

Scheme For Dronacharya Award For Outstanding Coaches In Sports And Games Are you sure you want to sign out? Cancel Sign Out

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**Award Sports Details**

The Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games 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.

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**Benefits**

The Award shall comprise a statuette, a certificate, a ceremonial dress, and a cash prize of ₹ 5,00,000/- 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. Ordinarily, not more than 5 awards could be given in any calendar year. Out of these, 2 will be earmarked for lifetime contribution to coaching.

**Note:** 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.

**Eligibility**

Eligibility of the Nominee -

1. 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.
2. To be eligible for the award, the coach, whether he/she works full-time or part-time as a 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.
3. For two 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.
4. 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 the inquiry is going on/pending in this regard will also be ineligible.
5. Sportspersons who have already been conferred with Dhyan Chand Award will not be eligible to apply for Dronacharya Award.
6. A person who is recommended for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the Scheme.
7. Canvassing in any form in respect of an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

**Eligibility of the Nominating Authorities -**

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 the 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, the 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 the Director General, SAI.

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.

The Director General of the 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. 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. Nominations forwarded by any office bearer other than those mentioned will not be considered.

Nomination agencies are expected to send nominations of the most deserving coach(es) irrespective of whether coaches have applied to them for awards. 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 the 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 a vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature. While seeking a report from the employer, details of the charge sheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any, should also be obtained. A copy of the report/certificate obtained from the employer of the coach should be enclosed with the application of the coach being nominated.

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, along with verification report should be sent by the concerned NSF within a week of the receipt of letter from the Ministry.

**Criteria for giving Dronacharya 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 240 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 as per marks given in the table below.
- Event: Olympic Games/ Paralympics Medal: Gold-80 Silver-70 Bronze-55
- Event: World Championship/World Cup (once in 4 years) \* Medal: Gold-40 Silver-30 Bronze-20
- Event: Asian Games Medal: Gold-30 Silver-25 Bronze-20
- Event: Commonwealth Games Medal: Gold-25 Silver-20 Bronze-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  $A \times \frac{A}{\text{number of persons in the team}}$ , in the case of team event, the marks will be computed as follows: (i) A team of 2 persons:  $1.5 \times \frac{A}{\text{number of persons in the team}}$  (ii) A team of 3 or 4 persons:  $2 \times \frac{A}{\text{number of persons in the team}}$  (iii) A team of 5 to 10 persons:  $3 \times \frac{A}{\text{number of persons in the team}}$  (iv) A team of more than 10 persons:  $5 \times \frac{A}{\text{number of persons in the team}}$
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.

**Application Process**

**Online Step 1:** The applicant will open the website <https://dbtyas-sports.gov.in/> to register and apply for Online Schemes of the Department of Sports.

**Step 2:** The applicant will click on the "Registration" tab to start the one-time registration process. Here the applicant will fill in the required personal details including verification of their mobile number through OTP. (Registration Type, Organization Name, Individual Name, Address, State, City, District, Block, Village, Pin Code, Email, Mobile Number)

**Step 3:** After successful registration, the applicant will get the message that the login credentials have been sent to the registered email ID.

**Step 4:** The applicant will use the login credentials received on the registered email ID to login into the online portal. Please remember to refresh the captcha before clicking on the login button.

**Step 5:** After first-time login, the applicant will be required to update their other basic details. After filling in the details click on the "Update" button and the profile will be successfully updated. (Name of the Applicant, Father's Name, Mother's Name, Gender, DOB, Nationality, Address, email, Mobile Number)

**Step 6:** The applicant will click on the "Schemes" tab and apply for the desired scheme.

**Note 1:** The nominations for the Award will be invited in the month of January/February each year. The last date for the receipt of nominations will be 30th April or the last working day of April. The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year during which the application is invited.

**Note 2:** Nominations beyond a maximum of two will not be considered. Only the first two nominations sent by the nominating agencies will be considered.

**Note 3:** 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 the 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.

**Dronacharya Award Help Desk Helpline**  
Email: [section.sp4-moyas@gov.in](mailto:section.sp4-moyas@gov.in), Helpline No.: 011-23387432  
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**Technical Support** Mobile No.: 8384058103  
**Technical Support Email:** [techsupport-awards@mha.gov.in](mailto:techsupport-awards@mha.gov.in)

**Documents Required**

Date of Birth Proof  
User Photograph (Image should be in JPEG/PNG/JPG & size not exceed 5 MB)  
Upload user signature (Signature should be in JPEG/PNG/JPG & size not exceed 250 KB)  
Vigilance Certificate (in case of Govt./PSU/Autonomous organization)  
Degree or diploma in the coaching of the discipline he/she has been recommended for the Dronacharya Award, if applicable.  
Certificates of International Achievement details of the sportsperson(s) been coached  
Signed Undertaking (as per the given format) by the coach  
The 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.

**Note:** The Ministry reserves the right to seek an affidavit from the sportsperson concerned where it is found that more than one coach is claiming credit for the achievements of a sportsperson.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are the Required Documents for applying to this scheme?** Date of Birth Proof 2. User Photograph (Image should be in JPEG/PNG/JPG & size not exceed 5 MB) 3. Upload user signature (Signature should be in JPEG/PNG/JPG & size not exceed 250 KB) 4. Vigilance Certificate (in case of Govt./PSU/Autonomous organization) 5. Degree or diploma in coaching of the discipline he/she has been recommended for Dronacharya Award, if applicable. 5. Certificates of International Achievement details of the sportsperson(s) been coached 6. Signed Undertaking (as per given format) by the coach

**What is the amount of the cash prize that will be awarded to the winner?** Cash prize of ₹ 5,00,000/- which will be awarded to the winners.

**Are Slots Earmarked For Lifetime Contributions In Coaching?** Yes, two awards earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching, and achievements of the coach in producing outstanding sportspersons over a period of 20 years or more will be taken into account.

**What Are WADA And NADA? What Is Their Role In The Award?** 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 the 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 the inquiry is going on/pending in this regard will also be ineligible.

**Do The Sportspersons Who Have Already Been Conferred With Dhyan Chand Award Be Eligible To Apply For Dronacharya Award As Well?** No, Sportspersons who have already been conferred with Dhyan Chand Award will not be eligible to apply for Dronacharya Award.

**Where Will Be Award Ceremony Be Held?** 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.

**How Many Awards Can Be Conferred In A Calendar Year?** Ordinarily, not more than 5 awards could be given in any calendar year. Out of these, 2 will be earmarked for lifetime contribution to coaching.

**Is There A Dedicated Helpdesk For Grievance Redressal?** Yes, the details of the same are provided: Dronacharya Award Help Desk Helpline Email: [section.sp4-moyas@gov.in](mailto:section.sp4-moyas@gov.in) Helpline No.: 011-23387432  
**Details of Nodal Officer** Name: Shri Kunal Email: [js-develop-sports@gov.in](mailto:js-develop-sports@gov.in) Contact No.: 011-23387432  
**Technical Support** Mobile No.: 8384058103  
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