Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) Generic Scoring Table

Item	Weighting	Criteria	Rating					
1	1.5	**Senior Category** International level performance record at senior event by either senior or junior athletes in previous 2 years	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) International Invitation Tournament Regional Championships (e.g. Pacific Games, East Asian Championships) International Open Competitions	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) Asian Cup Series National Championships Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) Asian Championships National Games World University Games / Championships Asia Cup (Finals) World Cup Series	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) Asian Games World Cup (Finals)	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) Olympic Games World Championships	Medal (Minus-one Rule) Olympic Games
			Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) Inter-port / Inter-City Competition [1]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) International Invitation Tournament Regional Championships (e.g. Pacific Games, East Asian Championships) International Open Competitions [2]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) Asian Cup Series National Championships Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games [3]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) Asian Championships National Games World University Games / Championships Asia Cup (Finals) World Cup Series [4]	Medal (Minus-one Rule) Asian Games Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) World Cup (Finals) [5]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) World Championships [6]
2	1	**Junior Category** International level performance record at junior or senior events by junior athletes in previous 2 years	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) International Youth Invitation Tournament Regional Youth Championships International Youth Open Tournament	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) Asian Youth Cup Series Asian Age Group Championships National Youth Championships	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) Asian Youth Championships National Student (Youth) Games (Open Category) Asia Youth Cup (Finals) World Youth Cup Series	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) World Youth Cup (Finals) Asian Youth Games	4-8 (> 24 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 24 entries) World Youth Championships Youth Olympic Games	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) World Youth Championships Youth Olympic Games
			Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) Inter-port / Inter-City Youth Tournament [1]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) International Youth Invitation Tournament Regional Youth Championships International Youth Open Tournament [2]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) Asian Youth Cup Series Asian Age Group Championships National Youth Championships [3]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) Asian Youth Championships National Student (Youth) Games (Open Category) Asia Youth Cup (Finals) World Youth Cup Series [4]	Medal (> 9 entries) or Top 1/3 (≤ 9 entries) World Youth Cup (Finals) Asian Youth Games [5]	[6]

EVALUATION MECHANISM FOR ELITE VOTE SUPPORT SYSTEM

Starting from 1 April 2013, a three-tiered Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) has been implemented, providing a support platform to enhance athletes' abilities to achieve the highest level of performance at international competitions and bring honour to Hong Kong. The following paragraphs present an overview of the EVSS.

General EVSS Structure

Sports achieving 10 points or above and whose athletes have the potential to perform well at the Olympic Games, will be **"Tier A*"** sports.
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Sports achieving 7.5 points but under 10 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

National Sports Associations must be affiliated with the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, in order to be eligible under Elite Vote Support System.

Tier A* and Tier A
Sports have been competed in or will be competed in at least three editions of the Olympic Games or Asian Games since 1997.

Tier B
All sports including those not contested at the Olympic Games or Asian Games.

Criteria for Continuing in the EVSS

Tier A* and Tier A
The benchmark performance level for continuing to receive EVSS support will be a minimum of 10 points plus either a qualification for the Olympic Games; or a medal at the Asian Games or World Championships; or a gold medal at the National Games during the 2-year review period. If a Tier A* or Tier A sport cannot achieve this level during the 4-year funding cycle, that sport will be removed from the programme.

Tier B

The benchmark performance level for continuing to receive EVSS support will be a minimum of 7.5 points plus either a medal at the Asian Championships or National Games; a top eight position at the World Championships or Asian Games; or an EV score higher than that of the last evaluation during the 2-year review period. If a Tier B sport cannot achieve 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 two best results from the senior categories and three best results from the junior categories.

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 three 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.