



**SINGAPORE WUSHU DRAGON & LION DANCE FEDERATION  
33<sup>rd</sup> SOUTH-EAST ASIAN GAMES  
SELECTION POLICY FOR WUSHU SANDA ATHLETES**

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## 1. Introduction

The 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games will be held in Thailand from 9 to 20 December 2025.

The events that are available (subjected to change by the organiser):

SANDA	
MALE	FEMALE
65kg	56kg
70kg	60kg

## 2. Objectives

- To nominate the best athletes to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) for participation in the 33<sup>rd</sup> South-East Asian Games (SG25) in Thailand. The aim of these successfully nominated athletes will be to achieve the best possible results for Singapore. The final selection for SG25 will be at the discretion of the SNOC.
- This policy may be amended at any time if deemed necessary by SWDLDF or SNOC. SWDLDF will not be responsible or liable for any consequences resulting from such amendments.
- SWDLDF will publish this policy on SWDLDF website at ([www.wuzong.com](http://www.wuzong.com)). Athletes and coaches will be responsible for ensuring that they are fully aware and understand the policy and its content, as well as any changes made to the policy should they occur.



### 3. Selection Committee

- a) The selection committee shall consist of:

SANDA	
A)	SWDLDF Vice-Chairman (Wushu)
B)	SWDLDF Secretary General;
C)	Chairman of Wushu Sub-Committee;
D)	National Coach for Sanda (1 pax)
E)	Technical Experts (3 pax – IWUF International Wushu Sanda Judges and SWDLDF certified Sanda Judges)
F)	Secretariat (High Performance Manager/Executive)

- b) The Selection Committee will consist of 8 pax.
- c) Technical Experts on the Selection Committee for Sanda will be randomly chosen from willing volunteers who hold the IWUF International Judges qualification for Sanda, and willing volunteers who hold the SWDLDF Sanda Judges qualification.
- d) The Selection Committee will be responsible for organizing and monitoring the selection procedures.
- e) The Selection Committee will review the final list of athletes to be nominated to the SNOC based on the selection criteria and team structure requirements.
- f) The Selection Committee members will sign a Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality (**Annex A**). This is to ensure that all Selection Committee members execute their responsibilities in an honest, transparent and accountable manner.
- g) The Selection Committee is authorized under this policy to use their professional discretion in selecting athletes for SG25, provided they can demonstrate that their decisions were made with integrity, using reasonable and justifiable information and procedures.
- h) In the event that no athletes have met the selection criteria, the SWDLDF reserves the right to make the final decision on the nomination of any athletes to the SNOC. Nominations of athletes who have not met the selection criteria will be accompanied by justifiable reasons for the athletes' nomination.
- i) SNOC is the sport governing body in Singapore responsible for selecting athletes for the SEA Games and reviewing any appeal cases submitted by National Sports Associations (NSAs). SNOC holds the authority to make the final decision regarding which athletes will participate in SG25.



#### 4. Selection Process

To select the athletes that the SWDLDF will nominate to represent Singapore in Wushu in SG25, SWDLDF will apply the selection process:

Selection Process in sequence	Tentative Timeline
① Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination	April - May 2025
② Nomination of Athletes to SNOC	June 2025

#### A) Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination

##### A.1 Eligibility for Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination

- To be eligible to participate in the Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination, athletes
  - a) Current member of SWDLDF's Wushu Taolu National Training Programme
  - b) Must be a Singapore citizen and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old.
  - c) Must be eligible to represent Singapore in the international sports competitions.
  - d) May or may not have been previously nominated for other international competitions by the SWDLDF.
  - e) Must possess the knowledge and ability to execute Sanda combat techniques and be knowledgeable about Sanda rules and regulations.
  - f) Must have achieved at least a 1<sup>st</sup> placing in a recognised SWDLDF sanctioned National level Sanda competition AND/OR achieved at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> placing amongst South-East Asian Countries in a recognised Asian or World level competition in 2024. Please refer to **Annex B** for the list of recognised competitions. Please note that results from competitions listed in Annex B, if achieved before 1 October 2024, will not be considered for athlete nominations to SNOC should the athlete be selected. This is in accordance with the SNOC 33rd SEA Games Selection Criteria outlined in **Annex C**. Instead, these results will only be used to determine **eligibility** for participation in the SG25 selection trials. Please take note that meeting this



criterion only qualifies an athlete to participate in the selection trials for SG25 nomination.

- g) Must show interest in representing Singapore in SG25.

#### A.2 Criteria for Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination

- During the selection trials, athletes are required to demonstrate at least one of the events stated in the table below. Sanda athletes will participate in sparring.

