33rd SEA Games Selection Policy

(9 – 20 December 2025)

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1. 2025 SEA Games Kickboxing Events

1.1. Senior Men Categories:

i. 51kg Low Kick

ii. 57kg Full Contact

iii. 57kg Kick Light

iv. 60kg K1 Style

v. 63kg Point Fighting

1.2. Senior Women's Categories:

i. 48kg Low Kick

ii. 50kg Point Fighting

iii. 52kg K1 Style

Each country is allowed to send a maximum of 1 athlete per event. This is subject to confirmation of events by the SEA Games Organizing Committee (SEAGOC).

2. Selection Events for 2025 and SNOC Timeline

Date	Description	Remarks
Mar 5 to 9	Italian World Cup	Tatami athlete
Mar 8	Entry by Sports deadline	
Mar (date TBC)	Serbia Open	Ring athlete
Apr 3 to 6	Grand Prix Sarajevo	Ring athlete
Apr 8	Entry by Number deadline	
Apr 15	Longlist phase begins via SportSync	
May 12 to 18	Turkish World Cup	Tatami athlete
May 15	Nomination phase begins via SportSync	
Jun 12 to 15	Hungarian World Cup	Tatami athlete
Jul 1*	KFS Selection Committee Meeting	
Jul (date TBC)	Long List and Nomination deadline	
Aug (date TBC)	SNOC Selection Committee Meeting	
Aug / Sep (date TBC)	Appeal Committee Meeting	
Sep 19	Entry by Name deadline	

**Subject to change depending on the deadline determined by SNOC*

2.1. The list of selection events is subject to change depending on the deadlines determined by SNOC. Any other international competitions from 22 January 2025 to 5 September 2025 sanctioned by the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) may also be considered as selection events. Approval from KFS must be sought prior to the competition for it to be considered in the selection process.

2.2. Tatami athletes are defined as athletes who compete in any of the 4 WAKO Tatami disciplines:

2.2.1. Point Fighting (PF);

2.2.2. Light Contact (LC);

2.2.3. Kick Light (KL);

2.2.4. Musical Form (MF).

2.3. Ring athletes are defined as athletes who compete in any of the 3 WAKO Ring disciplines:

2.3.1. Low Kick (LK);

2.3.2. Full Contact (FC);

2.3.3. K1 Style.

3. Eligibility

3.1. To be considered for selection, an athlete must meet all the following eligibility criteria and maintain through the 2025 SEA Games:

3.1.1. Be a Singapore Citizen and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old at the time of nomination, and fulfil the eligibility under the regulations from the SEA Games Federation;

3.1.2. Be a registered member of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS), from an affiliate club in good standing;

3.1.3. Have a signed current KFS Athlete Agreement;

3.1.4. Is an active athlete of KFS and has been training with the mandatory attendance for four consecutive months prior to the first selection event;

3.1.5. Met performance standards as designated by the Singapore National Olympic Committee (SNOC), which is determined as athletes who have currently achieved at least 3rd placing e.g., time/distance/score/mark of the 2023 SEA Games and/or be ranked 3rd among the Southeast Asian countries;

3.1.6. Has competed and qualified in at least two of the selection events stated in the previous section, unless granted an exemption under the provisions of the criteria by KFS;

3.1.7. This exemption will only be granted due to extenuating circumstances. On request of KFS, evidence shall be provided of the extenuating circumstances, prior to the exemption being considered. Extenuating circumstances can include but is not limited to:

i. Injury or Illness;

ii. Equipment Failure;

iii. Travel Delays/ Restrictions;

iv. Bereavement;

v. COVID-19 related cancellations and restrictions;

vi. Conflicting work / School commitments.

3.1.8. Continues to train for, behave and act towards peak kickboxing performance;

3.1.9. Be available to fulfil all training requirements set by the Head Coach;

3.1.10. 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 the Anti-Doping Singapore (ADS) By-law, the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) Anti-Doping By-law or the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) By-law.

3.2. The Selection Committee will nominate athletes from the National Team for the 2025 SEA Games. The Selection Committee may invite athletes from KFS' affiliate clubs for selection trials.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1. The top 1 athlete that demonstrates top 3 in Southeast Asia with the highest WAKO World Ranking will be nominated. In determining the top 1 athlete, priority will be given to the athlete who achieves the result of top 3 in Southeast Asia. The Selection Committee will select the athlete, based on the Selection Events and latest WAKO World Rankings from 22 January 2025 to 5 September 2025, or up to the date of the KFS Selection Committee Meeting, whichever is earlier.

4.2. In the event there is no athlete who meets the criteria, the Selection Committee may nominate the next highest ranked athlete in a parallel or related kickboxing discipline based on the WAKO World Ranking, provided the athlete fulfils the eligibility criteria and meets the performance benchmarks mandated by SNOC.

4.3. Pursuant to the Olympic Charter (By laws to Rules 27 and 28, paragraph 2.1), "Selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country."

