>2.1.7 In addition, all water polo athletes must also be in compliance to the SNOC selection criteria. (Please refer to extract at Annex A on the SNOC Selection Criteria).</p> |
| <p>3. Team Commitments</p> | <p>3.1 All water polo athletes and officials must:</p> <p>3.1.1 Always comply with the provisions of the SAQ and SNOC Athletes Agreement.</p> <p>3.1.2 Conform to SAQ's requirements regarding team participation. These include, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable training plan, attendance at training camps and wearing of proper team uniform.</p> <p>3.1.3 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SAQ.</p> <p>3.1.4 Not act in a manner as to bring the athlete or SAQ into public disrepute.</p> <p>3.1.5 Each athlete (including reserve athlete/s) will also be required to sign the SNOC athlete agreement.</p> <p>3.1.6 The agreement may contain conditions to contribute part of the medal winnings, under the Multi-Million Award Program (MAP), back to SAQ.</p> |

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| <p>4. Final Nomination and Selection</p> | <p>4.1 The Selection Panel will assess if athletes meet the required standards for nomination to SNOC for the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games.</p> <p>4.2 The Selection Panel will evaluate athletes based on the following criteria (detailed in Annex B for Men and Annex C for Women):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.2.1 Position-specific performance 4.2.2 Fitness 4.2.3 Attendance 4.2.4 Injury risk/status 4.2.5 Versatility 4.2.6 Compatibility 4.2.7 Deployability 4.2.8 Input from Sports Science <p>4.3 . The selection criteria will be announced to athletes when the selection squads are formed. Athletes will be informed according to the timeline in Paragraph 6 to ensure fair and transparent selection.</p> |
| <p>5. Reserve Team Members</p> | <p>5.1 In addition to the nominated athletes for the National Team, the Selection Panel may select 3 to 5 athletes to be the reserve team members. In the event that a nominated athlete is unable to attend the Competition for whatever reason, the Selection Panel reserves the right to nominate a reserve member as a replacement.</p> <p>5.2 Reserve team members may be offered positions in overseas training camps and competitions.</p> |

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| <p>6. Selection and Team Announcement Procedure</p> | <p>6.1 Nomination to SNOC:</p> <p>6.1.1 The National Head Coaches will submit their list of athletes to the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel will nominate these athletes to SNOC based on requirements outlined in Annex A.</p> <p>6.2 Final Team Selection:</p> <p>6.2.1 Prior to selection of the Final Team for the Asian Games, the National Head Coaches can form a selection squad from the nominated athletes for the Men's and Women's National teams, subject to SNOC's approval of these athletes. The National Head Coaches retain the right, in appropriate circumstances, to select players based on their potential for the National Teams. Selection will be guided by the criteria outlined in Section 4 and assessed through Annexes B & C.</p> <p>6.3 The following process will be coordinated between the National Head Coaches and the Selection Panel:</p> <p>6.3.1 The National Head Coaches will identify 16 to 20 players for selection consideration 90 days before the Asian Games.</p> <p>The National Head Coaches will present their proposals for the final 15 athletes and 3 to 5 reserves to the Selection Panel 60 days before the Asian Games. The Selection Panel will review and approve the final selection. The National Team members are only declared official after ratification by the Assistant Secretary General (Water Polo).</p> <p>6.3.2 Once ratified, the National Head Coaches will inform the final 15 selected players for the Men's and Women's teams respectively that they are successful. By agreement, between the National Head Coaches and the Assistant Secretary General (Water Polo), the teams will be announced 15 days before the competition date.</p> <p>6.3.3 The National Head Coaches will contact players who have not been selected to explain why they have not been successful and to advise and continue to encourage them. Whenever possible, contact must be made in person.</p> |
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| | <p>6.3.4 Any changes to the ratified squad or publicly announced team, due to injury, suspension, withdrawal or other supervening cause, will be immediately notified to the Assistant Secretary General (Water Polo), prior to any replacement being made.</p> |
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| <p>7. Unavailability for or withdrawal from Selection</p> | <p>7.1 Any player who makes themselves unavailable for selection, or having been selected, withdraws without justifiable reasons will be excluded from the National Teams.</p> <p>7.2 For withdrawal due to injury, the Selection Panel shall require a report from a registered medical practitioner and/or registered Physiotherapist before making its decision on a replacement.</p> <p>7.3 The replacement will be selected from the previously identified reserves.</p> |
| <p>8. Appeals Procedure</p> | <p>8.1 Any player who is aggrieved at their non-selection may undertake a grievance procedure. That procedure will be as follows:</p> <p>8.1.1 The player must submit their grievance to the Sport Manager (Water polo) at nur.umairah@sqaquatics.org.sg within 48 hours of being informed of their non-selection.</p> <p>8.1.2 The player must not make any public statement on their non-selection, or the grievance procedure will be considered null and void.</p> <p>8.1.3 The Appeal Panel may ask the player to outline the basis of their grievance and will seek a report from the National Head Coach, within 24 hours of receiving written notification from the player.</p> <p>8.1.4 If the Appeal Panel considers grievance as being justified, it will make the necessary decisions regarding the selection of athletes for the National Team, which may include directing changes to the team composition or selection outcomes.</p> |

