

**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
(CBSE)**

**CBSE Games
(Guidelines)**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Need and Justification for Organizing CBSE Games

Sports activities help students to stay healthy and fit contributing to overall well-being. Participation in sports gives children a practical way to learn about goal-setting, importance of team-work, discipline and skills required to deal with real life situations of ups and down. Involvement in sports activities builds self-esteem and the students gain confidence and develop more positive view of themselves.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has considered Health and Physical Education and Sports as an integral part of the learning process.

1.2 Objectives of Organizing CBSE Games

- 1.2.1 To develop awareness regarding the importance of physical fitness in individual and social life including life-skills.
- 1.2.2 To bring overall awareness of values with regard to personal health and fitness, and to introduce among students the desired habits and attitudes towards health to raise their health status.
- 1.2.3 To make the pupils physically, mentally and emotionally fit and to develop such personal and social qualities that help them to be good human beings.
- 1.2.4 To help children grow as responsible citizens by inculcating in them certain social and moral values through sports and games.
- 1.2.5 To inculcate values and skills in children in order to promote self-control, concentration, peace and relaxation to avoid the ill-effects of stress, strain and fatigue of routine everyday life.

2. Structure of CBSE Games

- 2.1 The Board shall conduct sports events at Cluster/ Zonal and National level every year for the private schools affiliated under independent category. The sports events are to be organized in various age-groups for boys and girls separately. The structure of sports events shall be:

2.1.1 Cluster Level: A Cluster is broadly a State. In case of bigger States, there may be more than one cluster in a State. In case of smaller states, or the states having less participation, the Cluster is formed by merging two or more states together. The sports events, in which the participation is higher, are kept at Cluster level. These events are not organized at Zonal level. The winners of Cluster Level participate at National Level. The sports events at cluster level are Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Football (Boys), Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis and Volleyball.

- 2.1.2 Zonal Level:** The sports events, in which participation is less, are kept at Zonal level. A Zone consists of more than one cluster. The events which are organized at Zonal level, are not organized at Cluster level. The winners of Zonal Level participate at National Level. The sports events organized at Zonal level are Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Chess, Football (Girls), Handball, Hockey, Judo, Shooting, Skating, Swimming, Taekwondo, Tennis and Yogasana.
- 2.1.3 National Level:** The winners of all Clusters and Zones participate at National level. Three sports events viz. Aerobics, Fencing, Gymnastics and Rope Skipping are at direct national level because of less participation in these games. These are not organized at either Cluster Level or at Zonal Level due to lesser number of participants. On increase in participation in these games, these will also be organized at Cluster or Zonal level.
- 2.2** The list of games at Cluster, Zonal and National level along with age-groups is given at **Annexure - A**.
- 2.3** List of various Clusters and Zones is given at **Annexure - B**.
- 2.4** In case the number of participants increase in any particular cluster/zone in any game, then that particular game may be organized at two separate venues (Girls and Boys separately) in that particular cluster/ zone/ national.
- 2.5** In case of non-availability of organizing school in any cluster/ zone, two clusters/ zones may be clubbed together and results be prepared separately.
- 2.6** New games may be included (*or old games deleted, if required*) by the CBSE Sports Committee from time to time after due approval of Chairperson CBSE.
- 2.7** **Participation in National Level Sports Events:** The winners of Cluster/ Zonal level competitions will participate in CBSE Nationals in each category and age-group. However, for Chess (*02 top teams*), Shooting (*Top 02 teams & 05 top individuals*) and Yogasana (*Top 02 teams & 05 top individuals*). The information given in the latest circular will be final and supersede all the previous communications.
- 2.8** **Foreign Schools:** The schools located in foreign countries shall come under Foreign Zone(s). The winners of foreign zone(s) will participate directly at National level competitions to be organized in India.

