

Asian University Games (AUG) Bridge 2024 Selection Trial

In light of the conclusion of recent Bridge qualifying events in 2024, Singapore Contract Bridge Association (SCBA) will be conducting a selection trial for AUG Bridge to search for the following to be part of the team:

1. Two replacement pairs and a backup pair for Men's Team event
2. Up to two teams for Women's Team event, and
3. Up to four pairs for Mixed Pair event

AUG 2024 Bridge Details:

Date: 25 Jun - 1 Jul 2024

Venue: Surabaya, Indonesia

Estimated cost per athlete: \$1,500* (estimated)

*if student is selected to be part of AUG Bridge team, he/she needs to check with the respective university on the subsidy provided. Student is required to obtain endorsement from university to participate in AUG.

Selection Trial Details:

Date and time:

- 13 April (Sat): 10am – 7pm,
- 14 April (Sun): 10am – 7pm, if there is no bracket reset on Sunday, else 10am – 10pm.

Venue: SCBA Clubhouse, Bishan CC Level 1, Singapore 579799

Registration link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9MxJQ6ObpsBS2p19W1yzv2nDpstQmwy5if7gtc1p7Ot1qqQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Eligibility to participate as athletes in the FISU Asean University Games:

Individuals are required to meet the following conditions to participate in AUG 2024.

- (1) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national/regional academic authority of their country/region;
- (2) Former students who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year or the preceding year of the event (i.e. 2024 and 2023);
- (3) Be a Singapore citizen;
- (4) Be at least 18 and no older than 27 years of age on 31st December 2024 (i.e. athletes must be born between 1st January 1997 and 31st December 2006).

Conditions of Selection Trial

(1) Signups

- a. **Men's Team:** By teams of exactly four athletes each. The backup pair will be selected by the SCBA-appointed subcommittee and the decision is final.
- b. **Women's Team:** By teams of four to six athletes each.
- c. **Mixed Pairs:** By Pairs. When signing up for Men's and Women's team, athletes should also indicate their preferred partner for Mixed Pairs, if applicable.

(2) Format

- a. **Men's Team:** No trials if one team; Direct matchup if two teams; RR followed by double elimination if three teams or more, unless a perfect double elimination is possible (e.g. 4 or 8 teams)
- b. **Women's Team:** No trials if one or two teams; RR followed by double elimination if three teams or more, unless a perfect double elimination is possible (e.g. 4 or 8 teams)
- c. **Mixed Pairs:** No trials as mixed pair selection will be decided from the pool of Men and Women athletes not involved in the Men's and Women's pairs respectively. The Mixed Pair signup list will also be taken into consideration if there are insufficient teams trialling for the Men and Women Teams events, such that athletes not participating in their respective Team event due to the lack of athletes in their category can still participate in the Mixed Pairs.

Besides clearing the basic requirements to participate in AUG, under the NSA's guidelines, interested athletes will be required to fulfil at least one of the following conditions to be eligible for the selection trial:

- a. Part of the national team, **OR**
- b. Previously represented Singapore in at least one official regional or international Bridge event, **OR**
- c. Achieved a Top 6 finish in at least one official open-level Bridge event sanctioned by SCBA since Dec 2022, **OR**
- d. Achieved a Top 4 finish in at least one official youth-level Bridge event sanctioned by SCBA since Dec 2022, **OR**
- e. Achieved a Top 2 finish for their university in at least one official Inter-University Bridge tournament since Dec 2022, **OR**

Eligible events:

- Open: National Bridge League – (c)
- Open: Easter Congress (all open events) – (c)
- Open: Singapore Open Pairs – (c)
- Open: Singapore Open Teams – (b)
- Open: Pesta Sukan Bridge Championships – (c)
- Open: Singapore Mixed Pairs – (c)
- Open: Singapore IMP Pairs – (c)
- Open: H S Ho Teams (both qualifying and final) – (b)
- Open: ASEAN Bridge Club Championships (c)
- Youth: National Youth Pairs – (c)
- Youth: National Youth Teams – (c)
- School: School Bridge League (Final University ranking) – (a)
- School: National School Teams (Final University ranking) – (a)
- School: Easter Congress Teams (Final University ranking) – (a)

- (a) Need at least 6 teams/pairs
- (b) Need at least 9 teams/pairs
- (c) Need at least 12 teams/pairs

Should there be less teams/pairs than the minimum of teams/pairs mentioned above, the qualifying threshold will be proportionally tightened and rounded up (e.g. if only 8 teams participate in National Youth Teams, we will only accept a top 3 finish.)

As a reference, here are the qualifying threshold for the most recently-concluded SCBA events:

39th ASEAN Bridge Club Championships (Dec 2023)

- Open Pairs: Top 6
- Mixed Teams: Top 6
- Combined Swiss: Top 6
- Open Teams Finals: Top 2
- Ladies Teams Finals: Top 2
- Youth Teams Finals: Top 2
- Consolation Swiss: Top 6

NUS Open Pairs 2024

- Open Pairs: Top 6
- Open Pairs Youth: Top 4

Easter Congress 2024

- Mixed Pairs: Top 6
- IMP Pairs: Top 6
- IMP Pairs University: 1st
- Open Pairs: Top 6
- Open Pairs Youth: 1st
- Open Pairs University: 1st
- Open Teams Qualifying: Top 6
- Open Teams Finals: All teams
- Open Teams Consolations: Top 6
- Open Teams University Playoff: 1st

If one or more athletes in the pair or team are unable to meet any of the conditions stated in the AUG Bridge Selection Trial document (page 3-4), the team may submit this form first and then seek special dispensation from a SCBA-appointed subcommittee by writing to SCBA (Mr Koh Luwen, luwen@scba.org.sg) to appeal and state the reason(s) why the athlete should be included. Decisions made by the subcommittee are final.

- For fairness purposes, if previously identified athletes who are already in the current AUG Men’s team would like to bring in additional athletes not identified previously, they will have to re-trial with their new athletes for the same event.
- Once selected, athletes agree to abide by all instructions set out by the team manager, who will be appointed by SCBA to look after all team matters, alongside any other rules and regulations of the AUG.
- As each country can send up to two teams for each Team category, the Team manager reserves the right to make the final call on allocating pairs into each team and assigning pairs to represent the team for every round. Though the Team manager will consider the opinions of each athlete on their playing preferences, athletes should be aware that there is a chance that the original team that won the trials may not be the same team that was fielded in the AUG, and that some pairs will sit out more rounds than others. This is considering that the Team manager is obliged to make decisions in the best interest for Singapore during AUG.
- The Team manager may pair athletes who successfully trial into the Men’s team and Women’s team, but are not playing in the Men’s and Women’s pairs, for the Mixed pairs. This would ideally be decided after the conclusion of the Trials such that pairs have adequate time to prepare for their respective event categories.

Contact Persons

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