

F. No.I-12013-1/2018-SP-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
7th September, 2018

To,
As per list attached

Subject: Seeking nominations for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2018 and Arjuna Awards, 2018 in respect of sportspersons who participated in Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018 and for Dronacharya awards 2018 in respect of coaches associated with coaching of sportspersons who participated in Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018 -reg

Sir,

I am directed to say that it has been decided with approval of the competent authority to invite nominations for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 2018 and Arjuna Awards, 2018 in respect of sportspersons who participated in Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018 and for Dronacharya awards 2018 in respect of coaches associated with coaching of sportspersons who participated in Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018.

2. Concerned National Sports Federations and other prescribed agencies may send the nominations of such sportspersons and coaches immediately and latest by **12th September 2018 (5.30 PM)** in the prescribed proforma to Under Secretary (SP-IV), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Sports, Room No. 15 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. Nominations received after 12th September (5.30 PM) will not be entertained.

3. Nominations sent in response to this letter will be in addition to nominations invited earlier in February 2018. One additional nomination for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and three additional names for Arjuna Awards and Dronacharya Awards may be sent. Fresh invitation of nominations upto 12th September 2018 and additional nominations is in relaxation of the relevant clauses of the Schemes of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards and Dronacharya Awards. Copies of the Schemes of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards and Dronacharya Awards alongwith application proforma are enclosed.

4. It may be noted that fresh invitation of nominations is restricted only in respect of sportspersons who participated in Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018 and of coaches associated with coaching of sportspersons who participated in Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018. However, achievements of the sportspersons and coaches nominated earlier, but who were not part of Commonwealth Games 2018 and Asian Games 2018, may also be sent for the period from 1.1.2018 to 2.9.2018.

Yours faithfully,

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2. PS to Secretary (Sports)
3. PS to DG, SAI
4. PS to Joint Secretary (Sports)

<p>1. The President, Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association, 11, 28, Changanu Highway, Delhi Central Area, New Delhi.</p>	<p>The President, Secretary General, All India National Sports Federation, Secretary, Foreign Sports Control Board, Room No. 17, G Block, Airport Traffic, Indraprastha, District Market, New Delhi.</p>
<p>2. Secretary, Cell. for Sports Promotion Board, Room No. 472, 4th Floor, Ministry of Education, East Block, New Delhi-110001.</p>	<p>3. Secretary, All India Police Sports Control Board, 25, Akbar Road, New Delhi.</p>
<p>4. Secretary, Federation Sports, Park, New Delhi, 110017, A-100, Madani, 17, Kirti Khand, Old Market, New Delhi-110001.</p>	<p>5. Secretary, All India Sports Promotion Board, 17 Floor, Vasant Vihar, Meharajpur, New Delhi.</p>
<p>6. Secretary, Central Board of Secondary Education & Sports Board, 101, B Wing, V Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi-110 002.</p>	<p>7. Secretary, SAI Sports Promotion Board, State Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Corporate Office, Upper Basement, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110001.</p>
<p>8. Joint Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), 4th Floor, Cricket Centre, Wankhede Stadium, 472, 4th Floor, Sports, Market-110002.</p>	<p>9. General Officer, State Authority of India, East Gate, I.S. Stadium, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.</p>

To:

1.	The Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, (All States and UTs)	2.	The President/Secretary General, (All recognized National Sports Federations).
3.	The President/Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association, B-29, Olympic Bhawan, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.		Secretary, Services Sports Control Board, Room No.97, G Block, Armed Forces, Headquarters, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
5.	Secretary Railway Sports Promotion Board Room no. 452, 4th Floor, Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi – 110001	6.	Secretary All India Police Sports Control Board 25, Akbar Road, New Delhi
7.	Secretary, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, 1012, Surya Kiran Building, 19, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001	8.	Secretary, Air India Sports Promotion Board 1 st Floor, Vayudoot Building, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi.
9.	Secretary, Central Civil Services Cultural & Sports Board, 361-B Wing, 3 rd Floor, LokNayak Bhawan New Delhi-110 003	10	Secretary, SAIL Sports Promotion Board Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Corporate Office, Ispat Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110003
11.	President/Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) 4th Floor, Cricket Centre Wankhede Stadium 'D' Road, Churchgate Mumbai- 400020	12	Director General, Sports Authority of India, East Gate, JLN Stadium, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

**SCHEME FOR THE RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD
(Amended as on 7.9.2018)**

1. DEFINITION OF RULES

The Scheme may be called the “Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games”.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the award is to recognize the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years immediately preceding the year during which the award is to be given. During the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, achievements of the sportspersons upto conclusion of these Games will also be considered.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Scheme , unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) “Scheme” means the scheme for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games.
- (b) “Committee” means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
- (c) “Award” means the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.
- (d) “Chairperson” means chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
- (e) “Government” means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (f) "Sports Administrator" means a person who is engaged in management/ administration of national/international sports events, sports organizations including private sports academies, sports programmes and delivery of sports services.
- (g) "Sports journalist/expert/commentator" means a person who is associated with sports journalism including freelancing in print or electronic media, or a person who writes extensively on sports issues or has written books on sports, or a person who gives live commentary during sports events
- (h) "Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee" means a person who has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna by the Government of India.
- (i) “Arjuna Awardee” means a person who has been awarded an Arjuna Award by the Government of India
- (j) “Olympian” means a sports person who participated in the Olympic Games as a member of the Indian contingent approved by the Government of India.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years immediately preceding the year during which award is to be given shall be honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for excellence in Sports & Games at international level i.e. Olympic/Asian/ Commonwealth/World Games/Championships/World Cup and equivalent recognized international tournaments. During the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, achievements of the sportspersons in these Games and other abovementioned tournaments upto the conclusion of the Olympic Games/Commonwealth Games/Asian Games, as the case may be, will also be considered.

4.2 Sportspersons who have been penalized or against whom enquiry is pending/ongoing for use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, will not be eligible for the Award.

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1 The nominations for the Award will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from all recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association, Sports Promotion and Control Boards and State/UT Government in the month of January/February each year. The National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India, the Indian Olympic Association, Sports Promotion and Control Boards and the State/UT Governments may nominate upto two names in a particular discipline/sport in a particular year. In case of cricket, for which no National Sports Federation has been recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, nominations from the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) will be invited. For the NSFs de-recognized or under suspension, Sports Authority of India (SAI) will exercise the quota of nominations and make nominations upto a maximum of two eligible sportspersons for each sports discipline with the approval of Director General, SAI. Nominations beyond maximum two will not be considered. Only the first two nominations sent by NSFs will be considered. Last date for the receipt of nominations will be 30th April or last working day of April. During the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, last date will be 10 days after conclusion of these Games.