3. Process of Selection of Schools for Organizing CBSE Games

- 3.1 Application by Interested Schools to Organize CBSE Games**
- 3.1.1** An online system has been introduced for inviting proposals for organizing CBSE sports events.
- 3.1.2** Schools wishing to host any of the competitions at Cluster/Zonal or National Level, may apply online on the CBSE website. No proposal shall be accepted offline/ manually.
- 3.1.3** The link '**Apply to Organize**' may be clicked for filling out 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.
- 3.1.4** The schools 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 Sports Authority of India (SAI) at the link:
https://saijobs.sportsauthorityofindia.gov.in/archive1.asp?ls_id=962

3.1.5 The schools must upload a **3-5 minute video on YouTube** showing the playground(s) of the game that the school wants to organize along with accommodation facilities and washrooms for the ample number of participants. The URL link of the video uploaded on YouTube should be pasted into the online application form.

3.1.6 The Organizing schools can utilize the nearby infrastructure of local State Government, Railways, Services, Sports Council, Centres of Sports Authority of India (SAI), Universities, Colleges, and Corporations etc.

3.2 Selection of Organizing / Host Schools

3.2.1 The list of schools which have applied online to organize CBSE sports events shall be sorted Regional Office (RO)/ CoE-wise and the lists shall be sent to the concerned Ros/ CoEs for their recommendations. The ROs/ CoEs will have meetings of 'Regional Sports Committee' constituted at RO/ CoE level, and recommend schools for organizing sports events at Cluster and Zonal level.

3.2.2 The recommended lists of all ROs/ CoEs shall be put up in meeting of 'National Sports Committee' to finalize the same to organize the sports events at Cluster/ Zonal level. For National level sports events, the 'National Sports Committee' shall recommend the schools because the jurisdiction of Ros/ CoEs is limited. The Committee shall finalize the Sports Calendar (*list of organizing schools*) and the same is to be approved by Chairperson CBSE.

3.2.3 The Sports Calendar shall be displayed on the CBSE website and the schools wishing to participate in CBSE Games shall be invited to apply online for Registering their students to participate in the CBSE Games.

4. Participation in CBSE Games

4.1 An online system has been introduced for applying to participate in CBSE games.

4.2 The following three steps are required to be completed by schools to participate in CBSE Games i.e.



a) Step 1 - Registration:

- The schools may register their students online by filling out the form available at CBSE website by clicking the tab '**Register Student**'. A UID is 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 she/ he is studying in CBSE school(s).
- If a student already has the UID of the previous year(s), then this step of Registration is **NOT** required for that student, and the UID of the previous year(s) should be used to complete the second step as mentioned below.

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 (*Apply to Participate*) is not completed, the student/ team will not be allowed to participate in CBSE games.
- It may be noted that for new students, both the steps ('*Register a Student*' and '*Apply to Participate*') are mandatory. However, for those students who were registered in previous years, only the 2nd step (*Apply to Participate*) is required. Their previous year's Registration Number (UID) will be used.

c) Step 3 - Send Confirmation to Organizing School(s):

- After completing above mentioned both the steps ('*Register Student*' & '*Apply to Participate*'), the participating schools should send an email to the organizing school(s) for confirmation of their participation at least one week prior to the event, so that the organizing school(s) 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.

4.3 How to Login:

- The already registered schools may use the same Username and Password as used for LOC or registration of students of classes IX/X/XI/XII.
- The newly affiliated schools which are not registered with CBSE Sports may login and fill 'New School Registration Form'. The school will be approved within 2 working days of filling out the above form.

4.4 Entry with 'Late Fee' after the Last Date:

Late fee will be charged for registration and applying to participate after the last date:

- 0 to 7 days after the last date = Rs. 500/- per student
- 8 to 14 days after the last date = Rs. 1000/- per student

5. Sports Grant for Organizing Schools

- 5.1** The Board shall give Sports Grant to organizing schools. The grant covers expenditure on various heads such as payment to Observers, expenditure on repair/ maintenance of grounds, tentage, videography, hiring of referees and other miscellaneous expenditures.
- 5.2** The Sports Grant will be Rs. 2 lakh for organizing sports events at Cluster or Zonal level and Rs.3 lakh for National level. However, for Athletics and Swimming competitions, the grant shall be Rs. 4 lakh at cluster/ zonal level and Rs.5 lakh at National level.
- 5.3** If due to increase in number of participants, the sports event is divided into two separate venues (i.e. Boys and Girls), then the same grant may be given to both the organizing schools separately as per above mentioned amount.
- 5.4** Further, in case of non-availability of organizing school in any particular cluster/ zone, then two clusters/ zones may be clubbed together and results be prepared separately. In this case, the grant will be given 1.5 times as the school is organizing sports event for two clubbed clusters/ zones. This is recommended for all sports events.
- 5.5** The sports grant shall be given after the submission of expenditure details in prescribed Proforma (**Annexure-C**) by the school. The staff at CBSE Sports Cell will compile the Proformas and send to CBSE Audit Unit for scrutiny.

