

The Selection Process Timeline – Year 7 - 2023/2024 – Football

Phase	Date/s	Notes
Letter from DG MEYR	By Monday 26 th September 2022	Notification letter to all schools in Malta regarding NSS applications
Online Informative Meeting for Parents of Applicants into Year 7	Thursday 6 th October 2022 at 9.30 am	Head of School to address meeting Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 310 913 687 015 Passcode: A8Gd4A Download Teams Join on the web
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Informative Meeting at the National Sport School for Parents of Applicants into Year 7	Thursday 6 th October 2022 at 6:15pm	NSS Multi-purpose Hall Head of School to address meeting
Informative meeting for all Sport Associations/Federations	Tuesday 11 th October 2022 at 09:00am	NSS Multi-purpose Hall Head of School to address meeting
Football pre-selection Application	Friday 14 th October 2022 to Friday 28 th October 2022	Application will be available online from the school website or Customer Care/One Stop Shop and must be submitted by noon at the Customer Care/One Stop Shop Office, Directorate for Educational Services, Floriana: Monday to Saturday: 8:00am to 1:00pm Wednesdays only: 4:30pm to 7:00pm or at the Innovation Hub, Triq il-Pitkalija Xewkija, Gozo. Monday to Friday: 8:30am to 5:00pm.
1ST Football Trials for all applicants	Tuesday 22 nd November 2022 and Thursday 24 th November 2022 Time and Venue to be communicated by email by the Secretary of the Selection Process NSS (SPNSS).	Football Panel Board approved by the Permanent Secretary of the Selection Process NSS (SPNSS) Weighting of Assessment Marks is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Expert* 50% • MFA 25% • NSS 25% Test includes:

		Football Games – 100%
2nd Football Trials for all applicants	<p>Wednesday 1st February 2023 and Friday 3rd February 2023</p> <p>Time and Venue to be communicated by email by the Secretary of the Selection Process NSS (SPNSS).</p>	<p>Football Panel Board:</p> <p>Weighting of Assessment Marks is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Expert* 50% • MFA 25% • NSS 25% <p>Football Pass Mark is 65%</p> <p>Test includes: Football Games – 100%</p>
28 students (24 outfield players and 4 goalkeepers) from all football applicants are shortlisted	Results will be issued by Friday 17 th February 2023	All applicants will receive a notification email from the Secretary of the SPNSS Board that results will be published at the Customer Care/One Stop Shop, Directorate for Educational Services, Floriana or at the Innovation Hub, Triq il-Pitkalija Xewkija, Gozo.
NSS applications open: applicable only to the 28 students shortlisted by the Football Panel Board	Monday 20 th February 2023	<p>Applications will be available online from the school website or from Customer Care/One Stop Shop, Directorate for Educational Services, Floriana:</p> <p>Monday to Saturday: 8:00am to 1:00pm Wednesdays only: 4:30pm to 7:00pm</p> <p>or</p> <p>at the Innovation Hub, Triq il-Pitkalija Xewkija, Gozo:</p> <p>Monday to Friday: 8:30am to 5:00pm.</p>
NSS applications close	Monday 13 th March 2023	Applications must be submitted by noon at the Customer Care/One Stop Shop Office, Directorate for Educational Services, Floriana or at the Innovation Hub, Triq il-Pitkalija, Xewkija, Gozo.
Football Tests: Applicable only to the 28 shortlisted students	<p>Wednesday 22nd March 2023 and Friday 24th March 2023</p> <p>Time and Venue to be communicated by email by the</p>	<p>Football Panel Board</p> <p>Weighting of Assessment Marks is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Expert* 50% • MFA 25%

	Secretary of the Selection Process NSS (SPNSS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSS 25% <p>Tests include: Football Games – 50% Individual Football Skills Test – 50%</p> <p>This represents 50% of global mark.</p>
Fitness Tests	<p>Monday 17th April to Friday 28th April 2023</p> <p>Time to be communicated by email by the Secretary of the Selection Process NSS (SPNSS).</p>	<p>Fitness Tests criteria will be published on the school website for reference information.</p> <p>Fitness Tests will be conducted by qualified personnel and endorsed by the Secretary of the Selection Process NSS - SPNSS.</p> <p>Those who fail in the fitness test will not be eligible to join NSS. Certain Sports may have specified fitness tests.</p> <p>This represents 26% of the global mark.</p>
Players recommended for the Wild Card	<p>Submission of Wild Card Application:</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd May 2023 to Tuesday 9th May 2023</p>	<p>Wildcard is only open to an outstanding player/s recommended by the Football Panel Board in line with the wild card regulations.</p> <p>Those who will earn a wild card must still sit for the benchmark exams. They are eligible to join NSS if they fail the benchmark exams but excel in the Football and Fitness tests.</p> <p>Application will be available online from the school website and must be submitted by noon by the Football Panel Board at the Customer Care/One Stop Shop Office, Directorate for Educational Services, Floriana or at the Innovation Hub, Triq il-Pitkalija Xewkija, Gozo.</p>
Benchmark examinations	<p>First session: To be held between Tuesday 23rd and Tuesday 30th of May 2023.</p>	<p>Applicants will sit for the National Benchmark Exams: Maths, Maltese, and English.</p> <p>Specific dates to be confirmed by the EAU.</p>

	Second session: To be held between Monday 12 th June and Friday 16 th June 2023.	Students will pass if attain a minimum threshold of 45% in any two core subjects and 35% in one of the three core subjects . <i>This represents 24% of global mark</i>
Publication of Wild Card Results Awarded	by Tuesday 20 th June 2023	Results will be published at the Customer Care/One Stop Shop Office, Directorate for Educational Services, Floriana or at the the Innovation Hub, Triq il-Pitkalija Xewkija, Gozo.
Publication of Results	by Friday 30 th June 2023	Results will be published at the Customer Care/One Stop Shop Office, Directorate for Educational Services, Floriana or at the the Innovation Hub, Triq il-Pitkalija Xewkija, Gozo.

NSS Entry Criteria Marks	
Main Sport Test	50%
Fitness Test	26%
Benchmark Exams	24%

*In case that the foreign expert is unavailable to attend, the Secretary of the Selection Process NSS will nominate a replacement.