

FENCING

Process to be followed for Induction of Fencing Athletes in Khelo India

- Athletes will be inducted into the Khelo India program based on their performance and ranking in competitions listed in **Annexure-A**.
- The point matrix outlined in **Annexure-C** will be used for evaluating and inducting fencers.
- A maximum of three best domestic performances will be considered for induction as per the point matrix.
- Few spots will be reserved for raw talent. TIDC members will identify potential athletes through coach recommendations.

Process to be followed for Retention of Khelo India Athletes

- Retention of athletes will be determined by their individual event performance in domestic and international competitions, using the point matrix in **Annexure-C**.
- Athletes will receive performance updates from HPM/HPAC via email. Any missing competition results can be added with valid proof.
- The final score calculation will be completed by the second week of March. Competitions held after the first week of March will not be considered.
- Medal winners of current National championships will come under Green Zone and, shall be retained directly.
- Any fencer who has not won medal in current year as compared to the fencers who have achieved 5th to 8th Ranking shall be considered in the Orange Zone. The performance of these fencers shall be discussed on the basis of their chronological age, training age, future potential and scope of event in international competitions.
- The best three domestic and best two international competition points will be used for ranking.
- A separate merit list will be prepared for international athletes.
- Only competitions listed in **Annexure-C** will be considered for retention and weeding-out decisions.
- Coach's eye: TIDC may retain an underperforming fencer based on past performance, fitness, and anthropometric parameters, with proper deliberation and justification.
- Newly inducted athletes will not be weeded out in their first year, regardless of their score. However, they will be classified into performance zones:

S No.	Colour Coded Zone	Implication/Performance Indication
1	Green	Athletes who are performing well above the benchmarks
2	Orange	Athletes whose performance is dwindling or needs improvement
3	Red	Athletes performing below benchmark may be weeded out in the near future based on dwindling performance.

Role of Annual Assessment Camp for retention and weed out process

- Participation in at least one Performance Assessment Camp is mandatory. Failure to attend will lead to removal from the scheme.
- A minimum fitness benchmark will be set and communicated to fencers. Athletes must meet these criteria to remain in the program.
- The fitness benchmark will be finalized by May 2025 and implemented in the 2025-26 assessment cycle.
- Exemption for KIAs training abroad (with TOPS/TAGG/FAI approval): Athletes in national ranking/teams/Green zone will be exempted from the assessment camp but must submit progress reports from an authentic source.

Process to be followed for Weeding Out of Khelo India Athletes in Fencing

- Athletes with no performance or competition participation will be removed from the scheme.
- Athletes who fail to secure a Top 8 (T-8) finish in competitions listed in **Annexure-A** will be directly weeded out.
- A merit list will be prepared based on **Annexure-C**, and up to 20% of the lowest-ranked fencers (excluding newly inducted ones) will be removed.
- Fencers above 23 years must achieve at least a T-4 finish in National Championships/Ranking tournaments in the last assessment cycle (April–March) to stay in the program.
- The performance of fencers above 23 years will be evaluated for future potential before the final TIDC meeting.
- Fencers above 20 years, inducted in the current assessment year, will have their performance reviewed but will not be retained like newly inducted younger athletes.

- Injury cases: Athletes with long rehabilitation periods will be assessed based on past national championship performances. If recovery time is too long or full recovery is unlikely, they will be weeded out.
- Fencers training abroad must provide proof of training and communicate with KITD/HPM/HPAC about their progress. Failure to do so, or lack of participation in events, may lead to their removal.
- Athletes who fail to provide their training base whereabouts will be treated as inactive and removed immediately.

Process to be followed for Induction of Fencing Athletes in NCOEs

- Athletes will be inducted into National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) based on performance and rankings from competitions listed in **Annexure-B**.

Process to be followed for Weeding out of Fencing Athletes from NCOEs

- The Head Coach of the respective training center will present cases for removal in a committee meeting.
- The meeting quorum includes the COO, Head Coach, HPM, and at least two TIDC members.
- Assessment will be based on the past two years' performance in domestic and international competitions.
- NCOE fencers shall be retained only if they clear minimum fitness benchmark, which shall be equal to the KIAs.
- Athletes absent from NCOE for more than 30 days without justification within the first 15 days will be removed after TIDC approval.