6. Sports Fee from Schools

- 6.1 Annual Sports Fee (Rs.10,000/-) shall be charged from every private affiliated school.
- 6.2 The sports fee shall be collected online at the time of registration/ LOC of students of classes IX/ X/ XI/ XII. The sports fee shall be added automatically in the total amount generated online while registering the students of classes IX/ X/ XI/ XII. So, no school shall send separate sports fee to CBSE Sports Cell, Delhi as it is charged online as mentioned above.

7. Medals and Certificates

- 7.1 Participation certificates shall be given to all the participants. The winners shall be given merit certificates. All the certificates (*participation and merit*) will be generated online and no printed copy will be given.
- 7.2 The winners shall also be given Medals (*Gold, Silver & Bronze medals*). The medals will be sent to the organizing schools by Sports Cell, CBSE, Delhi.
- 7.3 No Participation Certificate shall be given to a player/ team that does not play after reporting.
- 7.4 In case a particular event is cancelled at any level of competition, no certificate/ medal shall be issued to the concerned players.

8. Detailed Guidelines for Organizing CBSE Games

8.1 Responsibilities of the Organizing Schools

- 8.1.1 Every school undertaking the responsibility for conduct of Tournament on behalf of CBSE shall be responsible for its organization, supervision and conduct in every aspect. For this purpose, the Principal of the organizing school shall nominate a competent body to be known as "Organizing Committee".
- 8.1.2 The organizing committee shall include Principal/ Physical Education Teacher/ Experts/ Teachers from other schools. This Committee shall function under the supervision of school Principal, and it will be the responsibility of the Committee to organize the tournament according to the CBSE Rules.
- 8.1.3 The Principal will designate a competent person as the "Organizing Secretary". It shall be the duty of the Principal and the organizing committee to ensure that all the rules and regulations laid down by the CBSE are fully observed. In case of any infringement, the Principal and the organizing committee shall be held responsible.
- 8.1.4 The organizing School shall check the eligibility of the teams before commencement of the tournament and ensure proper identity of the participants on the basis of their identity cards and supporting papers as per CBSE Rules.
- 8.1.5 The organizing school, under no circumstances shall prepone or postpone the Tournament except under extreme unavoidable circumstances with prior approval of the Sports Cell, CBSE. If a tournament is suspended due to unavoidable circumstances, the venue and dates of the unfinished part of the tournament shall be decided by CBSE.
- 8.1.6 No organizing school will charge any amount as Registration Fee.

- 8.1.7 The organizing school should hoist the CBSE Flag for entire duration of the tournament. The flag shall be made locally according to the design, size and color scheme available on the Board's website.
- 8.1.8 Before start of the championship, the organizing committee shall check every detail to its full satisfaction regarding the infrastructure, equipment, technicality, transport, publicity, seating arrangement etc., for smooth conduct of the tournament. The Press and Media coverage may be done at an adequate scale.
- 8.1.9 It is the responsibility of the organizing school to provide lodging facilities to all the participating teams (*preferably within the school campus*). For this purpose, hostels/ classrooms and other suitable & safe facilities having adequate and clean bathrooms and toilets can be utilized. Mattresses, sheets and pillows should also be provided.
- 8.1.10 The lodging arrangements shall made be at the nearest possible place from the ground/ courts as possible. In case the venue is far away, transport facility must be provided to the teams between the venue and place of stay.
- 8.1.11 **The accommodation including all meals charges shall not exceed Rs.500/- per participant per day including bedding etc.** It is advised that from the health and safety point of view, all participating teams dine in the mess arranged by the organizing school. This amount (Rs.500) will be charged for the full day irrespective of the number of meals taken by the participants i.e. even if one meal is taken by the participant, amount of full day will be charged. However, this amount (Rs.500/-) 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.
- 8.1.12 The participating schools should prefer staying in the venue schools keeping in view the safety & security of the girls. In case the teams want to stay outside at their own, then the participating teams should bring a written undertaking/ permission from their school Principal on school letter head regarding the same).
- 8.1.13 For the purpose of safety/ security and to ensure identity/ entry of only authorized players/ coaches 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.
- 8.1.14 Disinfectant spray be done in school campus and at the place where athletes/ teams' stay arrangement has been made.
- 8.1.15 The organizing school shall provide free transport facility to all the teams at the time of arrival, departure and during the competition between the Railway Station/Bus Stand/Airport/Venue and the place of stay.
- 8.1.16 It is not obligatory on the part of the organizing school to provide mess and transport facility to the teams making their own stay arrangement.
- 8.1.17 It is not obligatory on the part of the host school to provide any accommodation to the parents accompanying the participants.
- 8.1.18 Where the championship is being held on knock-out basis, the organizing and participating schools will collect/ deposit payments