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| <p>9. Panel for Selection and Appeal</p> | <p>9.1 The Selection Panel will be chaired by the Assistant Secretary General (Water Polo) and the members will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President (Water Polo) – Mr Dominic Soh • National Head Coaches- Mr Kan Aoyagi/ Mr Yu Lei • Assistant Head Coach- Mr Kenta Shirahama • Team Manager, if any <p>9.2 The Appeal Panel will consist of the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of SAQ – Prof Kenneth Goh • Secretary General of SAQ – Mr Yeo Kai Eng • Appeal Panel - Ho Mun Wai <p>9.3 All Selection Panel and Appeal Panel members must declare any conflicts of interest. Members with conflicts of interest must recuse themselves from all discussions and decisions relating to the affected matter.</p> |
| <p>Notes</p> | <p>SNOC is the governing body that sets qualifying standards for all sports and makes the final selection of athletes for the Games, including any appeals submitted by NSAs.</p> <p>Prepared by Leonard Yeo (Assistant Secretary General, Water Polo)</p> <p>In consultation with Kan Aoyagi, Yu lei and Kenta Shirahama</p> <p>In accordance with SNOC selection guidelines.</p> |
| <p>Approved Date</p> | <p>18 Aug 2025</p> |

**Selection Criteria
Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games
19 September to 4 October 2026**

Correct as at 5 August 2025

1. Nomination Criteria

- NSAs seeking to nominate athletes for the Games should establish qualifying standards and criteria, at least 15 months before the Games. These are open to all athletes and they should satisfy these standards in the NSA sanctioned championships. NSAs are required to submit their NSA Selection Criteria to SNOC/HPSI for endorsement before publication.
- NSAs should state clearly in the nominations via SportSync at least 6 months before the Games, the justification for the athletes to be selected.
- Athletes must be Singapore Citizens, and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination.

2. Selection Criteria

Subject to the other considerations listed at paragraph 3 below, the following criteria shall be applied in the selection process:

- Athletes who have currently achieved at least 6th placing e.g., time/distance/score/mark of the 2022 Asian Games. For team sports, they should currently be ranked 6th among the Asian Games countries.
- Athletes/Teams who miss the qualifying standard marginally but show potential to equal or surpass it in time for the Games.
- All achievements submitted for consideration should have taken place at international competitions sanctioned by the International and/or Regional controlling bodies, but NSAs may submit the achievements from overseas championships and meets of athletes studying in overseas tertiary institutions. However, these have to be properly accredited and sanctioned to be accepted.
- All achievements should be achieved from 1 May 2025 up to 31 July 2026, or before the Organising Committee's Entry-By-Name deadline (to be confirmed, whichever is earlier), as the nominations have to be submitted to the SNOC Appeals Committee for approval before the deadline. NSAs may follow the SNOC selection window period (1 May 2025 - 31 July 2026), on the condition that including these results (if achieved before their NSA selection policy publication date) does not affect other athletes' nomination or non-nomination status.
- 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."

3. Other Considerations

In addition to the above selection criteria, the following “qualities” of the athletes will be taken into consideration:

- Attitude and behavior 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.

4. Extenuating Circumstances

In consideration of the performance and “qualities” of athletes, the selectors may at their discretion consider extenuating circumstances. For this purpose, “extenuating circumstances” mean an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend event, training camps or other required attendances arising from:

- Injury or illness.
- Equipment failure.
- Travel delays.
- Bereavement; and
- Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider relevant.

