

**Singapore Aquatics****Selection Policy for Non-SNOC Competitions****General Provisions****Replacement Meets for Overseas Based Athletes**

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- Overseas Based (OSB) Athletes not returning for SGP based National Qualification meets can utilize the following standardised windows where the SGP meet falls to substitute those meets with eligible qualification meets, unless specified otherwise:
  - Trimester 1 – January 1 to April 30
  - Trimester 2 – May 1 to August 31
  - Trimester 3 – Sept 1 to Dec 31
- OSB Athletes selected meets must comply with World Aquatics rules. Submission of these meets must be received prior to the selected event and by the latest at Singapore Aquatics (SAQ) by 1700hrs, prior to participation in their selection meet.
  - OSB athletes intending to nominate an alternate meet are required to declare this to SAQ 48h before the start of the SGP based National Qualification meets. Once declared, results from the SGP based National Qualification meet will not be considered, regardless of participation.
  - Nomination of Overseas meet is to be sent to [tracie.tan@sqaquatics.org.sg](mailto:tracie.tan@sqaquatics.org.sg)
  - The overseas based athlete is responsible to seek clarification from the host country that the meet is officiated under World Aquatics rules.
  - Any times submitted that are not from an eligible qualifying sanctioned event will NOT be accepted.
  - Official results must be sent directly to SAQ within two days of the meet conclusion,
  - Send results to [tracie.tan@sqaquatics.org.sg](mailto:tracie.tan@sqaquatics.org.sg)

**General Eligibility**

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To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all the following eligibility criteria and maintain through the Championships:

1. Be a Singapore citizen, eligible to represent Singapore.
  - a. Should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 21 years of age at the time of nomination.
2. Be a registered member of SAQ in good standing.
3. Have a signed current SAQ Athlete Agreement.
4. Met performance standards as determined by Singapore Aquatics, and/or the relevant governing body of the championship concerned.
5. Have competed and qualified in at least one of the designated selection events or a 2026 designated accredited meet if based overseas unless granted an exemption under the provisions of the criteria by the SAQ Selectors.
6. This exemption will only be granted due to extenuating circumstances. On request of SAQ, evidence shall be provided of the extenuating circumstances, prior to the exemption being considered.
  - a. Extenuating circumstances can include but is not limited to:
    - i. Injury or Illness

- ii. Equipment Failure
  - iii. Travel Delays
  - iv. Bereavement, and
  - v. Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.
7. Continues to train for, behave and act towards peak swimming performance.
8. Be available to fulfil the Team Commitments as listed below and any additional commitments following selection.
9. Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in ADS's, WADA's or WA's Anti-Doping By-law.

### **Team commitments**

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All swimmers and officials must:

1. Comply with the provisions of the SAQ Athletes and Officials Agreements at all times.
2. Conform to SAQ requirements regarding team participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable training plan, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required.
3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SAQ.
4. Not act in such a manner as to bring the SAQ, or teammates into public disrepute.
5. Swimmers and Officials are required to appear at events and platforms whereby their images and presence are needed to achieve SAQ objectives of giving back to the Sport and the wider community. These obligations will be further outlined in the SAQ Athletes and Officials Agreement as per Point 1.

### **Selection and Appeals**

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World Aquatics is the international governing body which sets federation eligibility to compete (BL 9.3.7.1). SAQ has adopted standards based on criteria set out by WA.

The selection committee will consist of the following

- Vice-President (Swimming)
- Assistant Secretary General (Swimming)
- National Head Coach
- Technical Director
- Deputy Executive Director

The appeals committee will consist of the following

- SAQ President
- SAQ Secretary General
- Ho Mun Wai

All athletes have the right to appeal.

Appeals with regards to the selection process by SAQ Selection Committee.

1. The process of appeal is as follows:
  - a. The swimmer's club will submit in writing to SAQ HPM within 48 hours following the announcement of nominations by selection committee, along with supporting evidence to be reviewed by the appeals committee.

- b. The appeals committee will deliberate on the merits of the appeal independently of the selection committee.
  - i. With consideration of fairness and consistency in selection based on the posted selection criteria (as per Performance Requirements in this document) and,
  - ii. With consideration of any special circumstances as described in the section “Eligibility” in this document.
- c. The appeals committee may request additional information from the athlete’s club through SAQ HPM if necessary, to further deliberate on the merits of the appeal.
- d. The committee will provide the HPM with outcome of the appeal to correspond to the said swimmer through their club.
- e. The decision of the appeals committee is final.

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The High Performance Team may amend these selection criteria at any time at its discretion with the approval of the SAQ Selection Committee.

#### **Notes**

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These General Provisions apply to all Singapore Aquatics non-SNOC selection policies and are incorporated by reference into each competition-specific selection policy.