

MAHARASHTRA STATE AQUATICS COORDINATION COMMITTEE

(Constituted by Swimming Federation of India)

Convenor: Mr. Rajendra Palkar | Member: Mr. Mayur Vyas | Member: Mr. Jay Apte

Date : 09th January 2025

To,

All Concerned

Sub : Maharashtra State Trials for Khelo India Tribals Games – 2026.

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are pleased to announce that a duly constituted committee by Swimming Federation of India (here after referred to as “committee”) is going to conduct along with Swimming Federation of India, Maharashtra State Trials for Khelo India Tribals Games – 2026, as per the guidelines and circular issued by the Swimming Federation of India for the Khelo India Tribal Games – 2026, Chhattisgarh, dated 01st January 2026.

Venue : Swimming Pool, Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi

Dates : 13 January 2026, 10:00am

Reporting : 12 January 2026, 06:00pm

The events for the Trials will be as under

SWIMMING

Men & Women

Individual Events	Freestyle	50m, 100m, 200m
	Back Stroke	50m, 100m
	Breast Stroke	50m, 100m
	Butterfly	50m, 100m
	Individual Medley	200m
Team	4 X 100m Freestyle Relay	
	4 X 100m Medley Relay	

1. Birth certificate / Aadhaar card / age proof should be submitted with the entry and should be carried on the competition day and should be produced whenever it is demanded by the officials.
2. **Khelo India NSRS ID (Mandatory)**
3. **The following two certificates are required for Participation.**
 - **Valid Scheduled Tribe (ST) Caste Certificate issued by Competent authorities of Government of Maharashtra.**
 - **Valid Domicile Certificate issued by Competent authorities of Government of Maharashtra.**
4. Swimmer who has completed 14 years on 1st January 2026 are eligible to Participate in said trials.
5. All events will be conducted on Time Trial basis.
6. Participants will be taking part in the competition on their own risk.
7. Participants will be able to take part in any number of events.
8. Events will be conducted separately for Men & Women.
9. Referee's decision will be the final.

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Lodging and Boarding: Players are required to make their own arrangements

Rules

- The said trial is going to be conducted by the designated committee under the aegis of the **Swimming Federation of India**.

Entries

- Entries should be submitted in the prescribed form duly attested by concerned (Aquatic) **District Association of Maharashtra**.
- Swimming Entry forms will be sent in prescribed form with Entry Fees before the **entry deadline** on 15th January 2026.
- Late entry or change of entries on deck will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- **No Entry Fees.**

Entry Forms in prescribed format and supporting documents will be received by the following not later than the **entry deadline**.

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Convener – SFI Co-Ordinator Committee

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All concerned units are requested to circulate this circular among their swimmers, coaches, and officials for necessary compliance. For any clarification, please contact the secretariat.

Thanks & Regards,



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Convener – SFI Co-Ordinator Committee

Secretary – Maharashtra Aquatic Association

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ENTRY FORM

Swimming

I hereby declare my intention to participate in the Maharashtra State Selection Trials for Khelo India Tribal Games – 2026 at my own risk and responsibility. Below are my details and events:

Full Name (in Capitals) : _____

Gender _____ Khelo India NSRS ID _____

District Association Name : _____

Address: _____



Date of Birth : DD/MM/YYYY

Valid SFI UID : _____

Events:

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 10. _____ |

Relay Time Trials:

- _____
- _____

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

Sign of Participant / Parents / Guardian

Sign & Stamp of District Assoc.



SWIMMING FEDERATION OF INDIA

(Affiliated to WORLD AQUATICS –ASIA AQUATIC-IOA)
(Recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India)

1st January 2026

President/Secretary
All affiliated Units of SFI

Sub- Khelo India Tribal Games- Chhattisgarh

Dear Sir,

As decided by MYAS Government of India to organize 1st Khelo India Tribal Games in Chhattisgarh in 2nd week of February 2026.

We enclose here with copy of letter & details received from MYAS for the event.

We here by inform unit Secretary to coordinate with your state sports Department to organize this event at state level to select the player for national level event before 20th January 2026.

The National level final event will be conducted by end of January 2026.

