CBSE/GAMES/2026

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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: CBSE Games (2026-27) – reg.

CBSE organizes sports events at Cluster/ Zonal and National levels for students of its affiliated schools every year in various age-groups for girls and boys separately. The Board invites proposals from its affiliated schools to organize CBSE Games, and also for 'applying to participate' in CBSE Games through online portal. Following may be noted in this regard:

1. **List of Games, Age-Groups and Clusters/ Zones:** The list of games alongwith age-groups at Cluster/ Zonal and National levels are given in Annexure - A & B. The schools are advised to go through the same to see updations.

2. **Online Proposal by Schools for Organizing Games:** Schools wishing to organize any of the games at Cluster/ Zonal or National Levels, may apply online on CBSE website www.cbse.gov.in (click on the box named 'CBSE SPORTS SYSTEM' on main website) or at www.cbseacademic.nic.in (click on tab '**Sports**').
   a) No proposal shall be accepted offline/ manually.
   b) The link **'Apply to Organize CBSE Games'** may be clicked to fill the online form. Username and Password will be the same as used by the schools for LOC or registration of students for classes IX/X/XI/XII every year.
   c) The school must ensure that they have all the facilities necessary to organize the sports events, preferably as per specifications of infrastructure, available on the website of SAI (Sports Authority of India) at the link:
   https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in/sai_new/infrastructure
   d) The school must upload a **3-5 minutes video on YouTube** showing the playground(s) of the game that the school wants to organize alongwith accommodation facilities and washrooms for ample number of participants. The URL link of the video uploaded on YouTube should be pasted into the online application form.

3. **Online Registration of Players for Participation in CBSE Games:** Schools intending to participate in CBSE Games should visit the CBSE website *(as mentioned in point 2 above)* and complete the following 3 steps:

a) Step 1 - Registration:
- The schools may register their students online by filling the form available at the above-mentioned link by clicking **'Registration/ Apply to Participate'**.
- A UID will be created for every student. This registration is to be done only once and the same UID of the student will continue for all the coming years till the student is studying in CBSE school(s).

b) **Step 2 - Apply to Participate**:
- After registering the student, click **'Apply to Participate'**, to put the student in any game(s). This step is mandatory to participate in CBSE Games.
- If only registration is done and this step 2 (*Apply to Participate*) is not completed, the student/ team will not be allowed to participate in CBSE Games.

c) **Step 3 - Send Confirmation to Organizing School(s)**:
- After completing both the above-mentioned steps *('Register Student' & 'Apply to Participate')*, the participating schools should send email to the organizing schools confirming their participation at least **one week prior to the event**, so that the organizing schools may make arrangements accordingly.

Note: The schools not completing the above steps (a to c) before the last date, will not be able to participate in CBSE Games.

4. **Selection-Trials**: It has been observed in the past that some good players were not given chance by their schools to participate in CBSE Games. Therefore, the schools are advised to conduct selection-trials for selection of best players to represent the school in CBSE Games. For this purpose, following may be noted:
   a) Selection-trials should be conducted before applying to participate in CBSE Games.
   b) A committee should be constituted for conducting selection-trials in the school.
   c) The school should not deny any student to participate in selection-trials.
   d) The school should keep record of the selection-trials and photos of the selection-trails.
   e) CBSE may conduct Surprise Inspection of the school to ensure that talented players are being given chance to participate in CBSE Games.

5. **How to Login:** The schools may use the same Username and Password as used for LOC or registration of students of classes IX/ X/ XI/ XII every year.

6. **Mapping of School:** After login, if boxes of Cluster and Zone (on top of the screen) appear blank, this means the school is not mapped in any cluster/ zone, and the organizing schools will not be able to see the entries of that particular school. In this case, schools should report the same at manjit.cbse@gmail.com and cbsegames@gmail.com

7. **Correct Data Entry**: Schools should enter correct details of participants i.e. name, date of birth, game, event etc. In case of incorrect entry, the same may be edited or deleted, and fresh registration may be done before the last date. However, in case of any corrections (after the last date), the schools should send a request to CBSE from their official email address (@cbseshiksha.in) at manjit.cbse@gmail.com and cbsegames@gmail.com mentioning all details of the case, and attaching date of birth certificate and UDISE data of the player (*screenshot of UDISE portal showing record of that particular player*).

