



Singapore Swimming Association
1st Youth Olympics Games 2010
Selection Policy
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will be staged in Singapore in August 2010.
- 1.2 This document outlines the procedure, criteria and related matters governing the nomination of swimmers and coaches to SNOC to represent Singapore at the YOG.
- 1.3 The selection of swimmers and coaches to be nominated to SNOC will be made by the SSA Selection Committee, comprising the SSA President, the SSA Secretary General, the SSA Vice President (Swimming) and the SSA Advisor, in accordance of the procedures set out herein.
- 1.4 The SSA Selection Committee shall be assisted by the Coaches Selection Panel, which shall comprise the SSA High Performance Team, the SSA High Performance Swimming Consultant, and three coach representatives to be appointed by the SSA Exco.
- 1.5 Although SSA will nominate swimmers for the YOG, the final selection rests with the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC).

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Athlete Eligibility is restricted to:
 - a) boys born between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993 and girls born between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1994, who are
 - b) Singapore Citizens; and are
 - c) registered and fully paid up under the SSA Swimmer Registration System for 2010.

3.0 QUALIFYING WINDOW

- 3.1 The qualifying window will be from 1 March 2009 to 21 March 2010.

4.0 QUALIFYING MEETS



- 4.1 All meets listed as Qualifying Swimming Events on the 2010 Youth Olympic Games page of the FINA website (see references in Para 10 herein) are approved as qualifying meets for the YOG, including, without limitation, the 2009 SNAG, the 2009 SNSC, and the 2010 SNAG.
- 4.2 In addition to the foregoing, the 25th SEA Games in Vientiane, Laos in December 2009 is also approved as a qualifying meet for the YOG.

5.0 QUALIFYING TIMES

- 5.1 The FINA A and B qualifying standards for the YOG are as follows:

BOYS' STANDARDS		EVENT	GIRLS' STANDARDS	
A	B		A	B
0:23.13	0:24.29	50M FREESTYLE	0:26.32	0:27.64
0:50.95	0:53.50	100M FREESTYLE	0:57.17	1:00.03
1:52.53	1:58.16	200M FREESTYLE	2:03.47	2:09.64
3:58.01	4:09.91	400M FREESTYLE	4:20.04	4:33.04
0:25.61	0:26.89	50M BACKSTROKE	0:28.87	0:30.31
0:57.07	0:59.92	100M BACKSTROKE	1:03.86	1:07.05
2:03.91	2:10.11	200M BACKSTROKE	2:17.38	2:24.25
0:28.27	0:29.68	50M BREASTSTROKE	0:31.86	0:33.45
1:03.72	1:06.90	100M BREASTSTROKE	1:11.43	1:15.00
2:18.37	2:25.29	200M BREASTSTROKE	2:33.40	2:41.07
0:24.24	0:25.35	50M BUTTERFLY	0:27.06	0:28.41
0:54.71	0:57.45	100M BUTTERFLY	1:01.43	1:04.50
2:01.79	2:07.88	200M BUTTERFLY	2:15.42	2:22.19
2:05.65	2:11.93	200M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	2:19.97	2:26.97

- 5.2 The qualifying status for each YOG event will be published on the SSA website not later than 15 February 2010, and updated as and when new swimmers and/or times are added to the list. Eligible swimmers who have met the qualifying standards at an approved qualifying meet but who do not appear on this list should notify SSA.

6.0 SSA SWIMMER SELECTION CRITERIA

- 6.1 Under the FINA Swimming Qualifying System, the host country may enter a team of 4 boys and 4 girls, regardless of qualifying standards.
- 6.2 In order to ensure that the team representing Singapore at the YOG has the best chance of achieving one or more podium positions at the YOG, the SSA Selection Committee will nominate to SNOC a shortlist of 8 boys and 8 girls (the "Shortlist") by 31 March 2010.
- 6.3 Automatic Inclusion on the Shortlist – Any swimmer meeting the FINA A qualifying standard during the qualifying window at an approved qualifying meet will be included on the Shortlist, provided that, if more than 8 boys or 8 girls have met the relevant FINA A qualifying standard, only the 8 boys or 8 girls with the highest FINA points score under "FINA Points Scoring 2008" will be included on the Shortlist



