



**Volleyball Association of Singapore
Major Games Selection Policy (Beach Volleyball)**

SINGAPORE BEACH VOLLEYBALL SELECTION POLICY 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Selection Policy applies to Men's and Women's Beach Volleyball Teams for 2018 and 2019. It will apply to the following selection decisions:
 - a. Decisions as to which teams/athletes to compete in the 2019 FIVB World Tour and Asian Tour events.
 - b. Selection of the teams/ athletes to compete in the 2019 FIVB World Championships.
 - c. Selection of teams/athletes to be nominated to 2019 South East Asian Games, which will be held Philippines from Nov 30th - Dec 10th, 2019.
- 1.2 The Policy will be applied by the VAS Beach Committee, which will make recommendations to the VAS Council for approval.
- 1.3 The criteria listed below will be applied in each selection decision. However, the weight given to each criterion will be totally at the discretion of the Selection Committee, and the weight may vary dependent on the selection decision being considered, and the timing of that decision.
- 1.4 The dates for the making of the various selection decisions are listed below as indicative and these may change at the recommendation of the Selection Committee.
- 1.5 The Selection Committee may propose any amendments to this Policy to the VAS Council at any time. Such amendments are only valid when adopted by the VAS Council (and endorsed by the FIVB, AVC and SNOC).
- 1.6 The Policy will constitute the 2019 Singapore South East Asian Games Team Nomination Criteria - Beach Volleyball and will be read in conjunction with the 2018 Selection Policy.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.1 In making the selection decisions referred to in A above, the Selection Committee will take into account the following Selection Criteria:
 - a. VAS, AVC, FIVB and SEA eligibility criteria;
 - b. AVC Beach Volleyball Rankings and National Series Rankings;
 - c. Top 4 (and 2 wild cards) teams from Nov 2018 & Apr 2019 NBS to compete in June 2019;
 - d. Pool play qualification with Top 2 teams (each gender representing SGP at SEA 2019);
 - e. Athletes who have currently achieved at least 3rd placing e.g. time/distance/score/mark of the 2017 SEA Games. For team sports, they should currently be ranked 3rd among the SEA Games countries.



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- f. Athletes/Teams who miss the qualifying standard marginally, but show potential to equal or surpass it in time for the Games.
- g. All achievements should be achieved from 14 August 2018 up to the Entry By Name deadline, which is 19 August 2019.
- h. Wild Card teams (2) Does not need to be granted if reasons for lack of participation in NBS isn't valid;
- i. Reason for Wild Card must be validated with reasonable explanation on why they did not participate in series and achieve top 4 result. If sick/ injured MC must be provided;
- j. The team/athletes availability to compete in and prepare for the SEA Games in particular: e.g. availability to train at Stadium/YCK Stadium or other locations as required;
- k. The team/athlete's commitment to the 2019 South East Asian Games preparation, FIVB World Tour Singapore, 2020 Olympic Games, and to follow the national team direction as specified by the VAS Beach Committee, Program Director/ Head Coach and HPM;
- l. The perceived potential candidate for development as individuals for the 2020 or 2024 Olympics and 2022 Commonwealth Games;
- m. Timely provision to the VAS HPM and PD/Head Coach of the team/athlete's performance plan. injury and fitness and competition readiness status, and their commitment to performance monitoring and reporting;
- n. Attendance at national training as notified by the VAS HPM and PD/Head Coach;
- o. National Tour results in 2018 and 2019 will be taken into account at the Selection Committee's discretion. The Committee may determine that events in the 2018 year may be used to make any final decision, provided advance notice of this has been given to the teams/athletes concerned;
- p. The Selection Committee may also determine that participation and results of a designated selection tournament, or play-off may be used to make any final decision, provided advance notice of this has been given to the teams/athletes concerned;
- q. Injury status and competition readiness.

3. SELECTION TIMELINE

3.1 The following are indicative dates for the Selection Decisions mentioned above. They may change as circumstances, entry closing dates and calendars change.

FIVB World Tour and AVC Asian Tour Events	On or before 35 days before the event, unless special circumstances apply
2019 Singapore World Tour (June)	On or 35 days before the event, or deadline to register for event



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2019 South East Asian Games	On or before June 14th, 2019
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4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 4.1 In order to be chosen by VAS as a member of a National Beach Volleyball team to compete in International events (including International events held in Australia) or to be nominated for the South East Asian Games, each athlete must:
- a. have a current and valid Singaporean Passport;
 - b. not have represented another country in any sport for the preceding two years;
 - c. be compliant with all applicable anti-doping policies, including those of the FIVB, the AOC, and VAS;
 - d. be injury or illness free which will or has the potential to impair, inhibit or prevent the athlete from performing at the requisite level;
 - e. be compliant with any eligibility guidelines published from time to time by the FIVB, AVC, SEA, including rules and guidelines which apply to eligibility to represent Singapore in the sport of beach volleyball; and
 - f. in the case of the 2019 South East Asian Games, have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves or their sport into disrepute.

5. APPEALS

- 5.1 The sole grounds upon which an athlete may appeal his or her non-selection in a Team or for an event are:
- a. The Selection Policy has not been properly followed or implemented
 - b. The athlete was prevented from having a reasonable opportunity to meet the Selection Criteria
 - c. There was no material on which the decision of the athlete's non-selection could be reasonably be based
 - d. The nomination decision was affected by bias
- 5.2 Any appeal from an athlete against their non-selection by VAS will be resolved according to the following procedure:
- a. The appeal will be heard by VAS Appeal Panel
 - b. The appeal must be by the athlete not selected
 - c. The appellant must give written notice, including grounds of his or her appeal to VAS council or body members within 48 hrs of being informed of the Selection Committee's decision
 - d. The Panel will comprise the following persons, as appointed by the VAS Council:
 - e. A council member (not comprising of the Selection Committee)



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- f. Person with a thorough knowledge of the sport and who preferably has had recent international competition experience in the sport; and
 - g. Another person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the Panel
 - h. No person is eligible to be appointed to the Panel if he or she is a member of the Selection Committee, or if by reason of his or her relationship with the appellant or any member of the Selection Committee he or she would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial
 - i. The Panel will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds of appeal. The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness
 - j. Prior to the hearing, the Selection Committee will provide the Panel and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for its decision (for which the appeal has been made)
 - k. The Panel will give its decision as soon as possible following the hearing and may provide the VAS Council and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision
 - l. VAS Council or President may impose any other procedures for the appeal which, in either's belief, is fair and appropriate in the circumstances
- 5.3 The decision of the Panel will be final and binding on the parties and it is agreed that neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the Panel, except in the case of the South East Asian Games selection.
- 5.4 Failure to observe the above time limits will render any appeal a nullity provided that an athlete may apply to the VAS Council for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. VAS Council has discretion whether to grant an extension of time, although shall only do so in circumstances where the delay is caused by extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete concerned.