

4th Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 3x3 Basketball Selection Criteria

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1. Objectives

- 1.1 This document lays out the criteria for Basketball Association of Singapore (**BAS**) to nominate athletes to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) for representation at the 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 (31 October 2026 to 13 November 2026) and the associated commitment level expected of the selected athlete.
- 1.2 This Policy is guided by the principle that only those who have a high potential to make Singapore proud at the Games would be nominated and selected by BAS, while the final selection of athlete remains at the discretion of SNOC.
- 1.3 BAS will publish the Policy via the BAS website, including any updates or changes to the Policy. Athletes and coaches will be responsible for ensuring that they are fully aware of and understand the Policy and its content, as well as updates and changes, if any, to the Policy.

2. Confidentiality

- 2.1 It is important for the integrity of the Policy and those involved in its application as athletes, selectors or other officials, to uphold a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may always have a bearing on the selection.
- 2.2 Any person who breaks this confidentiality may be removed from the selection and nomination process. All confidential information, conversations and discussions will be identified as such.

3. Athletes' Eligibility

- 3.1 To be eligible for nomination and selection, the athletes must fulfil the following:
 - a. Athletes must be born between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2010 (inclusive). Athletes selected for Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games cannot have played for the national team in basketball (5v5 or 3x3) for another country in an Official Competition of FIBA.
 - b. Athlete must have qualified for the 2026 National Youth Development Programme (**NYDP**) of the National Basketball Programme (**NBP**) or 3x3 National Team where applicable.
 - c. Athlete must have signed and accepted the 2026 NYDP Players Agreement.
 - d. Athletes must be Singapore Citizens and meet the eligibility criteria and age requirements for the Games, at the time of nomination.
 - e. Athlete must be a member of a club/school/programme that is affiliated to BAS. This is also applicable for overseas-based Athletes.
 - f. Athlete must be in good financial standing with BAS.
 - g. Athlete must have an active and valid SportSync account.
 - h. Athlete should upload and maintain an up-to-date competition results database on SportSync.

- 3.2 In alignment with BAS' commitment to ensuring the health, safety and optimal performance of our athletes, all individuals seeking selection for competition must be deemed medically fit to participate. Should an athlete be injured, they will need to be assessed, and their recovery monitored by the High Performance Sports Institute (HPSI) medical team. To be selected for the final shortlist, athletes must be medically cleared by the HPSI Medical Team by the Entry by Name deadline.

4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1 Each athlete will be considered against all the following criteria during the selection trials for the 4 male athletes to represent Singapore in 3x3 basketball for Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games:
- a. Refer to Annex A for selection criteria
- 4.2 All achievements should be achieved from 1 June 2026 up to 15 July 2026, or before the Organising Committee's Entry-By-Name deadline 15 September 2026, whichever is earlier, as the nominations must be submitted to the SNOC Appeals Committee for approval before the deadline.
- 4.3 Other Considerations - 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."
- a. Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise; general conduct and character, past disciplinary record, and overall image and attitude, where these may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
 - b. Current skill level, fitness, and overall physical conditioning, alongside potential for future development.
 - c. Desire and dedication to become a national athlete, including commitment to hard work, off-season skill development, and improving the mental aspect of basketball.
 - d. Good attendance at all training and team functions, and receptiveness to coaching.
 - e. Ability to play team-orientated 5-on-5 or 3x3 competitive basketball, accept given roles and responsibilities within the team, and demonstrate team spirit when working with teammates and officials.
 - f. Ability to be a role model and ambassador for the sport, including a desire to help promote basketball activities in Singapore.
 - g. Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

5. Selection Process

- 5.1 The YOG training squad will be formed through the National Youth Development Programme and 3x3 National Team in July 2026.
- 5.2 The YOG training squad will be assessed from July to September 2026 to select the Representative Team (final 4 male athletes).

- 5.3 The athlete's potential to meet the selection criteria (Annex A) is assessed by the YOG coaches through:
 - a. NYDP
 - b. 3x3 National Team where applicable
- 5.4 Athletes in the YOG training squad will be assessed by their respective coaches and team managers on their training progress, competition performances, discipline and attendance.

6. Extenuating Circumstances

- 6.1 In consideration of the performance and "qualities" of athletes, the selectors may at their discretion give consideration to extenuating circumstances. For this purpose, "extenuating circumstances" mean an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend event, training camps or other required attendances arising from:
 - a. Injury or illness.
 - b. Equipment failure.
 - c. Travel delays.
 - d. Bereavement; and
 - e. Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.
 - f. For athletes eligible for National Service (e.g. under the Voluntary Early Enlistment Scheme), it is the athlete's responsibility to inform NYDP of expected/scheduled enlistment and/or any essential military training (i.e. vocational course). The NYDP and BAS Selection & Development (S&D) Sub-Committee will consider athlete's national service commitment prior to nomination.
- 6.2 The Selection Committee reserves the right not to nominate an athlete to represent Singapore in the 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 if, in its sole opinion, the athlete concerned cannot meet the performance targets set by NYDP and/or cannot meet the performance targets set by SNOC.

7. Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games 3x3 Basketball Selection Committee

- 7.1 The Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games 3x3 Basketball Selection Committee will be chaired by Head Coach NYDP, National Basketball Programme (**NBP**), and consists of the following members to plan, monitor and evaluate the programmes leading up to the YOG:

Role	Designation
Chairman	Head Coach, NYDP, NBP
Co-Chair	Chair S&D, BAS
Member	Head Coach 3x3 National Team, NBP
Member	Coach, NYDP (Boys), NBP
Member	Head High Performance & Pathway, NBP

- 7.2 The terms of reference for the Committee are to:
- Review the selection criteria
 - Select athletes for the YOG training squad and Representative Team
 - Evaluate the performance of the players
 - Present details and explain decisions on selections of teams whenever the situation arises.