5.2 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible sportsperson each for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for the sports discipline for which they themselves were awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto two eligible sportspersons for this award, in addition to the quota to be exercised by it in respect of de-recognized/suspended NSFs.

5.3 Notwithstanding the above, Government reserves the right to nominate upto two sportspersons in deserving cases where no such nominations have been received from the agencies mentioned under the Scheme.

5.4 The authorized signatory for sending nominations will be as follows:-

(i) Indian Olympic Association – President/Secretary General
(ii) National Sports Federations – President/Secretary General [In the case of Cricket, there is no federation recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Nominations for cricket will need to be sent by President/ Secretary General of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI)].

(iii) State/UT Governments/ Sports Control/Promotion Boards – An officer of not less than the rank of Secretary or Director (Sports) of the organization after taking due approval of the competent authority.

5.5 Nominations forwarded by any office bearer other than those mentioned in para 5.4 above will not be considered.

5.6 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year for which the applications are invited.

5.7 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma giving the past performance of the nominated sportspersons in International competitions.

5.8 Nomination agencies are expected to send nominations of most deserving sportsperson(s) irrespective of whether sportspersons have applied to them for awards.

5.9 The nominating authorities are required to certify in the nomination form itself that the nominees are clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and are not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, nominating authorities should obtain a requisite report from the concerned employers before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature. While seeking report from the employer, details of chargesheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any, should also be obtained. Copy of the report/certificate obtained from the employer of the sportsperson should be enclosed with the application of the sportsperson being nominated.

5.10 Copies of the nominations received from organizations other than the National Sports Federations (NSFs) will be sent to the concerned NSF for verification of the details and the achievements and for checking if the nominated sportsperson has ever been warned/penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud/sexual harassment, doping etc. All details in this regard, if any, alongwith verification report should be sent by the concerned NSF within a week of the receipt of letter from the Ministry.

6. RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE NOMINATIONS:

6.1 The applications for nomination should be addressed to Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports)/Under Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports only and date of receipt in his/her office will be the date of receipt of nomination by the government.

6.2 Received applications are to be duly stamped and recorded in a register. In addition, all application received within time will be duly acknowledged to the recommending authority.

7. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS

7.1 All nominations received from the organizations mentioned in para 5.1 and 5.2 will be sent to the Executive Director (Teams)/Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India who will verify and confirm from official records the achievements/performance of all nominated sportspersons within a maximum period of one month of the receipt of the nominations from the Ministry.

7.2 The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will seek a report from NADA about each of the sportspersons, who has been short listed, for verifying if any one of them has ever been found positive for doping.

8. SCREENING COMMITTEE TO SCRUTINIZE ALL THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

A Screening Committee consisting of Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Secretary, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports and Executive Director (TEAMS)/Director (TEAMS), SAI will meet for the scrutiny of the nominations. Applications of the nominated sportspersons and reports of NSFs/SAI will be placed before the screening committee. Valid nominations, which are clear from vigilance, disciplinary and doping angles, will be placed before the Selection Committee as per the prescribed eligibility criteria.

9 PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

9.1 The Award will be decided by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India as under:-

1.	Chairperson	To be nominated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
2.	Sportspersons of eminence (Olympians or previous Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna or Arjuna Awardees)	4 members
3.	Sports Journalists/Experts/Commentators	3 members
4.	A sportsperson of eminence/sports administrator/sports expert belonging to para sports	1 member
5	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme Secretariat	Ex-officio member
6.	Executive Director (TEAMS)/Officer in-charge of TEAMS Division , Sports Authority of India	Ex-officio member
7.	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports	Member Secretary

9.2 There should be a minimum two years gap before a member other than ex-officio is re-nominated as chairperson or member in the Selection Committee.

9.3 Not more than one sportsperson of eminence from a particular sports discipline shall be a member of the Selection Committee to avoid any bias in favour of a particular discipline.

9.4 A statement of achievements of all those sportspersons, who fulfil eligibility criteria and whose nominations have been received before last date, will be sent to the members of the Selection Committee at least a week in advance before the meeting of the Selection Committee.

9.5 The Chairperson, in consultation with Member Secretary, may constitute panels from amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.

9.6 The Chairperson may seek advice of experts in specific sports disciplines wherever necessary.

9.7 Shortlisted nominations from team games may be sent to experts at least a week in advance for their views. The experts may also be asked to attend Selection Committee meetings to clarify the doubts of members. The evaluation criteria may include international recognition, goals scored, player of the match/player of the tournament award, etc.

9.8 Any person directly or indirectly related to a sportsperson nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to participate in deliberations of the Selection Committee, concerning that sportsperson.

9.9 The Committee will determine its own work procedure and will keep in view the guidelines/criteria, if any, framed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. Members of the Selection Committee will give their recommendations as per the provisions of the scheme and the marks criteria of the scheme.

9.10 The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

9.11 The Committee shall select the Award winners by consensus failing which by a majority decision and give its report to the Government of India within 15 days of reference.

9.12 The Executive Director (TEAMS)/Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India will be present at the time of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

9.13 All the selection proceedings will be treated as "Confidential". The Chairperson may take necessary steps in consultation with the Member Secretary to maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations and selection made by the Committee.

10. NUMBER OF RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR

10.1 There will be only one award every year to be given to an individual sportsperson. This condition will be relaxed only in exceptional circumstances.

11. GENERAL

11.1 The award will consist of the following:

(a) A cash amount of Rs. 7.5 lakh exempt from Income Tax and Wealth Tax in the year in which it is disbursed. The Award will be presented to the winners at the function for the presentation of the Award to be held at a place and on a date to be determined by the Government.

(ii) A Certificate of honour to each sportsperson.

(iii) One medal to each sportsperson.

11.2 This Award will be in addition to any other award of the Department or otherwise, which may be available to sportspersons for the same achievements.

11.3. No Award will be made for a second time to the same person.

11.4 The award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises.

11.5 In order to ensure due diligence in the selection of awardees, the Ministry will make necessary character verification prior to finalizing the names of the awardees. Ministry may ask Sports Authority of India to carry out verification of character and antecedents of the recommended awardees through its regional centres, if need be, by taking help of concerned police authorities.

11.6 The Awards will be conferred in a ceremony by the President of India, ordinarily on 29th August, birth anniversary of Late Major Dhyhan Chand. However, during the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, the date of award ceremony will be finalized keeping in view the closing dates of these Games and in consultation with the Secretariat of the President of India.

11.7. At the time of the presentation ceremony, the awards will be conferred upon the selected awardees, who are present. No person other than the awardees will collect the award and prize money at the ceremony. The awardees who are not able to come to receive the award during the presentation ceremony may later receive the same from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports.

