

REVISED NATIONAL SERVICE (NS) SPORTING PRIVILEGES

The changes will give more flexibility for NSF sportsmen to train for and compete in competitions that bring national glory, and ensure equity in the NS system.

Key Information

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- Definition - “NSF Sportsmen”, National Servicemen (NSFs) who are national sportsmen
- **Important:** that each NSF discharges his NS obligations fully
- An NSF Sportsman may apply to use sporting provisions to train for and participate in more competitions aside from the Major Games, subject to exigencies of service. Such competitions will be determined by MINDEF, in consultation with MCCY

Leave Classifications

i. Training Leave (Extended) (TLE):

An NSF Sportsman may be granted TLE in stretches of at least seven days each, to train for and participate in major competitions*. They can be granted multiple blocks of TLE according to their training and competition needs, as long as the cumulative number of days does not exceed 180 across FTNS.

(TLE will not count towards an NSF’s FTNS – his ORD date will be extended by the total number of days of TLE taken. TLE can be used for both local and overseas training and competitions.)

ii. Training Leave (TL) will be granted in place of Time-Off (TO):

Each NSF Sportsman will be eligible for 30 days of TL per major competition. TL can be used for both local and overseas training, and can be consumed in half-day or full-day blocks.

(TL will not count towards a sportsman’s FTNS – his Operationally Ready Date (ORD) will be extended by the total number of days of TL taken.)

+ If an NSF Sportsman intends to be away for more than seven full consecutive days, he should apply for TLE instead.

iii. **Full Pay Unrecorded Leave (FPUL) per year (20 days):**

Each NSF Sportsman will remain eligible for up to 20 days of FPUL, to train for and participate in major competitions*

+ This is over and above the 14 days of personal leave that each NSF is entitled to.

+ NSF Sportsmen can apply for half-day or full-day FPUL.

(FPUL can be used for both local and overseas training and competitions.)

Application Procedures / Notes

1. Submission of applications for SportSG and MCCY's endorsement at least 6 weeks in advance of the event (to ensure it can be sent for MINDEF/MHA consideration one month before;
2. FPUL and TL / Training Leave (Extended) (TLE)
 - NSF Sportsman must not be undergoing essential military training or operations;
 - Must be medically fit to discharge his NS duties, in line with his permanent medical status;
 - Must display satisfactory NS performance and conduct, as assessed by his NS commander; and
 - Has to be selected, or assessed to be very likely to be selected, to represent Singapore in a major regional/ international competition*.
3. All applications are subjected to the SAF and Home Team's operational need.
4. NSF Sportsmen must maintain satisfactory conduct, even while on FPUL, TL or TLE. Otherwise, they may have their privileges rescinded or face disciplinary action.

*as determined by MINDEF/MHA, in consultation with MCCY.