Unit Secretary is advice to coordinate with state sports Department and ensure that only eligible players from Tribal category should participate. The event is only for open age category i.e. swimmer who has completed 14 years on 1st January 2026 are eligible to each event list is enclosed for your ready reference.

Please ensure that your state should conduct selection event with help of state sport Department for sending from for National as directed by MYAS.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Monal D Chokshi
General Secretary

हरि रंजन राव, भा.प्र.से
सचिव
Hari Ranjan Rao, IAS
Secretary



भारत सरकार
खेल विभाग
युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय
Government of India
Department of Sports
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Dated: 26th December, 2025

D.O.No. 01-28003(01)/43/2025-HO – E&C-Part (1)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing this with regard to conducting the 1st Khelo India Tribal Games in Chhattisgarh. The background of the Games and processes streamlined for conducting of the Games are in the succeeding paras.

2. Khelo India Scheme (KIS) is the flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, under which the Khelo India Games are conducted. These Games provide the basic platform to showcase the sporting skills and, thus is a platform for talent spotting and providing development pathways for gifted and talented children to achieve excellence. So far, 7 editions of the Khelo India Youth Games, 5 editions of the Khelo India University Games, 5 editions of the Khelo India Winter Games, 2 editions of the Khelo India Para Games, 1 edition of Khelo India Beach Games and 1 edition of Khelo India Water Sports Festival have been successfully conducted with the participation of 36 States/UTs.

3. Considering that India has a sizable tribal population spread across the country where this stands to 8.6% of country's overall population (as per the 2011 census), it is essential that the potential of sports should be harnessed for empowering youth, promoting inclusion as well as fostering development for these communities. It is in this background that it has been decided to introduce a new initiative, namely the **Khelo India Tribal Games**. The initiative is envisaged to serve as a catalyst for grassroots talent identification by streamlining the competition format from district to national levels, the Games shall seek to provide a uniform and credible platform for young athletes.

4. The **1st edition Khelo India Tribal Games** is currently being launched which is going to be hosted in Chhattisgarh and will feature 7 Competitive Sports ie. **Archery, Athletics, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Weightlifting & Wrestling** and 2 Demo Sports.

5. As this is the inaugural edition of Khelo India Tribal Games, there is no existing national autonomous body such as NSF, SGFI or AIU which traditionally facilitate nominations for Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games. Hence for nominating tribal athletes, an athlete selection process is proposed where it is expected to be conducted in two phases; state / union territories level selection phase, and national sports federation selection phase. The details are given at **Annexure A**.

6. In view of the above, it is requested to conduct the Selection trials as per the provided timeline and nominate athlete for phase two on a merit basis by **20 January, 2026**.

Your proactive cooperation in this matter will go a long way in empowering tribal youth and integrating them into the national sporting framework.

Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Hari Ranjan Rao)

Encl: As above.

To: All Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Sports)/Secretary(Sports) of All State/UTs

Khelo India Tribal Games

India has a sizable tribal population spread across more than 30 States / UTs. According to 2011 census, the tribal population makes up to 8.6% of country's overall population. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has identified 177 districts as high-priority districts on the account of significant tribal population. It is essential to note the potential of sports can be harnessed for empowering youth, promoting inclusion as well as fostering development for these communities. In this view, it is intended to develop this ecosystem and promote tribal sports into the mainstream following the success of the various Khelo India Games.

2. In the series of conducting Khelo India Games, it has been decided to introduce a new initiative, **Khelo India Tribal Games** aims at creating a unified, structured and government-supported competition framework for grass root untapped athletes across India. The initiative is aligned with the Khelo India scheme and is envisaged to serve as a catalyst for grassroots talent identification by streamlining the competition format from district to national levels, the Games shall seek to provide a uniform and credible platform for young athletes.

3. The Games will witness an approximate **2500 participants** from various States and UTs. The Games shall be completed in **7-10 days**. In order to start the Games, following competitive sports disciplines are proposed in the inaugural edition of Khelo India Tribal Games, along with demonstration sports to engage the local communities.

Sports:

- **Competitive:** Athletics, Archery, Swimming, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Hockey, Football (7)
- **Demo:** 2 (To be finalized by Host State)

4. Modalities for the Nomination of Athletes

A. Age Criteria

The Games will be conducted in age in open-age category.