8. **Entry with 'Late Fee' after the Last Date:** Late fee will be charged for registration and 'applying to participate' after the last date:
   - Upto 7 days after the last date = Rs. 500/- per student
   - 8 to 14 days after the last date = Rs. 1000/- per student

9. **Age-Criteria**: A player shall be under 11, 14, 17, & 19 years of age as of 31.12.2026. Accordingly, for session 2026-27, the age criteria will be as follows:
   - Under 11 years: Born on or after 01.01.2016
   - Under 14 years: Born on or after 01.01.2013
   - Under 17 years: Born on or after 01.01.2010
   - Under 19 years: Born on or after 01.01.2008

   Similarly, age may be calculated for other age-groups.

10. **Participation in CBSE National Sports Events:** First & second positions in all individual sports events, and only the winners *(first position i.e. gold medal)* in all team games *(at Cluster & Zonal level)* will participate in CBSE Nationals in each category and age-group. However, in case of Chess *(top 02 teams)*, Shooting *(top 02 teams & 05 top individuals)* and *Yogasana (top 02 teams & top 05 individuals)*. *Note: If in case the winner team/ individual is not participating in nationals, the next team will not be allowed to participate in CBSE nationals*.

11. **Sports Grant to Organizing Schools:** CBSE provides sports grant to schools for organizing sports events (Rs.2,00,000/- for Cluster/ Zonal level and Rs.3,00,000/- for National level). However, for Athletics and Swimming, sports grant shall be Rs.4,00,000/- at Cluster/ Zonal level and Rs.5,00,000/- for National level. The sports grant will be transferred to the bank account of the organizing school after the successful conduct of the sports event and submission of required information on CBSE portals. No advance amount will be given. Sports equipment such as shuttle-cock, tennis-ball, football, volleyball, basketball etc. will be arranged by the organizing schools. They may purchase/ hire equipment at their own and meet expenditure out of CBSE grant. No extra payment will be given by CBSE in this regard.

12. **Videography:** To bring transparency and promote fairness in games, videography is compulsory for all sports events at Cluster, Zonal and National levels. The record of videography (*and record of photo-finish for Athletics & Swimming*) shall be maintained by the organizing school for a period of 3 months after the sports events. The organizing schools shall meet the expenditure on videography and photo-finish out of CBSE sports grant. No extra payment will be given by CBSE in this regard.

13. **Accommodation and Meals:** The organizing school shall make arrangements of accommodation *(including bedding)* and all meals for participating teams/ individuals. Each participant shall pay Rs.500/- per day for all meals & accommodation (including bedding) to the organizing school. However, this amount shall not be charged from the players/ teams who are not staying in the venue, and are not taking any meal from the organizing school. If the teams/ individuals are not staying in the venue, but taking meal(s) from the organizing school, then the participating school shall pay Rs.300/- per participant per day for meal(s), irrespective of the number of meals taken in a day. *(Note: The participating schools should prefer staying in the venue schools keeping in view the safety & security of the participants. In case the players/ teams want to stay outside at their own, then the participating players/ teams should bring a written undertaking/ permission from their school Principal on school letter head regarding the same).* For the purpose of safety/ security and to ensure identity/ entry of only authorized players in the venue, the organizing school should issue an ID card to each participant. The organizing school may charge upto Rs.100/- per player for the same.

14. **Rules**: All stakeholders are requested to read 'Rules of Sports & Games' and 'CBSE Games (Guidelines)' available at CBSE sports portal. In case of any clash/ ambiguity in the rules/ guidelines, the information given in this circular will be final, and will supersede all the previous communications.

15. **Annual Sports Fee:** Rs.10,000/- as Annual Sports Fee for each school is automatically added to the online fee at the time of registration of class IX students. So, the schools are **not** required to send Sports Fee separately to CBSnE. In case of Government Category schools, an option is given *(at the time of Registration of Class IX students)*, whether the school is willing to participate in CBSE Games or not. If the school opts to participate in CBSE Games, sports fee will be charged from that Government Category school. *(Note: The organizing schools are not required or authorized to check the receipt of annual sports fee from the participating schools at the venue).*

16. **Medals and Certificates**: All participants will be given Participation Certificates. Winners will be given Merit Certificates & Medals. The certificates will be provided online in pdf format.
    a) Cluster/ Zonal Level Certificates: The organizing schools will 'Mark Attendance' and 'Upload Results' online on CBSE Sports Portal. After that, the participating schools will be able to download the Cluster/ Zonal 'Participation Certificates' and 'Merit Certificates' from CBSE Sports Portal.
    b) National Level Certificates: After the Cluster/ Zonal Organizing schools will mark attendance & upload results, the National Organising schools will mark attendance & upload results to generate National 'Participation Certificates' and 'Merit Certificates'. *(Please note that National level organizing schools can generate certificates only after the Cluster/ Zonal level organizers have marked attendance and uploaded results.)*

    For certificates, the participating schools should contact the organizing schools, and not the CBSE. In case the organizing schools face any technical issue in marking attendance or uploading results, they may contact CBSE *(with screenshots of the technical issue and all details)* at manjit.cbse@gmail.com and cbsegames@gmail.com.

