



Athlete Selection Policy for Commonwealth Games 2026

Designated Selection Events (DSE)

1. The Nomination Panel took into consideration the Final team selected for 17th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2026 - 5 male and 5 Female. To maintain the International standards at the Commonwealth Games, the Committee has decided to call athletes for trials to be selected for the final team and attend National coaching Camp prior to the event.
2. Provided that if exceptional circumstances prevent an athlete from participating in, or hinder their performance in a DSE (including an athlete being ill or suffering an injury prior to or during one of the DSEs) the Nomination Panel may take into account such circumstances and select such athlete ahead of the others if it considers in its discretion that the selection of such athlete is in the best interests of the Team meeting the Performance Targets.
3. An athlete who suffers the exceptional circumstances referred to above should provide such explanation and evidence of the relevant circumstances as is requested by the Nomination Panel, including, in the case of injury or illness, written authentication of the injury or illness by a medical professional.

Performance Factors

In considering any players for selection, the following criteria shall be used:

1. Current form
2. Availability and commitment to play in International Events for the country.
3. Current and past achievements at National and International level.
4. Experience

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5. Compatibility and playing style, including perceived technical strengths and weaknesses in relation to the International events.
6. Physiological and psychological strengths and weaknesses.
7. Professionalism and overall attitude to competing at the top level and ability to participate as part of a team.
8. Discipline & punctuality.

Practice Date: May 20th, 2026 12:00 noon reporting time at DPS, R.K. Puram

Trial Date : May 21st to 27th, 2026 (till 6:00 pm on May 27th the team is announced)

Selection Process : The criteria submitted by the Coach will be followed. Please see the Appendix -1

LOGISTICS & ACCOMMODATION

-The athletes selected for the selection camp need to reach the camp venue in New Delhi on their own by 12:00 noon on May 20th, 2026.

-Accommodation provided by the Federation begins from May 20th to May 28th - checkout 12 noon.

-Their meals will be taken care of by the federation from May 20th afternoon till May 28th morning.

- The athletes will be free to leave the camp venue for their respective homes by making their own arrangements at 12:00 noon on May 28th after the selection and announcement of the final team for the Commonwealth Games.

FITNESS CERTIFICATE

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All Athletes attending the camp need to carry along with them a Fitness certificate which should be signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner.

WADA/NADA

Athletes have to follow all the guidelines of WADA & NADA which can be found on the website link below :

WADA: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/world-anti-doping-code>

NADA : <http://www.nada.nic.in/>

Injury & Replacement

1. In the event of injury and replacement, a non-travelling reserve who has competed in the DSEs may be called upon by the Approval Panel to join the commonwealth Team.
2. Once Team selections have been confirmed by the Selection committee, all selected athletes (including the reserves) must agree not to withhold any information on training fitness, injury status or illness that could affect training or competition at any time up to and including during the CWG Championship.
3. All selected athletes must declare the use of any restricted medications, supplementary aids and submit these to the Bowling Federation of India for medical approval in accordance with the current Therapeutic Use Exemption.
4. At any stage following the selection announcement, in the run up to the Team list being formally entered, should there be a doubt over the ability of an athlete to compete to the best of their ability due to an injury or illness, the following procedure will be adhered to:

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- The athlete will be referred to the BFI designated Medical Officer (MO) to undergo a medical examination to determine their fitness to participate. Initially this will be based on an assessment of whether or not the injury and/or illness is such that the athlete is physically unable to compete or is at risk of causing medical harm to themselves, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators. If the athlete is deemed not fit to compete or refuses to undergo the examination, his/her nomination will be withdrawn, and BFI will nominate the relevant reserve athlete.
- If the athlete passes the initial medical examination carried out by the MO but the Selection committee still has concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of their ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the athlete will be required to undertake a 'Fitness Test'.
 - The Fitness Test is an objective assessment that will require the athlete to perform to a level at least equivalent to that demonstrated in the selection events. The BFI, & BFI Selection committee will agree the format for the Test. The test(s) will be carried out in the presence of two independently appointed persons who are nominated by the BFI. The athlete will be given five working days' notice ahead of the test.
 - In the event that an athlete fails to complete the Fitness Test to the required standard, they will be removed from the Team, a decision which is not open to appeal. This will be made by the Selection committee in consultation with BFI.

5. Any replacement(s) required will be made by the Selection committee on the basis of the needs of the Team and will come out of the pool of nominated reserves. Decisions on these matters are not open to appeal.

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Probable who qualify for National Selection Camp 2026:

Women:

RANK	PLAYER	STATES
1	Rupa Rani Tirkey	Jharkhand
2	Nayan Moni Saikia	Assam
3	Pinki	Delhi
4	Bangita Hzarika	Assam
5	Reshma Chouhan	Jharkhand

MEN :

RANK	PLAYER	STATES
1	Dinesh Kumar	Jharkhand
2	Putul Sonowal	Assam
3	Sunil Bahadur	Jharkhand
4	Navneet Singh	Delhi
5	Jayanta Sarmah	Assam

NOTE : ALL THE PLAYERS NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAILS WITH VAILID WORLD BOWLS STAMPED BOWLS.

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