against meals on full day basis and no part payment will be collected/ deposited. The participating schools will not insist for refund of part payment.

- 8.1.19** Where the championship is being held on league-cum-knock out basis, the organizing and participating schools may collect/ deposit payments against meals together for all the days of championship and no part payment will be collected/ deposited; or the participating schools will not insist for refund of part payment.
- 8.1.20** The teams returning after their respective matches shall be eligible for refund of payment deposited for meals & accommodation, but only for the balance meal coupons & accommodation charges from next day onwards.
- 8.1.21** The organizing school, if possible, may also refund to the schools/ teams that decide to leave with short notice, the proportionate amount deposited against the meals.
- 8.1.22** The organizing school shall ensure supply of clean, hygienic and nutritious meals to all the participants. Due care must be taken for serving potable water.
- 8.1.23** The suggestive menu is as follows:

Morning Tea	Breakfast (Any One)	Lunch	Evening Tea	Dinner
Tea and Biscuit	1. Poha; Boiled Egg/ Fruit & Milk 2. Bread-Jam; Boiled Egg/ Fruit & Milk 3. Puri-Sabji; Fruit & Milk	Chapati/ Puri/ Rice/ Pulao/ Dal/ Rajma/ Chana/ Chole/ One Dry Sabji/ Curd Raita/ Fruit/ Sweet Dish	Tea and Biscuit/ Light Snacks	Chapati/ Puri/ Rice/ Pulao/ Dal/ Rajma/ Chana/ Chole/ One Dry Sabji/ Curd Raita/ Fruit/ Sweet Dish

- 8.1.24** The organizing school may also arrange a 'Canteen Counter' at the place where competitions are being held that may sell water, cold-drinks, tea, snacks etc. at a reasonable/ nominal price.
- 8.1.25** After completion of the competition, the Organizing School shall upload the results on CBSE Website within 24 hours of the event. The list of winners along with their UID numbers, who qualified for nationals, should be forwarded to the concerned National Organizing School.
- 8.1.26** The organizing school shall issue a letter to all the winners stating that they have qualified for the next level of competition along with the name of the school that is hosting the next level of competition, as it may help in getting the Railway Concession.
- 8.1.27** The schools hosting National competitions are permitted to participate directly at national level in that particular discipline and hence need not participate at the lower level of competition. Only one team/ player shall be eligible for direct entry from the organizing school.
- 8.1.28 Foreign Zone:** The organizing schools shall also follow the above rules of organizing sports events. However, the laws of the concerned country should also be followed as the case may be.

8.2 Videography

- 8.2.1** In order to bring transparency and promote fairness in games, CBSE has decided that videography will be compulsory for all sports events at the Cluster, Zonal and National levels.
- 8.2.2** The record of videography shall be maintained by the organizing schools for a period of 3 months after the sports events are over.
- 8.2.3** The organizing schools shall meet expenditure on videography out of CBSE grant. No extra payment will be given by CBSE in this regard.

