



Press Release

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SAI's National Selection Trials for Hockey to begin on March 2nd, players between the age of 14 to 24 years can participate

New Delhi, February 23: Sports Authority of India's (SAI) open selection trials for hockey players is set to begin in various SAI National Centre of Excellence (NCoEs) from March 2nd, 2022. The selection trials would be conducted at various locations across the country where both girls and boys between the age of 14 to 24 years can participate.

The selection trials would be conducted over the period of three days with selectors testing the probable player's Fitness and Skill level via various tests. (Details of same available on the SAI and Khelo India's websites.)

While the first set of trials will begin on March 2nd at SAI's NCoE Aurangabad, the process will continue at other SAI Centres in the following days.

The schedule for the selection trials are as follows -

- 1) NCOE Kolkata – Women - 7th to 9th March
- 2) NCOE Sonapat – Men - 15th to 17th March
- 3) NCOE Mumbai – Women - 11th to 13th March
- 4) NCOE Patiala – Women - 3rd to 5th March
- 5) NCOE Lucknow – Men & Women - 3rd to 5th March (Women) & 7th to 9th March (Men)
- 6) NCOE Aurangabad – Men - 2nd to 4th March
- 7) NCOE Imphal – Men & Women - 7th to 9th March (Women) & 10th to 12th March (Men)

Sports Performance criteria for the selection are as follows –

- Represented India in the recognized hockey competition
- Medal in Hockey India National Championship



- Participation in Hockey India National Championship
- Participation in School Nationals
- Participation in Khelo India Youth & University games
- All India and Inter-University Competitions
- Medal in state hockey championship
- Participation in state hockey championship

The selection trails are open to both boys and girls between the age group of 14 to 24 years (Age as on 01.01.2022) but irrespective of the age criteria talented athletes may be considered for induction based on the recommendation of the talent identification and development committee members that would be present there. Further details on other selection criteria are available on SAI's website.

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