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Nomination and Selection Criteria of Hong Kong China Water Polo Team for National Youth 4vs4 Water Polo Championship 2026

Please find the Nomination Eligibilities and Selection Criteria for Hong Kong China Water Polo Team as follows:

A) Nomination Eligibilities

- 1) HKSAR Passport Holder
- 2) HKGSA Registered Player (Water Polo) 2026-2027
- 3) Actively participate in Water Polo training and competitions organized by HKGSA
- 4) Fulfil and comply with HKGSA eligibility rules
- 5) Players must participate in at least 1 of the 3 major local competitions, namely Summer National & Junior Water Polo Championships, HKGSA School Invitational Water Polo Championships or Winter Deep Water Polo Championships, to prove their fitness for Water Polo. Failure to comply with will be subject to further consideration including possible cancellation of inclusion into the Team.
- 6) Category: **U15 Boys Group** - born from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013 (inclusive)
U12 Mixed Group - born from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015 (inclusive)
- 7) Nominated players must attend the Hong Kong Junior Water Polo Team training sessions. Selection for the proposed team list will be subject to a subsequent evaluation process conducted by the coaches.

B) Selection Criteria

Selection Criteria for players will mainly base on:

- 1) Player should attain a minimum of **80% monthly training attendance in 12 consecutive months (30%)**;
- 2) **Objective Criteria (40%) - The criteria of the ability test are not applicable to players who aged under 18, their test results are for reference only.**
- 3) Training attitude and coach's evaluation **(30%)**. The player's attitude is paramount in a team sport. Willingness to cooperate, assist and listen to the coach's instructions both in the pool and outside the pool is vital. Players who have attitudinal and disciplinary problems deemed to be sufficiently serious by the Hong Kong China Water Polo Committee as detrimental to the well-being of the Team and Squad will not be eligible for inclusion in the Hong Kong China Team. The players' attitude and discipline must be maintained outside of training and failure to do so will be grounds for non-inclusion.

The training attitude and coach's evaluation, which will be weighted as 30% of the overall selection criteria will be broken down further as follows:

Water Polo is a team sport. It is often different to base selection strictly on a Player's measurable performance and therefore some subjective judgment is required.

The selection criteria outlined will be the primary tool used by the Hong Kong China Team Coach to select the Team. When selecting a Player for the Team, the Hong



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Kong China Team Coach will base decisions on the following criteria and select players who benefit the Team most:

3.1 Individual / Team Play Characteristics (15%)

(a) Technical Ability

- Individual ball handling
- Application of skills to the game situation
- Passing ability when under pressure
- Ability to maintain possession in confined area
- Ability to improve to meet changing situations
- Ability to make and execute correct decisions under pressure
- Game clock and shot clock awareness

(b) Tactical Knowledge

- Previous Team experience
- Offensive system
- Defensive system
- Counter-attack system
- Power play system

(c) Personal Characteristics

- Goal-oriented
- Confident
- Leadership qualities
- Self-motivated
- Determined
- Hard worker
- Team player
- Coachability
- Committed
- Selflessness

3.2 Technical Abilities, Skills and Positions (15%)

(a) Drivers

- Ability to shoot / score
- Ability to create an outlet
- Ability to earn an advantage or exclusion

(b) 2 metres Guard

- Ability to read the game
- Ability to neutralize the opponent
- Ability to counter attack

(c) Centre Forward

- Ability to control their position
- Ability to control the ball and pose a scoring threat
- Ability to effectively pass to shooters
- Ability to earn an exclusion

(d) Outside Shooters

- Ability to score from outside seven (7) metres
- Diversity of shots

(e) Goalkeepers

- Ability to block
- Ability to perform accurate long passes
- Ability to read the game
- Ability to anticipate shots
- Ability to steal balls
- Ability to communicate to teammates



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(f) Team Work

- Work effectively with the Team
- Ability to play and to cooperate within the Team
- Ability to be involved and to communicate effectively with other players during the game, in and out of the water
- Ability to adhere to the game plan
- Ability to display leadership qualities in and out of the pool
- Ability to fit into the overall Team chemistry

Remarks:

- The top **7** Players will be considered for the proposed team list. (The key factors taken into account are relevant principles and player positions.)
- The proposed team list will be presented to Water Polo Committee of HKGSA for approval.
- Water Polo Committee of HKGSA has the right to modify the criteria based on actual circumstances.

C) **Appeal Procedures**

Submitting an Appeal

- Clubs wishing to appeal the Team selection must inform the Water Polo Committee of HKGSA of the intention to appeal. Appeal must be received seven (7) days after the circulation of the Team composition of the respective event in question.

Acknowledgement of an Appeal

- The Water Polo Committee of HKGSA must consider the submitted appeal and respond to the Club within seven (7) days of receiving the appeal. The correspondence will include acknowledgement of the appeal being received, along with whether the stated appeal has grounds for further review.

Acceptable Grounds of an Appeal

- The appeal will be considered if the individual demonstrates that the selection process was not followed.

Composition of the "Water Polo Appeal Panel"

- The Chairman of Water Polo Committee of HKGSA will be responsible for nominating the "Water Polo Appeal Panel", which should be composed of: Vice Chairman and Hon. Secretary of Water Polo Committee of HKGSA. The Hong Kong China Team Head Coach will be called upon as resource person and should withdraw during the deliberations or in any situation where they may be in conflict.

Time-frame required to reach a Final Decision

- The "Water Polo Appeal Panel" should deliver its decision within fourteen (14) days of the Water Polo Committee of HKGSA's acknowledgement of receiving the appeal. The final decision made by the "Water Polo Appeal Panel" should be presented to Water Polo Committee of HKGSA for approval.



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- If the Club(s) was not satisfied with the decision made by "Water Polo Appeal Panel". Appeal Fee HK\$1000 and written letter from the Club must submit to HKGSA office within seven days after the decision made by "Water Polo Appeal Panel". And the appeal should forward to "HKGSA Appeal Committee" for consideration. The final decision should be made within fourteen (14) days.

The Association shall select players based on the Nomination Eligibilities and Selection.