

Sanya 2026 Asian Beach Games
22 - 30 April 2026
SF&OC Athletes Selection Criteria

Basic requirement

Athletes should fulfill the following conditions in order to compete in the Sanya 2026 Asian Beach Games (ABG):

- 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. HKSAR Passport holder and Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents) and guidelines set by respective the Sanya 2026 ABG Organizing Committee, Olympic Council of Asia and SF&OC.

Athletes Selection Criteria can be divided into objective criteria (same for each multi-sports Games) and subjective criteria (to be decided by the Selection Committee for 2026 ABG). No weighting will be set for these criteria considering that athletes shall be selected if 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 2021-2025) 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 2021-2025) sanctioned by the respective IF in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior);
- 3) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent multi-sports Games owned by OCA (from 2021-2025) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior), including Hangzhou 19th Asian Games;
- 4) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent multi-sports Games owned by EAOC (from 2021-2025) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior);
- 5) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent National Games organized by General Administration of Sport of China (from 2021-2025) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior), including 14th National Games and 15th National Games;
- 6) * Ranked 1st – 8th in recent World Games / Universiade (from 2021-2025) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior), including The World Games 2022 Birmingham, The World Games 2025 Chengdu, Chengdu 2021 Summer World University Games or Rhine-Ruhr 2025 Summer World University Games;

** On condition that there is 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.*

- 7) Participated in recent Olympic Games or multi-sports Games owned by ANOC (from 2021-2025) in the same or higher level of the Games concerned (senior).

For team event, only if all of the athletes nominated among the team fulfilled the above shall automatically be selected. While for team only sports, only if 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 ABG:-

- 1) Team-only-sports: Ranked 1st – 8th AND be in the top two-thirds of the total number of participants, on condition that there is a minimum of four participants in the competition(s) mentioned in A) Objective Criteria ;
- 2) Athletes receiving Elite Training Grant with Elite C/ Junior A or above;
- 3) Athletes/ Teams already qualified via the IF/AF qualification system;
- 4) For team event, all of the athletes nominated among the team shall meet any of the Objective Criteria or Subjective Criteria.