5. Other Considerations

5.1. In addition to the above selection criteria, the following "qualities" of the athletes will be taken into consideration:

5.1.1. Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise;

5.1.2. General conduct and character which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or sport;

5.1.3. Past disciplinary record;

5.1.4. Current skill level and fitness;

i. Current skill level: The head coach and national coach will assess the technical proficiency of the athlete (i.e. his punching and kicking ability, footwork and movement, sparring ability) to determine his ability to perform if nominated.

ii. Fitness: The head coach and national coach will conduct a fitness assessment comprising of a variety of plyometric tests, muscular endurance tests and aerobic tests to determine the athlete's fitness level.

5.1.5. Level of commitment and attendance;

i. Athletes must have maintained the minimum 80% training attendance in the preceding 3 months prior to the KFS Selection Committee meeting and maintain the same 80% training attendance up till the SEA Games.

ii. Athletes must indicate their willingness in writing, to commit to the weekly training regime in addition to attending any overseas training camps, mandated by the head coach, if selected.

iii. For any variation of the training commitment, the athlete must proactively seek approval from the head coach and national coach at least one (1) month before.

5.1.6. Potential for future development[1];

5.1.7. Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and

5.1.8. Such other non-performance related qualities as the Selection Committee may consider to be relevant.

6. Selection Process

6.1. The selection policy will be published at www.kickboxing.org.sg. The Selection Committee will be convened on the date listed in this policy to select athletes based on the above criteria. The achievements from WAKO events and major championships should be achieved from 22 January 2025 to 5 September 2025, or the date of the Selection Committee meeting, whichever is earlier. The latest WAKO World Ranking on the date of the Selection Committee meeting will also be used in the selection process.

6.2. Athletes who are selected for the SEA Games will have to fulfil all training requirements set by the Head Coach. For development athletes who are selected, they must join national team training four months prior to SEA Games.

7. Selection Committee Composition

7.1. The Selection Committee will comprise of at least three (3) of the following members:

i. President;

ii. Secretary;

iii. Vice President;

iv. Head Coach;

v. 1 Board Member.

7.2. All Selection Committee members must disclose any conflict of interest (e.g., relationships with athletes, coaches or clubs). At the start of the meeting, all committee members will declare their conflict of interested, these are to be minuted.

7.3. Members with conflicts of interest must recuse themselves from relevant decisions (e.g. voting, participating in, or influencing the selection process).

[1] This is effectively a selection based on athlete development. The athlete may not achieve a high level result at these games but the experience will allow them to develop into a high performance athlete in future years.

8. Code of Conduct

8.1. If an athlete exhibits behaviour from the time of nomination or selection up till end of the SEA Games that may be considered damaging to the image of the Singapore team, the KFS Disciplinary and Ethical Committee will investigate and mete out the appropriate punishment.

8.2. In the event the undesired behaviour is exhibited during the SEA Games, the athlete may have to take responsibility for the total cost of the event (travel, hospitality and entry fees). There may be further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.

9. Appeal

9.1. Appeal against non-selection can be made in writing to the federation at info@kickboxing.org.sg within one (1) week after the Selection Committee meeting. An appeal will only be considered based on the following conditions:

9.1.1. There is an error in the calculation of the ranking;

9.1.2. There is an error in the results of the selected ranking competition;

9.1.3. There is an error as to recording of results of the selected ranking competitions; or

9.1.4. There is new information and/or results to further justify performance.

9.2. A bond of **Five Hundred Dollars Singapore Dollars (SGD $500)** must be lodged at the time of filing an appeal. Should the appeal be found to be unmeritorious or frivolous, the bond will be forfeited.

9.3. The appeal will not be a re-selection process but rather a process to inquire whether the decision reached by the selectors were properly made and according to the selection process and criteria laid out in this policy. The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final.

9.4. The Appeal Committee (comprising of 3 members not involved in the selection process) will be convened to investigate the issues of the appeal.

9.5. All Appeal Committee members must disclose any conflict of interest (e.g., relationships with athletes, coaches or clubs). At the start of the meeting, all committee members will declare their conflict of interested, these are to be minuted.

9.6. Members with conflicts of interest must recuse themselves from relevant decisions (e.g. voting, participating in, or influencing the selection process).

9.7. How to File an Appeal

9.7.1. Appeals must be lodged and received strictly within one (1) week (Monday to Friday only, 9am to 5pm) of the announcement of selection decisions. Any appeals received later than this deadline will not be entertained.

9.7.2. Appeals must be lodged through written submissions to Kickboxing Federation of Singapore and sent to:

i. **By Email**
Appeal Committee
Kickboxing Federation of Singapore
Email: info@kickboxing.org.sg

9.8. Payment of **Five Hundred Dollars Singapore Dollars (SGD $500)** per appeal must be made together with the appeal. For cheque payment, kindly address it to "Kickboxing Federation of Singapore". Failure to furnish the payment will result in the appeal being null and void.

10. Interpretation

10.1. The Board of KFS reserves the right to interpret any terms stated above should any queries or clarification surface. The decision of the Board is final.