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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

(An Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

HQRS/Coord/Sports-Class X/XII/2025/

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To

The Principal/Head of Institutions,
Schools affiliated to CBSE
(Through CBSE website)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE STUDENTS OF CLASS X AND XII PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS AND INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIADS ONLY-REG

Madam/Sir,

As several initiatives have been taken by the Government of India to promote sports among youth, CBSE has also mainstreamed Health and Physical Education at the Secondary and Senior Secondary levels by introducing a mandatory period per day for sports, games, Health and Physical Education, Yoga & CBSE Sports etc.

For promoting sports and other educational competitions among youths, CBSE has been providing the following facilities to candidates appearing for class XII CBSE Examination alongwith participating in any such activities:

1. Since March 2018, CBSE has been providing a special opportunity to the students by conducting special examination(s) at a later date(s) for the students who are participating in National/International Sports Events and whose CBSE Board's examinations clash with the dates of National/International Sports events including dates of the journey for the events recognized by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Board of Cricket Control in India (BCCI).
2. Since March 2020, CBSE has also been providing a special opportunity to the students by conducting special examination(s) at a later date(s) for the students who are participating in International Olympiads and whose CBSE Board's examinations clash with their dates of International Olympiad including dates of the journey for the Olympiad recognized by Appropriate Authority in India viz. Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education (HBCSE).

Through this initiative, CBSE ensures that students who aim for excellence in both academics and sports are given equal opportunities to grow, ensuring that neither area of their development is neglected.

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These initiatives help students to stay fit and healthy while also teaching them values like discipline, teamwork and hard work. CBSE always works to support the complete growth of students by giving equal importance to curricular and co-curricular activities.

SCHEME FOR CLASS- X IN NEW SCENARIO

In reference to above, it is stated that **CBSE has introduced the two-Board Examination policy for Grade X which has been put in the public domain vide circular CBSE/CE/2-Board Examinations-X/2025 dated 25/6/2025.**

In light of the two Board Examination system (**First Exam will start from Mid of February, 2026 and Second in May, 2026**) the special examination for sports students of Class X will now be conducted only along with the Second Board Examinations to be held in the month of May 2026. Therefore, schools should be well aware about the following:-

General conditions:-

1. It is mandatory for these students to fill the LOC for the main examination.
2. Sports students will be allowed to appear in 2nd examinations in the subjects whose examinations have coincides with their sports event or with the journey only.
3. No separate sports examination will be held after the first Board examination or 2nd Board Examinations.
4. In case, a sports student is appearing in second Board examination and placed in compartment category. For such students, Compartment Examination will be held next year in Feb/March.
5. It is must to obtain permission from the CBSE for exemption from first examination as per policy.

All schools are requested to ensure the following:-

1. Communicate these changes to students, parents, and teachers well in advance.
2. Ensure timely submission of internal assessment marks as per CBSE timelines.
3. CBSE will be issuing FAQs regarding maximum subject combinations to facilitate the schools as well as students.
4. The LOC (List of Candidates) for all students participating in sports events will be completed alongwith that of other students, to ensure their eligibility to appear in the Second Board Examinations in case the exam dates coincides with their sports events.
5. Schools are required to ensure that the internal assessment, practical components, and student records are updated and aligned with the prescribed schedule.

SCHEME FOR CLASS XII

There is no change in the scheme for Class XII. For the students whose journey or sport event will clash with the examination, these examinations will be re-conducted after the first examinations are over.



Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for both Class X and XII are as under:-

S.No.	Activity	Schedule
1.	Students are to submit a request to their school for availing special opportunity in the Board's Main Examinations.	These activities must be completed in such a manner that school recommendations along with a certificate of participation reach the concerned Regional Office, CBSE latest by 15th December of the academic year.
2.	Schools are to request the SAI/BCCI/HBCSE for issuing certificate of participation.	
3.	Schools are to send their recommendations along with the "Certificate of Participation" of SAI/BCCI/HBCSE to the concerned Regional Office of the CBSE.	
4.	Regional Office to communicate the approval to the concerned schools	By 30th December of the academic year.
5.	Conduct of rescheduled examination	Preferably within 15 days from the last examination in the date sheet of the main Board examinations of the concerned year.

