

Singapore Xiangqi General Association 2022 Asian Games Athletes Selection Policy

INTRODUCTION

This selection policy describes the process and procedure to select athletes who will represent Singapore in Xiangqi event in the 2022 Asian Games staged in Hangzhou, China.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, SIXGA did not hold the annual national Xiangqi Championship in 2020 and 2021. It is also not practical to organize any large-scale selection tournament at this moment. The possibility of organizing online tournament is ruled out, as cheating using computer software has been rampant in online competitions, and it has proven hard to clamp it down.

However, SIXGA has decided to make its selection early, as we would like to prepare our athletes early by intensive trainings (which can be done through internet), with professional coaches from overseas.

The intend of this document is to set out a selection process which is fair, objective and transparent.

SELECTION PANEL

The SIXGA executive committee has nominated the following personnel to sit in the selection panel:

1. Lee Sit Seng (President)
2. Chow Kim Sun (Vice President)
3. Au Bok Soon (Secretary-General)
4. Chan Mau Yin (Dy Secretary-General)
5. Loh Jun Yu (Chairman Qualification)

The role of this panel is to oversee the entire selection process and ensure that it is carried out in accordance with the policy.

XIANGQI EVENTS IN 2022 ASIAN GAMES

According to the draft technical handbook published by the organizer, there will be 3 competition events for Xiangqi in the Asian Games.

- a) Mix team event (3 boards, 2 male, 1 female; 2 reserve players, 1 male and 1 female)
- b) Men's individual event (max 2 players from each country)
- c) Women's individual event (max 2 players from each country)

SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS

1. Mandatory requirements

There are certain mandatory requirements as required by the Organizing Committee which must be fulfilled. These are:

- (a) The Athlete must be a Singapore Citizen and do not hold dual-citizenship (if they are above 21 years of age); and
- (b) has not represented any other country in Asian Games for three years (till 31 Dec 2021)

2. Selection criteria

2.1 Based on the information obtained so far, SIXGA will nominate the following numbers of athletes to represent Singapore in the 2022 Asian Games for SNOC's approval.

- (a) Up to two (2) male athletes for the men's individual event;
- (b) Up to two (2) female athletes for the female's individual event;
- (c) 3 male and 2 female athletes for the mix team event.

2.2 Selection Process for individual events:

2.2.1 Only athletes who have participated in Asian Championship Tournament (individual event) organized/sanctioned by Asian Xiangqi Federation from 2011 to 2019 and achieved top 6 positions shall be considered.

2.2.2 If there are more athletes qualified under 2.2.1 than the required number, a selection trial will be conducted to select to top 2 athletes in each category.

2.3 Selection Process for mix team event:

2.3.1 All athletes selected for individual events shall also be selected for the mix team event. In case there are insufficient number of athletes to form the team, following process shall apply.

2.3.2 Ranking of athletes:

The ranking of the athletes are based on the following criterion:

- (a) Performance of the athletes in the National Championship, Division A;
- (b) The Grading Points of the athletes as at 31 Dec 2020.

A. National Championship (Division A) Performance:

A1. Base Points (N1):

Position	1 ST	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	>12 th
Pts (N1)	10	8	7	6	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	0

A2. Weightage according to year (N2)

Year of Championship	2019	2018	2017
Weightage (N2)	70%	20%	10%

A3. Points obtained from National Championships (N)

$$N = N1(2019)*N2(2019) + N1(2018)*N2(2018) + N1(2017)*N2(2017)$$

B. Athletes' Grading Points (As published in SIXGA's official webpage)

B1. Base Points (G1):

Grading Pts	2100	2000	1900	1800	<1800
Points (G1)	10	8	6	4	0

Points showed in the above table serve as a guide. The exact point (G1) is obtained from the following formula:

$$G1 = 10 - 2*(2100-Grading Point)/100, \text{ where Grading Points} \geq 1800$$

B2. Weightage according to the year an athlete last joined a qualifying competition

Date athlete last took part in competition	After 1/4/2019	From 1/4/2018 to 31/3/2019	From 1/6/2017 to 31/3/2018	Before 1/6/2017
Weightage (G2)	100%	50%	10%	0%

B3. Points obtained from Athlete's Grading Points (G)

$$G = G1(\text{Base Points}) * G2(\text{Corresponding weightage})$$

C. Total Ranking Points (R): Total points for ranking purpose is calculated by the following formula:

$$R = N*6 + G*4$$

2.4 Selection Trials

Athletes who achieved top 6 positions in the above ranking process will be invited to participate in a selection trial. Winners will be nominated to make up the required number of the mix team event.

3. Final Selection

SIXGA will shortlist appropriate number of athletes based on the above process and invite them to join the Asian Game 2022 team. Nomination will be done after athletes' reply to the invitation and the selection trial (if necessary).

Based on the above process, SIXGA will nominate the athletes and submit the nomination to SNOC. Final approval and selection of players for the Asian Games resides with the Singapore National Olympic Council.

APPEAL PANEL

The SIXGA executive committee has nominated the following personnel to sit in the Appeal Panel:

1. Lim Kwan How (Vice President)
2. Alvin Tan (Deputy Secretary General)
3. Ong Boon Leong (Chairman Study)

The panel will be responsible to entertain any query or complaint from any player with regard to the selection of athletes.

When necessary, the panel will convene meetings to make decisions with regard to any query or complaint. The meetings be chaired by Mr. Lim Kwan How.

APPEAL PROCESS

Appeal against the non-selection may be made in writing to the Chairman (Appeal Panel), Singapore Xiangqi General Association within 72 hours of the announcement of the players nominated for Asian Games to SNOC. (Email Address: Admin@xiangqi.sg attention to Asian Games Appeal Panel Chairman)

The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy and criteria was not properly followed.

An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to the Singapore Xiangqi General Association. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded in full.

Within three (3) working days of receiving the appeal, the Appeal Panel will meet to investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.

SIXGA will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeal Panel's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final.

DESELECTION

A player selected for the Asian Games 2022 may be deselected from the team if the player:

- Due to illness or injury becomes unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and the Technical Manager (after receiving medical advice).
- Demonstrate a lack of commitment to training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the responsible National Coaches and Technical Manager.
- Breaches or fails to fulfill a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of the Anti-Doping Singapore or other approved agencies, if applicable.
- Is caught cheating using computer software or any other means in any of the tournaments.

Where a player has been de-selected from the team for the singles event, SIXGA may fill the vacant position with the person next on the ranking list. However, this is subject to the rules of the competition.

PLANNED MILESTONES

The list of tentative milestones is:

(a)	Clearance of Selection Policy by Executive Committee	By 30 June 2021
(b)	Sending out of invitation letter to those players who have met our Initial Selection Criteria	By 31 July 2021
(c)	Deadline for selected players to revert	By 15 August 2021

(d)	Finalize Nomination List	By 30 September 2021
(e)	Centralized Training	January - August 2022
(f)	Asian Games in Hangzhou, China	September 2022

*The milestones above are tentative, and may be changed according to the official Asian Games and SNOC's selection process schedule.