

SELECTION POLICY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ISF GYMNASIADE 2026

1. Purpose

The School Games Federation of India (SGFI) shall conduct Selection Trials for selection of the Indian School Contingent for participation in the upcoming ISF Gymnasiade.

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe a uniform and transparent procedure for shortlisting of athletes, verification of eligibility, conduct of Selection Trials and final selection of athletes for representing India at the Gymnasiade.

The selection shall be based on merit and performance, subject to the eligibility conditions and technical regulations prescribed by the International School Sport Federation (ISF).

2. Shortlisting of Athletes for Selection Trials

For participation in the Selection Trials, SGFI shall initially consider the **first eight (Top 8) athletes/contenders** from the relevant event, category or weight category, as applicable, from the **Under-17 and Under-19 categories of the 69th SGFI National School Games/Championships**.

The above athletes shall thereafter be scrutinised with reference to the eligibility criteria prescribed by ISF for the concerned sport.

Mere securing of a position amongst the first eight at the 69th SGFI National School Games shall not automatically entitle an athlete either to participate in the Selection Trials or to be finally selected for the Indian contingent. The athlete must fulfil all other eligibility conditions prescribed under this policy and by ISF.

3. Age and Date-of-Birth Eligibility

The age/date-of-birth eligibility prescribed by ISF for the Gymnasiade may differ depending upon the sport and category.

Accordingly, the athletes shortlisted from the 69th SGFI National School Games shall be further screened on the basis of their date of birth.

Only those athletes whose date of birth falls within the eligible date-of-birth range prescribed by ISF for the concerned sport/event shall be considered for the Selection Trials.

The sport-wise date-of-birth eligibility criteria prescribed by ISF shall be attached as **Annexure-I** and shall form part of this Selection Policy.

An athlete who has secured a position amongst the first eight in the SGFI National Championship but does not fall within the applicable ISF date-of-birth criteria shall not be eligible for the Selection Trials.

4. Educational/School Eligibility



While preparing the list of probables, SGFI shall consider eligible athletes who, during the immediately preceding academic year, were studying in **Class XI or below**, subject to fulfilment of the applicable ISF eligibility requirements.

Students who were studying in **Class XII during the preceding academic year and have since passed/completed Class XII** shall not be considered in the list of probables for the present selection process.

This condition is being followed to ensure that the athletes selected for the Indian contingent continue to satisfy the applicable school/student eligibility requirements for participation in the ISF Gymnasiade.

5. Preparation of Final List of Probables

The final list of athletes eligible to participate in the Selection Trials shall therefore be prepared in the following manner:

- First eight athletes/contenders from the relevant event/category/weight category of the Under-17 and Under-19 competitions of the 69th SGFI National School Games shall be considered.
- Their date of birth shall be checked against the sport-wise age/date-of-birth eligibility prescribed by ISF under Annexure-I.
- Their school/class status shall thereafter be verified.
- Athletes who were in Class XII during the previous academic year and have already passed/completed Class XII shall be excluded.
- Athletes fulfilling the above conditions shall constitute the final list of probables eligible to participate in the SGFI Selection Trials.

6. Verification of Eligibility

Before permitting an athlete to participate in the Selection Trials, SGFI may verify the athlete's:

- Date of birth and Identity- Passport;
- School Bonafide (class details);
- Supporting educational documents;
- Performance/position in the 69th SGFI National School Games;
- ISF eligibility; and
- Any other document or eligibility requirement considered necessary for international participation.

If an athlete is found ineligible at any stage of the selection process, his/her candidature may be withdrawn.

7. Conduct of Selection Trials

All shortlisted athletes who fulfil the prescribed age, educational and other eligibility conditions shall be invited to participate in the **Selection Trials to be conducted by SGFI**.

Participation in the Selection Trials shall be mandatory for consideration for final selection.



The trials shall be conducted under the supervision of the Selection Committee/Technical Committee duly constituted or authorised by SGFI.

As far as practicable, the Selection Trials shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable SGFI rules, event specifications and weight categories prescribed for the forthcoming ISF Gymnasiade.

8. SPORT-SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

The final selection criteria shall be applied according to the nature of the sport/event. The criteria applicable to Athletics and other objectively measurable events shall be different from those applicable to Wrestling, Taekwondo and Judo.

8.1 Athletics and Other Measurable Sports/Events

For Athletics and other sports/events where performance can be objectively measured through time, distance, height, score, points or another recognised measurable performance standard, the following criteria shall apply:

a. Final Selection Trial

The athlete must participate in and clear the Final Selection Trial conducted by SGFI in the concerned event.

Performance in the Final Selection Trial shall form the basis for considering the athlete for selection.

b. International Performance Benchmark

In addition to performance in the Selection Trial, the performance achieved by the athlete securing **8th position in the corresponding event at the previous relevant ISF Gymnasiade** shall be taken as the international reference benchmark.

