

# VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA

(Regn. No-110/87)

AFFILIATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION AND INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

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## **SELECTION POLICY FOR NATIONAL TEAMS & NATIONAL COACHING CAMPS** **(Indoor Volleyball & Beach Volleyball | Men & Women | All Age Groups)**

**Effective Date: 05/01/2026**

Applies To: Selection of athletes for

- (i) National teams for international events.
- (ii) National coaching camps.
- (iii) Exposure tours.

1. **Objective.** The purpose of this Selection Policy is to establish a transparent, objective, consistent and merit-based process for selecting athletes representing India in Volleyball at international competitions and preparatory camps. This policy ensures compliance with the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports guidelines and good governance principles.

2. **Policy Principles.** The Selection Policy shall:-

- 2.1 Ensure selection is performance-based and transparent.
- 2.2 Be published on the VFI website at least 3 months prior to any major international event selection.
- 2.3 Be communicated to all affiliated State Associations and athletes.
- 2.4 Ensure video recording or CCTV monitoring of trials and selection activities.
- 2.5 Include an independent grievance redressal mechanism outside the Selection Committee.

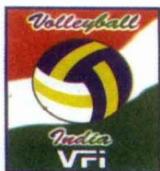
3. **Scope.** This policy applies to the selection of Indian National Volleyball Teams for the following: -

- 3.1 Olympic Games & qualifiers.
- 3.2 Asian Games, Commonwealth Games & qualifiers.
- 3.3 World Championships, World Cup, World League/FIVB Nations League.
- 3.4 Asian Championships & other sanctioned international events.
- 3.5 National Preparatory Training Camps for above events.

4. **Categories Covered.**

4.1 **Indoor Volleyball.**

- 4.1.1 Senior Men / Senior Women.
- 4.1.2 Youth Men/Women (Under 21 years age).
- 4.1.3 Junior Men/ Women (Under 18 years age).
- 4.1.4 Sub Junior Men/ Women (Under 16 years age).

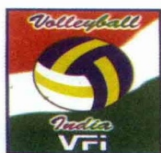


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- 4.2 **Beach Volleyball.**
  - 4.2.1 Senior Men / Senior Women.
  - 4.2.2 Junior Men/ Women (Under 18 years age).
  - 4.2.3 Sub Junior Men/ Women (Under 16 years age).
5. **Athlete Eligibility (All Categories).** An athlete must: -
  - 5.1 Be an Indian citizen (and meet event-specific eligibility norms).
  - 5.2 Meet age criteria for the category; VFI will conduct DOB verification and random checks (VFI will constitute age verification committee for all categories except Senior).
  - 5.3 Be medically fit (pre-camp and pre-event fitness/medical checks will be carried out).
  - 5.4 Comply with NADA/WADA anti-doping protocols.
  - 5.5 Be free from disciplinary suspension, anti-doping sanction, or integrity violation.
6. **Composition of Selection Committee.** The Selection Committee for each event/camp shall be constituted by the VFI and will include the following core members: -
  - 6.1 **Chairman.** President/ Secretary General VFI.
  - 6.2 **Members.**
    - 6.2.1 High Performance Director / Chief National Coach or a senior former international volleyball player.
    - 6.2.2 Eminent Coaches appointed by VFI.
    - 6.2.3 Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOM)– retired from active sports for at least 4 years (appointed by VFI).
    - 6.2.4 Former International Players with distinguished records in Volleyball.
    - 6.2.5 One (1) Executive Committee Member of VFI (at most two, nominated by VFI).
7. **Eligibility to Serve on the Selection Committee.** The Selection Committee members should: -
  - 7.1 Have relevant sports expertise and understanding of international competition standards.

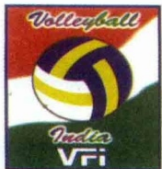


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- 7.2 Not have conflicts of interest with any athlete under consideration.
- 7.3 Abide by confidentiality and good governance norms.
- 8. **Tenure of Selection Committee.**
  - 8.1 A Committee may be formed per event or per selection cycle as determined by the VFI.
  - 8.2 Members shall serve until the conclusion of the selection process for that event/camp.
- 9. **Selection Criteria.** The Selection Committee must apply the criteria below, where relevant: -
  - 9.1 Performance Criteria.
    - 9.1.1 Recent performance in National Championships/ Games and Federation Cup.
    - 9.1.2 Performance in designated selection trials/ camp.
  - 9.2 Physical fitness and sport-specific performance.
  - 9.3 Discipline, teamwork, and readiness to represent India internationally.
- 10. **Trials & Documentation.**
  - 10.1 All trials shall be scheduled and communicated in advance.
  - 10.2 Trials and evaluation activities shall be video recorded.
  - 10.3 Minutes of all Selection Committee meetings shall be maintained.
- 11. **Grievance Redressal Mechanism.**
  - 11.1 A separate Grievance Committee shall be set up by VFI annually to handle any disputes arising from selections.
  - 11.2 Athletes may file grievances within 7 days of the announcement of the selected team.
  - 11.3 The Grievance Committee shall resolve issues within a reasonable and defined timeline.
- 12. **Publication & Record Maintenance.** Selection policies, criteria, trials schedule, results, minutes, and committee composition will be published on the VFI official website.
- 13. **Compliance.** This policy shall be read in conjunction with applicable Government of India guidelines, including: -
  - 13.1 MoYAS – Guidelines on Selection Procedures for NSF (as issued from time to time).



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13.2 National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (as applicable and updated).

14. Amendment. The VFI Executive Committee may amend this Selection Policy to align with updated Government instructions or international best practice while ensuring continued transparency and fairness.



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**Cc:- Mr. Virender Kanwar, President , Volleyball Federation of India.**

**Cc:- All the Presidents/ Secretaries, Unit / State Volleyball Associations of VFI.**