SANDA	
MALE	FEMALE
65kg	56kg
70kg	60kg

*\*Events are subjected to change by the organiser*

- During the Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination, each athlete will be graded on the following areas:

SANDA			
	Assessment Areas	Points Allocated	Assessed by
I	Level of Commitment and Attendance	40 points	• High Performance Executive/Manager
II	Attitude	10 points	• National Coach for Sanda
III	Tactical Competencies	20 points	• National Coach for Sanda
IV	Technical Competencies	30 points	• Technical Experts (3 pax – IWUF International Wushu Sanda Judges and SWDLDF certified Sanda Judges)
<b>Total Points to be Awarded:</b>		100 points	



### I. Level of Commitment and Attendance (40 points)

- Based on their rate of attendance over the last 3 months.
- Depending on the athlete's attendance rate, he or she will be allocated points as seen in the table below:

<b>Level of Commitment and Attendance (40%)</b>	<b>Average Attendance Rate over 3 months</b>	80% - 85%	86% - 90%	91% - 95%	96% - 100%
	<b>Points Allocated</b>	20 - 24	25 - 30	31 - 35	36 - 40

### II. Attitude (10 points)

- Based on their attitude during training in the last 3 months, the head coach will evaluate the athletes' attitude.
- Depending on the athlete's grade, he or she will be allocated points as seen in the table below:

<b>Attitude (10%)</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<u>Excellent</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attends training on time</li> <li>Respectful to coaches, officials and peers</li> <li>Constantly strives to improve him/herself</li> </ul>	<u>Average</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occasionally late for training</li> <li>Generally respectful but may need reminders</li> <li>Puts in effort to improve but lacks consistency</li> </ul>	<u>Bad</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently late for training without valid reasons</li> <li>Disrespectful or uncooperative</li> <li>Lacks motivation to improve and puts in minimal effort</li> </ul>
	<b>Points Allocated</b>	9 - 10	6 - 8	0 - 5

### III. Tactical Competencies (20 points)

- Based on each athlete's performance in Sanda sparring, the athletes will be ranked based on their use and execution of Tactics and Strategy.
- Depending on the athlete's ranking, he or she will be allocated points as seen in the table below:



Tactical Competencies (20%)	Ranking	1	2	3	4	≥5
	Points Allocated	20	15	10	5	0

#### IV. Technical Competencies (30 points)

- Based on each athlete's performance in Sanda sparring, the athletes will be ranked based on their use and execution of Technical Sanda skills.
- Depending on the evaluation that will be done during the Sanda sparring, each athlete will be given a grade of High, Average and Low. Points are allocated for each grade as seen in the table below:

Technical Competencies (30%)	Grade	High	Average	Low
	Points Allocated	30	15	5

**A.3** After the Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination, based on the results of the trial, and the team structure requirements, nominations will then be made to SNOC to represent Singapore in SG25.

**A.4** In the event that two or more athletes who have selected the same event achieve the same score during the Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination, SWDLDF reserves the right to replace one of them with another athlete (who may or may not be of a lower ranking) who has chosen a different event, for nomination to SNOC.

**A.5** In the event that after selection, the athlete is not able to participate in an international competition and unable to demonstrate the ability to achieve a Top 3 ranking amongst South-East Asian countries between date of publication of this document and 15 July 2025, SWDLDF reserves the right to replace the athlete and nominate the next ranked athlete from the selection trials that has participated in an international competition and achieved results that demonstrates the ability to achieve a Top 3 ranking amongst South-East Asian countries from date of publication of this document to 15 July 2025. Please note that results achieved between 1 October 2024 and the publication date of this document **cannot serve as the primary basis for athlete nominations** for SG25; they may only be used to support nominations.

**A.6** All athletes who participate in the Selection Trials for SG25 Nomination will be informed of the results in writing.

**A.7** Athletes are prohibited from discussing personal or performance-related grievances regarding selection matters with the press/media or on social media. If



athletes feel they have been treated unfairly, they should utilize the appropriate channels for appeal.

**A.8** All athletes are responsible for keeping confidential any information shared by the SWDLDF, particularly regarding public or media announcements about their participation in competitions or games, unless prior consent is obtained from the SWDLDF or SNOC.

