

**FINAL NOMINATION AND TRIALS NOTIFICATION FOR****23<sup>RD</sup> ASIAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, FORMATION OF LONG LIST ASIAN GAMES TEST EVENT, FORMATION OF LONG LIST FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> ASIAN GAMES AND FORMATION OF NATIONAL SQUAD**

- Purpose:** To select the players for below mentioned international event to be conducted as per the dates mentioned in para 2 and formation of Squash National Squad for 2026
- Tournament, Categories & Maximum No of Entries:**

S/N	Tournament	Host country	Dates	Categories	Maximum No of Entries
1	23 <sup>rd</sup> Asian Team Championships	Pakistan	14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Men's/ Women's Team event	4 players each from Men's and Women's categories will be selected.  Additionally two (2) standby players for each category will be selected.
2	Asian Games- Test Event	Japan	14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Events to be confirmed	Initial Long list for Asian Games  Final Nominations to be decided through a separate Selection trial from the long list based on the slots being confirmed for Asian Games by NOC
3	20 <sup>th</sup> Asian Games	Japan	23 <sup>rd</sup> September- 02nd October- 2026	Events to be confirmed	Initial Long list for Asian Games  Final Nominations to be decided through a separate Selection trial from the long list based on the slots being confirmed for Asian Games by NOC

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### 3. Selection Criteria:

#### Based on followings;

a. Selected the players as per the Latest SLS Ranking List (as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026) in Open/ U 19 Categories and PSA Ranking.

b. Seeding will be done by considering the latest ranking list as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and also mainly focusing on the current form of particular player by analyzing past performance of tournaments conducted in 2024/25 including PSA Events and selection trials conducted during the year 2024/25.

c. The squad selected through this trial will form the core team for three major upcoming international events: the 23rd Asian Team Championship, scheduled to be held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026, and the formation of long list for Asian Games Test Event in 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and formation of Initial long list for 20<sup>th</sup> Asian Games.

d. In preparation for the Asian Games Test Event and 20th Asian Games, which will take place from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026 respectively, a separate trial will be conducted at a later date. However, participation in that trial will be strictly limited to players who are selected through the current trial process from which the initial long list will be finalized. Accordingly, this trial represents a crucial first step for athletes aiming to secure selection for all three major events and to establish their place within the national squad.

e. The number of players selected through this selection trial for each tournament will be determined by Sri Lanka Squash, while the final number of athletes who will participate in the Asian Test event and 20<sup>th</sup> Asian Games will be confirmed in accordance with the quota of slots allocated by the National Olympic Committee (NOC).

Although Sri Lanka Squash requested to include players for both Individual and Team events for Asian Games, NOC after consultation with NSSC and Ministry of Sports has so far confirmed only 2 slots for Men's Individual event. Sri Lanka Squash has appealed to increase the number of slots allocated for Squash and the final number of players selected will be based on the final number confirmed.

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f. Based on the anticipated allocation following no of players will be picked

- National Squad- six to eight (6–8) players each from Men’s and Women’s categories will be selected forming the National Squad for 2026.
- **Asian Team Squash Championship/ Long list for Asian Test Event and Asian Games -Men’s category** – 4 players will be selected for the Men’s Team from Selection trials in January 2026( Trial A) including Ravindu Laksiri and Shameel Wakeel . Ravindu Laksiri and Shamil Wakeel will be exempted from trials and directly being selected based on their past performance and latest Selection trials held last year. These 4 names will be finalized for Long list for Asian Test Championship and Asian Games as well.
- **Asian Team Squash Championship / Long list for Asian Test Event and Asian Games -Women’s category** - 4 players will be selected for the Women’s Team. In line with the requests made by Yeheni Kuruppu and Dewmini Gallage who are residing overseas due to Education commitment they will be exempted from the initial trial(Trial A) .A final trial to select 4 players will be conducted during March 2026(Trial B) from 6 players including Yeheni Kuruppu, Dewmini Gallage and 4 more players selected through selection trials in January 2026( Trial A). These 6 names will be finalized for Long list for Asian Games Test Event and Asian Games as well.
- **Asian Games Test event/Asian Games** –Final no of players (Men’s and Women’s)to be selected through a separate Selection trial to be held during March 2026(Trial B) from the players selected to the long list in line with the no of slots allocated for Asian Games by NOC. Although SLS plans to move ahead with the names selected through this final trial (Trial B) for both Asian Games Test event and Asian Games,SLS will have the authority to amend the final list for Asian Games based on change of performance of players between the time period of Asian Test event and Asian Games .In the event a change is required for the final list, a separate selection trial will be conducted before the deadline(01st

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June 2026) for short list for Asian games from the players selected for the long list.

**Note:** General Selection Criteria is published in the Sri Lanka Squash official Web site <https://srilankasquash.lk/sri-lanka-squash-slsselection-criteria-for-participation-in-international-tournaments/>

4. **Selected Players for Trials:**

a. The following players were eligible to be called for the trials by conserving their national ranking, PSA ranking and recent performance. In view of same, an email was sent to the respective players on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2025, to obtain their willingness to participate.

