



Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India

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SELECTION POLICY/PLAN OF NSF(AKFI) FOR SELECTING THE INDIAN KABADDI TEAM (MEN & WOMEN) FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 20th ASIAN GAMES 2026, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM 19TH SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER 2026 IN JAPAN:

20th Asian Games 2026 is scheduled to be held in Nagoya, Japan from the 19th September 2026 to 4th October 2026. As per the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the National Sports Federations (NSF), here Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) are required to outline the selection policy /strategy to finalise Indian Contingent Kabaddi Team of Men and Women. AKFI is steadfast to select the best possible and promising Indian Contingent Kabaddi Team of Men and Women to participate in the forthcoming 20th Asian Games 2026 aiming to bag the Gold Medal for the Country.

In view of the above, the President AKFI has decided to exercise the Coaching camps followed by National Championship and further organising the preparatory Coaching camps for finalising the team participation in the said Asian Games 2026. The competitive Pro-Kabaddi League (PKL-12 for the current year) also plays a significant contributory role in bringing out the eminent players (Senior men) for the inclusion in the list of Probable players of Indian Kabaddi Team. PKL event parallelly offers the rigorous positive practicing among the selected players thereby providing the outstanding players who are considered for the probable players list accordingly. AKFI shall constitute the respective Selection Committees for Men and Women respectively comprising the esteemed and experienced senior sports members to select the probable players during the Senior Kabaddi National Championship (Men and Women).

The subsequent process of screening of the probable players shall continue to take place during the National Kabaddi Coaching Camps (NKCC) which will be held at the Sanctioned SAI centres. Final Indian Contingent team is thus selected followed by the successive series of screenings during the NKCC, as part of the regular procedure followed for selecting the Indian Team representations at the International level.

President, AKFI ensures that the final selected probable players and further the team is composed of one of the best players with consistent performances and there by meeting all the requisite parameters. AKFI shall be deputed to observe the NKCC to ensure fair selections and to ascertain that the assessment is made solely on merit and performance based to meet the objective of forming a strong and competitive National team for the prestigious international events.

However, this has been the regular method opted by AKFI in the past for all the International participations and the Indian Kabaddi Team have demonstrated the recorded exemplary results and therefore, AKFI is committed to follow the same mechanism in an improvised, focussed and streamlined manner.

With regards
Yours sincerely

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