## **5. Code of Conduct for Athletes Selected for Representation of Singapore at SG25**

- Upon selection, athletes are to;
  - A) Conduct oneself in a manner that upholds the principles of fair play and responsible behaviour.
  - B) Acknowledge, respect, and comply with the authority of the SWDLDF.
  - C) Avoid using any substances that may hinder performance, including, but not limited to, tobacco and alcohol.
  - D) Refrain from using any substances prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Code, as enforced by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and Anti-Doping Singapore (ADS).
  - E) Maintain or enhance fitness levels to ensure that competitive performance meets the high standards required for both local and international competitions.
  - F) Attend all training camps as required.
  - G) Complete sports science tests as required.
  - H) Comply with the policies and rules set forth by the SWDLDF and SNOC's team membership agreement.
  - I) Meets the attendance requirement of 90% and other stipulations outlined in the SWDLDF Athletes' Handbook.
    - In the case of absence or injury, the athlete is to produce a valid medical certificate from a qualified physician for submission to SWDLDF.
    - The athlete shall direct any requests for release or absence from training to the SWDLDF.



- Athletes who are unable to attend training sessions must notify the SWDLDF in advance.
  - J) Show respect to all individuals, including coaches, competitors, officials, and spectators.
  - K) Honor and respect the property of others.
  - L) Refrain from illegal or inappropriate behaviour that could harm his/her reputation and that of the SWDLDF, and Singapore.
  - M) Maintain a positive attitude and behave in a manner that brings honour to him/herself, the staff, the sport of Wushu, the SWDLDF, and Singapore.
  - N) Remember that he/she is an ambassador for both the SWDLDF and Singapore.
- Failure to comply with the above may lead to a reassessment of eligibility to remain on the team or immediate expulsion from the team.
  - If an athlete has disciplinary issues or displays behaviour that could harm the image of Team Singapore and the SWDLDF, the athlete will be referred to the Selection Committee. Based on the ruling by the Selection Committee, the athlete may be held responsible for the total costs incurred as a result of their successful nomination for SG25 (including travel, hospitality, and entry fees). Additional disciplinary actions may be taken depending on the severity of the incident(s).

## 6. Appeal Process

- a) Appeal against non-selection must be made in the form of writing, with valid and clear reasons for appeal, and be addressed to the Chairman of the SWDLDF within 24 hours after the selection results are released. Written intentions to appeal must be sent to the email: [info@wuzong.com](mailto:info@wuzong.com).
- b) The only ground for appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed. No other reasons for appeal will be entertained.
- c) An appeals panel will investigate any appeals raised against the selection process. The appeals panel will consist of 5 individuals that did not take part in the selection committee.

No.	Appeals Panel Members
1	SWDLDF Vice-Presidents (2 pax)
2	SWDLDF Chairman
3	SWDLDF Secretariat (CEO and Technical Director/Manager) (2 pax)





- d) A fee of \$327.00 (inclusive of GST), payable to Singapore Wushu Dragon & Lion Dance Federation, must be made for any appeal. If the appeals panel finds the appeal to be unreasonable or without merit, the deposit will be forfeited.
- e) The appeal process **will not involve a re-selection** but will focus on evaluating whether the original decision was made correctly. If any issues are found in the selection process, athletes will not need to undergo a re-trial. Instead, the original selection committee will be directed to make the necessary corrections. The appeal committee will then review these corrections before finalizing and announcing any changes to the selection outcome.
- f) SWDLDF will, in writing, inform all parties of the Appeal Panel's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final and no further correspondence will be entertained.

## 7. Disputes

- a) In the event of a conflict or dispute, SWDLDF reserves the right to interpret this document and exercise its sole discretion in resolving the matter.

## 8. Timeline

Date	Milestone
Feb 2025	Publication of SWDLDF selection policy on website
8 Mar 2025	Entry by Sports Deadline
9 Apr 2025	Entry by Number Deadline
15 Apr to Jul 2025 (TBC)	Longlist Phase (via SportSync)
Apr 2025 (TBC)	Selection Trials for the 33 <sup>rd</sup> SEA Games
15 Jul 2025	Achievements Deadline
19 Sep 2025	Entry by Name Deadline

*\*All dates above are subject to SEA Games Organizing Committee and/or SNOC's confirmation of deadline*

\*SWDLDF reserves the right to modify, amend or alter the above criteria or waive compliance therewith at its sole discretion, if such steps are in the interest of the sport.



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## Annex A

### **Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality For Members of the SEA Games 2025 Selection Committee**

As a member of the SEA Games 2025 Wushu Sanda Selection Committee, I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge and agree to abide by the following principles of impartiality and confidentiality:

#### **1. Impartiality**

- I commit to carrying out my responsibilities as a member of the Selection Committee with objectivity, fairness, and transparency.
- I declare that I have no personal, financial, or other conflicts of interest that may influence my decisions in the selection process. Should any conflict arise during the selection process, I will immediately disclose it to the Singapore Wushu Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (SWDLDF).
- I agree to make decisions based solely on the established selection criteria and the information presented, without favouritism or prejudice towards any athlete or party.