For the present selection process, the relevant results of the previous ISF Championship held in **Bahrain**, wherever applicable to the concerned event, shall be considered for determining the benchmark.

The event-wise performance benchmarks shall be attached as **Annexure-II** to this Policy.

c. Performance During Trials

The benchmark shall be applied to the performance recorded during the Final Selection Trials conducted by SGFI.

Where more than one athlete achieves the prescribed benchmark, the performance and ranking secured in the Final Selection Trial shall be considered for determining the athlete(s) to be recommended for selection. Only the top finisher shall be taken into consideration.

d. Maximum Events for Participation



An athlete qualifying for the Selection Trials in Athletics shall be permitted to participate in a **maximum of three (3) events**, and only in those events for which he/she has qualified and has been shortlisted for the Selection Trials based on his/her performance in the 69th SGFI National School Games.

An athlete shall not be permitted to participate in the Selection Trial for any event for which he/she has not been shortlisted.

e. Selection of Relay Teams

There shall be **no separate Selection Trial for relay events**.

The relay team(s) shall be selected by the Selection Committee from amongst the athletes finally selected in the various individual Athletics events, keeping in view their performance, suitability for the relay event and the overall composition of the team.

The final composition of the relay team(s) shall be decided by the Selection Committee.

f. Performance During Trials

The prescribed benchmark shall be applied to the performance recorded during the Final Selection Trials conducted by SGFI. Ordinarily, **only the top-performing athlete in each event shall be considered for selection**, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed selection criteria.

However, where the Selection Committee considers that the performance standard in a particular event merits the inclusion of an additional athlete, it may recommend **up to two (2) athletes in that event**.

The second athlete may be considered only where his/her performance in the Final Selection Trial **equals or surpasses the Bronze Medal performance of the corresponding event at the previous ISF Gymnasiade**.

Such inclusion shall not be automatic and shall be based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, considering the international performance standard, comparative results of the previous ISF Gymnasiade and the overall medal prospects of the athlete.

Final participation of the second athlete shall remain subject to the applicable ISF entry/quota regulations and approval of the competent authority of SGFI.

8.2 Wrestling, Taekwondo and Judo

For **Wrestling, Taekwondo and Judo**, selection shall be determined primarily through direct competition in the Selection Trials conducted by SGFI in the respective weight categories.

The following criteria shall apply:

a. Participation in Trials



The athlete must participate in the Selection Trial conducted by SGFI in the applicable weight category.

b. Winner of Selection Trial

The athlete securing **First Position/winning the Final Selection Trial in the concerned weight category shall be considered for selection** for the SGFI Contingent in that weight category.

Accordingly, for Wrestling, Taekwondo and Judo, the result of the Final Selection Trial shall be the principal sporting criterion for selection.

c. Eligibility

The winner must fulfil all applicable:

- ISF age/date-of-birth requirements;
- school/student eligibility requirements;
- prescribed weight-category requirements;
- medical fitness requirements;
- anti-doping requirements; and
- other technical or administrative conditions applicable for international participation.

d. Weight Category

For Wrestling, Taekwondo and Judo, the athlete shall participate in the Selection Trial only in the same weight category in which he/she participated in the 69th SGFI National School Games/Championships.

The athlete must qualify the prescribed weight at the official weigh-in. Failure to qualify in the same weight category shall result in automatic disqualification from the Selection Trial. No change of weight category shall be permitted.

9. Selection Committee

SGFI shall constitute/authorise a **Selection Committee** for the conduct and supervision of the selection process.

The Committee may consist of selectors, technical experts, coaches and such other persons as may be considered appropriate by the competent authority of SGFI & guidelines of MYAS.

The Selection Committee shall assess the performance of athletes during the Selection Trials and apply the criteria prescribed under this Policy.

For Athletics and other measurable sports/events, the Committee shall take into consideration the prescribed international performance benchmark along with the performance achieved during the Selection Trial.

For Wrestling, Taekwondo and Judo, the result of the Selection Trial in the concerned weight category shall be the principal basis of selection.



Where an athlete in Athletics or another measurable event does not achieve the prescribed benchmark, the Selection Committee shall have the authority to take a final decision on his/her selection after considering the overall performance and technical merit of the athlete.

The recommendations of the Selection Committee shall be placed before the competent authority of SGFI for approval, wherever required.

10. Medical Fitness and Anti-Doping Compliance

Every athlete recommended for selection shall be required to be medically fit for participation at the international level.

All athletes shall comply with the applicable anti-doping rules and regulations and may be required to undergo medical examination, anti-doping testing or such other verification as may be prescribed by SGFI or the competent authority.

