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Cuesports Singapore National Selection & Training Committee (STC) & Policy

Terms of Reference

The STC is formed on the basis of Clause 15.6 (vi) of the constitution of Cuesports Singapore (CS).

(A) Objectives

(1) To oversee and manage all matters pertaining to the selection and training of Cuesports athletes, players and team at the national level for snooker, pool, billiards and carom.

(2) To select national Cuesports athletes and players to represent Singapore and participate in regional and international tournaments.

(3) To review and implement training regimes and guidelines for all national Cuesports athletes and players selected for the national team.

(B) Formation and Constitution of the STC

(1) The STC shall be chaired by a Board Member of Cuesports Singapore.

(2) The STC Chairman shall, at his/her sole discretion, invite members to join the STC. Such members shall not be limited to those from the Board of Cuesports Singapore; and shall extend to suitable members from the Cuesports fraternity who are able to value-add and contribute to the STC.

(3) The total number of STC members shall not exceed 8 and the term of duration for the STC members shall be 2 years.

(4) The STC Chairman or the President of Cuesports Singapore shall, at his/her sole discretion, remove any STC member who has deemed to have acted against the best interests of the STC or Cuesports Singapore.

(C) Selection Policy & Process for Open/Invitational and International Tournaments

Rationale:

(1) The selection policy and process establish the basis for selection and the athlete/national player's rights in relation to the selection outcome.

(2) The selection policy and process shall be clear, consistent and structured. It shall also be transparent and fair across the board.

(3) The selection policy and process shall facilitate proper preparation by all parties involved and enable Cuesports Singapore to send the best and most in-form athletes/national players to represent Singapore for Open/Invitational and International tournaments.

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(4) The selection policy and process shall also be documented and clearly communicated to all concerned parties including athletes, national players, coaches, Board members and secretariat staff.

(5) The selection policy and process shall not be applicable for the selection of athletes for the Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) and other special Tournaments/Championships/Events under the purview of the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) and Sports SG. The SNOC and Sports SG have special guidelines and policy on such events which is primarily based on historical performance and track record on participation and medals won. For such events, STC and CS will make the recommendations on the selection of athletes/national players but the final decision on those selected will be decided by the SNOC and Sports SG at its full discretion.

(6) There will be selected Open/Invitational and International tournaments that will be catered specifically to the youth/scholarship and intermediate squads/players under the ongoing CS Development Program. The selection policy and process for such events shall be decided and coordinated by STC on a case-to-case basis and as and when the STC deem fit. For such events, the selection of the designated players shall be decided by the STC at its sole discretion.

(7) The STC shall retain the full prerogative under its sole discretion without the need to explain or justify, under any circumstances and where a selection is unable to be conducted due to unforeseen factors, to make the final decision on the selection of the athletes/national players for the designated Open/Invitational and International tournaments.

Selection Policy & Process:

(1) The selection policy and process shall apply and be implemented to the sports of Snooker and Pool for both men's and women's events. For Billiards, STC will work in conjunction with Sports SG for the selection of athletes/national players for Open and International tournaments due to a designated Cuesports athlete currently under Sports SG scholarship program specialising in Billiards events.

(2) The list of Open/Invitational and International tournaments for the calendar year shall be recommended jointly by the Tournaments Committee and STC based on budget as well as relevance/suitability and submitted to the Board for final approval. The approved list of all Open and International tournaments shall be published and communicated to all concerned parties including athletes, national players, coaches, Board members and secretariat staff.

(3) For instances where certain ad-hoc Open/Invitational and International tournaments are announced by organizers that are outside the approved list, STC shall inform all concerned parties and a selection exercise will be conducted accordingly.

(4) The available slots/entries are decided by the respective tournament organizers. STC shall make the final decision on the number of athletes/ national players to be sent to the approved events based on available budget.

(5) In the event that the tournament is within 6 months prior to a major game (e.g., SEA Games) and the representative for the major game has been decided, then the representative will be given priority without the need for a selection exercise.

(6) A selection exercise shall be conducted for each of the Open/Invitational and International tournaments approved by the Board for Snooker and Pool. For Billiards, it will be decided based on

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budget and available tournament slots/entries. Priority is to be given to the designated Cuesports athlete currently under Sports SG scholarship program specializing in Billiards events.

(7) For the annual IBSF World Snooker Championship and the World Cup of Snooker (where applicable and provided for by the annual budget), the Champion/Winner of the Singapore National Snooker Championship (to date) and the National Classic Championship (to date) shall be entitled and accorded automatic slot without the need to undergo the selection exercise. In the event that the Champion/Winner is unable to participate due to certain circumstances, the runner-up shall be accorded the automatic slot without the need to undergo the selection exercise. In the event where both the Champion/Winner and runner-up are unable to participate due to certain circumstances, then all the available slots/entries will be put up for the selection exercise.