Provisions to avail of the opportunity will be as per the following details:

1. Only for the sports recognized by the SAI/BCCI and Olympiads recognized by the HBCSE.
2. Only for the Board's main theory examinations falling during the dates of events of that particular Sport/Olympiad in the participating event and the journey period for the event.
3. Opportunity will not be available for Supplementary Examinations.
4. Opportunity will not be available for practical examinations/projects/internal assessments as these are conducted over a prolonged period and can be rescheduled by the schools at their level.
5. Exemptions in attendance beyond the rules of the Boards shall not be extended.
6. Opportunity is not available for participation in training/selection camps.
7. No request beyond the schedule will be accepted for exemption.
8. "Certificate of Participation" from the SAI/BCCI/ HBCSE would be required to be submitted in the prescribed format to be issued by the nodal officers of the concerned organization only.
9. Head of the schools/responsible Organisations will forward recommendations/ issue certificate of participation for those students to Regional Offices, CBSE whose cases are strictly falling within the purview of these instructions/SOPs.

10. No special examination for an individual student will be conducted other than or in addition to the schedule for special examination fixed by the Board.
11. SAI/BCCI/ HBCSE shall host the certificate of participation on their website for cross-verification.
12. Such candidates will not be permitted to appear in the Supplementary Examination as all subjects of class-XII examinations are conducted only in one day
13. Certificate of participation need to be issued by the Nodal officers of the concerned organizations.
14. Decision of the Competent Authority of the Board shall be final and binding on schools and students.
15. Any request received against the policy will not be considered by the Board and school will be responsible for the consequences aroused out of wrong action.
16. The same would be case with SAI/BCCI/HBCSE also. If any recommendations are found against the policy of the Board, the same will be treated invalid request for which CBSE will not be responsible.
17. School Principal will give an undertaking that application has been forwarded as per policy of the Board and if it is found that request is not in consonance with the policy, the same be rejected by the CBSE and the decision of the CBSE would be accepted to me.
18. CBSE may amend these SOPs and Rules at any time.

It has been noticed that often schools and students do not follow the instructions given in this circular meticulously and therefore face problems in availing the special facilities provided herein.

In order to facilitate the schools and students, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) **Annexure - E** has been developed to understand the SOPs clearly.

Schools will disseminate these instructions and SOPs to the notice of all their students who are likely to participate in a National / International Sports Event/International Olympiads, well in time so that the students can avail the benefit of this initiative of CBSE.


(Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj)
Controller of Examinations

List of Annexures:

- Annexure-A** : List of Nodal Officers of Sports Authority of India (SAI) and BCCI along with the list of Sports disciplines covered under each.
- Annexure-B** : Proforma of the Certificate of Participation issued by the Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- Annexure-C** : Proforma of the Certificate of Participation issued by the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI)
- Annexure-D** : Proforma of the Certificate of Participation issued by the Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education (HBCSE)
- Annexure-E** : FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction and direct them to submit requests accordingly :-

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110016.
(commissioner-kvs@gov.in)
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309.
(nvsshww@gmail.com, commissioner.nvs@gov.in)
3. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
(nests-tribal@tribal.gov.in, commissioner.nests@tribal.gov.in)
4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
(pvpsainikschool@gmail.com)
5. **The Director General, Sports Authority of India, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003.**
(dg-sai@gov.in)
6. The Navy Education Society (NES), Directorate of Naval Education, West Block V, Wing II, Floor II, RK Puram, Sector 1, New Delhi 110066.
(nesnavy@gmail.com)
7. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005. (oavsbbsr.od@gov.in)
8. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054. (diredu@nic.in)
9. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160017. (dpi-chd@nic.in)
10. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim -737101.
(directorhehrdd@gmail.com)
11. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar-791111. (dirdscedn@sify.com)
12. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair -744101.
(dirdscedn@sify.com)
13. The Director, Department of School Education, UT of Ladakh, 2nd Floor, Civil Secretariat, Leh-Ladakh. (pr.secy@ladakh.gov.in)
14. The Director, Directorate of School Education, Government of Puducherry, A" Block, I Floor, Perunthalaivar Kamaraj Centenary Educational Complex, 100 ft Road, Anna Nagar, Puducherry - 605 005.
(dse-edn@py.gov.in)
15. The Director, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society, Dharmshala, Himachal Pradesh. (dhe-sml-hp@gov.in)
16. The Group Captain Education (Schools) Directorate of Education, West Block-VI, Air HQs (RKP), R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
(dopsmp@iaf.nic.in)
17. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010.
(coordsection.aweshq@awesindia.edu.in)
18. The Deputy Secretary to Chairperson, for kind information of the Chairperson, CBSE.
19. All the Heads of Department of the Board.

20. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Principals of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions.
21. Web Admin with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Website.
22. Media & Public Relations, CBSE for appropriate disseminating and publicity.

List of Nodal Officers and the Sporting Disciplines			
1	Chief Executive Officer (TOPS) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex (East Gate) Lodhi road, New Delhi- 110003. 011-21420712 tops.sai@gov.in	Archery	Judo
		Athletics	Rowing
		Badminton	Shooting
		Boxing	Weightlifting
		Cycling	Wrestling
		Fencing	Swimming
		Hockey	Table-Tennis
2	Executive Director (TEAMS) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex (East Gate) Lodhi road, New Delhi- 110003. 011-21420712 teams.sai@gov.in	Priority	Others
		Basketball	Atya Patya
		Billiards & Snooker	Baseball
		Bridge	Ball Badminton
		Chess	Body Building
		Deaf Sports	Carrom
		Equestrian	Netball
		Football	Mallakhamb
		Golf	Cycle Polo
		Gymnastics	Polo
		Handball	Tennikoit
		Kabaddi	Roll Ball
		Kho-Kho	Powerlifting
		Kayaking & Canoeing	Pencak Silat
		Para Sports	Tennis-ball Cricket
		Sepaktaraw	Ten Pin Bowling
		Special Olympic Bharat	Soft Tennis
		Squash	Tug of War
		Taekwondo	Jump Rope
		Tennis	Soft Ball
		Volleyball	Kudo
		Wushu	Roller Skating
		Yachting	Shooting Ball
		Yoga	Motor Sports
		Rugby	Triathlon
			Silambam
			Ju-Jitsu
			Tennis Volleyball

3	Chief Executive Officer, Board of Control for Cricket in India, 4th Floor, Cricket Centre Wankhede Stadium, 'D' Road, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020, India 022-22898800 office@bccci.tv	Cricket
4	Centre Director Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, V. N. Purav Marg, Mankhurd, Mumbai-400088, INDIA 022-25072322 scioly@hbcse.tifr.res.in 022-25072207/2208 matholy@hbcse.tifr.res.in	All Science and Mathematics Olympiads

Certificate of Participation (Students participating in the National/International Sporting events recognized by Sports Authority of India) (to be issued by Sports Authority of India on their Letter Head with clear signature and stamp)			
Despatch No.		Date.....	
1	Name of the Student		
2	Class (10 th /12 th)		
3	School Name and Address		
4	Name of the Sports Discipline		
5	Whether the student has participated in the tournament or selected for participation	Already Participated	Selected for Participation
6	Name of the Tournament		
7	Place where Tournament is being/has been held		
7	Whether this is a		
8	National/International Tournament.	National	International
8	Whether this Tournament is		
9	recognized by SAI or not.	Recognized	Not Recognized
10	Actual dates of the Tournament	From.....to.....	
11	Actual Date(s) of travel to the venue of the tournament from place of residence/school		
12	Actual Date(s) of travel back from venue of the tournament to the place of residence/school		
To be issued under the Signatures and Stamp of Chief Executive Officer (TOPS) or Executive Director (TEAMS) in their respective disciplines			
Email id and the phone number of the issuing department			
*This certificate is subject to verification from the SAI.			

Certificate of Participation (Students participating in the National/International Sporting events recognized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India) (to be issued by the Board of Control for Cricket in India on their Letter Head with clear signature and stamp)			
Despatch No.		Date.....	
1	Name of the Student		
2	Class (10 th / 12 th)		
3	School Name and Address		
4	Name/Format of the Cricket Discipline		
5	Whether the student has participated in the tournament or selected for participation	Already Participated	Selected for Participation
6	Name of the Tournament		
7	Place where Tournament is being/has been held		
7	Whether this is a		
8	National/International Tournament.	National	International
8	Whether this Tournament is		
9	recognized by BCCI or not.	Recognized	Not Recognized
10	Actual dates of the Tournament	From.....to.....	
11	Actual Date(s) of travel to the venue of the tournament from place of residence/school		
12	Actual Date(s) of travel back from venue of the tournament to the place of residence/school		
To be issued under the Signatures and Stamp of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Board of Control for Cricket in India			
Email id and the phone number of the issuing department			
*This certificate is subject to verification from the BCCI.			