**i. Men Nominations**

S/No	Name
1	Ravindu Laksiri
2	Shamil Wakeel K
3	Tuwin Osanda Herath
4	Mohamed Shariff Hakeem
5	K. Viduranga Udantha
6	EA Nevindu Lakman
7	M.A.M. Usama
8	Methmal Wood
9	DH Thinura Randima
10	H.A.S DE Silva
11	Matheesha Wijesekara

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ii. **Women Nominations**

S/No	Name
1	VS Chanithma Sinely
2	Yeheni Kuruppu
3	Adhithi Gunasekera
4	Ranliya Irundinithi Wood
5	Akeesha D Samaranayaka
6	Miyumi Weerasinghe
7	Ifra Booso
8	K Senomi Silva
9	Nethmi Wickramasinghe
10	Dewmini Gallage
11	Anargi Ovishka Perera
12	Sithumili Mendis

5. **Final list of players with Seeding:**

- a. With the deadline for confirming willingness (10:00 PM on 31st December 2025), the following players have expressed their interest in participating in the selection

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trials. After considering all relevant factors, the following players have been selected to take part in the trials.

**i. Men's Squad**

S/No	Name	PSA / Latest Ranking as at 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Seeding
1	Ravindu Laksiri	National Champion, PSA - 123	1
2	Shamil Wakeel	National Runner up, PSA - 224	2
3	K Viduranga Udantha	2 <sup>nd</sup> National Ranking, PSA 546	3
4	EA Nevindu Lakman	3 <sup>rd</sup> National Ranking, PSA 355	4
5	Mohamed Shariff Hakeem	5 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking, PSA 470	5
6	Methmal Wood	6 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking, PSA 392	6
7	M.A.M.Usama	7 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking	7
8	DH Thinura Randina	8 <sup>h</sup> National Ranking	8
9	H.A.S DE Silva	9 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking	9
10	Matheesha Wijesekara	1 <sup>st</sup> U19, PSA 846	10

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ii. **Women's Squad**

S/N	Name	Latest Ranking as at 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025 / PSA	Seeding (Squad Vise)
1	VS Chanithma Sinely	National Champion-2025, PSA-239	1
2	Yeheni Kuruppu	7 <sup>th</sup> National ranking\National Champion-2023, PSA-307	2
3	Dewmini Gallage	2 <sup>nd</sup> at last selection trials, PSA 347	3
4	Ranliya Wood	2nd National Ranking	4
5	Adhithi Gunasekera	3 <sup>rd</sup> National Ranking	5
6	Ifra Booso	4 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking, 6 <sup>th</sup> U19, PSA 485	6
7	Miyumi Weerasinghe	5 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking, 3 <sup>rd</sup> U19, PSA 485	7
8	Nethmi Wickramasinghe	6 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking, 1 <sup>st</sup> U19, PSA 485	8
9	Akeesha D Samaranyaka	7 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking, 2 <sup>nd</sup> U19, PSA 485	9
10	Sithumili Mendis	8 <sup>th</sup> National Ranking, PSA 485	10

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**6. Trials Schedule:****a. Men's/ Women's**

- i. Dates - 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>h</sup> January 2026 (5 Days)
- ii. Time - 0830AM to 0600PM
- iii. Venue - Air Force Squash Complex, Ratmalana
- iv. S/By Venue - Sinhalese Sports Club, Colombo 7

**7. The guidelines and instruction to be followed:**

- a. Trials will be played to select players for aforementioned game in para 2.
- b. Standard SLS point system will be followed.  
Note: SLS Point system is published in the Sri Lanka Squash official Web site <https://srilankasquash.lk/sri-lanka-squash-slsselection-criteria-for-participation-in-international-tournaments/>
- c. Matches will be played according to the Round Robin system follows.
- d. Men's / Women's selected players are to be reported to venue at 08.00 AM on 14 January 2026 for the draw.
- e. Please note that player needs to play maximum 2 selection trial matches per day.
- f. Single Referee system will be followed.
- g. No postponement of matches will be allowed.
- h. Players are required to be present 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the match.
- j. Final no of entries will be decided by the National Selection Committee along with NOC and Sports Ministry.
- i. Tour Funding - It is hereby stated that the financial assistant is not guaranteed by Ministry of Sports / SLS for **Asian Team Squash Championship and Asian**

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**Test Event** and players will have to secure sponsorships if financial assistance could not be obtained from Ministry of sports for same.

k. Any dispute/observation/complaint pertaining to the draw, matched played etc (within 2 hours from the incident) should be forwarded in writing to the Secretary SLS ([eranga88alwis@gmail.com](mailto:eranga88alwis@gmail.com) Mobile : 0773664668) or Member Tournament Committee ([lahirudush.slaf@gmail.com](mailto:lahirudush.slaf@gmail.com) Mobile: 0772835805) while coping to [squashsrilanka@yahoo.com](mailto:squashsrilanka@yahoo.com)

8. Any further information/clarification in this regard can be obtained from Secretary SLS ([eranga88alwis@gmail.com](mailto:eranga88alwis@gmail.com) Mobile : 0773664668) and President SLS Group Captain Eranda Geeganage Email : [erandagee@yahoo.com](mailto:erandagee@yahoo.com), Mobile : 0714164236 / 0772229343 with a copy to Sri Lanka Squash [squashsrilanka@yahoo.com](mailto:squashsrilanka@yahoo.com).

Thanking You,  
Yours in Squash,

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Secretary, Sri Lanka Squash  
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Certified by:  
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We, the National Squash Selectors appointed by you for the administrative year 2025–2026, were requested by Sri Lanka Squash (SLS) to grant approval for the nominations submitted (as mentioned in para 6.b.i and 6.b.ii of the above trial notification) to call for trials to select players to represent Sri Lanka at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Asian Team Championship 2026.

Accordingly, approval is hereby granted for the nominations mentioned in para 6.b.i and 6.b.ii of the above trial notification, in order to conduct trials to select players to represent Sri Lanka at the aforesaid international tournament.

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