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Expression of Interest (EOI)

Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools

The Fencing Association of India (FAI) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from schools across India for participation in the Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools. Under this initiative, FAI will select 10 schools across India for structured support and collaboration in fencing development.

1. Objectives of the Program

- To introduce fencing as a structured sport activity in schools.
- To identify and nurture young fencing talent at the grassroots level.
- To promote Olympic fencing culture and structured fencing participation among school students.
- To create pathways for participation in district, state, and national competitions.
- To support schools with technical guidance and developmental assistance.

2. Support Framework

2.1 Support by FAI

- Technical guidance for fencing program setup.
- Coach education and orientation support.
- Access to fencing development workshops and seminars.
- Competition participation opportunities.
- Guidance regarding fencing equipment procurement.
- Recognition as an FAI Grassroot Development School.

2.2 Government Support

The program is supplementarily supported by the Government of India under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYA&S) and the Sports Authority of India (SAI).

As per the ANSFs Scheme Guidelines, the quantum of financial support to each selected school shall be up to Rs. 10.00 Lakh annually, subject to applicable scheme guidelines, approvals, and financial sanctions.

- One-time establishment charges for fencing setup.
- Non-consumable fencing equipment support.
- Coaching and technical support.
- Organization of centralized training camps for athletes.
- Conduct of inter-school fencing competitions for competition exposure and talent identification.

3. Selection Criteria

Sr. No.	Criteria	Weightage
1	Commitment of School Management towards fencing development	20 Marks
2	Availability of mandatory indoor fencing infrastructure	15 Marks
3	Student participation potential	10 Marks
4	Availability of PE Teachers / Support Staff	10 Marks
5	Long-term fencing development plan	15 Marks
6	Regional representation	10 Marks
7	Previous achievements in Fencing / Sports	10 Marks
8	Readiness to organize fencing activities & competitions	10 Marks

Brief Marking System

3.1. Commitment of School Management – 20 Marks

- Written commitment from management – 10 Marks
- Dedicated fencing program support – 10 Marks

3.2. Indoor Infrastructure – 15 Marks

- Mandatory indoor hall availability – 10 Marks
- Storage, lighting & safety facilities – 5 Marks

3.3. Student Participation Potential – 10 Marks

- Minimum student participation commitment – 5 Marks
- Equal participation opportunities for boys & girls – 5 Marks

3.4. PE Teachers / Support Staff – 10 Marks

- Dedicated PE Teacher / Fencing Coach – 5 Marks
- Availability of sports support staff – 5 Marks

3.5. Long-Term Development Plan – 15 Marks

- Structured fencing implementation proposal – 10 Marks
- Sustainability plan – 5 Marks

3.6. Regional Representation – 10 Marks

- Priority to underserved regions / districts – 10 Marks

3.7. Previous Achievements – 10 Marks

- Participation and achievements in fencing / sports – 10 Marks

3.8. Readiness to Organize Activities – 10 Marks

- Readiness for hosting training programs / competitions / Events – 5 Marks
- Administrative coordination capability – 5 Marks

4. Indoor Hall Requirements for Fencing Training

Note: Availability of an indoor hall is mandatory for selection under the FAI Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools.

The indoor hall should preferably have dedicated space specifically for fencing training and fencing development activities. The following specifications are recommended:

- Minimum Hall Size: 20 meters × 10 meters for basic training setup.
- Preferred Hall Height: Minimum 5 meters clear height.
- Flooring: Wooden, synthetic, PVC sports flooring, or smooth non-slippery surface.
- Lighting: Adequate indoor lighting suitable for sports training.
- Ventilation: Proper ventilation or air circulation.
- Electricity: Sufficient power points for scoring systems and equipment.
- Safety: Clear surroundings with no sharp edges or obstructions.
- Storage Space: Dedicated space for fencing equipment storage.
- Washroom & Drinking Water Facilities for athletes.

5. Submission of EOI

Last Date of Submission: 16th June 2026 on or before 17:00 Hrs

Submission Email ID: secgen@fencingindia.org

Interested schools are required to submit their complete EOI application along with all mandatory annexures and supporting documents within the prescribed timeline.

6. Final Decision of FAI

The evaluation and selection of schools shall be carried out by the Fencing Association of India (FAI) through its designated committee.

The decision of the Fencing Association of India regarding shortlisting, selection, rejection, approval, interpretation of guidelines, and implementation of the program shall be final and binding on all applicants. FAI reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason and may amend, modify, or withdraw the program guidelines at any stage.

APPLICATION FORM

Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools

Schools interested in participation under the Grassroot Fencing Development Program are required to submit this application form along with all mandatory annexures and supporting documents.