11.8 The Government of India may cancel, annul the Award of any recipient for specific reasons including doping and thereupon the recipient shall be required to surrender the medal and the certificate of honour, but it shall be competent for the Government of India to restore the Award once the cancellation and annulment has been withdrawn.

11.9 The decision of the Government of India in respect of matters covered by the scheme and of the interpretation of the provisions of the scheme shall be final and no appeal shall lie against such decision.

11.10 A person who is nominated for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the scheme.

11.11 Canvassing in any form in respect of any nominee will render that nominee liable to disqualification.

11.12 Minister-in-charge for Youth Affairs & Sports will be competent authority for relaxation of any clause, provided there are sufficient reasons (to be recorded in writing) for doing so.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD

Affix a recent
passport
size photograph

1. Name of the State/UT Government/National Sports Federation/Association/Sports Control Board making recommendation:
2. Name of the person recommended (in block letter) in English and Hindi:
3. Particulars of the sportsperson in brief
 - (a) Date of Birth
 - (b) Father's Name
 - (c) Permanent Address (with pin code)
 - (d) Tele. No. and Fax No, Mobile No. and e-mail.
4. Name, Address, Telephone No/and Fax No. of Employer
5. Details of achievements at the international level for the previous four years and achievements upto conclusion of Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games during those years when these Games are held:

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Name	Discipline	Achievements in international events during previous four years and achievements upto conclusion of Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games during those years when these Games are held	Remarks, if any
1	2	4	5

Supporting documents in respect of sports achievements duly attested may be enclosed.

6. Special justification for the recommendation made, if any.
7. Qualities of sportsmanship and leadership exhibited by the persons recommended, on and off the field.
8. Sense of discipline
9. Any other information relevant to the proposal.
10. Overall assessment of the persons recommended
11. Remarks, if any

Undertaking by the sportsperson nominated for the Award:-

That I have carefully read the provisions of the Scheme for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for the Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games and hereby accept all its provisions. I have never been penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud/doping etc.

(Signature of the Sportspersons)
Name and Discipline

Note:- In case any enquiry has been initiated or warning give, details should be given by sportsperson.

Recommendation from the nominating agency (i.e., State Government/National Sports Federation/India Olympic Association etc)

1. I recommend that Shri/Km/Smt. _____ son/daughter/wife of Shri _____ for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for the year _____.
2. I have carefully read the provisions of the schemes for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and confirm that the sportsperson is eligible for being considered for the Award.
3. It is certified that the particulars mentioned above are correct.
4. It is certified that the nominee is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and is not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, a requisite report has been obtained from the concerned employer before certifying that the sportsperson

being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature. Copy of the report obtained from the employer is enclosed.

Signature of recommending authority
(Giving name and designation of the signing authority)

Official Seal

Note:

1. Report of the employer should include details of charge-sheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any.
2. Sportspersons who have been penalized or against whom enquiry is pending/ongoing for use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, will not be eligible for the Award

Date _____

Place _____

Criteria for giving Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna to Sportspersons

1. 80 % weightage will be given for the medals won in various International championships and sports events of the disciplines covered in Olympic Games (Summer, Winter and Paralympics), Asian Games and Commonwealth Games. Points for winning medals will be given to each eligible sportsperson for his/her performance during the last 4 years and upto conclusion of Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games during those years when these Games are held as per marks given in the table below:

S. No.	Event	Medal		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Olympic Games/ Paralympics	80	70	55
2	World Championship/World Cup (once in 4 years)*	40	30	20
3	Asian Games	30	25	20
4	Commonwealth Games	25	20	15

* For World Championship/World Cup of different periodicities, proportionate marks will be given

2. Equivalence of any other sports discipline/tournament, not listed above, will be decided by the Selection Committee with reference to above-mentioned categories of sports tournaments and the points will be allotted accordingly.

3. For team events, marks will be computed taking into consideration strength of the team. If prescribed marks for an individual event are 'A', in the case of team event, the marks will be computed as follows:

- (i) A team of 2 persons: $1.5 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$
- (ii) A team of 3 or 4 persons: $2 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$
- (iii) A team of 5 to 10 persons: $3 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$
- (iv) A team of more than 10 persons: $5 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$

4. 80 marks will be given to the sportsperson getting maximum points as computed in the table above. Rest of the sportspersons will be given marks proportionately to the said sportsperson. For example, if a sportsperson 'A' has got highest points, say 85 points as per the table above and another sportsperson 'B' has got 80 points as per the table above, then 'A' will get 80 marks and 'B' will get $(80 \times 80 / 85) = 75.30$ marks.

5. 20 % weightage will be given to the marks given by the Selection Committee for assessment of the eligible sportsperson keeping in view factors like profile and standard of the sports events in which he or she has won medals.

6. For cricket and indigenous games, not included in Olympic / Asian Games / Commonwealth Games disciplines, the Selection Committee will take into consideration their individuals performances.

7. There will be only one award every year to be given to an individual sportsperson. This condition will be relaxed only in exceptional circumstances to be recorded in writing.

8. In a particular sports discipline, names of not more than 2 sportspersons (1 male and 1 female) with the highest marks as per the criteria brought out in the table above will be considered by the Selection Committee.

9. Sometimes, the Selection Committee may feel that as per the given criteria, a very deserving sportsperson in a team game may not get Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna. In such a situation, it may recommend such name giving full justification in writing.

10. Selection Committee will recommend the final list of sportsperson(s) for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna as per the marks obtained in terms of the criteria indicated above.

11. Selection Committee may not mechanically recommend Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna to the recipient of the highest marks across disciplines. But in a particular sports discipline, award will be recommended only for the recipient of the highest aggregate marks.

12. The recommendations of Selection Committee will be placed before the Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports for the final decision.

SCHEME FOR THE ARJUNA AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS AND GAMES (Amended as on 7.9.2018)

1. PREAMBLE

The Scheme may be called the "Scheme for Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games".

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Awards is to recognize outstanding achievements of sportspersons in the field of sports at international level.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Scheme" means the scheme for the Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games.
- (b) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
- (c) "Award" means the Arjuna Awards.
- (d) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
- (e) "Government" means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (f) "Sports Administrator" means a person who is engaged in management/administration of national/international sports events, sports organizations including private sports academies, sports programmes and delivery of sports services.
- (g) "Sports journalist/expert/commentator" means a person who is associated with sports journalism including freelancing in print or electronic media, or a person who writes extensively on sports issues or has written books on sports, or a person who gives live commentary during sports events.
- (h) "Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee" means a person who has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna by the Government of India.
- (i) "Arjuna Awardee" means a person who has been awarded an Arjuna Award by the Government of India.
- (j) "Olympian" means a sports person who participated in the Olympic Games as a member of the Indian contingent approved by the Government of India.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 To be eligible for the Award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance over the previous four years at the International level but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline. During the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, achievements of the sportspersons in these Games and other international tournaments upto the conclusion of the Olympic Games/Commonwealth Games/Asian Games, as the case may be, will also be considered.

