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### SELECTION POLICY – ASIAN GAMES 2026

(Effective from 1<sup>ST</sup> September 2025)

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#### Preamble

This Selection Policy has been framed in alignment with the directives of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), the Sports Authority of India (SAI), and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), while keeping in view the General Selection Policy of the Rowing Federation of India (effective 27th July 2025).

The present document lays down the criteria and procedure for the **selection of rowers and crews to represent India at the Asian Games 2026**, ensuring fairness, transparency, and merit-based assessment, with an emphasis on podium-oriented preparation.

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#### Objectives

- To select the best possible Indian Rowing Team for the Asian Games 2026.
- To ensure that the process is transparent, systematic, and conforms to MYAS, SAI, and IOA guidelines.
- To identify and nurture talent capable of delivering medal-winning performances.
- To integrate performance-based trials with scientific assessments for holistic athlete evaluation.

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#### Selection Mechanism for Asian Games 2026

The process will be conducted in the following steps:

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## STEP 1 – Initial Selection of Probables for the Asian Games Camp

### Basis:

The first stage of selection shall be based on performances at the **Senior National Rowing Championships 2026** (2000m races only).

### Criteria for Probables:

1. **Gold Medalists** – All gold medalists shall be considered as probables.
2. **Silver Medalists** – All silver medalists shall be considered as probables.
3. **Bronze Medalists** – Bronze medalists shall be considered as probables **only if the time differential between silver and bronze medalists in their respective event is between 1 to 2 seconds.**

### Important Note:

- While medalists meeting the above criteria will be **considered as probables**, their **inclusion in the Asian Games camp is not automatic.**
- The **final list of probables** will be decided by the **Selection Committee of RFI**, based on its observations and assessments of overall performance, fitness levels, attitude, and potential to contribute effectively to Asian Games events.
- Wherever deemed fit, RFI may conduct an **additional assessment procedure** (fitness/ergometer/medical evaluation) to further screen and finalize the probables.
- Only those events which are part of the **Asian Games 2026 rowing programme** will be considered for probables' selection from **Senior National Rowing Championships 2026.**

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## STEP 2 – Asian Games National Coaching Camp

At the Asian Games camp, probables will undergo a **structured evaluation programme** under the supervision of the Chief National Coach, involving:

1. **Performance Monitoring:**
    - Regular ergometer tests, water trials, and physiological evaluations.
    - Continuous tracking of athlete progress by the coaching panel.
  2. **Seat Trials & selection of efficient combination in boats:**
    - Seat trials will be conducted at defined intervals as per the schedule drawn by the Chief National Coach (to be finalized within one week of camp initiation).
    - Combinations will be tested to ensure the fastest and most efficient boats for Asian Games events.
  3. **Weeding Out:**
    - Athletes not meeting performance, fitness, or discipline standards may be released from the camp after review.
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## STEP 3 – Final Selection of the Asian Games Team

- The **Final Schedule of the trials** which will be held during the camp should be formulated by The Chief Coach within one week of the initiation of NCC and be intimated to the Rowers ,SAI and MYAS where SAI is funding the said Camp.
- **Entries will only be finalized for those Asian Games events where boats achieve timings in line with international benchmarks**, as recommended by the Chief National Coach and approved by the Selection Committee.
- **The final team will be announced after final trials before the last date of entry by name to be sent to organising committee of Asian Games** and conforming to the directives of IOC timeline regarding selecting the final team.

## STEP 5 – Ineligibility Conditions

Rowers shall not be eligible under the following circumstances:

- If they are not part of the Asian Games coaching camp (unless exempted with documented approval).
- If they are absent from the camp due to personal reasons or non-release from employer/guardian (for minors).
- If they fail to clear fitness, medical, or doping control protocols.

## Transparency & Dispute Redressal

- All selection decisions will be documented and published on the official RFI website.
- Any athlete wishing to appeal may do so by addressing the **Ombudsman**, as notified by RFI.
- The **President of RFI** will serve as the appellate authority, whose decision shall be final and binding.

## Supersession Clause

This Selection Policy for Asian Games 2026 is a **specific policy** and shall prevail over the General Selection Policy of RFI for the purpose of Asian Games preparation and team selection. For all other international events, the General Selection Policy (effective 27th July 2025) shall remain in force.



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**Thanking You**

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