

**Sports Authority of India**  
**Khelo India Talent Identification Division, Delhi**

In accordance to para 8.1 (3) of the operational guideline of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, File No. 54-1/MYAS/MIDSD/2017, dated 26.12.2017, induction and retention of athletes in Khelo India scheme are done after performance assessment of the Khelo India Athletes (KIA's) by the Talent identification and Development Committee (TIDC). ) In this regard, It has been finalised that the following selection criteria will be taken into consideration for induction , retention and weed out of athletes, subject to availability of vacancies and agreement of TIDC.

**Protocols for the Retention/ Weed out & Induction of KIAs in Khelo India Scheme**

<b>1.1 U-15 &amp; U-17 AGE CATEGORY</b>						
	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(5)</b>
	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Sub Junior National Badminton Championship</b>	<b>Selection Trials for Asian Sub Junior Championship</b>	<b>All India Sub Junior selection Ranking Tournament for Asian Sub Junior Championship</b>	<b>Khelo India Youth Games 2024</b>	<b>School Games Federation of India Nationals</b>
1	Boys Singles	Quarterfinal & Above	Players selected in Indian Team	Semi-final & Above	Finalist	Finalist
2	Girls Singles	Quarterfinal & Above	Players selected in Indian Team	Semi-final & Above	Finalist	Finalist
3	Boys Doubles	Semi-final & Above	Players selected in Indian Team	Finalist	Winner	Winner
4	Girls Doubles	Semi-final & Above	Players selected in Indian Team	Finalist	Winner	Winner
5	Mix Doubles	Semi-final & Above	Players selected in Indian Team	Finalist	Winner	Winner

**Order of Preference for Induction and performance assessment will be as follows:**

1. Sub Junior National Championship
2. Selection Trials for Asian Sub Junior Championship
3. All India Sub Junior Selection Ranking Tournament for Asia Sub Junior Championship
4. Khelo India Youth Games
5. SGFI Nationals

<b>1.2 U-19 AGE CATEGORY</b>						
	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>(1) Junior National Badminton Championship</b>	<b>(2) Selection Trials for Asian Junior &amp; World Junior Badminton Championship</b>	<b>(3) BAI Affiliated Selection National ranking Tournament for Asian Junior Championship &amp; World Junior Championship</b>	<b>(4) Khelo India Youth Games 2024</b>	<b>(5) School Games Federation of India Nationals</b>
	<b>CATEGORY</b>					
1	Boys Singles	Quarterfinal & Above	Players Selected in Indian team	Semi-final& Above	Finalist	Finalist
2	Girls Singles	Quarterfinal & Above	Players Selected in Indian team	Semi-final& Above	Finalist	Finalist
3	Boys Doubles	Semi-final& Above	Players Selected in Indian team	Finalists	Winner	Winner
4	Girls Doubles	Semi-final& Above	Players Selected in Indian team	Finalists	Winner	Winner
5	Mix Doubles	Semi-final& Above	Players Selected in Indian team	Finalists	Winner	Winner

**Order of Preference for Induction and performance assessment will be as follows:**

1. Junior National Championship
2. Selection Trials for Asian Junior and World Junior Championship
3. All India Junior Selection Ranking Tournament for Asia Junior & World Junior Championship
4. Khelo India Youth Games
5. SGFI Nationals

1.3 SENIOR (U-21) AGE CATEGORY						
	COMPETITION	(1) Senior National Badminton Championships	(2) Selection Trials for any Major international event	(3) BAI Affiliated Selection National ranking Tournament	(4) National Games	(5) Khelo India University Games 2024
	CATEGORY					
1	Boys Singles	Quarterfinal & Above	All the players being selected in Indian Team	Semi-final & Above	Semi-final & Above	Finalist
2	Girls Singles	Quarterfinal & Above	All the players being selected in Indian Team	Semi-final & Above	Semi-final & Above	Finalist
3	Boys Doubles	Semi-final & Above	All the players being selected in Indian Team	Finalists	Finalists	Winner
4	Girls Doubles	Semi-final & Above	All the players being selected in Indian Team	Finalists	Finalists	Winner
5	Mix Doubles	Semi-final & Above	All the players being selected in Indian Team	Finalists	Finalists	Winner

**Order of Preference for Induction and performance assessment will be as follows:**

1. Senior National Badminton Championship
2. Selection Trials for any major International Tournament
3. BAI Affiliated selection ranking Tournament
4. National Games
5. Khelo India University Games

**Note:**

- Priority for Induction/ Retention & Weedout shall be given to individual performances over team events/performances.
- Induction, Retention and Weed out are subject to availability of vacancies and approval of TIDC. However, in ongoing effort to support young talent, highest priority shall be given to sub juniors category (U-15 and 17) followed by juniors and then seniors.
- Athletes are required to mandatorily attend two assessment camps in a financial year. Further, if an athlete does not attend both the camps, they shall be removed from the Khelo India scheme after recommendation of TIDC.
- Athlete may be weeded out irrespective of the year of induction, if the athlete stops playing, disciplinary issues, doping etc. on disciplinary grounds. Such decision will be made in consultation with the TIDC members.
- In addition to the above, any athlete who reaches O2 finals or wins in an International Challenge or competition ranked above, shall be shortlisted for opinion of TIDC for Induction/ Retention. Also, in cases of exceptional performance of Athletes, TIDC may relax the upper age limit for Induction/ Retention i.e. 21 Years.