4.2 Sportspersons who have been penalized or against whom enquiry is pending/ongoing for use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, will not be eligible for the Award.

4.3 The Government will only consider conferring Arjuna Award in the disciplines falling under following categories:-

- a) Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/World Cup/World Championship disciplines and cricket or any equivalent recognized international Tournament.
- b) Indigenous Games.
- c) Sports for physically challenged.

5. NOMINATION

5.1 The nominations for the Awards will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from all National Sports Federations (NSFs) recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association and State/UT Governments in the month of January/February each year. In case of cricket, for which no National Sports Federation has been recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, nominations from Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) will be invited. These agencies will be allowed to make nominations upto a maximum of three eligible sportspersons. For the NSFs de-recognized or under suspension, Sports Authority of India (SAI) will exercise the quota of nominations and make nominations upto a maximum of three eligible sportspersons for each sports discipline with the approval of Director General, SAI. Nominations beyond maximum three will not be considered. Only the first three nominations sent by NSFs will be considered. Last date for the receipt of nominations will be 30th April or last working day of April of the same year. During the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, last date will be 10 days after conclusion of these Games.

5.2 In addition, nominations will also be invited from Sports Control/Promotion Boards of various Government Organizations such as the All India Police Sports Control Board, Army Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, Indian Navy Sports Control Board and Air Force Sports Control Board, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, Air India Sports Promotion Board, SAIL Sports Promotion Board etc. These agencies will be allowed to make nominations upto a maximum of five sportspersons. Nominations beyond five will not be considered. Only the first five nominations sent by them will be considered.

5.3 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible sportsperson each for Arjuna Award for the sports discipline for which they themselves were awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna. Arjuna, Dhyan Chand and Dronacharya awardees of previous years can also nominate one eligible sportsperson each for Arjuna Award in their respective disciplines Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate

upto three eligible sportspersons for this award, in addition to the quota to be exercised by it in respect of de-recognized/suspended NSFs.

5.4 The concerned agencies should send the application in one lot only and should restrict the number of nominations as per the above guidelines. In case more nominations are made, first three/five nominations (as the case may be) will be considered.

5.5 Notwithstanding the above, Government reserves the right to make upto 3 nominations of sportspersons in deserving cases where no such nominations have been received from the agencies mentioned under the Scheme.

5.6 The authorized signatory for sending nominations will be as follows:-

- (i) Indian Olympic Association – President/Secretary General.
- (ii) National Sports Federations – President/Secretary General [In the case of Cricket, there is no federation recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Nominations for cricket will need to be sent by President/ Secretary General of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI)].
- (iii) State/ UT Governments/ Sports Control/ Promotion Boards – An officer of not less than the rank of Secretary or Director (Sports) of the organization after taking due approval of the competent authority

5.7 Nominations forwarded by any office bearer other than those mentioned in the para 5.6 above will not be considered.

5.8 Nomination agencies are expected to send nominations of most deserving sportsperson(s) irrespective of whether sportspersons have applied to them for awards.

5.9 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year during which the applications are invited.

5.10 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma giving the performance of the nominated sportspersons in international competitions for the four years immediately preceding the year during which the awards are to be given.

5.11 The nominating authorities are required to certify in the nomination form itself that the nominees are clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and are not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, nominating authorities should obtain a requisite report from the concerned employers before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature. While seeking report from the employer, details of chargesheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any, should also be obtained. Copy of the report/certificate obtained from the employer of the sportsperson should be enclosed with the application of the sportsperson being nominated.

5.12 Copies of the nominations received from organizations other than the National Sports Federations (NSFs) will be sent to the concerned NSF for verification of the details and the achievements and for checking if the nominated sportsperson has ever been warned/penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud/sexual harassment, doping etc. All details in this regard, if any, alongwith verification report should be sent by the concerned NSF within a week of the receipt of letter from the Ministry.

6. RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE NOMINATIONS:

6.1 The applications for nomination should be addressed to Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports)/Under Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports only and date of receipt in his/her office will be the date of receipt of nomination by the Government.

6.2 Received applications are to be duly stamped and recorded in a register. In addition, all applications received within time will be duly acknowledged to the recommending authority.

7. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS

7.1 All nominations received from the organizations mentioned in para 5.1 to 5.3 will be sent to the Executive Director (TEAMS)/Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India who will verify and confirm from official records the achievements/performance of all nominated sportspersons within a maximum period of one month of receipt of the nominations from the Ministry.

7.2 The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports will seek a report from NADA about each of the sportspersons, who has been short listed, for verifying if anyone of them has ever been found positive for doping.

8. SCREENING COMMITTEE TO SCRUTINIZE ALL THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

A Screening Committee consisting of Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Secretary, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports and Executive Director (TEAMS)/Director (TEAMS), SAI will meet for the scrutiny of the nominations. Applications of the nominated sportspersons, reports of NSFs/SAI will be placed before the screening committee. Valid nominations which are clear from vigilance, disciplinary and doping angles will be placed before the Selection Committee as per the eligibility criteria prescribed.

9. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

9.1 The Award will be decided by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India as under:-

1.	Chairperson	A retired judge of Supreme Court/High Court
2.	Sportspersons of eminence (Olympians or previous Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna or Arjuna	4 members

	Awardees)	
3.	Sports Journalists/Experts/Commentators	3 members
4.	A sportsperson of eminence/sports administrator/sports expert belonging to para sports	1 member
5.	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme Secretariat	Ex-officio member
6.	Executive Director (TEAMS)/Officer in-charge of TEAMS Division , Sports Authority of India	Ex-officio member
7.	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports	Member Secretary

9.2 There should be minimum two years of gap before a member other than ex-officio is re-nominated as chairperson or member in the Selection Committee.

9.3 Not more than one sportsperson of eminence from a particular sports discipline shall be a member of the Selection Committee to avoid any bias in favour of a particular discipline.

9.4 A statement of achievements of all those sportspersons, who fulfil eligibility criteria and whose nominations have been received before last date, will be sent to the members of the Selection Committee at least a week in advance before the meeting of the Selection Committee.

9.5 The Chairperson, in consultation with the Member Secretary, may constitute panels from amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.

9.6 The Chairperson may seek the advice of experts in specific sports disciplines, wherever necessary.

9.7 Shortlisted nominations from team games may be sent to experts at least a week in advance for their views. The experts may also be asked to attend Selection Committee meetings to clarify the doubts of members. The evaluation criteria may include international recognition, goals scored, player of the match/player of the tournament award, etc.