8.3 Safety Measures

- 8.3.1** All the Organizing and Participating Schools shall take care of the health and safety of the participants throughout the travel and stay during the competitions. Hence, the safety and security of participants will be the responsibility of participating schools and organizing schools.
- 8.3.2** The local administration and the police department must be informed in writing about the event being conducted in the school for their support.
- 8.3.3** The organizing school shall contact and coordinate with the nearest hospital in writing to appoint a Nodal Officer who can be contacted in emergency by the school and the participants. The contact details of the Nodal officer of the concerned hospital should be put on school's website. Similarly, the school should also appoint a Nodal Officer to be contacted in case of medical emergency and the contact details be put on school's website.
- 8.3.4** The presence of Paramedical Staff must be ensured at the competition venue and also arrangement for Ambulance be done in advance.
- 8.3.5** In case of any emergency, first aid should be given and the injured person be immediately sent to the nearest hospital as identified in point 8.3.3 above. The incident must be immediately reported to CBSE, participant's school & parents.
- 8.3.6** The schools organizing swimming championships should arrange for sufficient number of trained Life Guards at the venue.
- 8.3.7 Foreign Zone:** The schools located at foreign countries shall also follow the above norms as well as laws of the concerned country.

8.4 Fixtures

- 8.4.1** The organizing school will draw the fixtures strictly according to the CBSE Rules in consultation with CBSE Observer.
- 8.4.2** The Cluster/ Zone organizing school shall upload on its website the fixtures, dates of the matches and other details relating to the location and distance of the school from Railway Station/ Bus Stand, boarding & lodging, transport etc. Also, it should include all relevant information which the organizing school wants to provide to the participating schools in order to remove any confusion or ambiguity.
- 8.4.3** All matches at Cluster/ Zonal level shall be played on Knock-out Basis. If the number of teams is eight or less than eight, the tournament at

Cluster/ Zonal level may also be organized on League cum Knock-out basis.

- 8.4.4** At National level, the fixtures shall be drawn a day before the commencement of the competition during the Managers/ Coaches meeting. All matches at National level shall be played on League cum Knock-out basis.

8.5 How to Draw Knock-Out Fixtures at National Level

- 8.5.1** In any discipline/ tournament; on the basis of number of teams present, the number of Pools can be 4; 6; 8;10 or more.
- 8.5.2** No Pool shall be of less than 4 teams.
- 8.5.3** Where the number of Pools is 4. The top two position winning teams from each Pool shall qualify to participate at Knock-out Stage (QF).
- 8.5.4** Where the number of Pools is 6. The top two position winning teams from each Pool shall qualify to participate at Knock-out Stage (QF).
- 8.5.5** Where the number of Pools is 8. The top two position winning teams from each Pool shall qualify to participate at Knock-out Stage (Pre QF).
- 8.5.6** Where the number of Pools is 10 or more, the 'First Position' winning team from each Pool shall quality to participate at Knock-out Stage (Pre QF).
- 8.5.7** Out of the teams that emerge, "Second" in each Pool; the remaining/ required number of teams shall be picked on the basis of points.
- 8.5.8** In case of tie in points among any two Second Position winning teams; In Basketball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho & Football, a match be held for such two teams for a "Quarter" duration of "Actual Prescribed Time" at the venue. And in Volleyball, a match "Best of one game of 21 points" be held for such two teams.

8.6 Participating Schools

- 8.6.1** Every affiliated school shall be entitled to enter its athlete/ team in the CBSE Games. It's the responsibility of the participating schools to fill in the Entry Proforma online on CBSE website. Each school shall be entitled to enter only one team or individual for each Tournament/ Meet/ Event. After filling the Entry Proforma online, the school shall make travel bookings and send the information to the organizing school for making the necessary arrangements.
- 8.6.2** No offline entry shall be accepted. On the spot entry will not be entertained.
- 8.6.3** All expenses on items like travel, food, kit etc., will have to be borne by the participating schools/ students.
- 8.6.4** A junior player can be permitted to play in senior age group, and then the participation in the original group will be forfeited.
- 8.6.5** In no circumstances the composition of team shall change from Cluster/Zone to National level. In extraordinary circumstances, the changes may be permitted, but only with prior permission from the CBSE, in writing.
- 8.6.6** Dining in the mess arranged by the organizing school is mandatory for the teams that opt to stay in the accommodation provided by the school.

