



**SINGAPORE WUSHU DRAGON & LION DANCE FEDERATION
20TH ASIAN GAMES 2026
SELECTION POLICY FOR WUSHU SANDA ATHLETES**

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1. Introduction

The 20th Asian Games 2026 will be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan from 19 September to 4 October 2026.

The events available are:

SANDA	
MALE	FEMALE
56kg	52kg
60kg	60kg
65kg	
70kg	
75kg	

Each country can send a maximum of **4 male and 2 female** Wushu Sanda athletes to the 20th Asian Games. Each country can only send one athlete per event.

2. Objectives

- To select the best athletes for nomination to the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) for participation to deliver the best possible results for Singapore in the 20th Asian Games 2026 (AG26) in Japan. The final selection for AG26 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). 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.

*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.



3. Selection Committee

a) The selection committee shall consist of:

SANDA	
A)	SWDLDF Secretary General;
B)	SWDLDF Assistant Secretary General (Wushu)
C)	Chairman of Wushu Sub-Committee;
D)	National Coach for Wushu Sanda;
E)	Technical Expert (1 pax – IWUF International Wushu Sanda Judges)
F)	Management Committee Member (1 pax)
G)	Secretariat (High Performance Manager)

b) The Selection Committee will consist of 7 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.

d) The Selection Committee shall be responsible for organising and monitoring the selection procedures.

- a. The Selection Committee will select the final list of athletes to be nominated to the SNOC based on the selection criteria and team structure requirements.
- b. The Selection Committee is entitled within this policy to use their discretion to select athletes for AG26 provided that they can demonstrate that any discretion used was arrived at through a process of integrity where the information used and procedures taken were reasonable and justifiable.
- c. In the event that no athletes made the selection criteria, SWDLDF reserves the right to the final decision on whether to nominate any athletes to the SNOC.
- d. The SNOC is the body which selects the athletes for the Games, and considers any appeal cases which the NSAs may submit. Final Decision for participation at AG26 will be at the sole discretion of SNOC.



4. Selection Process

To select the athletes that the SWDLDF will nominate to represent Singapore in Wushu Sanda in AG26, SWDLDF will apply the selection process:

Selection Process in sequence	Tentative Timeline
① Open Recruitment for the Wushu Sanda National Team	April 2026
② Wushu Sanda Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination	April 2026
③ Nomination of Athletes to SNOC	April 2026

Note: All dates provided in this timeline are subject to change based on the schedules and requirements set by the SNOC and the Asian Games Organising Committee. Athletes are advised to stay informed of any updates or modifications to these dates.

A) Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination

A.1 The Open Recruitment for Wushu Sanda will be held in April 2026 to select Sanda athletes to join the SWDLDF National Wushu Sanda Team. These athletes will train at the SWDLDF with the National Coaches for Sanda.

A.2 All Sanda athletes that are training with the SWDLDF in 2026 are invited to take part in the Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination.

A.3 Eligibility for Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination

To be eligible to participate in the Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination, athletes

- a) Must be a Singapore citizen born between 1 January 1986 and 31 December 2008 (as stated by the AG26 Wushu Technical Handbook), and should not be holding dual citizenship if they are above 22 years old.
- b) Must be eligible to represent Singapore in the international sports competitions.
- c) May or may not have been previously nominated for other international competitions by the SWDLDF.



d) Must possess the knowledge and ability to fight Sanda matches according to the latest rules and regulations set by the International Wushu Federation (IWUF).

e) Must show interest in representing Singapore in AG26.