(ANNEXURE-A)

S No	Name of Competition	Age Group	Rank to be considered for Induction in KI
1	Sub Junior National Fencing Championship	U-14	T-8
2	Cadet (U-17) National Fencing Championship	U-17	T-8
3	Junior National Fencing Championship	U-20	T-8
4	Senior National Fencing Championship	Above 13	T-8
5	KI Women League/ National Ranking Tournament	U-17 U-20 Senior	T-8
6	Khelo India University Games	17-25 Years	T-8
7	Khelo India Youth Games	U-18	T-8
8	All India Inter University Fencing Championship	17-25 Years	T-4
9	SGFI National Championships	U-14 U-17 U-19	T-4
10	National Games	Senior	T-8
11	Any International Competition (Official FIE / AFC Competitions + Commonwealth Championship)	U-17 U-20 U-23 Senior	Ranking in the Competition

# Age Wise Induction for Khelo India Athletes (Weightage)		
S No	Age group	% for induction
1	Under-17	60
2	Under-20	35
3	Senior	5

- If seats remain unfilled, vacancies may be reallocated across age categories.
- Induction in Above-20 age group requires an analysis of past performances by TIDC Members

- Minimum age for induction is 12 years, but TIDC may induct younger fencers with proper justification.

(ANNEXURE-B)

S No	Name of Competition	Age Group	Rank to be considered for Induction in NCOE
1	Sub Junior National Fencing Championship	U-14	T-8
2	Cadet (U-17) National Fencing Championship	U-17	T-8
3	Junior National Fencing Championship	U-20	T-8
4	Senior National Fencing Championship	Above 13	T-8
5	KI Women League/National Ranking Tournament	U-17 U-20 Senior	T-8
6	Khelo India University Games	17-25 Years	T-8
7	Khelo India Youth Games	U-18	T-8
8	All India Inter University Fencing Championship	17-25 Years	T-8
9	SGFI National Championships	U-14 U-17 U-19	T-8
10	National Games	Senior	T-8
11	Inter SAI Fencing Championship	U-14,17 &20	T-4

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- If seats remain unfilled, vacancies may be reallocated.
- Exceptional athletes who fail to meet criteria but show immense potential may be inducted with unanimous TIDC approval.

(ANNEXURE – C)

The merit list shall be prepared based on the scores as given in the table below:

DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Multiplier		2	1.5	1	0.5
Rank	Point Reference	National Championships/National Games	Khelo India University Games/Youth Games	Ranking Tournaments	AIIU/SGFI/ Inter SAI
1	32	64	48	32	16
2	26	52	39	26	13
3	20	40	30	20	10
5th - 8th	14	28	21	14	7
9th - 16th	8	16	12	8	4
17th -32nd	4	8	6	4	2
33rd - 64th	2	4	3	2	1
65th- 96th	1	2	1.5	1	0.5
97th-128th	0.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.25
129th - 256th	0.25	0.5	0.375	0.25	0.125

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Multiplier		6	4	3	3	1
Rank	Point Reference	Olympics	World Championships	Zonal Championship/ Grand Prix/ Asian Games / YOG	World Cup/ Commonwealth Championship/ AYG	Satellite/ Asian Cadet Circuit
1	64	384	256	192	128	64
2	52	312	208	156	104	52
3	40	240	160	120	80	40
5th - 8th	28	168	112	84	56	28
9th - 16th	16	96	64	48	32	16
17th -32nd	8	48	32	24	16	8
33rd - 64th	4	24	16	12	8	4
65th- 96th	2	12	8	6	4	2
97th-128th	1	6	4	3	2	1
129th - 256th	0.5	3	2	1.5	1	0.5

Note:

1. Best three domestic and best two international performances in the last two years will be considered.
2. Performance assessment period: April–March (last two years).