- 8.6.7 Every player/ athlete/ team shall carry with it the required documents to ascertain its eligibility and shall be shown to organizing school and CBSE Observer as and when asked for.
- 8.6.8 Every team will carry its school flag, for the purpose of March-Past/ Walk-Past and to be used during various ceremonies. Participation in March Past/ Walk-Past is compulsory, failing which their right of the school to participate can be forfeited.

8.7 Eligibility of Participants

- 8.7.1 The athlete/player should be within the particular age-group on 31 December of the year of competition.
- 8.7.2 Only bonafide students shall be eligible to participate in the tournaments/ meets. Feeding any non-bonafide student shall lead to disqualification of the entire team.
- 8.7.3 A student, who has failed twice in a particular class, shall not be eligible to participate.
- 8.7.4 Incomplete information in any respect may lead to disqualification of the team/ student.
- 8.7.5 Any violation in eligibility (over-age or impersonation) shall be dealt according to the rules.
- 8.7.6 The original Eligibility Proforma of the Athletes/ Players/ Teams qualifying to participate from Cluster/ Zonal level to National level will have to be certified by the organizing school Principal/ Organizing Secretary at the Cluster/ Zonal level as the case may be and forwarded to the National Organizing School, immediately after their Cluster/ Zonal level competition is over.
- 8.7.7 Medical check-up may also be applied by the Jury of Appeal appointed by the organizing school in the cases of over-age suspicion. The cost of medical check-up may be borne out of CBSE grant.
- 8.7.8 All the supporting papers verifying the age of the player etc., in original, shall be carried personally by the Team Manager/ Coach while reporting for participation. These documents may include birth certificate/ school ID card/ Adhaar Card/ CBSE registration (in case of class IX/X/XI/XII). The player's right to participate forfeits if he/she fails to produce the papers supporting the eligibility in original on demand.
- 8.7.9 Any team/ athlete not fulfilling the eligibility criteria before the commencement of the tournament shall not be permitted to participate.
- 8.7.10 It is mandatory for all the participating schools to provide the following documents on arrival:
 - (1) The documents for verification in original, if asked for.
 - (2) The team photo with school Principal along with the Entry Proforma filled online, countersigned by the concerned Principal. The Eligibility/ Entry Proforma in disciplines like Athletics, Judo and Swimming shall include the event/weight category in which the athlete wishes to participate.
 - (3) CBSE Registration Number for student/ player studying in class IX and above.

8.8 Disqualifications

- 8.8.1** A player/ team may be disqualified/scratched for the following reasons.
- (1) If ineligibility of any member of the team is detected, the entire team shall be disqualified.
 - (2) Inclusion of non-bonafide student in the team.
 - (3) Misbehavior on the ground by the athlete or accompanying official.
 - (4) Use of abusive language by the athlete or accompanying official.
 - (5) Misbehavior with officials/ opponents by the athlete or accompanying official.
 - (6) Indiscipline at the place of stay by the athlete or accompanying official.
 - (7) Damaging the school property.
 - (8) Indiscipline during the Opening and Closing ceremonies by athlete or accompanying official.
 - (9) Non-participation in March-Past/ Walk-Past/ Assembly of Athletes.
- 8.8.2** The organizing school shall not share the Eligibility Proforma or any other paper of a team with anyone, who lodges the protest. It is only prerogative of the Jury of Appeal to verify all the documents.
- 8.8.3** The organizing school shall submit details of the defaulters to the CBSE Sports Cell, Delhi reporting the names of the schools/ athletes, in a separate cover. All such defaulters will be debarred from the participation in CBSE Games for the next year. If any of such school resorts to unfair means again, in the subsequent years, it will be debarred for three years by the Jury.