A.4 Criteria for Selection Trials for AG26 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
56kg	52kg
60kg	60kg
65kg	
70kg	
75kg	

**Events are subjected to change by the organiser*

- During the Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination, each athlete will be graded on the following areas:

SANDA			
	Assessment Areas	Points Allocated	Assessed by
I	Level of Commitment and Attendance	10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Performance Executive/Manager
II	Attitude	20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Coach for Sanda
III	Tactical Competencies	20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Coach for Sanda • Technical Experts (3 pax – IWUF International Wushu Sanda Judges and SWDLDF certified Sanda Judges)
IV	Technical Competencies	50 points	
Total Points to be Awarded:		100 points	

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I. Level of Commitment and Attendance (10 points)

- Assessment will be based on the athlete's attendance record for the preceding three months, or the corresponding period from the date the athlete joined the programme if their participation has been less than three months.
- Depending on the athlete's attendance rate, he or she will be allocated points as seen in the table below:

Level of Commitment and Attendance (10%)	Average Attendance Rate over 3 months	81% - 85%	86% - 90%	91% - 95%	96% - 100%
	Points Allocated	4	6	8	10

II. Attitude (20 points)

- Assessment of the athlete's attitude will be based on their conduct during training over the preceding three months, or from the date the athlete joined the National Team programme if their participation has been less than three months, up to the date of the selection trial. This assessment will be done by the National Coach for Wushu Sanda.
- Depending on the athlete's grade, he or she will be allocated points as seen in the table below:

Attitude (20 points)	
Points Allocated	Rubrics
16 - 20	<p>Excellent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always attends training on time and maintains full attendance. • Consistently demonstrates respect and positive behaviour towards coaches, officials, and peers. • Actively seeks feedback and consistently strives to improve performance, skills, and discipline.
11-15	<p>Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually attends training on time, with minimal lateness or absence (well-communicated). • Generally respectful, with only rare lapses that are promptly corrected. • Makes effort to improve when prompted and shows a positive attitude toward learning.



6 - 10	<p>Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently late or absent, with inconsistent communication. • Occasionally displays disrespectful behaviour or attitude that affects team harmony. • Shows limited initiative for improvement; relies mainly on external prompting.
1 - 5	<p>Poor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly late or absent without prior notice or valid reason. • Regularly displays disrespectful or disruptive behaviour towards others. • Shows little to no effort to improve performance or attitude despite feedback.

III. Tactical Competencies (20 points)

- Based on each athlete's performance at the Selection Trials, the athletes will be scored based on their use and execution of Tactics and Strategy.
- The athletes will be scored based on their tactical competencies in 4 areas: Attack-Defence Response (5 points), Distance Control (5 points), Timing Control (5 points), Strategic Thinking (5 points).

Tactical Competencies 战术要领 (20 pts)	Points Allocated
Attack-Defence Response 攻防反应	5
Distance Control 距离的控制	5
Timing Control 时机把握	5
Strategic Thinking 比赛策略	5

Grading of Each Tactical Competency				
Excellent: Demonstrates this competency very well	Good: Demonstrates this competency well	Fair: Is able to demonstrate this competency	Poor: Is able to demonstrate this competency with some difficulty	Very Poor: Unable to demonstrate this competency
5 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt

IV. Technical Competencies (50 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.



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- The athletes will be scored based on their tactical competencies in 5 areas: Takedown, Resisting Takedowns, Hand and Foot Combinations, Reactiveness and Footwork & Movement.

Technical Competencies 技术要领	Score Allocated
Takedown 摔法	5
Resisting Takedown 防摔	5
Hand Technique Combinations (手) 攻击组合	5
Leg Technique Combinations (脚) 攻击组合	5
Reactiveness 起动能力	5
Footwork & Movement 步法与移动	5
Total	30

Grading of Each Tactical Competency				
Excellent: Demonstrates this competency very well, and executes the technique with great timing	Good: Demonstrates this competency well and executes the technique with good timing	Fair: Is able to demonstrate this competency, and the timing of execution is reasonable	Poor: Has difficulties demonstrating this competency and the timing of execution is off.	Very Poor: Unable to demonstrate this competency.
5 pts	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt

- The total score for the evaluation of technical competencies is 30, which will be converted to a score out of 50 points.

$$\text{Technical Competencies (50\%)} = (\text{Score out of 30} \div 30) \times 50$$

A.5 After the Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination, based on the results of the trial, and the team structure requirements, nominations will then be made to SNOC to represent Singapore in AG26. SWDLDF reserves the right to nominate more than four (4) male and two (2) female Sanda athletes for the Asian Games contingent for the purpose of identifying potential Replacement Athletes (refer to 5.). Notwithstanding the number of athletes nominated, only four (4) male and two (2) female Sanda athletes will be selected for the final contingent, subject to SNOC's approval, and these selections shall be based on athletes' performance and ranking in the AG26 Selection Trials.