17. **Participation of CBSE National Winners in Khelo-India and SGFI Games**: Winners of CBSE National Level Competitions will participate in Khelo-India Games and National School Games of SGFI (School Games Federation of India) as follows:
    a) **Khelo India Games**: The winners (Gold Medallists only) of CBSE National Competitions in individual games *(age-group as per Khelo India policy)* will participate in Khelo-India Games. (Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Fencing, Gymnastics, Judo, Shooting, Swimming, Tennis, Table-Tennis and *Yogasana*)
    b) **SGFI National School Games**: The winners of CBSE National Competitions will participate in SGFI National School Games as per SGFI policy. (Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Cricket, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Shooting, Skating, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis, Table-Tennis, Volleyball & *Yogasana*) in respective age-groups & weight-categories which match with SGFI.

18. **Tentative Schedule of Activities:**

Online Proposal by Schools for Organizing CBSE Games at Cluster/ Zonal/ National level	10.04.2026 to 20.04.2026
Online 'Registration of Students' and 'Apply to Participate' in CBSE Games at Cluster/Zonal/National level *(by participating schools)*	15.04.2026 to 15.05.2026 (Then with Late Fee as per rule)
Display of Sports Calendar *(List of Sports Venues)*	Last week of May 2026
Conduct of Sports Events (tentative) *(The schools applying to organize CBSE games should plan accordingly)*	Cluster / Zonal Level: 01.06.2026 to 31.07.2026 National Level: 20.09.2026 to 20.10.2026
Online Result Uploading by the Organizing Schools on CBSE portal under link 'Upload Results'	Within 24 hours of the conduct of the event

All schools are requested to take note of the above and participate in CBSE Games accordingly. For any queries, schools may contact **Dr. Manjit Singh, Additional Director (Sports), CBSE** at manjit.cbse@gmail.com or cbsegames@gmail.com

With Best Wishes!

Dr. Praggya M Singh
Professor and Director (Academics)

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1. JS to Chairperson, CBSE
2. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE
3. All Professor & Directors, CBSE
4. All Regional Directors, Regional Officers, Sub-Regional Officers, CBSE with request to send this circular to all the heads of CBSE affiliated schools in their respective regions
5. All Associate Professor & Additional Directors, Assistant Professor & Joint Directors, Assistant Professor & Deputy Directors, Assistant Professor & Assistant Directors, CBSE
6. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ Under Secretary/ Assistant Secretary, CBSE
7. Media & PR Unit, CBSE
8. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
9. In-charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website

Sd/-
Professor and Director (Academics)

Annexure-A

List of Games and Age-Groups (2026-27)

SN	Discipline/ Game	Level			Age Group(s) Under
		Cluster	Zonal	National	
01	Athletics	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
02	Badminton	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
03	Basketball	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
04	Football (Boys)	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
05	Kabaddi	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
06	Kho Kho	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
07	Table Tennis	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
08	Volleyball	**Yes**	No	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
09	Archery	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
10	Boxing	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
11	Chess	No	**Yes**	Yes	11, 14, 17 & 19 years
12	Cricket	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
13	Football (Girls)	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
14	Handball	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
15	Hockey	No	**Yes**	Yes	14,17 & 19 years
16	Judo	No	**Yes**	Yes	11, 14, 17 & 19 years
17	Shooting	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
18	Skating	No	**Yes**	Yes	9, 11, 14, 17 & 19 years
19	Swimming	No	**Yes**	Yes	11, 14, 17 & 19 years
20	Taekwondo	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
21	Tennis	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
22	*Yogasana*	No	**Yes**	Yes	14, 17 & 19 years
23	Aerobics	No	No	**Yes**	11, 14, 17 & 19 years
24	Fencing	No	No	**Yes**	14, 17 & 19 years
25	Gymnastics	No	No	**Yes**	11, 14, 17 & 19 years
26	Rope Skipping	No	No	**Yes**	14 & 19 years

Note: Age is calculated 'as on 31 December of the year of event'

Annexure-B

List of Clusters, CBSE Regions and Zones (2026-27)