9.8 Any person directly or indirectly related to a sportsperson nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to participate in deliberations of the Selection Committee, concerning the sportsperson.

9.9 The Committee will determine its own work procedure and will keep in view the guidelines/criteria, if any, framed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. Members of the Selection Committee will give their recommendations as per the provisions of the scheme and the marks criteria of the scheme.

9.10 The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

9.11 The Committee shall select the Award winners by consensus failing which by a majority decision and give its report to the Government of India within 15 days of reference.

9.12 The Executive Director (TEAMS)/Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India will be present at the time of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

9.13 All the selection proceedings will be treated as "Confidential". The Chairperson may take necessary steps in consultation with the Member Secretary to maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations and selection made by the Committee.

10. NUMBER OF ARJUNA AWARDS TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR

10.1 Ordinarily not more than one award will be given in each discipline in a particular year subject to deserving sportspersons being available. However, at least one award is to be given exclusively for sports for physically challenged. Further, the principle of one award per discipline may be relaxed in case of team sports and across gender. That is to say that, the Selection Committee may recommend, in deserving cases with proper justification, more than one sportsperson in respect of team sports and sportspersons of both the genders.

10.2 Normally not more than 15 awards could be given in any calendar year. However, keeping in view the performance of Indian sportspersons in the Commonwealth, Asian Games and Olympic Games during a particular year and for the reasons given in para 10.1 above, Arjuna Awards exceeding 15 in number may be allowed with proper justification and approval of Minister-in charge for Youth Affairs & sports.

11. GENERAL

11.1 The Award consist of a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress, and a cash Award of Rs. 5.00 lakh which will be presented to the winners in a function to be held at a place and on a date to be decided by the Government of India.

11.2 No Award will be made for a second time to the same person.

11.3 The Award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises.

11.4 In order to ensure due diligence in the selection of awardees, the Ministry will make necessary character verification prior to finalizing the names of the awardees. This may be done through the regional centres of SAI, if need be, by taking help of concerned police authorities.

11.5 The Awards will be conferred in a ceremony by the President of India, ordinarily on 29th August, birth anniversary of Late Major Dhyan Chand. However, during the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, the date of award ceremony will be finalized keeping in view the closing dates of these Games and in consultation with the Secretariat of the President of India.

11.6 At the time of the presentation ceremony, the awards will be conferred upon the selected awardees, who are present. No person other than the awardees will collect the award and prize money at the presentation ceremony. The awardees who are not able to come to receive the award during the presentation ceremony may later receive the same from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports.

11.7 The Government of India may cancel, annul the Award of any recipient for specific reasons including doping and, thereupon, the recipient shall be required to surrender the statuette and the certificate of award but it shall be competent for the Government of India to restore the Award once the cancellation and annulment has been withdrawn.

11.8 The decision of the Government of India in respect of matters covered by this Scheme and of the interpenetration of the provisions of this scheme shall be final and no appeal shall lie against them.

11.9 A person who is nominated for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the scheme.

11.10 Canvassing in any form in respect of any nominee will render that nominee liable to disqualification.

11.11 Minister-in-charge for Youth Affairs & Sports will be competent authority for relaxation of any clause, provided there are sufficient reasons (to be recorded in writing) for doing so.

PROFORMA FOR NOMINATION FOR ARJUNA AWARD

Affix a recent
passport
size photograph of the
nominee

1. Name of the State/UT Government/National Sports Federation/Association/Sports Control Board making recommendation:
2. Name of the person recommended (in block letter) in English and Hindi:
3. Particulars of the sportsperson in brief
 - (a) Date of Birth
 - (b) Father's Name
 - (c) Permanent Address (with pin code)
 - (d) Tele. No. and Fax No, Mobile No. and e-mail.
4. Name, Address, Telephone No/and Fax No. of Employer
5. Details of achievements at the international level for the previous four years and achievements upto conclusion of Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games during those years when these Games are held:-

Name	Discipline	Achievements in international events during previous four years and achievements upto conclusion of Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games during those years when these Games are held	Remarks, if any
1	2	4	5

Supporting documents in respect of sports achievements duly attested may be enclosed.

6. Special justification for the recommendation made, if any.
7. Qualities of sportsmanship and leadership exhibited by the persons recommended, on and off the field.
8. Sense of discipline
9. Any other information relevant to the proposal.
10. Overall assessment of the persons recommended
11. Remarks, if any

Undertaking by the sportsperson nominated for the Award :-

That I have carefully read the provisions of the Scheme for the Arjuna Awards for the Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games and hereby accept all its provisions.

I have never been penalized nor is any enquiry pending / ongoing against me for use of drugs / substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory.

I have never been penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud etc.

(Signatures of the sportsperson)
Name and discipline

Note: In case any enquiry has been initiated or warning given, details should be given the by sportsperson.

Recommendation from the nominating agency (i.e., State Government/National Sports Federation/India Olympic Association etc)

1. I recommend that Shri/Km/Smt. _____ son/daughter/wife of Shri _____ for Arjuna Award for the year _____.

2. I have carefully read the provisions of the schemes for Arjuna Award and confirm that the sportsperson is eligible for being considered for the Award.

3. It is certified that the particulars mentioned above are correct.
4. It is certified that the nominee is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and is not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, a requisite report has been obtained from the concerned employer before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature. Copy of the report obtained from the employer is enclosed.

Signature of recommending authority
(Giving name and designation of the signing authority)

Official Seal

Note:

1. Report the employer will include details of charge sheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any.
2. Sportspersons who have been penalized or against whom enquiry is pending/ongoing for use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, will not be eligible for the Award.

Criteria for giving Arjuna award to Sports persons

1. 80 % weightage will be given for the medals won in various International championships and sports events of the disciplines covered in Olympic Games (Summer, Winter and Paralympics), Asian Games and Commonwealth Games. Points for winning medals will be given to each eligible sportsperson for his/her performance during the last 4 years and upto conclusion of Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games during those years when these Games are held as per marks given in the table below:

S. No.	Event	Medal		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	World Championship/World Cup (once in 4 years)*	40	30	20
2	Asian Games	30	25	20
3	Commonwealth Games	25	20	15
4	Asian Championship (once in two years i.e. biennial)*	15	10	7
5	Commonwealth Championship (once in two years i.e. biennial)*	15	10	7

* For World Championship/World Cup/Asian Championship/Commonwealth Championship of different periodicities, proportionate marks will be given.

2. Equivalence of any other sports discipline/tournament, not listed above, will be decided by the Selection Committee with reference to above-mentioned five categories of sports tournaments and the points will be allotted accordingly.

