

## Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) Generic Scoring Table

Item	Weighting	Criteria	Rating				
1	1.5	International-level performance record in previous 2 years –  <b>Senior athletes</b>	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> International Invitation Tournament Regional Championships (e.g. Pacific Games) International Open Competitions	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Cup Series National Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Championships National Games World University Games / Championships Asia Cup (Finals) World Cup Series	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Olympic Games Asian Games World Championships World Cup (Finals)	<u>Medal</u> (Minus-one Rule) Olympic Games Asian Games
			[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
2	1	International-level performance record in previous 2 years –  <b>Junior athletes</b>	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> International Youth Invitation Tournament Regional Youth Championships International Youth Open Tournament	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Youth Cup Series Asian Age Group Championships National Youth Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> Asian Youth Championships National Youth Games Asia Youth Cup (Finals) World Youth Cup Series	4-8 (> 24 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries)</u> World Youth Championships World Youth Games World Youth Cup (Finals)	Medal (> 9 entries) or <u>Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries)</u> World Youth Championships World Youth Games World Youth Cup (Finals)
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## **EVALUATION MECHANISM FOR ELITE VOTE SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Starting from 1 April 2013, a three-tiered Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) has been implemented. The following paragraphs present an overview of the EVSS.

### **General EVSS Structure**

Sports whose athletes have the potential to perform well at the Olympic Games, will be “**Tier A\***” sports.

Sports achieving 9 points or above under the EVSS scoring system will be “**Tier A**”

Sports achieving a score of 6.5 points but under 9 points, will be “**Tier B**” sports.

According to the EVSS generic scoring table, sports meeting the points mentioned above will be provided with support for four years and review of sports performance is conducted every two years to decide if the sport will be provided another four years’ support.

### **Prerequisite**

#### ***Tier A\* and Tier A***

Only sports and events that are contested at the Olympic or Asian Games will be eligible for support under Tier A\* and Tier A, with the provision that existing “Tier A” sports that have previously been included in the Olympic Games or Asian Games, but have been excluded for the immediate following edition of the Games, should remain in Tier A, provided that their overall performance continues to meet the eligibility criteria for EVSS support.

#### ***Tier B***

All sports including those not contested at the Asian/Olympic Games, will be eligible for support under Tier B.

### **Criteria for Continuing in the EVSS**

#### ***Tier A\* and Tier A***

The basic benchmark performance level for continuing to receive EVSS support will be a minimum of 9 points plus either a qualification for the Olympic Games or a medal at the Asian Games or World Championships. If no athlete from a Tier A\* or Tier A sport achieves this level during the 4-year funding cycle, that sport will be removed from the programme.

### ***Tier B***

The basic benchmark performance level for continuing to receive EVSS support will be a minimum of 6.5 points. If no athlete from a Tier B sport achieves this level during the 4-year funding cycle, that sport will be removed from the programme.

### **Scoring Criteria/Guidelines**

1. The final score of the sport will be calculated based on the average of the best results from two senior athletes and two junior athletes.
2. Only one result per athlete will be taken into consideration. If an athlete has participated in both senior and junior events, result of only one category would be counted.
3. Each result, including results of doubles events and team events in individual sports, would only be counted once.
4. Results in demonstration or exhibition events will not be counted.
5. Only results of athletes fulfilling the 3-year residency criteria will be counted.
6. For team events, whether in individual or “Team-only” sports, all members of the team must fulfill the 3-year residency requirement; for Tier A\* and Tier A Sports, all should be eligible to represent Hong Kong in the Asian Games or Olympic Games.
7. Due to a lack of uniformity in the ranking systems for different sports, international ranking will not be used as an assessment parameter.
8. Only results in competitions sanctioned, recognised or endorsed by the relevant international or Asian federation will be considered, except for the National Games and National Championships.
9. For Olympic Games and Asian Games medal results, the “minus-one rule” (i.e. beaten at least one competitor in the competition) will be applied.
10. Only results in events with the participation of four or more countries or regions, will be counted.
11. International opens or professional events with the participation of six or more current world top ten ranking athletes will be considered equivalent to an event at the 4/5-point level.

### **Special Considerations for “Team-only” Sports**

12. Two senior and two junior level results will be counted. Results will be considered on a team basis, and there is no restriction on athlete combinations for different competitions.
13. Results in inter-club competitions, whether local or international, will not be counted.