- 6.4 SSA Discretion to fill vacant slots on the Shortlist– If, at the close of the qualifying window on 21 March 2010, fewer than 8 boys or 8 girls have met the FINA A qualifying standard, the Coaches Selection Panel shall have the discretion to add additional swimmers to fill any vacant slots on the Shortlist, as follows:
- 6.4.1 Priority will be given to swimmers who are able to fill vacant slots on one or more relays.
 - 6.4.2 Swimmers meeting the FINA B qualifying time at a qualifying meet during the qualifying window will be considered to fill the vacant slots, at the discretion of SSA.
 - 6.4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, swimmers who have not met the FINA B qualifying time may also be considered to fill a vacant slot on a relay if they are the fastest swimmer available to fill a particular slot, and such swimmers may be included on the Shortlist at the discretion of SSA ahead of other swimmers who have met the FINA B qualifying standards.
- 6.5 Thereafter, the SSA Selection Committee will select from the shortlisted swimmers the 4 boys and 4 girls that will make up the final YOG team and will notify SNOC of this selection on or before 15 July 2010. The selection of the final YOG team will be at the discretion of the SSA Selection Committee, and shall be based on the following considerations:
- 6.5.1 Swimmers that, in the opinion of the SSA Selection Committee, have the best chance for a podium in an individual event at the YOG; and
 - 6.5.2 Swimmers that are part of one or more relay teams that, in the opinion of the SSA Selection Committee, have the best chance for a podium in a relay event at the YOG.
- 6.6 Shortlisted swimmers who are not selected to the final YOG team shall be reserves on the YOG team (to the extent permitted by SNOC and FINA) in the event that one or more swimmers selected to the final YOG team are unable to take part in the YOG.

7.0 PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF SHORTLIST; APPEALS

- 7.1 The Coaches' Selection Panel shall submit a preliminary shortlist of 8 boys and 8 girls to the SSA Selection Committee on 22 March 2010, together with a list of other swimmers who were considered by the Coaches Selection Panel but not included on the preliminary shortlist. At the same time, the preliminary shortlist shall be circulated to SSA affiliates and published on the SSA website.
- 7.2 All swimmers not included in the preliminary shortlist may lodge their written appeal (through their affiliates) with SSA by 5 pm on 26 March 2010.
- 7.3 Thereafter, the SSA Selection Committee shall meet to consider the preliminary shortlist submitted by the Coaches' Selection Panel and any written appeals received, and shall submit the final Shortlist of 8 boys and 8 girls to SNOC by 31 March 2010.

8.0 COACH SELECTION

- 8.1 After the submission of the final Shortlist to SNOC in accordance with Paragraph 7.3 herein, the Coaches' Selection Panel, will submit to the SSA Selection Committee its recommendations for YOG Head Coach and YOG Assistant Coaches for its consideration and nomination to SNOC. The



final number and identity of YOG Coaches selected will be subject to the discretion of the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC).

9.0 GENERAL

- 9.1 All swimmers on the Shortlist and nominated YOG Coaches shall attend SSA organized activities until the conclusion of the YOG and comply with SSA direction(s) that may be issued from time to time. These may include competitions, training camps and media conferences. If any swimmer or coach is unable to attend, permission should be obtained in writing from the National Head Coach.
- 9.2 Any swimmer who has been included on the Shortlist may only withdraw from the team due to illness or injury. SSA reserves the right to replace any nominated YOG Coach if his or her swimmer withdraws from the team.
- 9.3 In dealings with the media, swimmers should only talk about their own performances and coaches should only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. Only the National Head Coach may discuss performances of the entire team.

10.0 RELATED WEBSITES FOR REFERENCE

YOG website: www.singapore2010.sg

SSA website: www.swimming.org.sg

FINA YOG webpage: http://www.fina.org/project/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2178&Itemid=49).