



Selection Policy for Singapore University Chess Team ASEAN University Games 2026

1. Summary of Important Information

Date of Competition:	11 to 15 December 2026
Date of Travel:	8 to 16 December 2026
Eligibility:	1) Singapore Citizen (Singapore Passport Holder) 2) Age between 18 and 27 years old on 31 Dec 2026 (DOB between 1 Jan 1999 to 31 Dec 2008, both dates inclusive) 3) Active student in 2026 or former student with degree conferred in 2025
Games' Website:	http://www.aug2026.my
Below are the estimated per athlete costs:	
Airfare & insurance:	Estimated to be between SGD300 - 500
Participation:	USD5 Accreditation Fee + USD 55/night, total about SGD600
Contingent & Team Attire:	SGD200
Others (e.g. Sports Trainer, ITO, misc., etc):	-
Coaching:	-
Total:	SGD1200 - 1700 excluding subsidy from your institution, if any
Estimated per athlete costs:	SGD1200 - 1700 excluding any subsidies that may be provided by your institution

2. General Information

- 2.1. The ASEAN University Games 2026 (AUG 2026) will be held in Malaysia from 10 to 19 December 2026.
- 2.2. The Singapore University Sports Council (SUSC) is planning to send a Chess Team to compete in AUG 2026, subject to athletes' qualification.
- 2.3. The travelling dates for the Chess Team are to be confirmed (pending competition schedule to be released).
- 2.4. On behalf of SUSC, National University of Singapore will be managing this team.
- 2.5. Athletes who are interested in standing for selection must submit the registration form [via this link](#) by **31 August 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact shaidah@nus.edu.sg.

3. Eligibility

3.1. Only the following may participate as athletes in AUG 2026:

- 3.1.1. 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;
- 3.1.2. Former students of the institutions mentioned in 3.1.1 who obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event.

3.2. All athletes must satisfy the following conditions:

- 3.2.1. Be a national/citizen of the country/region they represent.
- 3.2.2. Be at least 18 and no older than 27 years of age on the 31 December of the year of the event (i.e., born between 1 Jan 1999 to 31 Dec 2008).

3.3. All eligible athletes must agree to bear the full cost of preparation and participation. Any subsidy and funding will be between the athlete and his/her respective institutions.

4. Events

The Chess Team will be taking part in the following events *(do note that there will be a limited number of entries that each participating country can send per event)*:

Men's Tournament	Women's Tournament
Individual (Standard)	Individual (Standard)
Individual (Blitz)	Individual (Blitz)
Individual (Rapid)	Individual (Rapid)
Team (Standard)	Team (Standard)
Team (Blitz)	Team (Blitz)
Team (Rapid)	Team (Rapid)

4.1. Each delegation is authorised to enter:

Chess	Maximum number of participants
Men	5
Women	5

5. Selection of Athletes

- 5.1. Selection and participation are open only to current and incoming students of SUSC member universities – NTU, NUS, SIM, SIT, SMU, SUSS, SUTD, in compliance with the eligibility criteria outlined in Clause 3. All interested students are required to approach their respective institutions and submit the registration form for the selection trials through their institutions by the stipulated deadline.
- 5.2. The criteria for athletes who wish to register interest and participate in the selection trials of the AUG Chess Team are as follows:

To fulfil **at least one** of the following conditions.

- 5.2.1. Part of the current National Team **OR**
- 5.2.2. Have an active FIDE Standard Rating of at least 1,700 (for Open category) and 1,580 (for Girls category) **OR**
- 5.2.3. Previously represented Singapore in at least one official chess tournament over the past year (Aug 2025-Aug 2026) **OR**
- 5.2.4. Represented their university and achieved top 5 placing (individual) or top 3 placing (team) in at least one official chess tournament over the past year (Aug 2025-Aug 2026)

AND

- 5.2.5. Endorsed by Singapore Chess Federation Selection & Training committee.
- 5.2.6. Not undergoing any disciplinary proceedings or serving any suspension by Singapore Chess Federation or International Chess Federation.

5.3. Selection details

SUSC shall make the final selection decision, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Singapore Chess Federation (SCF).

6. Athletes' Obligations

- 6.1. Selected athletes must fully comply with SUSC and AUG rules, regulations and policies.
- 6.2. Selected athletes must fully comply with all anti-doping regulations. Athletes who require Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) have the duty to obtain one at least three months before the commencement of competition.
- 6.3. Selected athletes must maintain a level of fitness and performance consistent with the requirements of being a national representative.

- 6.4. Upon qualification, athletes must continue to show commitment towards preparing for AUG 2026, including all organised training sessions. Failure to do so may result in being dropped from the team.

7. Cost and Funding

- 7.1. The participation cost per athlete is estimated to be between \$1,200 and \$1,700 and will be subjected to changes. The cost includes accreditation fee, participation fee, travel expenses, insurance, attire, coaching, and others.
- 7.2. Selected athletes and/or the athletes' institution shall bear full cost of participating in AUG 2026, as well as the preparations leading up to it.
- 7.3. Athletes should check with their respective institutions with regards to subsidies, without which, the selected athlete is required to bear the full cost.