



SINGAPORE KARATE-DO FEDERATION

NATIONAL YOUTH ATHLETES POLICY

By Order of the Management Committee

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This National Youth Athlete Policy governs all National Youth Athletes and its nomination and selection as the National Youth Athlete training with the National Team. Only National Youth Athlete(s) is/are allow to represent Singapore in all its overseas Championship.

2. General Information

- 2.1 Karate-Do Championship generally consists of event categories as prescribed by WKF Championship category. Non-the-less, the WKF Championship category does not stipulate the Youth athlete's category. This is generally stipulated by the organizer based on the age and weight category.

2.2 Selection Committee:

- (1) Senior MC memver – Chairman
- (2) National Head Coach - Member
- (3) External Member or another MC Member - Member

2.3 Appeal Committee:

The Appeal Committee will consist of a separate committee excluding any member in the Selection Committee.

- (1) Senior MC member - Chairman
- (2) MC Member - Member
- (3) External Member or another MC Member - Member

- 2.4 The SKF Selection Committee shall be task with the sole discretion in making selection in accordance to the National Youth Athlete Policy.

- 2.5 The SKF Appeal Committee shall be task with the sole discretion in deciding over any appeal over the selection process and decision made by the Selection Committee. Appeal can only be upheld if it has been proved that it doesn't conform to the National Youth Athlete Policy. They will not make any athlete selection decision

3. To Qualify for selection as a National Youth Athlete:

- 3.1 To be eligible for selection to be a National Youth Athlete, each athlete must meet all the following conditions-
- a. Be a PR or Citizen of the Republic of Singapore and is under 14 years of age.

- b. Be an active and paying member of a particular SKF associate or affiliated club
- c. The athletes must be a National Junior Black belt or a minimum National 4th Kyu holders.
- d. Athletes selected must be able to commit to the training programme prescribed by the Technical Director / Head Coach.
- e. Athlete selected must commit to all local competitions and able to travel for overseas training, exchange programme and International competition in the months following selections as decided by the Head Coach.
- f. Athlete selected must agree and sign the National Youth Athlete Agreement with Singapore Karate-Do Federation.
- g. Athlete selected must attend the prescribed training and pass the required physical test given periodically.

4. Development Events

- 4.1 Athletes are committed to participate in any trials, competitions and development events directed by the Technical Director / Head Coach including but not limited to the following events
 - i. National Youth Athletes Selection Trial
 - ii. Singapore International Open
 - iii. National Championships
 - iv. Countries International Open such as: *Malaysia Open, Indonesia Open, Vietnam Open, Philippine Open, Hong Kong Open.*
 - v. Any other International Championships sanctioned by SKF

5. Selection Criterion

- 5.1 The Selection Committee will conduct a National Youth Athlete selection once a year and based on the winning result in the selection trails together with the National competition winning result (preceding 12 months based on selection date) which will form the primary basis for selection of the suitable athlete to become the National Youth Athlete(s) training with the National Team.
- 5.2 The Selection Committee may also at its sole discretion take into consideration of any particular winning athlete who displayed outstanding performance and potential in any National Championship and invite him/her to join for training trials with the National Team. Upon satisfaction that the athlete(s) met with the requirements and only thereafter, select him/her as a National Youth Athlete.
- 5.3 Upon the recommendation by the MC, the great potential of a particular athletes being further developed to a National Athletes if given a chance to be selected as a National Youth Athlete to train with the National Team will be taken into

consideration by the Selection Committee. Nevertheless, the Selection Committee must justify such selection with clear evidence that such selection are based on evidently displayed of the great potential by the particular athlete to be groom to be an National Athlete to represent Singapore in the future SEA Games, Asian Games or any other major Games.

- 5.4 To assist in its final decision, the Selection Committee may call for a round robin trial(s) between the National Youth Athletes.
- 5.5 The selection committee reserves the right not to nominate any athlete(s) to be a National Youth Athlete if, in its sole opinion, the athlete(s) concerned cannot meet the performance and development targets set by the SKF.

6. Athlete Agreement

- 6.1 Each selected National Youth Athlete will be required to sign an agreement with the SKF, agreed to abide to all the terms and responsibilities in the athlete agreement.
- 6.2 The agreement may contain conditions to contribute part of the medal winnings back to the SKF.
- 6.3 A closing date for the return of the signed agreement will be specified and will pre-date commencement of the first development event.
- 6.4 Any neglect and/or failure to sign and deliver the National Youth Athlete agreement according to the stipulated time will be construed as an automatically withdrawal by the selected National Youth Athlete from the inclusion as a National Youth Athlete without any recourse.

7. Reserve Team Member

- 7.1 In addition to the nominated A list National Youth Athlete for each event, the SKF may select the 2nd and 3rd placed player/s in each event and placed them as reserved Youth team member in order the support the team and act as reserve National Youth team members.
- 7.2 In the event that a nominated A list National Youth Athlete is unable to attend any development events for whatever reasons the SKF reserves the right to nominate the reserve National Youth team member at its sole discretion.
- 7.3 Reserve National Youth team members may be offered position in overseas training camps and competitions at the discretion of the SKF.

8. Funding for Development Events.

- 8.1 Funding will not be provided to any National Youth Athlete to compete in development events that are held in Singapore.

- 8.2 For overseas development events, partial subsidised funding (if any) **may** only be provided to the National Youth Athletes slated for the particular category whom he/she is preparing in the forthcoming competitions.
- 8.3 Where the development event is held overseas, the SKF may or may not provide full or partial subsidised funding to any National Youth Athletes for the event, at its sole discretion. No National Youth Athletes can refuse to participate in any competition simply because he/she is not being subsidized by SKF.
- 8.4 At times the National Youth Athlete(s) is/are required to advance their own traveling expenses and make claims from the SKF provided always that the event and expenses has been pre-approved by the SKF Management Committee.

9. Equipment

- 9.1 National Youth Athletes should provide their own equipment for local and international competitions in accordance to the World Karate Federation Rules of Competition.

10. Disputes

- 10.1 Where there is a conflict or dispute in respect of any athlete(s) being selected or not being selected as a National Youth Athlete, the SKF reserves the right to interpret this document and to use its sole discretion in resolving the matter.
- 10.2 Appeal Committee is the next and final arbitration available for any disputes relating to the selection or non-selection of an athlete as according to the SKF National Youth Athlete Policy.
- 10.3 The Selection Committee will notify the athletes and his/her coach of the Committee decision accordingly by writing sent via email.
- 10.4 In any event, if there is any disagreement with the decision of the Selection Committee, the athletes must make its appeal in writing with valid reason or reasons within 10 days to the Selection Committee.
- 10.5 The Appeal Committee will take over and review the process and decision of the Selection Committee if there is any dispute / disagreement. In any event, the Appeal Committee can only make review on the selection process and decision based on the National Youth Athlete Policy. No decision can be made by the Appeal Panel to select any athletes.