8.9 Accredited Representatives (Teacher/ Coach/ Manager)

- 8.9.1** All the teams shall be accompanied by a Teacher/ Coach/ Manager designated by the participating school Principal. No team will be permitted to participate without accompanying official.
- 8.9.2** No team shall be accompanied by more than two officials.
- 8.9.3** In case of girl participants, one of the accompanying officials must be a female.
- 8.9.4** The officials accompanying the team should have a valid Identity Card issued by their School Principal.
- 8.9.5** In case of individual games, the player(s) must be accompanied preferably by a Teacher/ Coach/ Manager. However, in case a parent is accompanying the individual player, such information may be provided by the participating school on school letter head.
- 8.9.6** No extra person shall be permitted to stay inside the school premises and on the play field along with the teams. Any non-designated person accompanying the team will not be entertained for any matter.

8.10 Colours

- 8.10.1** All the participating teams shall compete in their respective playing uniform with the prescribed colour of their school and numbered.
- 8.10.2** The organizing school shall arrange for two sets of uniform (Bibs) with numbers on them so as to be used in a situation where two teams have same colored uniform during the competition.

- 8.10.3 In case of clash of playing jersey color, it shall be decided by the spin of coin as to which team will have to change playing uniform.

8.11 Withdrawal from Tournament

- 8.11.1 If a school, after filling-in its entry, wishes to withdraw from a tournament/ meet, it shall give a written request of its intention to do so to the organizing school.
- 8.11.2 School withdrawing without informing/ requesting the organizing school, will be penalized with a penalty of Rs.1000/-. The penalty will be collected by the organizing school.

8.12 Protests

- 8.12.1 Protest of any nature in connection with the tournament shall be given in writing and must reach the Organizing Secretary and CBSE Observer within 30 minutes of the declaration of the result, duly accompanied by a fee of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand).
- 8.12.2 Such a protest will be considered by 'Jury of Appeal', consisting of Principal of the Organizing School, Organizing Secretary, CBSE Observer, Technical Delegate(s) and one or two technically qualified people present at the venue.
- 8.12.3 The parties under dispute may be heard before deciding the issue. In case the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be refunded to the protesting school otherwise the fee shall be forfeited.
- 8.12.4 The decision taken by the Jury of Appeal will be final and binding.
- 8.12.5 The decision, along with full facts of the protest, may immediately be reported to Sports Cell, CBSE.

8.13 Awards / Trophies

- 8.13.1 The organizing school should distribute Trophies to the first three position winner teams.
- 8.13.2 The Best Athlete/Swimmer; Player of the Match/Tournament, may be recognized with a Memento.

8.14 Umpires/ Referees/ Game Officials

- 8.14.1 The organizing school shall be responsible for hiring technically qualified officials from the District/ State Sports Associations / Federations of that Game, so that there should be fair play. As the technical conduct of the Championship is crucial, only qualified and experienced officials shall be appointed to supervise the championship.
- 8.14.2 In no case, an official accompanying the participating teams shall be appointed as an Umpire or a Referee unless the emergency and circumstances make it extremely unavoidable. However, such appointment shall not be made without the consent of the CBSE Observer.

- 8.14.3** The organizing school shall bear the expenses on Officials, including their TA and DA, boarding and lodging etc. Such expenses will be met by the organizing school out of the sports grant received from CBSE for organizing the competition or funds raised at its level for the purpose. The amount to be paid to the officials, if any, may be decided with mutual consent.
- 8.14.4 Foreign Zone:** The organizing schools in foreign zone shall hire technically qualified officials from the sports federation/ sports association of the concerned country.
- 8.14.5** Decision of the game officials shall be final.