Any adverse finding or non-compliance may result in withdrawal of the athlete from the contingent.

11. General Conditions

1. All selections shall be subject to the eligibility conditions, technical regulations and entry requirements prescribed by ISF.
2. The number of athletes finally selected in any sport/event shall be subject to the number of entries/quotas permitted to India for the forthcoming Gymnasiade.
3. SGFI shall have the right to verify the documents and eligibility of an athlete at any stage of the selection process.
4. Furnishing incorrect, fabricated or misleading documents/information may result in cancellation of candidature/selection.
5. The applicable ISF rules and regulations shall prevail in respect of international eligibility and participation requirements.
6. SGFI may issue additional sport-specific instructions regarding trial procedures, technical rules, performance benchmarks, weight categories or other requirements, wherever necessary.
7. Any matter not specifically covered under this Policy shall be decided by the competent authority of SGFI in consultation with the Selection Committee/Technical Committee, as may be required.

12. No Automatic Right to Selection

Shortlisting amongst the first eight athletes from the 69th SGFI National School Games or participation in the Selection Trials shall not, by itself, confer any automatic right upon an athlete to represent India.

Similarly, the result of the Selection Trials shall be considered along with the applicable sport-specific criteria prescribed under this Policy.

Final selection shall remain subject to eligibility, verification of documents, applicable performance criteria, medical fitness, anti-doping requirements, availability of international entries/quotas and approval of the competent authority.



13.Final Selection and Announcement

After completion of the Selection Trials, the Selection Committee shall prepare its recommendations based upon the results of the trials and the criteria prescribed under this Policy.

For Athletics and other measurable events, the applicable 8th-position international performance benchmark shall also be considered.

For Wrestling, Taekwondo and Judo, the winner of the Final Selection Trial in the respective weight category shall be considered in accordance with Clause 8.2 above.

The recommendations shall thereafter be submitted to SGFI for final approval.

Only the final list formally approved and notified by the **School Games Federation of India (SGFI)** shall constitute the Indian School Contingent for participation in the forthcoming ISF Gymnasiade.

All other policy for the appeal or grievance and the videography mentioned in the Chapter 18 of the Rules and Regulation Section of SGFI on website. (<https://sgfi.org.in/Content/RuleAndRegulation/NSG/CHAP18.pdf>)

ANNEXURE-I

SPORT-WISE AGE/DATE-OF-BIRTH ELIGIBILITY

The sport-wise eligible date-of-birth range and age criteria prescribed by the International School Sport Federation (ISF) for participation in the forthcoming Gymnasiade shall be provided in this Annexure.

The eligibility prescribed under this Annexure shall be applied while preparing the final list of probables for the SGFI Selection Trials.

ANNEXURE-II

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS FOR ATHLETICS AND OTHER MEASURABLE EVENTS



The event-wise performance achieved by the athlete securing **8th position in the corresponding event at the previous relevant ISF Championship/Gymnasiade held in Bahrain**, wherever applicable, shall be provided in this Annexure.

The said performance shall constitute the international reference benchmark for the concerned event for the purpose of the present selection process.

For School Games Federation of India



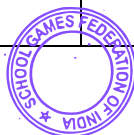
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AGE CATEGORY PER SPORT

S.No.	Sport	Age Category
1.	Athletics	2008-2009-2010-2011
2.	Judo	2009-2010-2011
3.	Taekwondo	2009-2010-2011
4.	Wrestling	2009-2010-2011



Qualifications for Athletics Gymnasiade

S.No	Event	Gender	Qualifying last Edition (Top 8)
1	100 M	Boys	10.7
2	100 M	Girls	11.95
3	200M	Boys	22.15
4	200M	Girls	24.64
5	400M	Boys	52.92
6	400M	Girls	57.79
7	800M	Boys	2:00.30
8	800M	Girls	2:20.35
9	1500M	Boys	4:05.65
10	1500M	Girls	4:45.70
11	3000M	Boys	9:12.03
12	3000M	Girls	12:53.09
13	110M Hurdles	Boys	13.93
14	100M Hurdles	Girls	17.28
15	400M Hurdles	Boys	57.23
16	400M Hurdles	Girls	1:05.76
17	High Jump	Boys	190
18	High Jump	Girls	155
19	Long Jump	Boys	6.89
20	Long Jump	Girls	5.43
21	Javelin	Boys	55.38
22	Javelin	Girls	21.07
23	Triple Jump	Boys	14.08
24	Triple Jump	Girls	10.69
25	Pole Vault	Boys	4
26	Pole Vault	Girls	2.8
27	Shot put	Boys	15.11
28	Shot put	Girls	13.59
29	Disus throw	Boys	42.43
30	Disus throw	Girls	37.17
31	Hammer Throw	Boys	58.97
32	Hammer Throw	Girls	42.52