3. For team events, marks will be computed taking into consideration strength of the team. If prescribed marks for an individual event are 'A', in the case of team event, the marks will be computed as follows:

- (i) A team of 2 persons: $1.5 \times 'A' / \text{number of persons in the team}$
- (ii) A team of 3 or 4 persons: $2 \times 'A' / \text{number of persons in the team}$
- (iii) A team of 5 to 10 persons: $3 \times 'A' / \text{number of persons in the team}$
- (iv) A team of more than 10 persons: $5 \times 'A' / \text{number of persons in the team}$

4. 80 marks will be given to the sportsperson getting maximum points as computed in the table above. Rest of the sportspersons will be given marks proportionately to the said sportsperson. For example, if a sportsperson 'A' has got highest points say 45 points as per the table above and another sportsperson 'B' has got 40 points as per the table above, then 'A' will get 80 marks and 'B' will get $(80 \times 40 / 45) = 71.11$ marks.

5. 20 % weightage will be given to the marks given by the Selection Committee for assessment of the eligible sportsperson keeping in view factors like profile and standard of the sports events in which he or she has won medals and qualities like leadership, sportsmanship, team spirit, fair play, sense of discipline.

6. Winners of medals in Olympics and Paralympics will automatically be considered for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna or Arjuna Awards, depending on the type of medal won, if they have already not been conferred with either of the two Awards.
7. For cricket and indigenous games, not included in Olympic / Asian Games / Commonwealth Games disciplines, the Selection Committee will recommend the number of awards, (not exceeding two), to be given for Cricket/Indigenous Games and recommend the sportspersons taking into consideration their individuals performances and qualities of sportsman spirit, leadership, sense of discipline etc.
8. Ordinarily, not more than one award will be given in each discipline in a particular year subject to deserving sportspersons being available. Adequate representation would be insured for physically challenged and women.
9. The principle of one award per discipline will not be applicable in case of team sports and across gender. That is to say that, the Selection Committee may recommend, in deserving cases with proper justification, more than one sportsperson in respect of team sports and sportspersons of both the genders.
10. Normally not more than 15 awards could be given in any calendar year. However, keeping in view the performance of Indian sportspersons in the Commonwealth, Asian Games and Olympic Games during a particular year and for the reasons given in para 7 above, Selection Committee may recommend more than 15 sportspersons for Arjuna Award.
11. In a particular sports discipline, names of not more than 4 sportspersons (2 male and 2 female) with the highest marks as per the criteria brought out in the table above will be considered by the Selection Committee.
12. Sometimes, the Selection Committee may feel that as per the given criteria, a very deserving sportsperson may not get Arjuna Award. In such a situation, it may recommend such name giving full justification in writing.
13. Selection Committee will recommend the final list of sportspersons for Arjuna Awards as per the marks obtained in terms of the criteria indicated above.
14. Selection Committee may not mechanically recommend Arjuna Award to the recipient of the highest marks across disciplines. But in a particular sports discipline, award will be recommended only for the recipient of the highest aggregate marks.
15. The recommendations of Selection Committee will be placed before the Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports for the final decision.

**Scheme for Dronacharya Award For Outstanding Coaches In Sports And Games
(Amended as on 7.9.2018)**

1. PREAMBLE

The scheme may be called the "Scheme for Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games".

2. OBJECTIVES

The Award is intended to:

- (i) Honour coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabled sportspersons to excel in international events; and
- (ii) Motivate coaches to dedicate themselves with a singularity of purpose of raising the standard of sportspersons to highest performance in international events and thus bring glory to the country.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Scheme" means the Scheme for the Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in sports and games.
- (b) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
- (c) "Award" means the Dronacharya Award.
- (d) "Chairperson" means chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
- (e) "Government" means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (f) "Olympian" means a sportsperson who participated in the Olympic Games as a Member of Indian Contingent approved by the Government of India.
- (g) "Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee" means a person who has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna by the Government of India.
- (h) "Arjuna Awardee" means a person who has been awarded an Arjuna Award by Government of India.
- (i) "Sports Administrator" means a person who is engaged in management/administration of national/international sports events, sports organizations including private sports academies, sports programmes and delivery of sports services.
- (j) "Sports journalist/expert/commentator" means a person who is associated with sports journalism including freelancing in print or electronic media, or a person who writes extensively on sports issues or has written books on sports, or a person who gives live commentary during sports events

4. SPORTS DISCIPLINES COVERED BY DRONACHARYA AWARD

The Dronacharya Awards shall be given to eligible coaches who produce outstanding results in:

- a) different Olympic sports disciplines;
- b) Such non-Olympic sports disciplines as are recognized by the Government of India in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and
- c) Such indigenous sports as are recognized by Government under extant rules.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 To be eligible for the award, coach, whether he/she works full time or part time as coach, he/she should have produced outstanding achievement over a period of four years immediately preceding the year in which the award is to be given. During the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, achievements of the sportspersons, who have been imparted coaching, upto conclusion of these Games will also be considered. Nominated coach will have to submit details of periods for which he/she coached the disciple(s) in question against whose performance he/she is seeking the Award. The Ministry reserves the right to seek affidavit from the sportsperson concerned where it is found that more than one coach is claiming credit for achievements of a sportsperson.

5.2 **For 2 awards earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching**, achievements of the coach in producing outstanding sportspersons over a period of 20 years or more will be taken into account.

5.3 A coach found encouraging the use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, by a sportsperson whom he/she is coaching, will not be eligible for the Dronacharya Award. A coach against whom enquiry is going on/pending in this regard will also be ineligible.

5.4 Sportspersons who have already been conferred with Dhyan Chand Award will not be eligible to apply for Dronacharya Award.

6. NOMINATIONS

6.1 The nominations for the Award will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from all recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association, Sports Promotion and Control Boards and State/UT Governments in the month of January/February each year. The National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India; the Indian Olympic Association, Sports Promotion and Control Boards and the State/UT Governments may nominate upto two names in a particular year. In case of cricket, for which no National Sports Federation has been recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, nominations from Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) will be invited. For the NSFs de-recognized or under suspension, Sports Authority of India (SAI) will exercise the quota of nominations and make nominations upto a maximum of two eligible coaches for each sports discipline with the approval of Director General, SAI. Nominations beyond maximum two will not be considered. Only the first two nominations sent by the nominating agencies will be considered. Last date for the receipt of nominations will be 30th April or last working day of April. During the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, last date will be 10 days after conclusion of these Games.

