



SINGAPORE TAEKWONDO FEDERATION

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD 2026 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 2013. They should not hold dual citizenship if they are 22 years old and above.
2. Candidates attending the selection should have obtained approval 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 "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; and
 - 4.4 Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials.
 - 4.5 Affiliates will be responsible for submitting an assessment of their candidate to participate in the selection.



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1. Athletes admitted into NDS shall be required 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 may be considered for selection to represent Singapore at Major Games/Championships in 2026, subject to promotion to the National Training Squad through periodic assessments. Refer to Singapore Taekwondo Federation National Programme Tiering System in Appendix for information. The tentative list of Major Games/Championships in 2026 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 FOR NON-SELECTION MATTERS

1. Candidates may submit an appeal for review within TWO (2) days of the official announcement of the NDS 2026 selection results on the STF Website to the STF Secretariat at 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, which comprises at least three members 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 2026 Selection Policy, please email enquiries to stkdf@mail.com.

**ANNEX A: Tentative List of Major Games/Championships in Year 2026**

Poomsae Events				
S/N	Event	Date	Location	Grade
1	9 th Asian Taekwondo Championships	22 – 23 May 2026	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	G4
2	Chuncheon 2026 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships	16 – 20 September 2026	Chuncheon, Korea	G8
3	20 th Asian Games	1 – 3 October 2026	Japan	G4

Kyorugi Events				
S/N	Event	Date	Location	Grade
1	27 th Asian Taekwondo Championships	19 – 21 May 2026	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	G4
2	20 th Asian Games	1 – 3 October 2026	Japan	G4
3	Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games	31 October - 14 November 2026 (Taekwondo: TBC)	TBC	G6

Appendix: STF National Programme Tiering System


Tier	Description
National Team (Tier A)	1a. Selected by SNOC/STF to represent Singapore at Major Games (Olympics, Asian Games, SEA Games, Asian Youth Games, Youth Olympic Games) / Major Championships – Senior level only (World Championships, Asian Championships) 1b. spexScholar / spexPotential Athletes 1c. 100% funding for selected competitions and trainings
National Training Squad (Tier B)	2a. Selected by STF to represent Singapore at competitions* such as World/Asian Cadet & Junior Championships, ASEAN Championships, World Poomsae Championships (Cadet, Junior, over 30 years old onwards) 2b. Athletes who scored 71 – 85% in Periodic Assessments may be promoted to this tier. 2c. Promotion to Tier B does not guarantee automatic selection for the competitions stated in 2a*



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	2d. 50% funding support for selected competitions and trainings.
National Development Squad (Tier C)	3a. Entry via Open Selection 3b. Not eligible for Selection for Tier A / B events unless subsequently promoted to Tier B through periodic assessments) 3c. New 2026 NDS entrants are not be eligible for Tier B even if scored >71% in Open Selection. 3d. Self – funded for all competitions and trainings.