#### **2. Confidentiality**

- I understand that all information, discussions, and documents related to the selection process are strictly confidential.
- I agree not to disclose or discuss any confidential information regarding the selection process, decisions, or outcomes, except as required within the scope of my official duties on the Selection Committee.
- I will not share any details of athletes' performance evaluations, scoring, or personal data with any unauthorized individuals or external parties.
- This commitment to confidentiality remains in effect during and after the selection process, unless otherwise authorized by SWDLDF.

By signing this declaration, I affirm my understanding of and commitment to these principles. I acknowledge that any breach of impartiality or confidentiality may result in my removal from the Selection Committee and potential further action by SWDLDF.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### Annex B

#### List of Recognised Sanda Competitions for Selection Trials Eligibility

Please note that athletes must have achieved at least a 1<sup>st</sup> placing in a recognised SWDLDF sanctioned National level Sanda competition AND/OR achieved at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> placing amongst South-East Asian Countries in a recognised Asian or World level competition. The recognised National and International Sanda Competitions are listed below. Please take note that this criterion is just for **eligibility** to take part in the selection trials for SG25 nomination.

1. Singapore National Wushu Championships 2024\*
2. CEMERLANG Cup Invitational Sanda Competition 2024\*
3. China-ASEAN Sanda Championships 2025 (TBC)

*\*Please take note that results achieved in these competitions will not be used in athlete nomination should the athlete be selected at the SG25 selection trials. This is because the timing of these competitions do not fall within the results consideration timeframe stipulated in the SNOC 33rd SEA Games Selection Criteria.*

Please note that results achieved between 1 October 2024 and the publication date of this document cannot serve as the primary basis for athlete nominations for SG25; they may only be used to support nominations.

If athletes wish to submit results from competitions not listed, they must request approval by contacting the Wushu Subcommittee Chairman at [wushuchairman@wuzong.com](mailto:wushuchairman@wuzong.com). The request should include details such as the date and location of the competition, along with the regulations and finalized results. A written response will be provided via email once a decision has been made.



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Annex C

### Selection Criteria

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Southeast Asian (SEA) Games

9 to 20 December 2025



Correct as at 23 September 2024

#### 1. Nomination Criteria

- NSAs seeking to nominate athletes for the Games should establish qualifying standards and criteria, at least 13 months before the Games. These are open to all athletes and they should satisfy these standards in the NSA sanctioned championships. NSAs are required to submit their NSA Selection Criteria to SNOC/SSI for endorsement before publication.
- NSAs should state clearly in the nominations via SportSync at least 6 months before the Games, the justification for the athletes to be selected.
- Athletes must be Singapore Citizens, and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old, at the time of nomination.

#### 2. Selection Criteria

Subject to the other considerations listed at paragraph 3 below, the following criteria shall be applied in the selection process:

- Athletes who have currently achieved at least 3rd placing e.g., time/distance/score/mark of the 2023 SEA Games. For team sports, they should currently be ranked 3rd among the SEA Games countries.
- Athletes/Teams who miss the qualifying standard marginally but show potential to equal or surpass it in time for the Games.
- All achievements submitted for consideration should have taken place at international competitions sanctioned by the International and/or Regional controlling bodies, but NSAs may submit the achievements from overseas championships and meets of athletes studying in overseas tertiary institutions. However, these have to be properly accredited and sanctioned to be accepted.



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- All achievements should be achieved from 1 October 2024 up to 5 September 2025, which is 2 weeks before the 19 September Entry by Name deadline, as the nominations have to be submitted to the SNOC Appeals Committee for approval before the deadline.
- 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.”

### **3. Other Considerations**

In addition to the above selection criteria, the following “qualities” of the athletes will be taken into consideration:

- Attitude and behaviour towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, ***whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise.***
- General conduct ***and character*** which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
- **Past disciplinary record;**
- Current skill level and fitness; **and character**
- Level of commitment and attendance.
- Potential for future development:
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
- Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

### **4. Extenuating Circumstances**

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:

- Injury or illness.
- Equipment failure.
- Travel delays.
- Bereavement; and
- Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.



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## **5. Selection and Appeals**

- The SNOC Selection Committee will meet in July 2025 (subject to the Organising Committee's confirmation of the Accreditation deadline) to discuss the nominations from NSAs and select athletes/teams for the Games.
- NSAs can submit appeals to the SNOC Appeals Committee for athletes/teams who are not selected at the Selection Committee. In the appeals, NSAs have to provide new information that meets the selection criteria, information which had not been previously submitted to the Selection Committee.