6.2 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible coach each for Dronacharya Award for the sports discipline for which they themselves were awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna. Arjuna, Dhyan Chand and Dronacharya awardees of previous years can also nominate one eligible coach each for Dronacharya Award in their respective disciplines Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto two eligible coaches for this award, in addition to the quota to be exercised by it in respect of de-recognized/suspended NSFs.

6.3 Notwithstanding the above, Government reserves the right to make upto two nominations of coaches in deserving cases where no such nominations have been received from the agencies mentioned under the Scheme.

6.4 The authorized signatory for sending nominations will be as follows:-

- (i) Indian Olympic Association – President/Secretary General.
- (ii) National Sports Federations – President/Secretary General. [In the case of Cricket, there is no federation recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Nominations for cricket will need to be sent by President/ Secretary General of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI)].
- (iii) State/UT Governments/Sports Control/Promotion Boards – An officer of not less than the rank of Secretary or Director (Sports) of the organization after taking due approval of the competent authority.

6.5 Nominations forwarded by any office bearer other than those mentioned in para 6.4 above will not be considered.

6.6 Nomination agencies are expected to send nominations of most deserving coach(es) irrespective of whether coaches have applied to them for awards.

6.7 The nominating authorities are required to certify in the nomination form itself that the nominees are clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and are not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, nominating authorities should obtain a requisite report from the concerned employers before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature. While seeking report from the employer, details of charge sheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any, should also be obtained. Copy of the report/certificate obtained from the employer of the coach should be enclosed with the application of the coach being nominated.

6.8 Copies of the nominations received from organizations other than the National Sports Federations (NSFs) will be sent to the concerned NSF for verification of the details and the achievements and for checking if the nominated coach has ever been warned/penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud/sexual harassment, doping etc. All details in this regard, if any, alongwith verification report should be sent by the concerned NSF within a week of the receipt of letter from the Ministry.

6.9 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year during which the application is invited.

6.10 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma giving the achievements of the coaches in international competitions for the previous three years and for the year of the Award.

6.11 The applications for nomination should be addressed to Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports)/Under Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports only and date of receipt in his/her office will be the date of receipt of nomination by the government.

6.12 Received applications are to be duly stamped and recorded in a register. In addition, all applications received within time will be duly acknowledged to the recommending authority.

7. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION

7.1 All nominations received from the organizations mentioned in para 6.1 and 6.2 will be sent to the Executive Director (TEAMS)/Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India and concerned National Sports Federations , who will verify the achievements/performance of all nominated coaches within a maximum period of one month of receipt.

7.2 The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports will seek a report from NADA about each of the shortlisted nominees to verify if anyone of them has ever been found positive for doping.

8. SCREENING COMMITTEE TO SCRUTINIZE ALL THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

8.1 A Screening Committee consisting of Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Secretary, Sports Authority of India (SAI), Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports and Executive Director (TEAMS)/Director (TEAMS), SAI will meet for the scrutiny of the nominations. Applications of the nominated Coaches, reports of SAI, will be placed before the screening committee. Valid nominations, which are clear from vigilance, disciplinary and doping angles, will be placed before the Selection Committee as per the eligibility prescribed

9. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

9.1 The Awards will be decided by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India as under:-

1.	Chairperson	To be nominated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
2.	Sportspersons of eminence (Olympians or previous Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna or Arjuna Awardees)	2 members
3.	Previous Dronacharya Awardees from different disciplines	3 members
4.	Sports Journalists/Experts/Commentators	2 members
5.	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme Secretariat	Ex-officio member
6.	Executive Director (TEAMS)/Officer in-charge of TEAMS Division , Sports Authority of India	Ex-officio member
7.	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports	Member Secretary

9.2 There should be minimum two years of gap before a member other than ex-officio is re-nominated as chairperson or member in the Selection Committee.

9.3 Not more than one sportsperson of eminence or previous Dronacharya Aawrdee from a particular sports discipline shall be a member of the Selection Committee to avoid any bias in favour of a particular discipline.

9.4 A statement of achievements of all those coaches, who fulfil eligibility criteria and whose nominations have been received before last date, will be sent to the members of the Selection Committee at least a week in advance before the meeting of the Selection Committee.

9.5 The Chairperson in consultation with Member-Secretary may constitute panel amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.

9.6 The Chairperson may seek advice of experts in specific sports disciplines wherever necessary.

9.7 Shortlisted nominations from team games may be sent to experts at least a week in advance for their views. The experts may also be asked to attend Selection Committee meetings to clarify the doubts of members. The evaluation criteria may include international recognition, goals scored, player of the match/player of the tournament award, etc of the trainees of the coach.

9.8 Any person directly or indirectly related to a coach nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to participate in deliberations of the Selection Committee, concerning that coach.

9.9 The Committee will determine its own work procedure and will keep in view the guidelines/criteria, if any, framed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Members of the Selection Committee will give their recommendations as per the provisions of the scheme and the marks criteria of the scheme.

9.10 The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

9.11 The Committee shall select the Award winners by consensus failing which by a majority, decision and give its report to the Government of India within one month of reference.

9.12 The Executive Director (Teams)/Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India will be present at the times of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

9.13 All the selection proceedings will be treated as "Confidential". The Chairperson may take necessary steps in consultation with the Member-Secretary to maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations and selection made by the Committee.

10. NUMBER OF DRONAHARYA AWARDS TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR

Ordinarily not more than 5 awards could be given in any calendar year. Out of these, 2 will be earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching.

11 GENERAL

11.1 The Award shall comprise of a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh) which will be presented to the winners at the function for the presentation of the Award to be held at a place and on a date to be decided by the Government of India.

11.2 No Award will be made for a second time to the same person.

11.3 The Award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises.

11.4 In order to ensure due diligence in the selection of awardees, the Ministry will make necessary character verification prior to finalizing the names of the awardees through the regional centres of SAI, if need be, by taking help of concerned police authorities.

11.5 The Awards will be conferred in a ceremony by the President of India, ordinarily on 29th August, birth anniversary of Late Major Dhyan Chand. However, during the years when Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games are held, the date of award ceremony will be finalized keeping in view the closing dates of these Games and in consultation with the Secretariat of the President of India.

11.6 At the time of the presentation ceremony, the awards will be conferred upon the selected awardees, who are present. No person other than the awardees will collect the award and prize money at the presentation ceremony. The awardees who are not able to come to receive the award on the National Sports Day, can later receive the same from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports.

11.7 The Government of India may cancel or annul the Award of any recipient for specific reasons including doping and, thereupon, the recipient shall be required to surrender the certificate of honour but it shall be competent for the Government of India to restore the Award once the cancellation and annulment has been withdrawn.

11.8 The decision of the Government of India in respect of matters covered by this Scheme and interpretation of the provisions of this scheme shall be final and no appeal shall lie against them.