Certificate of Participation (Students participating in the International Olympiads recognized by Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education) (to be issued by the Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education on their Letter Head with clear signature and stamp)			
Despatch No.		Date.....	
1	Name of the Student		
2	Class (10 th / 12 th)		
3	School Name and Address		
4	Name and details of the Olympiad		
5	Whether the student has participated in the Olympiad or selected for participation	Already Participated	Selected for Participation
7	Place where Olympiad is being/has been held		
7	Whether this is a		
8	National/International Olympiad.	National	International
8	Whether this Olympiad is recognized by HBCSE or not.		
9		Recognized	Not Recognized
10	Actual dates of the Olympiad	From.....to.....	
11	Actual Date(s) of travel to the venue of the Olympiad from place of residence/school		
12	Actual Date(s) of travel back from venue of the Olympiad to the place of residence/school		
To be issued under the Signatures and Stamp of Centre Director, Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education			
Email id and the phone number of the issuing department			
*This certificate is subject to verification from the HBCSE.			

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RELATED TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL/INTRERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS AND INTERNATRIONAL OLYMPIADS FOR SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION - 2025-26 OF CBSE.

Sl No.	Questions/Queries	Answers/Reply
1.	What are the special provisions made available by CBSE for students participating in National/International sports events and International Olympiads for Secondary and Senior Secondary examination?	The facility for separate examination is extended to the students who participate in National/International Sports events and whose CBSE Board examinations coincides with the dates of sports events including date of journey for the event.
2.	Which are the responsible authorized organizations / authorities for recommending the cases of students for sports events ? and whose certificate will be accepted by CBSE for availing re-schedule examination facility for sports students?	Sports Authority of India (SAI), Board of Cricket Control in India (BCCI) and for the Olympiad recognized by Appropriate Authority in India i.e. Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE) are the responsible organizations.
3.	When will the Special Examination of class X for students participating in Sports events during main examination be conducted for 2025-26?	The Special Examination of students participating in Sports event will be conducted alongwith Second Board Examination to be held in May 2026.
4.	What happens if student of Class X will get compartment/ER in the subjects for which a student has appeared in Second Board Exam under Sports category?	The student will be eligible to appear in Board Examination in the subsequent examination year 2027
5.	Whether rescheduling of theory examination facilities for sports a candidate is available for Supplementary Examination also?	No, the facility for rescheduling theory examination for sports candidates is available only for Main examination and not for Supplementary examination.
6.	Can examination be re-scheduled if the date of sports event clashes with already scheduled practical / project / Internal Assessment examination?	No, these facilities are available in Main Theory examination only. Since the Practical/Project/IA are conducted for a period of almost 45 days and can be fixed in such a manner that a student participating in any of the stated event/activity is also able to appear with other students in the practical examinations.

7.	Whether any exemption in attendance is given by the Board for sport students for appearing in examination.	As per Rule 13 (13.1(i)a) of Examination Bye-laws of the Board “atleast 60% of attendance in respect of students participating in Sports at National level organized by recognized Federations / CBSE / School Games Federation of India (SGFI) those who are taking up a subject (s) involving practical for practical work in the subject in the laboratory whereas for regular students as per Rule 6.5 (ii) of Examination Bye-laws of the Board “The candidate shall complete the required percentage of attendance (75%) for Class IX, X, XI & XII) to make the candidate eligible for the examination.” Hence, exemptions in attendance beyond the rules of the Board shall not be extended. Also, valid & required documents will be required for exemption whenever school is not attended as per SOP for condonation of attendance.
8.	What is the process of availing facilities	Examination is re-scheduled and conducted only once for sports candidate, no direct request from such candidates or any organization will be accepted by CBSE. Procedure flow : - Apply to the concerned organization first for issuing certificate. - Submit the request to school with all relevant documents as mentioned in SOP. - Principal of the School where the student is studying will submit the request to concerned Regional office of the CBSE with proper recommendation latest by 15th December of the academic year.
9.	What is the last date to apply in such cases?	Latest by 15th December of the academic year. No request for special permission beyond the schedule shall be entertained by the Board in any circumstances.

10.	Is this facility extended for those sports students who are to attend training / selection camps for the events?	No facility for re-scheduling the examination is extended by the Board for sports students in r/o of their selection/training camp(s).
11.	Is there any special examination for individual candidate?	No. Special examination for an individual student other than or in addition to the schedule for special examination as fixed by the Board be conducted.
12.	When the re-scheduled examination for class XII is conducted?	Preferably within 15 days from the last examination according to the date sheet of Board examination of the year.
13.	Can individual students request special exams outside the fixed schedule?	No. Special exams will only be conducted as per the Board's fixed schedule.