CLUSTER	AREA COVERED	CBSE REGION	ZONE
Cluster I	Assam; Arunachal Pradesh; Manipur; Meghalaya; Mizoram Nagaland; Sikkim; and Tripura	Guwahati Region	Far East Zone (FEZ)
Cluster II	Odisha and West Bengal	Bhubaneswar Region	
	Chhattisgarh	Raipur Region	
Cluster III	Bihar	Patna Region	East Zone (EZ)
	Jharkhand	Ranchi Region	
Cluster IV	**Districts of UP:** Amethi, Auraiya, Ayodhya, Bahraich, Balrampur, Banda, Barabanki, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Fatehpur, Firozabad, Gonda, Hamirpur, Hardoi, Jalaun, Jhansi, Kannauj, Kanpur Dehat, Kanpur Nagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Lalitpur, Lucknow, Mahoba, Mainpuri, Pilibhit, Rebareli, Shajahanpur, Sharaswati, Sitapur, and Unnao	Lucknow Region	
Cluster V	**Districts of UP:** Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Ballia, Basti, Bhadohi, Chandauli, Chitrakoot, Deoria, Ghazipur, Gorakhpur, Jaunpur, Kaushambi, Kushi Nagar, Maharajganj, Mau, Mirzapur, Pratapgarh, Prayagraj, Sant Kabir Nagar, Siddharth Nagar, Sonbhadra, Sultanpur and Varanasi	Prayagraj (Allahabad) Region	
Cluster VI	Tamil Nadu; Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar	Chennai Region	South Zone (SZ) – I
Cluster VII	Telangana	Hyderabad Region	
	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada Region	
Cluster VIII	Karnataka	Bangaluru Region	South Zone (SZ) – II
Cluster IX	Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Pune Region	
Cluster X	**Districts of Kerala:** Kasargode; Wynad; Kannur; Kozikode; Palghat; Thrissur & Malappuram	Thiruvananthapuram Region	
Cluster XI	**Lakshdweep**, **Districts of Kerala:** Aleppey; Kollam; Idukki; Trivendrum; Kottayam; Pathanamthitta & Ernakulam		
Cluster XII	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal Region	West Zone (WZ)
Cluster XIII	Gujarat	Ahmedabad Region	
Cluster XIV	Rajasthan	Ajmer Region	
Cluster XV	**Districts of Haryana:** Karnal; Panipat; Jind; Hisar; Sonipat; Rohtak; Bhiwani; Jhajjar; Gurgaon; Faridabad; Rewari and Narnaul	Gurugram Region	North Zone-II (NZ-II)
Cluster XVI	**Himachal Pradesh, UT of Chandigarh, UT of Ladakh** **Districts of Haryana:** Ambala, Fatehbad, Hisar, Jind, Kaithal, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Panchkula, Sirsa, and Yamuna Nagar	Panchkula Region	
Cluster XVII	**Districts of Punjab:** Muktasar; Bhatinda; Mansa; Patiala, Sangrur, Malerkotla, Barnala, Roopnagar, SAS Nagar, Mohali	Ludhiana Region	
Cluster XVIII	**UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Districts of Punjab:** Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Ludhiana, Moga, Nawan Shehar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Faridkot, Firozpur		
Cluster XIX	**Uttarakhand, Districts of UP**: Bareilly, Bijnour, Moradabad, Muzzaffarnagar, Rampur, Saharanpur and Shamli	Dehradun Region	North Zone-I (NZ-I)
	Agra, Aligarh, Amroha, Baghpat, Badaun, Bulandshahar, Etah, Gautam Budh Nagar, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Hathras, Kasganj / Kashi Ram Nagar, Mathura, Meerut, and Sambhal	Noida Region	
Cluster XX	Delhi	Delhi (East) Region & Delhi (West) Region	Central Zone (CZ)
Cluster F-I	Russia	Dubai Region	Foreign Zone
Cluster F-II	Kuwait, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan		
Cluster F-III	Sultanate of Oman, Yemen		
Cluster F-IV	Qatar		
Cluster F-V	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia		
Cluster F-VI	United Arab Emirates		
Cluster F-VII	Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan		
Cluster F-VIII	Africa (Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Benin, Libya) Somalia		
Cluster F-IX	Japan		
Cluster F-X	Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore		
Cluster F-XI	Netherlands		
Cluster F-XII	Bahrain		

Note: Venue of cluster-level games can be in any of the states/ UTs mentioned against the Cluster. Similarly, zonal-level games can be in any of the states/ UTs mentioned against the Zone.