B. Nomination of Athletes

As this is the inaugural edition of Khelo India Tribal Games, the existing national autonomous body such as NSF, SGFI, CBSE, AIU or others which traditionally facilitate nominations for Khelo India Youth Games and Khelo India University Games, are unable to provide nominations for tribal athletes.

Hence, for nominating tribal athletes, customized athlete selection process, it has been decided to conduct two phases, state / union territories selection phase and national sports federation selection phase.

Phase I

Under Phase I, all States and Union Territories (UTs) is required to conduct selection trials within their respective jurisdictions specifically for tribal athletes **by 10 Jan 2026**

The responsibility for organizing these trials rests with the respective State/UT Department of Sports. It must be ensured that all participating athletes are verified members of Scheduled Tribes, with their Certificates duly validated by the competent authority. The outcome of this process should be the selection and nomination of athletes, per sport and event, who will represent the State/UT in the next phase of the selection process.

The committee for the state level trials is as follows:

- a. One representative from State Sports Department.
- b. One representative from State Department for social justice/tribal affairs.
- c. One representative from State Sports Association of respective Sport (NSF).
- d. Any one of the members: Dronacharya Awardee/Arjuna Awardee/Eminent coach/ eminent Athlete of respective sport.

Note: The State Sports Department will organize a selection trial and nominate athletes for **Phase II** after verifying their valid documents.

Team Sports (Hockey, & Football)

Each State may nominate **1 Team in Men and 1 Team in Women for Phase II** after conducting selection trials

Individual Sports (Archery, Athletics, Swimming, Weightlifting, Wrestling)

- **Athletics, Swimming, Weightlifting, & Wrestling:** Each State may nominate **Top 2 Athletes in Men and Top 2 Athletes in Women for Phase II** after conducting selection trials.
- **Archery:** Each State may nominate **Top 3 Athletes in Men and Top 3 Athletes in Women for Phase II** after conducting selection trials.

Note: for Relay events (Athletics & Swimming): 1 Team in Women and 1 Team in Men from Each State

Phase II

Following Phase I the shortlisted athletes from the State-level trials will participate in selection trials to be conducted by the National Sports Federations (NSFs), which will be **Phase II**. These trials are to be held **within 15 days following the conclusion of the State-level selection process**. The responsibility for organizing and executing the National Selection Trials lies with the NSFs, in coordination with the concerned Host State and Khelo India Events team. Based on this National selection trials the athletes per sport and event would then be nominated for participating in the inaugural Khelo India Tribal

Games. Further, sports and events of all sports along with norms will be finalized by Games Technical Conduct Committee as and when finalized.

Note: Selection trials will be organized by the NSF at one center. The athlete nominated by State Sports Departments will participate in the selection trials to be organized by NSFs. Subsequently, athletes who perform meritoriously in the selection trials will be nominated for KITG

Eligibility documents required to participate in Khelo India Tribal Games

The following two certificates are required by the States/UTs for participation of athletes in the Khelo India Tribal Games:

- i. ST certificate issued by competent authority of State.
- ii. Domicile certificate issued by competent authority of State.

C. Tentative Date

14th Feb 2026 onwards

SWIMMING EVENTS				
	MEN		WOMEN	
SN	Ind/Team	Events	Ind/Team	Events
1	Individual	50m Free Style	Individual	50m Free Style
2	Individual	100m Free Style	Individual	100m Free Style
3	Individual	200m Free Style	Individual	200m Free Style
4	Individual	50m Back Stroke	Individual	50 m Back Stroke
5	Individual	100m Back Stroke	Individual	100m Back Stroke
6	Individual	50m Breaststroke	Individual	50m Breaststroke
7	Individual	100m Breaststroke	Individual	100m Breaststroke
8	Individual	50m Butterfly	Individual	50m Butterfly
9	Individual	100m Butterfly	Individual	100m Butterfly
10	Individual	200m Individual Medley	Individual	200m Individual Medley
11	Team	4x100 m Free Style Relay	Team	4x100 m Free Style Relay
12	Team	4x100m Medley Relay	Team	4x100m Medley Relay
		Total		