

TWFI SELECTION POLICY FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT

This document outlines the Selection Policy of the Tug of War Federation of India (TWFI) for the period 2023-26. The TWFI aims to promote the sport of Tug of War in India and send teams to international events organized by the Tug of War International Federation (TWIF) and the Asian Tug of War Federation (ATWF), South Asian Tug of War Federation (SATWF). The objective is to enhance competitiveness and ensure a strong team represents India.

The TWIF Championships for the specified period are as follows:

- (a) Trail TWIF 2024 WORLD Outdoor Championships in Mannheim, Germany, from 12- 15 September 2024.
- (b) TWIF 2024 World Indoor Championships in Heisingborg, Sweden, from 8-11 February 2024.
- (c) TWIF 2026 World Outdoor Championships in Hartenbos, South Africa, in 2026 (date and place yet to be decided).
- (d) TWIF 2026 World Indoor Championships in Taipei, Chinese Taipei, in 2026. (date and place yet to be decided).

The TWFI will announce the invitation of applications for participation in these championships as early as possible. The application process will be open for a minimum period of four weeks, starting at least two months before the championships. Athletes/Teams will have the opportunity to fill in and submit their applications within this timeframe.

The Selection Process and Expenditure for Participation are provided in Annexure A. These annexure should be referred to for detailed information.

The selection committee, consisting of members appointed by the TWFI, will be responsible for selecting the national team.

The appellate authority for selection appeals will be the President of TWFI. Athletes/Teams' appeals will be considered within 24 hours of the allowance of the team.

For additional information and queries, the TWFI can be contacted via email at tugofwarfederationofindia@gmail.com.

Selection Process and Expenditure

The Selection Process for Participating in the International Championships is as follows :

1. **Online applications Invite**
Online Application Invite: The TWFI will invite online applications from athletes/Teams at least two months before the championships. If there is a tie between applicants who meet the set criteria, the selection will be at the discretion of the selection committee.
2. **Selection Criteria**
 - i) **Eligibility:** Only Indian citizens will be considered for selection.
 - ii) **Minimum Qualifications:**
 The selection criteria are based on the rules and guidelines set forth by TWFI, as outlined in the Indian Tug of War Competition Code-2013, Chapter-II Guidelines & Rules for TWFI Technical Officials, or any additional guidelines provided by TWFI. The selection committee will also consider individual performance, including performance in Pre-Event Camps and qualified competitions organized by TWFI.
3. **Team Composition:**
 The teams will consist of:
 Men Up to 8+2 members
 Women Up to 8+2 members
 Mixed Team: 4 Women + 4 Men, with 1 woman and 1 man as extra players (totaling 8+2 = 10 players)
 The selection will be made in each weight category, meeting the standards set by TWFI.
4. **Selection Trials:**
 Selection trials for the International Championships in 2023 will be held. In case of a tie between athletes who meet the criteria, the selection will be at the discretion of the selection committee.
5. **Review of Criteria:**
 Athletes are encouraged to review and familiarize themselves with the specific selection criteria outlined in the mentioned documents to understand the requirements and expectations for participation. This is to ensure transparency and fairness in the selection process.
 This information provides a clear framework for athletes aspiring to represent India in Tug of War competitions. It's important for athletes to meet the outlined criteria and perform well in the selection trials to be considered for the team.

6. The Expenditure for Participation in the championships is as follows:
- a) **Team/Athlete-funded Events**: All the mentioned championships are Teams/athlete-funded events. Teams/Athletes selected based on the criteria will be responsible for bearing all costs associated with their participation.
 - b) **Cost Responsibility** : Selected Teams/athletes are required to bear the costs of training, nutrition supplements, travel, visa, accommodation, and any other expenses related to the events. Teams/ Athletes need to book their own flight tickets and process their visa applications on time. TWFI and the Local Organizing Committee (*LOC) will provide the necessary documents for visa processing, and TWFI will not bear any costs associated with the participation.
 - c) **Basic Kit** : TWFI will meet the basic playing kit requirements. However, athletes will need to procure any specific gear required for the event, such as outdoor boots or indoor shoes or Anchorman Vest, Protective Belt etc. on their own.
 - d) **Accommodation** : Although the TWIF/*LOC provides boarding and lodging for Indian teams/athletes (or as decided by TWIF), the cost of accommodation will be shared among all selected athletes (both men and women teams). Athletes will be required to pay for their accommodation equally, and the accommodation payments will be handled through TWFI.
 - e) **Accommodation Deposit** : Selected athletes will be required to make a deposit in INR with TWFI for accommodation. The amount will be based on the accommodation costs specified by the *LOC for each event. Athletes must express their willingness to fund their participation and make the necessary deposit on time. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the athlete's/teams' entry.
 - f) **Refund of Accommodation Costs** : If an athlete withdraws their name and cannot attend the event after the final accommodation payments have been made by TWFI, the refund of the accommodation payment will be subject to the refund policy of the *LOC and other incurred expenditures.

Please note that this information is based on the provided document, and it's always advisable to refer to the official TWFI communications and guidelines for the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding selection and participation.

*LOC: Local Organizing Committee