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A.6 In the event that two or more athletes who have selected the same event achieve identical scores during the Selection Trials for AG26 nomination, SWDLDF also reserves the discretion to nominate an athlete who may have selected a different event and may have been ranked lower—where this athlete is assessed to better optimise Singapore’s overall medal potential. Where a tie-break is required for athletes in the same event who achieved the same overall Selection Trial score, priority shall be given to the athlete who won the match at the Selection Trials, and this athlete shall be selected as the nominated athlete.

A.7 In the event that a selected athlete is not able to participate in an international competition and demonstrates the ability to achieve a Top 6 ranking amongst Asian Games countries 1 week before the Appeal deadline for AG26, 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 6 ranking amongst Asian Games 1 week before the Appeal deadline for AG26. **Please note that results achieved between 1 May 2025 and the publication date of this document cannot serve as the primary basis for athlete nominations for AG26; they may only be used to support nominations.**

A.8 All athletes who participate in the Selection Trials for AG26 Nomination will be informed of the results in writing.

A.9 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.10 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. Replacement Athletes

- a) Replacement Athletes are defined as athletes who are nominated but not selected for the Asian Games contingent by SWDLDF, and who may only be activated upon SNOC’s approval in the event that one of the top four (4) male and top two (2) female athletes withdraws from participating in AG26. These athletes shall be identified based on their ranking in the Selection Trials.
- b) In the event that an athlete from the top four (4) male and top two (2) female Sanda athletes withdraws the Replacement Athlete shall be the next highest-ranked athlete from the Selection Trials who either:
 - a. competes in the same event as the athlete who has withdrawn; OR



- b. competes in a different event that is not already represented by the remaining top four (4) male and two (2) female Sanda athletes, where this is assessed to better optimise Singapore's overall medal potential.
- c) Note that 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.

6. Code of Conduct for Athletes Selected for Representation of Singapore at AG26

- 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 AG26 (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 using the official Appeal Request Form (Annex B) and be addressed to the AG26 Selection Committee within 48 hours after the selection results are released. Written intentions to appeal must be sent to the email: hp_manager@wuzong.com.

- b) Appeals may only be submitted by the athlete concerned or, if the athlete is 18 years and below, by their parent or legal guardian. Appeals on behalf of other individuals will **not be accepted** under any circumstances.

- c) The appeal can only be lodged on the following grounds:
 - The criteria for selection were not adhered to.
 - The athlete was denied an equal opportunity during the selection process.



- New evidence of performance or considerations that emerged after the initial selection but still meets SWDLDF's selection criteria.

- d) Appeals will be evaluated by an independent Appeal Panel consisting of three members. The panel will comprise individuals who did not participate in the selection process and will include technical experts with international judging qualifications.
 - a. Relevant videos or technical materials will only be reviewed internally by the Appeal Panel and will not be shared externally.

- e) 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.

- f) The appeal process **will not involve re-selection** but will instead assess whether the original decision was made correctly. If issues are identified in the selection process, athletes will not be required to undergo a re-trial.

- g) The appeal panel will recommend a decision to SWDLDF's Management Committee (MC) for final approval. The MC may:
 - a. Dismiss the appeal and uphold the decision by the selection committee;
 - b. Accept the appeal and select the athlete (contingent upon available quota and team composition requirements).

MC members involved in the original selection committee will recuse themselves from the final approval.

- h) Where an appeal by Athlete A may reasonably affect the selection status of Athlete B, Athlete B shall be given an opportunity to provide a written response limited to factual matters directly related to the appeal. This opportunity shall not constitute a separate appeal or a reopening of the selection decision in their favor. The Appeal Panel will consider Athlete B's written submission as part of the appeal review, without requiring Athlete B's attendance at the hearing.

