

## **How to become a Khelo India Athlete**

The Khelo India Scheme is a flagship initiative launched by the Government of India to promote sports culture and identify talented athletes across the country. For **Khelo India (KI) athletes**, the scheme provides a structured platform to develop their sporting potential through professional training, financial assistance, modern sports infrastructure, and exposure to national competitions. By supporting young athletes at the grassroots level, the program aims to nurture future champions and strengthen India's overall performance in national and international sports.

### **Step-by-step roadmap to getting scouted and selected**

#### **1. Compete in Recognized Tournaments**

Athletes cannot directly apply to become a **Khelo India athlete**. Instead, they are identified by the **Talent Identification and Development Committee (TIDC)** under the Khelo India Scheme. Members of the TIDC visit major competitions held across the country to scout and identify talented sportspersons. Athletes who demonstrate outstanding performance in these competitions may be selected for the program. The specific competitions considered for talent identification vary across different sports disciplines and are outlined in the respective discipline-specific protocols. The protocols for all disciplines recognized under Khelo India are available on <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/>. Some of these games include-

- National School Games: Organized by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI).
- National Championships: Conducted by respective National Sports Federations (NSFs).
- State/District Leagues: Performance here can get you noticed by local talent scouts.
- Youth Games/University Games: If you are in college, perform at the Inter-University competitions.

#### **2. The Selection Process (Talent Identification)**

Once a scout notices an athlete's performance, the process follows these stages:

- Shortlisting: Based on your tournament rank and physical potential. The scout will ask the athlete to fill PBIF (Players Basic Information Form) for obtaining basic details of the athletes.
- Assessment Camps: Shortlisted athletes are called to specialized camps for testing that includes:
  - Skill Tests
  - Physical Fitness Tests
  - Medical & Age Verification Tests: Strict checks to ensure eligibility.

Final induction into the Khelo India Scheme or the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) is carried out in accordance with the pre-approved protocols. The selection process takes into account an athlete's performance during assessment camps as well as their results and achievements in competitions.

### **3. Formal Induction & Benefits**

If the combined score of the athlete crosses the required benchmarks, the athlete is formally inducted as a Khelo India Scholar. This comes with significant support:

- a. Scholarship: An out-of-pocket allowance of approximately ₹10,000 per month.
- b. Training Support: Annual funding of up to ₹5 lakh per year (for up to 8 years) to cover coaching, equipment, and sports science support.
- c. Accredited Academies: Admission into Khelo India Accredited Academies (KIAA) or Sports Authority of India (SAI) National Centres of Excellence (NCOE).

### **Register on the NSRS Portal**

The athletes are required to create a profile on the National Sports Repository System (NSRS). This acts as the athletes' digital "sports resume" that scouts and coaches use to track their progress.

- d. Website: Visit [nsrs.kheloindia.gov.in](https://nsrs.kheloindia.gov.in).
- e. Create ID: Will generate a unique NSRS ID.
- f. Upload Details: Will be needed to provide your age proof (Aadhar/Birth Certificate), sports discipline, and past achievements/certificates.