



## **SINGAPORE TAEKWONDO FEDERATION**

### **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD 2025 SELECTION POLICY**

This policy is made by the Singapore Taekwondo Federation (STF) Board under Article 32 of the STF Constitution. This policy is subject to and is to be interpreted in accordance with the STF Constitution.



## OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Singapore Taekwondo Federation (STF) National Development Squad (NDS) Selection Policy is to provide fair and transparent guidelines for entry into the NDS.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Candidates must be members of clubs affiliated to the STF and citizens of the Republic of Singapore. Candidates must be 13 years old and above based on calendar year, i.e., born on or before 2012. They should not hold dual citizenship if they are 21 years old and above.
2. Candidates attending the selection should have obtained the approvals from their club's coaches.
3. Selection into the NDS shall be based on the following components:
  - 3.1 Competition-style Sparring/Poomsae;
  - 3.2 Technical skills; and
  - 3.3 Physical fitness.
  - 3.4 These components will be assessed by a panel of assessors to be appointed by the STF Board.
4. The following essential "qualities" of the candidates shall be considered:
  - 4.1 Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise;
  - 4.2 General conduct and character which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport;
  - 4.3 Past disciplinary record;
  - 4.4 Potential for future development; and
  - 4.5 Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials.
  - 4.6 Affiliates will be responsible for submitting an assessment of their candidate to participate in the selection.



### **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD**

1. Athletes admitted into NDS must be prepared to commit to a minimum of 80% of the training attendance based on the training programme planned by the High Performance Committee (HPC).
2. Athletes admitted into NDS are to remain in his/her club that has supported their application for the Selection and are not to switch clubs unless approval has been obtained.
3. Athletes admitted into NDS shall have the opportunities to represent Singapore at Major Games in 2025 through Selections. The tentative list of Major Games/Championships in 2025 are listed in Annex A. The identified games/championships may be postponed or cancelled by the organisers.

### **RESULTS**

The official selection results will be published on the STF website.

### **APPEALS FOR REVIEW**

1. Candidates may submit an appeal for review within TWO (2) days of the official announcement of the selection results on the STF Website to the STF Secretariat at [stkdf@mail.com](mailto:stkdf@mail.com).
2. The appellant shall be required to pay a bond fee of SGD 200.00 (subjected to GST), which will be forfeited if the appeal is assessed and determined to be unmeritorious or frivolous contrary to the objective selection criteria. Otherwise, the bond will be refunded to the appellant.
3. The STF Appeal Committee comprises at least two members and headed by an independent Board Member will review the case(s), and the appellant shall comply with



such requirements as may be directed, including attendance before the Committee and/or furnishing such evidence, documentary or otherwise, to support or substantiate the appeal for review. In the absence of such compliance of requirements, where applicable, the Committee shall in its absolute discretion, proceed with the review accordingly.

4. The result of the appeal for review shall be made known through the STF website or formally communicated to candidate's club/affiliate.
5. The review shall be subject to the endorsement or final adjudication of the STF Board whose decision shall be conclusive and final, and not open for further review.
6. A re-selection may be conducted by the assessors only if it has been determined by the STF Board that the selection process pursuant to the Selection Policy was not strictly adhered to. In the event of a re-selection, the appellant shall strictly comply with the terms and conditions as stipulated.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

The HPC and Selection Committee reserves the right to modify, amend or alter the above-mentioned selection criteria or waive compliance therewith, at its sole and absolute discretion, with the approval from STF Board, if such steps are deemed to be in the interest of Singapore Taekwondo and the STF.

Any clarifications regarding the STF NDS 2025 Selection Policy, please email enquiries to [stkdf@mail.com](mailto:stkdf@mail.com).

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ANNEX A: Tentative List of Major Games/Championships in Year 2025

Poomsae Events				
S/N	Event	Date	Location	Grade
1	8 <sup>th</sup> Asian Junior & 6 <sup>th</sup> Asian Cadet Taekwondo Poomsae Championships	24 – 31 July 2025	Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia	G2 (Junior)
2	SEA Games 2025	9 – 20 December 2025	Thailand	G1

Kyorugi Events				
S/N	Event	Date	Location	Grade
1	Fujairah 2025 World Taekwondo Cadet Championships	10 – 14 May 2025	Fujairah, UAE	N/A
2	13 <sup>th</sup> Asian Junior & 6 <sup>th</sup> Asian Cadet Taekwondo Championships	24 – 31 July 2025	Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia	G2 (Junior)
3	Wuxi 2025 World Taekwondo Championships	24 – 30 October 2025	Wuxi, China	G14
4	SEA Games 2025	9 – 20 December 2025	Thailand	G1