- i) SWDLDF will, in writing, inform all parties of the Appeal Panel's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal.

- j) The decision of the Appeal Panel (upon approval by the MC) will be final, and no further correspondence will be entertained.



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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.

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Annex A

Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality For Members of the Asian Games 2026 Selection Committee

As a member of the Asian Games 2026 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 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

Appeal Request Form

Part A: Appellant Details 上诉人资料

Field	Information
Full Name 姓名	
NRIC/Passport No. 身份证/护照号码 (e.g. 123A)	
Contact Number 联系电话	
Email Address 电邮地址	
Role 身份	<input type="checkbox"/> Athlete 运动员 <input type="checkbox"/> Parent 家长 <input type="checkbox"/> Coach 教练 <input type="checkbox"/> Other 其他: _____
Trial / Event 选拔/ 项目 (e.g. 1 st WWC / Male Sanda 56kg)	
Date of Selection/Competition 选拔或比赛日期	



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Part B: Grounds for Appeal 上诉理由

Please clearly state the reason(s) for your appeal. Attach supporting documents or evidence where applicable (e.g., performance data, relevant correspondence).

请清楚说明上诉理由。如有相关资料（如表现数据、相关通讯记录等），请一并附上。

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Part C: Declaration & Signature 声明与签名

I hereby declare that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the appeal fee of **SGD \$300 (before GST)** is non-refundable and that the decision of the Appeal Panel is final.

本人确认上述所填资料属实无误，并明白上诉费**新币\$300（未含消费税）**不可退还。本人亦了解，上诉小组的决定为最终决定。

Signature 签名	
Date 日期	



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Field	Information
Date Received 收到日期	
Appeal Fee Payment Reference 上诉费付款参考	
Received By 接收人	
Appeal Panel Decision 上诉小组决定	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted 接纳 <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected 驳回
Summary Rationale 简要说明	
Date of Decision 决定日期	



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Annex C

**Selection Criteria
Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games
19 September to 4 October 2026**



SINGAPORE

Correct as of 6 Mar 2026

1. Nomination Criteria

- NSAs seeking to nominate athletes for the Games should establish qualifying standards and criteria, at least 15 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/HPSI 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 6th placing e.g., time/distance/score/mark of the 2022 Asian Games. For team sports, they should currently be ranked 6th among the Asian 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.
- All achievements should be achieved from 1 May 2025 up to 31 July 2026, or before the Organising Committee's Entry-By-Name deadline **30 June 2026**, whichever is earlier, as the nominations must be submitted to the SNOC Appeals Committee for approval before the deadline. NSAs may follow the SNOC **selection/appeal** window period (1 May 2025 – **15 June 2026** ~~31 July 2026~~), on the condition that including these results (if achieved before their NSA selection policy publication date) does not affect other athletes' nomination or non-nomination status.



- 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 behavior 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;
- 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 consider 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 relevant.

5. Selection and Appeals

- The SNOC Selection Committee will meet in May 2026 (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 and/or athletes/teams who are already in the ‘Long List’. **The SNOC Appeals Committee will not deliberate the decisions**



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made by the SNOC Selection Committee. In the appeals, NSAs must provide new information that meets the selection criteria, information which had not been previously submitted to the SNOC Selection Committee.

6. Addendum (15 Oct 2025 and updated on 6 Mar 2026)

Reference to paragraph 2 Selection Criteria bullet point 4 above, the organisers have announced the timeline for the Games. The SNOC timeline is updated as follows:

Date	Item
4-Mar-26	Long list and Nomination phase begin
4-May-26	Longlist and Nomination Deadline (NSA)
May-26	Selection Committee Meeting
1-Jun-26	Appeal process starts
15-Jun-26	Deadline for Appeal
29-Jun-26	Appeal Committee Meeting
30-Jun-26	Entry by Name Form Deadline (NSA)