(8) For all Open/Invitational & International Tournaments including annual World 8-Ball/9-Ball/10-Ball Pool Championship (where applicable and provided for by the annual budget), top or top 2 within tier 1 & 2 (based on selection results) will represent for the championship

(9) All shortlisted athletes/national players eligible for the selection exercise shall be notified via either email/SMS/whatsapp at least 2 weeks (14 calendar days) in advance regarding their eligibility to participate in the selection exercise. In the case that Cuesports Singapore is informed about the tournament at the last-minute, CS will notify the players as early as possible and conduct the selection at a date to accommodate as many of the involved players as possible within the time frame available before the deadline for the name submissions. This is subjected to schedule. The shortlisted athletes/national players must respond with their decision whether to participate or not within 2 days upon receipt of the email/SMS/whatsapp. Those tournament slots for those shortlisted athletes/national players who decide not to participate or who do not respond within 2 days of the selection notification will be accorded to the next in the ranking order based on the most current national ranking list.

(10) The duration of the selection exercise shall be carried out within 1-3 days based on the total number of slots/entries available for the designated tournaments. The schedule for the selection exercise shall be planned and coordinated to the best endeavours to accommodate the players as much as possible. Once the schedule is fixed, there will be no more changes and all players have to abide accordingly.

(11) The format of play shall be that of a round-robin format. The ranking of the players in the group table will be ascertained by matches won, rack/frame difference, and head-to-head result if the first 2 criteria end up being a tie. In the event of a tie, a “sudden death” format of 1 Frame for Snooker / Race to 5 for Pool will be played to decide the eventual winner.

(12) For all selection matches for Snooker, it shall be based on a Best of 5 or 7 Frames for men (where applicable and decided by the National Coach or STC) and a Best of 3 Frames for women.

(13) Players are eligible for selection only if they meet the required criteria of clocking in 10 hours of training (SSG) per month, where applicable.

(14) For all selection matches for Pool, it shall be based on a Race to 7 or 9 (alternate breaks) where applicable and decided by STC for men and a Race to 7 (alternate breaks) for women. Any potential player recommended by the board will be invited to play the selection.
Matches will be played accordingly:

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Men selection (where applicable):

- Top 6 athletes will be in tier 1; Top 7 to 16 will be in tier 2
- Tier 2 selection (Double Elimination), Top 2 selected will proceed to tier 1 (If less than 7 athletes, it will be a round robin format)
- Tier 1 consisting of 8 players (Round Robin), selecting top or top 2 to represent upcoming championships
- Last 2 of tier 1 selection will be pushed to tier 2

Ladies selection (where applicable):

- Top 8 athletes
- Double Elimination Format (Subject to changes)
- Top or top 2 to represent upcoming championships

(15) All selection results based on the above-mentioned process and formats shall be final and binding. There will be no right of appeal accorded to any athlete/national player once the selection matches are completed and the results finalized. Any disputes/appeals during the selection matches and process must be immediately highlighted, as and when it happens, to the STC for deliberation and decision. Any disputes/appeals highlighted to the STC after the selection matches and process have been completed will not be addressed. All decisions made by the STC regarding the disputes/appeals shall be final and binding and there shall be no further appeals thereafter.

(16) Those athletes/national players that qualify through the selection process are required to follow-through and participate in the designated tournament of which the selection is held for. Those that qualified and selected but pulls out of the designated tournament without valid reasons shall be issued a warning letter by STC. In the event of a repeat occurrence of a similar nature, the athlete/national player in question shall be banned from all future selection exercise until further notice by the STC.

(17) The administration and management of all selection exercises and matches will be undertaken by the National Coach (for Snooker) oversee by Sports Development Manager appointed by the STC. For the pool selection, it will be overseen by Sports Development Manager appointed by the STC.

(18) The STC shall retain the full prerogative under its sole discretion without the need to explain or justify, under any circumstances and where a selection is unable to be conducted due to unforeseen factors, to make the final decision on the selection of the athletes/national players for the designated Open/Invitational and International tournaments.

Code of Conduct and Discipline:

(1) All athletes/national players selected to represent Singapore or Cuesports Singapore for international events and tournaments must uphold and carry themselves with the highest integrity, observe decorum and conduct themselves properly and with discipline. All athletes/national players must ensure that there is no wilful breach of any rules or misconduct which is injurious to the reputation and interests of Singapore and Cuesports Singapore.

(2) Cuesports Singapore shall convene a Disciplinary Committee comprising of members of the Board to review and deliberate on all misconduct and disciplinary matters. The concerned party

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would be duly heard by the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall prepare a report after the hearing and review to be submitted to the Board for final deliberation. The decision on the appropriate action to be taken on the matter shall be made by the Board and it shall be final and binding.

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