11.9 A person who is recommended for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the Scheme.

11.10 Canvassing in any form in respect of an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

11.11 Minister-in-charge for Youth Affairs & Sports will be competent authority for relaxation of any clause, provided there are sufficient reasons (to be recorded in writing) for doing so.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DRONACHARYA AWARDS

Affix a recent
passport
size photograph of the
nominee

1.	Name of the National Sports Federation/ Institution/Association/State Government/UTs making recommendation	
2.	Name of the Coach recommended (In capital letters)	
3.	Particulars in brief	
4.	Date of birth	
5.	Father's name	
6.	Address (with Telephone No./mobile No. /E-mail, if any)	
7.	Name of the employer with complete address	
8.	Status of Coach	
9.	Qualification	

	a) Academic	
	Degree/Diploma Institute	Year of Passing
	b) Professional	
	Degree/Diploma Institute	Year of Passing
10.	Whether does he/she possess any degree or diploma in coaching of the discipline he/she has been recommended for Dronacharya Award	
11.	Year of starting coaching in the discipline	
12.	Name of sportspersons he/she spotted as talented in sports, their age when spotted (Please give extra sheet if necessary)	
13.	Achievements of the talent identified, whom he/she spotted and coached. (Please give extra sheet if necessary)	
14.	Names of sportspersons whom he/she has coached continuously in the last three and prior years including in the National Camps alongwith details of periods for which he/she coached the disciple(s) in question against whose performance being nominated for award.	
15.	Details of sports achievements at international level of the	

disciple(s)/trainee(s)			
Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Date(s) Year/Venue &	Achievements, during which he/she has been coaching National Team/Sportsperson
1	2	3	4
16	Recommendation of Federation/Association/Institute		
17.	Professional ability		
18.	Management ability		
19	Outstanding achievements (including Sports Distinction)		
20.	Sense of discipline		
21.	A brief report on the result achieved meriting award		
22.	Please indicate whether this nomination is for category of lifetime contribution in coaching	Yes/No	

Undertaking by the coach nominated for the Award:-

That I have carefully read the provisions of the Scheme for the Dronacharya Award for the Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games and hereby accept all its provisions. I have never been penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud etc.

None of my trainees has been penalized or no enquiry is pending / ongoing against any of my trainees for use of drugs / substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory. This is applicable for the period the disciple(s) was/were under my training.

I have never encouraged the use of drugs /substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) by any sportsperson(s).

**(Signature of the Coach)
Name and Discipline**

Note :- In case any enquiry has been initiated or warning given, details should be given by Coach.

Recommendation from State Government/National Sports Federation/India Olympic Association etc

1. I recommend that Shri/Km/Smt. son/daughter/wife of Shri for the Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches for the year
2. I have carefully read the provisions of the schemes for Dronacharya Award and confirm that the coach is eligible for being considered for the Award.
3. It is certified that the particulars mentioned above are correct.
4. It is certified that nominee is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and is not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of coaches employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, a requisite report has been obtained from the concerned employer before certifying that the coach being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature. Copy of the report obtain from the employer is enclosed.

Signature of President/Secretary General
Of the Federation/Associations/Head of the Institute, State/UTs

Name:

Designation:

Address

Telephone No./FAX No.

Official Seal

Note:

1. Report the employer will include details of charge sheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any.
2. A coach found encouraging the use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency

(NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, by a sportsperson whom he/she is coaching, will not be eligible for the Dronacharya Award. A coach against whom enquiry is going on/pending in this regard will also be ineligible.

Place:

Date:

Criteria for giving Dronacharva awards to Coaches

1. 80 % weightage will be given for the medals won in various International championships by the sportspersons, trained by the coach for at least 180 days immediately preceding the tournament. The International championships and sports events will be in respect of the disciplines covered in Olympic Games (Summer, Winter and Paralympics), Asian Games and Commonwealth Games. Points for winning medals by trainees will be given to each eligible coach during the last 4 years and upto conclusion of Olympic Games, Commonwealth and Asian Games during those years when these Games are held as per marks given in the table below:

S. No.	Event	Medal		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	Olympic Games/ Paralympics	80	70	55
2.	World Championship/World Cup (once in 4 years)*	40	30	20
3	Asian Games	30	25	20
4	Commonwealth Games	25	20	15

* For World Championship/World Cup of different periodicities, proportionate marks will be given

2. Equivalence of any other sports discipline/tournament, not listed above, will be decided by the Selection Committee with reference to above-mentioned categories of sports tournaments and the points will be allotted accordingly.

3. For team events, marks will be computed taking into consideration strength of the team. If prescribed marks for an individual event are 'A', in the case of team event, the marks will be computed as follows:

- (i) A team of 2 persons: $1.5 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$
- (ii) A team of 3 or 4 persons: $2 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$
- (iii) A team of 5 to 10 persons: $3 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$
- (iv) A team of more than 10 persons: $5 \times \text{'A'}/\text{number of persons in the team}$

4. 80 marks will be given to the coach getting maximum points as computed in the table above. Rest of the coaches will be given marks proportionately to the said coach. For example if say a Coach "A" has got highest points say 45 points as per table above in his/her sports discipline and Coach "B" got 40 points as per table above, then A will get 80 marks and B will get $(80 \times 40 / 45) = 71.11$ marks.

5. 20 % weightage will be given to the marks given by the Selection Committee for assessment of the eligible coach keeping in view profile and standard of the sports events in which his trainees have won medals.

6. For Cricket and indigenous games, which are not Olympic / Asian games / Commonwealth Games disciplines, the Selection Committee will recommend the coach(es) taking into consideration the performance of the sportspersons, coached by them.

7. Normally not more than 5 awards could be given in any calendar year. Out of these, 2 will be earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching. This condition can be relaxed only in exceptional circumstances to be recorded in writing. Further, not more than 1 award will be given in each discipline in either of the two categories of Dronacharya Award.

8. In a particular sports discipline, names of not more than 2 coaches with the highest marks as per the criteria brought out in the table above will be considered by the Selection Committee.

9. Selection Committee will recommend the final list of coaches for the Awards as per the marks obtained in terms of the criteria indicated above.

10. Selection Committee may not mechanically recommend Dronacharya Award to the recipient of the highest marks across disciplines. But in a particular sports discipline, award will be recommended only for the recipient of the highest aggregate marks.

11. The marking criteria will not apply to coaches to be selected on the basis of lifetime contribution in coaching. Selection Committee will give its recommendations for such two coaches taking into consideration the contribution made by them over a period of 20 years or more in terms of producing outstanding sportspersons.

12. The recommendations of the Selection Committee will be placed before the Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports for the final decision.