5. Selection and Appeals

- The SNOC Selection Committee will meet in April 2026 (subject to the Organising Committee’s confirmation of the Accreditation deadline) to discuss the nominations from NSAs and select athletes/teams for the Games.
- NSAs can submit appeals to the SNOC Appeals Committee for athletes/teams who are not selected at the Selection Committee and/or athletes/teams who are already in the ‘Long List’. **The SNOC Appeals Committee will not deliberate the decisions made by the SNOC Selection Committee.** In the appeals, NSAs must provide new information that meets the selection criteria, information which had not been previously submitted to the SNOC Selection Committee.

Annex B (Men's) – Assessment Rubrics

| Criteria | Details / Requirements |
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| Position-specific performance | <p>Technical ability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual skills in defence • Individual skills in attack <p>Tactical ability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence • Attack <p>Psychological toughness</p> |
| Fitness | <p><u>Outfield Players:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 x 25m Sprint (30s round) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Best Sprint Time ○ Fatigue Index (Best Sprint – Worst Sprint) • Loaded Eggbeater (5kg) • Loaded Eggbeater (15kg) • 400m Time Trial <p><u>Goal Keepers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Evaluation (Coach Observation) • Shot Saving ability • Passing Accuracy (5m from goal) Left/Right Pin point • Post touch L/R 6 times (Timing) • Crossbar touch 6 times (Timing) • 1-0 Saving ability |
| Attendance | At least 80% attendance at trainings |
| Injury risk/status | A player whose high risk of injury could affect the team's strategies more |
| Versatility | This refers to the ability to play multiple positional requirements to achieve optimal team balance |
| Compatibility | This refers to the athlete's compatibility with the team on and off the field of play |
| Deployability | This refers to the athlete's potential to represent on future national teams |
| Input from Sports Science | By observation |

Annex C (Women's) – Assessment Rubrics

| | Selection Criteria | Weightage |
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| A | <p>Tactical performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tagging points during official competition | 30% |
| B | <p>Outfield Players:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In- water Vertical Jump <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absolute Jump Height ○ Relative Jump Height (Tip to Hip Length) • 8 x 25m Sprint (30s round) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Best Sprint Time ○ Fatigue Index (Best Sprint – Worst Sprint) <p>Loaded Eggbeater (5kg) for time 45 sec > - 5 points 40 sec – 4 points 35 sec – 3 points 30 sec – 2 points 25 sec – 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shooting Accuracy (Target, Accuracy) Point System: 7 Goal – 5 points 6 Goal – 4 points 5 Goal – 3 points 4 Goal – 2 points 3 Goal – 1 point <p>Long Pass (Distance) 20m – 5 points 18m – 4 points 16m – 3 points 14m – 2 points 12m – 1 point</p> <p>10 x 100m Freestyle (1:50 round) Point system: 1:15 < – 5 points 1:20 – 4 points 1:25 – 3 points 1:30 – 2 points 1:35 – 1 point</p> <p>Goal Keepers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 x 20sec Goal Touches – Avg. Total Time • Long Pass | 25% |

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| | <p>(Distance) Same as player</p> <p>10m Sprint Point 6sec – 5 points 6:50 – 4 points 7:00 – 3 points 7:50 – 2 points 8:00 – 1 point</p> <p>Loaded Eggbeater (5kg) for time (chin & elbow out of water, head looking forward) 1min > - 5 points 55 sec – 4 points 50 sec – 3 points 45 sec – 2 points 40 sec – 1 point</p> <p>In- water Vertical Jump</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absolute Jump Height • Relative Jump Height (Tip to Hip Length) • 1 x Side to Side Jumps, 20 secs (Total number of horizontal jumps) | |
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| C | <p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 80% • Only major exams, illness/injury will be exempted | 15% |
| D | <p>Injury risk/status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury risk to be determined via past injury history, isokinetic testing results etc | 5% |
| E | <p>Versatility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonus for athletes who are able to play in multiple positions • Not applicable for GK | 5% |
| F | <p>Input from Coaches (10%) and Managers (5%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of athlete’s attitude, contribute to team dynamics, potential for future growth etc | 15% |
| G | Input from Sports Science | 5% |
| | TOTAL | 100% |