PART – A: SCHOOL DETAILS

1. Name of School: _____
2. Complete Address: _____
3. District: _____
4. State: _____
5. PIN Code: _____
6. Name of Principal / Head of Institution: _____
7. Contact Number: _____
8. Email Address: _____
9. Website (if any): _____
10. Board Affiliation (CBSE / ICSE / State Board / Others): _____
11. Year of Establishment: _____
12. Total Student Strength: M _____ F _____ Total _____

PART – B : SPORTS & FENCING DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

1. Existing Sports Activities Conducted in School _____

2. Previous Participation in District / State / National / International Sports Competitions in Fencing

Sr.	Name of Tournament	Level of Tournament	Year of Tournament	Total Participation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medal

Attached Separate List in above format

3. Players Achievements in Fencing

Sr.	Name of Player	FAI ID	NSRS ID	Tournament Name	District/ State/ National/ International	Date /Year	Rank / Medal
1							
2							

4.Existing Number of Students for Fencing Training

Male	Female	Total

5. Availability of PE Teachers / Support Staff / Coach

Sr.	Name of Staff	Designation	Education Qualification	Experience
1				
2				
3				

6. Name of Proposed School Fencing Coordinator

Sr.	Name of Staff	Designation	Education Qualification	Experience
1				



7. Why does the school want to introduce fencing?

8. Proposed Long-Term Fencing Development Plan (In brief attached separate)

PART – C: INFRASTRUCTURE DETAILS

1. Mandatory Indoor Hall Available (Yes / No): _____
2. Indoor Hall Size: _____
3. Type of Flooring: _____
4. Lighting Facilities Available: _____
5. Ventilation Facilities Available: _____
6. Storage Space Available for Equipment: _____
7. Washroom & Drinking Water Facilities Available: _____
8. Any Additional Sports Infrastructure: _____



PART – D : DECLARATION

We hereby certify that the information provided in this application form is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We confirm that the school is willing to implement and support fencing development activities as per the guidelines of the Fencing Association of India (FAI).

Name of Authorized Signatory : _____

Designation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Seal

MANDATORY ANNEXURES

1. Annexure – 1 : School Profile
2. Annexure – 2 : Registration / Recognition / Affiliation Certificates
3. Annexure – 3 : Indoor Hall & Infrastructure Details
4. Annexure – 4 : Indoor Hall Photographs
5. Annexure – 5 : Physical Education Staff Details
6. Annexure – 6 : Fencing Development Proposal
7. Annexure – 7 : Undertaking by School Management
8. Annexure – 8 : District Association Recommendation Letter
9. Annexure – 9 : State Association Recommendation Letter

Suggested Annexure Formats
Annexure – 1: School Profile Format

- Name of School
- Year of Establishment
- Board Affiliation
- Total Student Strength
- Sports Activities Conducted
- Achievements in Sports / Fencing
- Infrastructure Details

Annexure – 5: Physical Education Staff Details

Name	Qualification	Experience	Role

Annexure – 7: Undertaking Format

We hereby confirm that our school is interested in participating in the FAI Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools and shall provide full support for implementation of fencing activities as per FAI guidelines.

Authorized Signatory

School Seal

Annexure – 8

Recommendation Letter to State Association

Date: _____

To,
The Secretary,

(State Fencing Association)

Subject: Recommendation of School for Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools

Respected Sir/Madam,

This is to inform you that _____ School,
located at _____, has expressed interest in
participating in the Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools initiated by the Fencing Association of
India (FAI).

The District Fencing Association has reviewed the basic infrastructure, interest, and commitment shown by the
school towards fencing development at the grassroots level.

As per our assessment, the school possesses / is willing to develop the required infrastructure, including
mandatory indoor hall facilities, for implementation of fencing training activities. The school management has
also shown willingness to support long-term fencing development and participation in fencing competitions.

In view of the above, the District Fencing Association recommends the application of the above-mentioned
school and requests the State Fencing Association to kindly consider and forward the recommendation to the
Fencing Association of India (FAI) for further evaluation under the Grassroot Fencing Development Program for
Schools.

We assure our full cooperation and support for successful implementation of the program at district level.

Thanking You.

Yours Faithfully,

Name: _____

Designation: _____

District Fencing Association: _____

Official Seal & Signature

(On District Association Letter Head)

Annexure - 9
Recommendation / Support Letter

Date: _____

To,
The Secretary General
Fencing Association of India (FAI)

Subject: Recommendation for Participation in Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools

Respected Sir/Madam,

This is to certify that _____
School, located at _____, has applied for
participation in the Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools initiated by the Fencing Association of
India (FAI).

The State Fencing Association has reviewed the interest and commitment shown by the school towards the
promotion and development of fencing at the grassroots level.

As per our assessment, the school possesses / is willing to develop the required infrastructure, including
mandatory indoor hall facilities, for implementation of structured fencing training programs. The school
management has also expressed willingness to support long-term fencing development activities and
participation in district, state, and national level competitions.

The State Fencing Association strongly recommends the application of the above-mentioned school for
consideration under the FAI Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools.

We assure our full cooperation and technical support for successful implementation and monitoring of the
program within the State.

Thanking You.

Yours Faithfully,

Name: _____

Designation: _____

State Fencing Association: _____

Official Seal & Signature
(On State Association Letter Head)