7.3 The Selection Committee can be contacted through neville_cheong@bas.org.sg.

8. Communication with Athletes

- 8.1 Players selected for final lists of the YOG Representative Team will receive official notification via a formal letter issued by BAS.

9. Withdrawal and Replacement

- 9.1 Once nominated or selected, athletes shall provide valid reasons (including but not limited to injury and bereavement) with supporting documents to neville_cheong@bas.org.sg if they intend to withdraw from nomination or selection.
- 9.2 Once a withdrawal is accepted, no further appeals or changes can be made for the athlete to be reinstated.
- 9.3 Disciplinary actions could be taken against athletes who withdraw without valid reasons.
- 9.4 The Selection Committee reserves the right to nominate/select or not to nominate/select a reserve athlete/team to SNOC as a replacement at its sole discretion based on athlete/team's ability to meet the nomination and selection criteria.
- 9.5 The Selection Committee may submit Late Athlete Replacement to SNOC and the Games Organising Committee, if athletes selected at the Entry-By-Name becomes unavailable due to injury, illness, disciplinary action, or other valid reasons.
- 12.1 The replacement athlete must have been previously nominated and approved by the SNOC Selection Committee or Appeals Committee.

10. Appeal Rights & Process

- 10.1 Appeals against the decision on selection or non-selection shall be lodged within 3 days of the announcement of the team selected for the YOG to the chairman of the YOG Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee shall consist of:
- Vice President of BAS
 - Secretary General of BAS
 - Programme Director, National Basketball Programme
- 10.2 The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection policy was not properly

followed. An appeal must be made in writing with appropriate and sufficient documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of SGD 300.00, payable to "Basketball Association of Singapore". If the appeal is not sustained, the deposit will be forfeited.

10.3 The Appeal Committee shall conduct an investigation and convene a meeting to hear the appeal within 7 days of the receipt of the appeal.

10.4 The Appeal Committee will make the final decision to allow or dismiss the appeal. BAS shall notify the athlete concerned on the decision in writing to allow or dismiss an appeal. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final.

10.5 The Appeal Committee can be contacted through BAS secretariat at +65 67438425 (office telephone) or email to neville_cheong@bas.org.sg.

11. De-Selection

11.1 An athlete selected for the YOG training squad or YOG representative team may be deselected if the athlete:

- a. Is unable to perform to the required standard due to illness or injury, as certified by a medical doctor
- b. Does not meet training requirements and/or tournament preparations in the opinion of the responsible national coaches
- c. Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the anti-doping policies of BAS, the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) or other approved agencies, if applicable.
- d. Failure to adhere to the BAS / HPSI code of conduct and terms of agreement
- e. Failure to adhere to SNOC Team Membership Agreement

11.2 When an athlete has been de-selected from the team, BAS may fill the vacant position with the athlete best able to fill the role for the team by position, as determined by the selection process described earlier.

11.3 For athlete replacements after Entry By Name - Replacement athletes must have been nominated from the long list and selected by SNOC for the respective event. Athlete replacement after the Entry By Name deadline is also subject to the approval of the Games Organising Committee in accordance with their late athlete replacement policy.

12. Conflict-of-Interest

12.1 This section outlines the standards and procedures for disclosing and managing conflicts of interest to ensure the integrity, impartiality, and fairness of the selection process. It aims to protect the credibility of the panel and maintain public confidence in the decision-making process.

12.2 This policy applies to all members of the YOG Selection Committee, Appeal Committee and any individuals involved in the decision-making or advisory capacity for the selection process. All panel members must promptly disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest. Disclosures should include sufficient detail to facilitate an informed decision on the appropriate course of action.

- 12.3 Where appropriate, the conflicted member may be required to recuse themselves from discussions, evaluations, and decisions related to the affected applicant(s)
- 12.4 The conflicted member may be excluded from the entire selection process to maintain its integrity
- 12.5 All disclosures of conflict of interest will be treated with strict confidentiality to maintain the confidentiality of all information related to applicants, deliberations, and decisions.
- 12.6 Failure to disclose a conflict of interest may result in removal from the entire selection process.

Annex A - Assessment Rubrics Selection Criteria / Requirement / Weightage

1. Tactical Understanding (25%):

- a) Ability to play team orientated competitive basketball
- b) Ability to execute coaches' instructions
- c) Ability to understand and execute team plays
- d) Ability to read and adapt game situations
- e) Receptiveness to coaching

2. Athletic Ability (35%):

- a) Technical Skills - Basketball fundamentals
- b) Physical and physiological attributes (Positional)
- c) Mental strength - execution under pressure

3. Attendance (15%):

- a) Meet at least 80% attendance, with prior-approved exemptions counted as fulfilled attendance.

4. Injury Risk/Status (5%):

- a) Determined via past injury history and isokinetic testing results

5. Versatility (5%):

- a) Ability to play multiple positions
- b) Ability to adapt

6. Input from Coaches and High- Performance Managers (10%):

- a) Assessment of athlete's attitude, contribution to team dynamics, and

potential for future growth

7. Sport Science Data (5%):

- a) Game statistics
- b) Performance data

Total: 100%

This assessment rubric ensures that athletes are evaluated thoroughly across various dimensions to optimize team selection for upcoming competition