8.15 CBSE Observer and Technical Delegate

- 8.15.1** CBSE shall appoint an Observer to supervise each of the Tournament/ Championship. The name, address and the contact number of the observer will be informed to the organizing school by CBSE Sports Cell, Delhi. The organizing school shall contact the Observer and provide him the required details about the Tournament/ Championship.
- 8.15.2** The observer shall reach the venue a day before the commencement of the competition.
- 8.15.3** The Observer shall assist the organizing school in various technical and management issues.
- 8.15.4** The Observer shall be the member of the jury of appeal.
- 8.15.5** The organizing school shall arrange moderate lodging and boarding for the Observer.
- 8.15.6** The organizing school shall pay to the outstation observer: Both ways rail fare equivalent to AC-II tier fare by shortest route, honorarium @Rs.2500/- per day and incidental expenses on actual basis. Further, if the Observer/ Technical Delegate is travelling by road (own car or taxi), then conveyance @Rs.16 per km upto 300 kms maximum (600 kms both sides) is allowed as per local State Govt. per km rate. This will be the maximum cap/ amount which may be reimbursed to the Observer/Technical Delegate even if he/she has travelled more kms.
- 8.15.7** The Observer shall submit report on the conduct of the Tournament/ Meet in a prescribed Proforma. Refer to Annexure-D.
- 8.15.8** Technical Delegate(s) (maximum two) may also be appointed to support the CBSE Observer and the organizing school in technical aspects of the concerned game. The honorarium and other facilities for Technical Delegate(s) shall be same as of Observer.

8.16 Other Clauses

- 8.16.1** Any point not directly covered in this manual will be decided on the basis of the rules most nearly applicable and in accordance with the general tenor and spirit of the overall provisions in these rules.
- 8.16.2** For further clarification, please contact the Sports Cell, CBSE, Delhi.

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	<i>Yogasana</i>	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	Bengaluru 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: Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Faridabad, Gurugram, Jhajjar, Mahendergarh, Narnaul, Nuh, Palwal, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak and Sonipat	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.

Annexure-C

Proforma for Submission of Expenditure Details by Organizing Schools
(To be filled by the Organizing School)

Certified that CBSE _____ Championship/Tournament/Meet was organized by _____ from _____ to _____.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	COLUMN "A"	INCOME
1.	Income from any other sources/sponsorship (if any)	
	Total Income	
	COLUMN 'B'	EXPENDITURE
1.	Accommodation	
2.	Equipments	
3.	First Aid/Medical facilities	
4.	General arrangements like Tentage, Shamiana, Seating etc.	
5.	Misc. & Contingency	
6.	Officials	
7.	Opening/Closing ceremonies	
8.	Photography	
9.	Postage, Stationery, Telephone/Fax etc.	
10.	Press & Publicity	
11.	Prizes/Medals	
12.	TA/DA to Observer	
13.	Track & field/Ground/Court (Dressing up)	
14.	Transport	
	Total Expenditure	

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that the CBSE maximum committed grant of Rs. _____ for the purpose of which it was sanctioned has been fully utilized and the total expenditure for Championship/Tournament/Meet organized has been Rs. _____.

Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grant was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Kinds of checks exercised -

- 1.
- 2.

Principal
Organizing School
Date & Stamp

Signature of the Chartered Accountant
Registration No. & Seal
Date

Proforma for Observer's Report

A	1	Name		
	2	Postal Address with telephone number		
	3	Game & Level		
	4	Organizing School		
	5	Dates	From	To
	6	Total Number of Teams	Boys	Girls
			Under 19 years - Under 17 years - Under 16 years - Under 14 years - Under 12 years - Under 11 years - Under 10 years - Under 08 years -	
	7	Total number of participants	Boys -	Girls -

B	Administrative Details	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1	Boarding & Lodging				
2	Local Transport				
3	Arrangement at Opening & Closing				
4	Circulation of Information				

C. Brief detail of deficiencies as Observed under the Head 'B' (If space provided here is Insufficient, you may attach an extra sheet of paper)

D	Technical Details	Available	Adequate	Inadequate
1	Number of Grounds/Courts			
2	Condition of the Surface of Ground/Court	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
3	Standard of Officiating	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory

(A) General details of deficiencies observed under the Head 'D' (if any)

F	General Observations	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1	Behaviour of the host school officials towards the participating teams				
2	Behaviour of the participating teams including their official				
3	Behaviour of the Spectators				

G Details of deficiencies observed Under the Head 'F'

H	Names of the Schools winning First four positions (In team games) (In Athletics, names of the schools who were declared champions in different categories, overall champion and names of the best athlete in different categories.) Attach sheet if required.	First:- Second:- Third:- Fourth:-
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I. Details of protest(s) if any and Action taken thereon

J. Overall standard of the Meet/Tournament: Excellent/Good/Unsatisfactory/Poor

K. Suggestions, (if any):

Signature of the Observer
Date: