

SCBA National Trials for Asian Games 2022

Eligibility

For the Asian Games, players must:

- Be Singaporean Citizens
- Not be holding any dual citizenship if aged 21 years and above.

For the Mixed category, each partnership must consist of one male and one female player.

Registration

Registration Fees

- \$100 per player per category

Registration Procedure

- Registrations will only be via the official registration form at: <https://forms.gle/YPnM9qJ2Gr9q3UW4A>
- Registration is to be done in either teams of 4 or 6; Any registration done with a 5 player team will be considered null and void.
- Any team with ineligible players will be disqualified and their registration fees forfeited.
- Registration fees can be paid in either of the following ways:
 - In cash at the SCBA Clubhouse to the club manager on the first day of the trials, before the start of play
 - Paylah/Paynow to the treasurer (one single payment per team only)
- The Club Manager/Treasurer will issue a receipt of payment to the team upon receiving the full payment of registration fees.
- Teams are to ensure that registration fees are received and acknowledged before the start of play; Non-payment or incomplete payment of registration fees will result in disqualification of the entire team
- Registration deadline for each category will be the end of the day three days before the start of the trial, i.e. the end of Wednesday of the same week of the trial.
- If a team requires additions or changes of players after the registration deadline and before the start of the first day of trials due to Covid-19 related reasons, there will be no penalty.

- Otherwise, late entries/additions/change of players past the registration deadline will only be considered by the Selection Committee with valid reasons. The Selection Committee will have the final decision and may impose an additional charge of \$50 per player as a late change fee.
- If a team decides to withdraw after the registration deadline, their registration fee will be forfeited.

Seeding

Teams will be seeded based on placings obtained in National Teams tournaments in the calendar year of 2019 and the National Team Trials for APBF 2021.

Seeding Events

In addition to the National Team Trials for APBF 2021 and the APBF 2021 Championships, the placement for the following events in 2019 will be used for seeding:

- APBF Championships
- World Bridge Championships
- National Team Trials
- Easter Congress Open Teams
- Singapore Open Teams
- Singapore Mixed Teams
- Pesta Sukan Open Teams
- National Youth Teams

Seeding Points

With the exception of National Team Trials, seeding points will only be awarded for finishes in the top half of the field.

At least 4 members of the team must have placed in the event (together as a team) to obtain the full seeding points. 20%/50%/70% of the full points will be awarded for placing with only 1/2/3 members respectively. Only the best finish will apply, i.e. if 3 members of the team placed 1st for a listed tournament, and the other 3 members placed 2nd, only the points for 1st place will be awarded.

APBF and World Bridge Championships:

- 1st Place: 100 points
- 2nd Place: 72 points
- 3rd Place: 60 points
- 4th Place: 48 points
- 5th-8th Place: 36 points
- 9th-12th Place: 20 points

National Events (Except Youth Teams):

- 1st Place: 50 points
- 2nd Place: 36 points
- 3rd Place: 30 points
- 4th Place: 24 points

National Youth Teams: Half the points of national events

Determination of Home and Away Team in Head-on Matches

- In head-on matches, the higher seeded team will be the home team.
- If a round robin has been played, the rankings from the round robin will supersede the seedings.

Trial Formats

- The trial for each category will last for two weekends (four days)
- Generally, the total number of boards played will be 224 boards, with 56 boards played each day in 4 stanzas. Additional boards may be played for the purpose of tie-breaks.

Trial Format - Men's and Mixed

- The trial will be played as a team trial, with teams of 4 or 6.
- If there is only one registered team, the team automatically qualifies as the National team for the category
- If there are two registered teams, the two teams will play a head-on match over the duration of both weekends. Any team may choose to concede in the duration of the match.
- If there are three registered teams, the teams will be seeded, and the lower two seeded teams will play a head-on match on the first weekend. The winner will play the top seeded team in a head-on match on the second weekend.
- If there are four registered teams, the teams will be seeded. The highest seeded team will be randomly drawn to play against the 3rd or 4th seed.
- If there are five to six registered teams, a 5-rounds round robin tournament will be played on the first day of the trials. The top 4 teams will play in a semi final over the second day, followed by the final over the second weekend.
 - The round robin tournament on the first day will have a sit-out round for each team; these boards do not count towards the determination of boards played.
 - There will be five segments played on the first day round robin instead of the usual four. (See Daily Schedule sub-section further below)
 - There will be no seating rights for the round robin matches; if seating is disputed, both teams will submit blind line-ups to the Tournament Director.

- Tie-breaks in head-on matches will be 4 boards with IMP scoring. If the scores are still tied, further boards will be played, scored up after each board, and the first team to score IMPs wins. A maximum of 4 such further boards will be played, after which the higher ranked team from the round robin will advance if there was a round robin, or the higher seeded team will advance.
- Each player has to play at least 50% of the boards in each head-on match or round robin to be eligible to be in the national team. If an opponent has conceded the match before all segments are played, all players in the team are considered to have played all the remaining segments.
- A pair who fails to meet this requirement by being unable to play the second weekend of a trial due to Covid-19 related reasons can still be eligible for consideration by the Selection Committee.
- Home Team possesses the seating right to the first and fourth segment of each day of play; Away Team possesses the seating right to the second and third segment of each day of play.

