



PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DAVANAGERE

Circular to Grades 3 to 10

22 May 2026

Subject: CBSE GAMES 2026-27 – CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Dear Parents and Students,

Greetings from Podar International School, Davanagere!

We are pleased to announce that the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** has released the schedule and guidelines for the **CBSE Games 2026-27**. This is a prestigious platform that allows our students to showcase their athletic talents at Cluster, Zonal, and National levels.

1. Internal Selection Trials

To ensure that our school is represented by the most talented and dedicated athletes, we will be conducting internal selection trials.

- **Commencement Date:** 25th May 2026
- **Eligibility:** All students who possess the skill and willingness to compete are encouraged to participate.

2. Our Coaching Philosophy: Foundation & Specialization

At Podar International School, Davanagere, we are committed to the holistic physical development of every child. Our two dedicated Physical Education (PE) teachers serve as the "General Physicians" of sports—they possess broad expertise to guide children in various disciplines, manage fitness, and build foundational techniques.

However, for competitive levels such as the CBSE Clusters and Nationals, the intensity of the games often requires **specialized coaching**.

- **Specialized Training:** Students currently undergoing professional coaching outside of school are strongly encouraged to opt for these games.
- **Independent Practice:** While our PE teachers will facilitate trials and provide general guidance, students aiming for top-tier results are encouraged to maintain a rigorous practice schedule, which may include seeking advanced specialized coaching externally to sharpen their competitive edge.

3. Travel and Accommodation

- **Venue:** If the games are held outside the city of Davanagere, the **travel and accommodation expenses** shall be borne by the respective parents.

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- **Stay Arrangements:** As per CBSE protocols, the organizing schools provide meals and stay for a nominal fee (approx. Rs. 500/- per day). For safety and identity purposes, our staff will coordinate these details closely with the participating students and parents.

4. A Call to Action

Sports teach resilience, teamwork, and discipline. We encourage all our young athletes to take part with a spirit of healthy competition and total awareness of the CBSE protocols. Let us work together to ensure that the best performers represent PIS Davanagere at the National level!

Students interested in participating must **register their names with the PE Department** on or before 26 May 2026.

5. Supervision & Escort Protocol

To ensure the highest standards of safety and personalized care for our student-athletes during travel, the following escort protocols will be observed:

- **Management Restrictions:** As per the institutional protocols of the management, the number of school staff members accompanying students to venues outside of Davanagere is strictly decided by the school as per the protocol.
- **Parental Accompaniment:** For events located outside the city, parents will be requested to accompany their children to the venue. This ensures that every student has dedicated supervision during travel and stay.
- **Travel Logistics:** Having parents accompany the students also help manage the logistical and incidental expenses associated with outstation travel more effectively and allows for direct coordination regarding the child's specific needs.

Other Details

1. Age Criteria (Session 2026-27)

As per CBSE regulations, the age is calculated as of **31st December 2026**. Please ensure your child's eligibility based on the following cut-off dates:

- **Under 11 Years:** Born on or after **01.01.2016**
 - **Under 14 Years:** Born on or after **01.01.2013**
 - **Under 17 Years:** Born on or after **01.01.2010**
 - **Under 19 Years:** Born on or after **01.01.2008**
- *(Note: For Skating, there is an additional category for Under 09: Born on or after 01.01.2018)*

2. List of Games & Levels

While many games begin at the Cluster level, some specialized disciplines proceed directly to Zonal or National levels.

Discipline / Game	Level of Entry	Applicable Age Groups
Athletics, Badminton, Basketball	Cluster	14, 17, 19
Football (Boys), Kabaddi, Kho-Kho	Cluster	14, 17, 19
Table Tennis, Volleyball	Cluster	14, 17, 19
Chess, Swimming, Judo	Zonal	11, 14, 17, 19
Skating	Zonal	9, 11, 14, 17, 19
Cricket, Tennis, Taekwondo	Zonal	14, 17, 19
Archery, Boxing, Handball, Hockey	Zonal	14, 17, 19
Football (Girls), Shooting, Yogasana	Zonal	14, 17, 19
Gymnastics, Aerobics	National	11, 14, 17, 19
Fencing, Rope Skipping	National	14, 19

3. Regional Clusters (India & Foreign)

Podar International School, Davanagere falls under **Cluster VIII (Karnataka)** within the **Bengaluru Region** and **South Zone-II**.

Cluster	Areas Covered
Cluster I	North-East States (Assam, Manipur, etc.)
Cluster II	Odisha, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh
Cluster III	Bihar, Jharkhand
Cluster IV & V	Uttar Pradesh (Districts divided by Region)
Cluster VI	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar
Cluster VII	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh

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Cluster	Areas Covered
Cluster VIII	Karnataka (Our Cluster)
Cluster IX	Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu
Cluster X & XI	Kerala, Lakshadweep
Cluster XII	Madhya Pradesh
Cluster XIII	Gujarat
Cluster XIV	Rajasthan
Cluster XV & XVI	Haryana, Himachal, Chandigarh, Ladakh
Cluster XVII & XVIII	Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir
Cluster XIX	Uttarakhand, Northern UP Districts
Cluster XX	Delhi
Cluster F-I to F-XII	Foreign Regions (UAE, Oman, Qatar, Nepal, etc.)

Note to Parents: The internal selection trials starting on **25th May 2026** will be the first step for students to move toward these Cluster and Zonal events. Please ensure students report for trials in the correct age-category attire.

With Best Wishes,

Podar International School, Davanagere