

Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games
19 September – 4 October 2026
SF&OC Athletes Selection Criteria

Appendix I

As at 18/3/2026

Basic Requirements

Athletes should fulfill the following conditions in order to compete in the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games (AG): -

- 1) Athletes should pass the required medical check up to demonstrate his/her fitness for competition; and
- 2) Athletes should comply with the requirements (including eligibility code, e.g. possess valid HKSAR Passport) and guidelines set by the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 AG Organizing Committee, Olympic Council of Asia and SF&OC.

Athletes Selection Criteria are divided into Objective Criteria (same for each multi-sports Games) and Subjective Criteria (decided by the Selection Committee for 2026 AG). No weighting will be set for these criteria considering that athletes shall be selected once they can fulfill any one of the criteria listed.

A) Objective Criteria

Athletes nominated by NSAs who possess the following outstanding results in previous international competitions shall automatically be selected to participate in the respective Games: -

- 1) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **World Championships** (from 2022-2026) sanctioned by the respective IF in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior);
- 2) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **Asian Championships** (from 2022-2026) sanctioned by the respective AF in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior);
- 3) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **multi-sports Games owned by OCA** (from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior) including **Hangzhou 19th Asian Games** and **Sanya 2026 Asian Beach Games**;
- 4) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **National Games** organized by General Administration of Sport of China (within 4 years, from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior) including **15th National Games**;
- 5) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent **World Games / FISU World University Games** (within 4 years, from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior) including **The World Games 2022 Birmingham, The World Games 2025 Chengdu, Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games (held in 2023) and Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games**; OR

- 6) Participated in recent **Olympic Games or multi-sports Games owned by ANOC** (within 4 years, from 2022-2026) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior) including **Paris 2024 Olympic Games**.

** On condition that there was a minimum of four participants in the competition(s) AND the athlete(s) ranked in the top one-third among the total number of participants.*

For team event, all of the athletes nominated among the team fulfilled the above shall automatically be selected. While for Team-only-sports, the NSA's previous team fulfilled the above shall automatically be selected.

B) Subjective Criteria

Athletes nominated by NSAs who met the following Subjective Criteria shall automatically be selected to participate in the 2026 AG:

- 1) Athletes or teams ranked Top 8 in the competitions mentioned in A) Objective Criteria.
- 2) Athletes or teams win a medal in the international sports events in 2022 – 2026 sanctioned by its IF/AF, on condition that there was a minimum of eight participants in the competition;
- 3) For **Team-only-sports**, teams with Government special funding support OR ranked at two-thirds or above among the total number of participants in international competitions in 2022 – 2026 sanctioned by its IF/AF;
- 4) Considering team strategy, a minimum of half or more of the athletes nominated among the **Team-event** fulfilled the Objective or Subjective Criteria, the team can be selected to participate in the Games;
- 5) Athletes receiving HKSI Elite Training Grant with Elite C or above;
- 6) Athletes / Teams already qualified via the IF/AF qualification system;
- 7) New sports in 2026 AG, on condition that the athletes or teams shall rank Top 8 and in top one-third in any international sports events in 2022 – 2026 sanctioned by its IF/AF, with a minimum of four participants in that competition; **OR**
- 8) Athletes / Teams ranked Top 3 in World / Asian Ranking in 2022 - 2026.

Remarks: The SF&OC Selection Committee may consider specially approving the nomination submitted by the NSA if a tactical plan provided by the Head Coach and endorsed by the NSA's Selection Committee shows strong evidence of a medal chance at the Asian Games.