Trial Format - Women's

- The trial will be played as a pair trial due to the lower number of women's pairs.
- If there are only three registered pairs (or less), they will automatically qualify as the National team for the category
- If there are four registered pairs, the trial will be a blind round-robin IMP Pairs, with the top three pairs qualifying and the fourth pair being the reserve pair
- If there are more than five pairs registered, the trial will be held in two stages:
- Stage 1: All pairs will play the first weekend. The top five pairs will advance.
- Stage 2: pairs ranked 2nd to 5th in the first weekend will play the blind round-robin IMP pairs. The top two pairs will qualify (along with the first placed pair from the first weekend) and the third placed pair will be the reserve pair. There will be a 20% carryover from the first weekend.

Trial Schedule

Category Schedule

~~6 - 7 Nov 2021 — Mixed Trials Weekend 1~~
~~13 - 14 Nov 2021 — Mixed Trials Weekend 2~~
~~20 - 21 Nov 2021 — Men's/Women's Trials Weekend 1~~
~~27 - 28 Nov 2021 — Men's/Women's Trials Weekend 2~~
~~4 - 5 Dec 2021 — Reserve Weekend for contingencies~~

New Category Schedule

8 - 9 Jan 2022 — Mixed Trials Weekend 1

15 - 16 Jan 2022	Mixed Trials Weekend 2
22 - 23 Jan 2022	Reserve Weekend for contingencies
19 - 20 Feb 2022	Men's/Women's Trials Weekend 1
26 - 27 Feb 2022	Men's/Women's Trials Weekend 2
5 - 6 Mar 2022	Reserve Weekend for contingencies

Daily Schedule

10.00 - 12.00	Round 1
12.15 - 2.15p	Round 2
2.15 - 3.00p	Lunch
3.00 - 5.00p	Round 3
5.15 - 7.15p	Round 4
7.15 - 8.00p	Tie break (if required, for Knockouts) / Dinner
8.00 - 10.00p	Round 5 (if required, for Round Robin)

Review of TD rulings

- Any team wishing to file a review shall inform the Tournament Director, and pay the standard deposit of \$50
- The review will follow the procedure set out in Sections 30 and 31 of the [SCBA General Conditions of Contest](#)
- If necessary, SCBA will appoint a National-level Tournament Director from another Zone 6 country to serve as the reviewer.

Selection Committee

Appointment and Composition of the Selection Committee

- The selection committee will be appointed by the SCBA committee.
- The selection committee will consist of 5 members. There must be at least one committee member of each gender.
- The members of the selection committee must **not**:
 - Be taking part in any category of the trials
 - Be the spouse, immediate family member or be romantically involved with any player taking part in any category of the trials
 - Have any financial interest in any player taking part in any category of the trials, or in the outcome of the trials

Role of the Selection Committee

- At the end of the trial, the selection committee will select a third pair (if the winning team consists of a 4 player team), and also a reserve pair.
- The winning team may express a preference and justification for the preference to the Selection Committee
- The Selection Committee will consider (but will not be limited to) the following criteria:
 - Results at the Trials
 - Results of the pair in other competitions
 - Winning team's preference
- If any pair has to withdraw from the National Team or are not accepted for nomination by SportSG/SNOC, the Selection committee will select a replacement pair(s) using the above criteria.
 - If the pair withdrawing is the reserve pair, the new pair selected will take over as the reserve pair.
 - Otherwise, the reserve pair will take over as the third pair in the team, and the new pair will be the replacement pair.

Covid-19 Contingencies

- The trials will be played as an in-person over the table trial where possible.
- The trials will be played as an in-person online trial (i.e. players will be socially distanced at the clubhouse playing on tablets online) under any of the following circumstances:
 - Government regulations prohibits over the table play
 - Four or more registered players from at least two different teams have received a Health Risk Warning in the past 14 days before the start of the trials and have tested negative for their initial PCR test
 - The average number of daily new cases in the seven day window from Thursday the week prior to the Wednesday before the start of the trial category exceeds 1000.
- The trials will be postponed (to Jan 2022 or later) under any of the following circumstances:
 - Government regulations prohibit the holding of an in-person online trial
 - Four or more registered players from at least two different teams have received Quarantine Orders or are confirmed Covid-19 cases
 - The average number of daily new cases in the seven day window from Thursday the week prior to the Wednesday before the start of the trial category exceeds 2000.
- If the trial for a category has started but has to be postponed due to the pandemic situation, the trial will resume from where it was stopped
- If the trial for a category has started as an over the table trial but needs to be converted to an online trial, the results will stand as if the trial was played fully under the same format.

- If the trial for a category has started as an online trial, it will remain as an online trial for the rest of the category, even if it is postponed and resumed in 2022.
- Any players fulfilling the below conditions will be denied entry into the clubhouse:
 - Unvaccinated/Partially Vaccinated without a negative Pre-Event Test result
 - Health Risk Warning in the past 14 days
 - Health Risk Warning more than 14 days ago, but have yet to test negative for their final PCR test
 - Quarantine Order
 - Covid-19 Positive
 - Any other government regulations in effect