

GRASSROOT FENCING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS

Guidelines & Operational Framework

1. Introduction

The Fencing Association of India (FAI) launches the Grassroot Fencing Development Program for Schools with the objective of promoting fencing at the grassroots level through educational institutions across India. The program aims to establish structured fencing ecosystems within schools and create sustainable pathways for athlete development, participation, and talent identification.

2. 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.

3. Support Framework

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

4. Selection Criteria & Evaluation Framework

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

5. Brief Marking System

Commitment of School Management – 20 Marks

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

Indoor Infrastructure – 15 Marks

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

Student Participation Potential – 10 Marks

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



PE Teachers / Support Staff – 10 Marks

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

Long-Term Development Plan – 15 Marks

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

Regional Representation – 10 Marks

- Priority to underserved regions / districts – 10 Marks

Previous Achievements – 10 Marks

- Participation and achievements in fencing / sports – 10 Marks

Readiness to Organize Activities – 10 Marks

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

6. Indoor Hall Requirements for Fencing Training

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

- Minimum Hall Size: 20 meters × 10 meters for basic training setup.
- Preferred Hall Height: Minimum 5 meters clear height.
- Wooden, synthetic, PVC sports flooring, or smooth non-slippery surface.
- Adequate lighting and ventilation.
- Sufficient electricity support for scoring systems and equipment.
- Safe surroundings suitable for fencing activities.
- Storage space for fencing equipment.
- Washroom and drinking water facilities for athletes.

7. Operational Framework

- Selected schools shall implement structured fencing training activities.
- District and State Associations shall support implementation and monitoring.
- FAI may organize centralized training camps and inter-school competitions.
- Schools shall maintain records of participation and athlete development.
- Periodic review and evaluation may be conducted by FAI.

8. Roles & Responsibilities of Schools

- Provide suitable indoor infrastructure for fencing activities.
- Ensure regular participation of students in training activities.
- Nominate PE Teacher / Sports Coordinator for implementation.
- Promote fencing participation among boys and girls equally.
- Maintain discipline, safety, and safeguarding standards.
- Support district, state, and national level fencing activities.

9. Submission of EOI

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

Submission Email ID: secgen@fencingindia.org

10. Final Decision of FAI

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

The decision of the Fencing Association of India regarding selection, rejection, approval, interpretation of guidelines, and implementation of the program shall be final and binding on all applicants.

11. General Conditions

- FAI reserves the right to amend or modify the guidelines at any stage.
- Financial assistance shall be subject to Government approvals and sanctions.
- Incomplete applications may be rejected.
- Selected schools shall comply with all FAI rules and regulations.

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