

**33<sup>rd</sup> Junior National Championships (2025-2026)**

**Cuttack, Odisha**

**05<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

## 1. ORGANISERS

### **Odisha State Fencing Association**

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## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates of the Championship: 05<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium,

Address of the Venue: Biju Patnaik Colony, Cuttack, Odisha 753001

## 3. PARTICIPATION

Age criteria: Fencers, who are above 13 years of age are eligible to participate in this Championship. The fencer should be born between 01.01.2006 to 31.12.2012.

Participants: A member unit/SSCB may enter a maximum of 24 fencers, 4 men and 4 women per weapon. Team event participation is limited to one team per weapon, per gender, per Member Unit/SSCB.

Participation Fee: INR 1,000 (Rupees One Thousand Only) to be paid at the venue.

## 4. REGISTRATION

FAI Registration and license: Fencers participating in this National Fencing Championship should be registered with the FAI and have a valid license for the year 2025 – 2026. There is no on-the-spot registration.

Registration before entry: Registration of fencers should be completed and license numbers issued before sending the entry, failing which, the entry will not be processed.

## 5. ENTRIES

Letter confirming entry: The State/ UT Association/ SSCB is required to send a Letter of Confirmation on their letterhead regarding the participation in this National Championship, signed by the President or Secretary or CEO/Director. The letter should necessarily include the following information:

Total number of participants

Total number of team officials

Name and Mobile number of Team Officials

Participants Entry Form: The template (Excel Sheet) Participants Entry Form shared with this invitation should be submitted with requisite information about participants.

Form of Consent: The Form of Consent, that is provided along with invitation, should be duly filled out by the fencers and the coaches/team officials and submitted by the fencers and officials at the venue.

Email: The Letter of Confirmation and Participants Entry Form should be mailed to [sportsm2@fencingindia.org](mailto:sportsm2@fencingindia.org)

Last date to send entry to FAI: **24<sup>th</sup> December, 2025, 11:59 pm.** The entry should include the Letter of Confirmation and the Participant's Entry Form.

## 6. SCHEDULE

### Ceremonies:

**Opening Ceremony** of the Championship is scheduled at 02:30 pm on 05<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**Closing Ceremony** of the Championship is scheduled at 05:00 pm on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

Technical Officials Meeting: A meeting of the technical officials will be held at the competition venue on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 05:00 pm.

Team Officials Meeting: A meeting of the Coaches/ Team Officials/Managers will be held at the venue on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 06:00 pm. The team manager/coach should necessarily attend the meeting.

### Competition Schedule:

Day 1	05 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	<b>Women's Foil Individual</b>	Pools
10:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
11:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:15		Direct Elimination Table of 8
12:45		Semi-finals
13:15		Finals
10:00	<b>Men's Foil Individual</b>	Pools
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
12:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
12:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
13:15		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:45		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals



Day 2	06 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	Women's Foil Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	Men's Foil Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:15		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals
Day 3	07 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	Women's Epee Individual	Pools
10:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
11:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:15		Direct Elimination Table of 8
12:45		Semi-finals
13:15		Finals
10:00	Men's Epee Individual	Pools
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
12:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
12:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
13:15		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:45		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals
Day 4	08 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	Women's Epee Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	Men's Epee Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:15		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals



Day 5	09 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	<b>Women's Sabre Individual</b>	Pools
10:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
11:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:15		Direct Elimination Table of 8
12:45		Semi-finals
13:15		Finals
10:00	<b>Men's Sabre Individual</b>	Pools
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
12:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
12:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
13:15		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:45		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals
Day 6	10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	<b>Women's Sabre Team</b>	Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	<b>Men's Sabre Team</b>	Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:15		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals

*\*This is a tentative schedule. FAI can make changes in the schedule.*

## 7. RULES

The fencing competition will be held in accordance with the FIE Rules that are in force at the time of this competition.

## 8. DURATIONANDSCORING

### Individual Events:

In the preliminary pool round, the object of about is to effectively score 5 hits in three [3] minutes. At the end of three [3] minutes, if there is a difference of at least one hit between the scores of the two fencers, the fencer who has scored the greater number of hits is declared the winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if

scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

In Epee, if the two fencers reach a score of 4 – 4, they must fence for a deciding hit, up to a time limit.

In direct elimination, the bouts will consist of three [3] periods of three [3] minutes, with [1] minute between the periods, or until one fencer has scored 15 hits. As an exception, in sabre, the first period ends either at the expiry of the three [3] minutes or when one of the fencers has scored 8 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits will be declared the winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

#### Team Events:

Till the table of 16, each elimination match will consist of three [3] bouts, to a maximum of 15 hits. Each bout will last three [3] minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of 5 hits after the first bout, a score of ten hits after the second bout, and a score of 15 after the third bout. If the third bout is completed before either team has scored 15 hits, the team with the most hits will be declared the winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

From the table of 16 onwards, each match will consist of nine [9] bouts, to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout will last three [3] minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of 5 hits after the first bout, a score of ten hits after the second bout, a score of 15 after the third bout, and so on. If the ninth bout is completed before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits will be declared the winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

## **9. EQUIPMENT**

All fencers should be equipped with full fencing uniform, mask and gear as mandated in the FIE regulations.

## **10. WEAPONCONTROL**

As stated in the FIE Material regulations, equipment will have top as weapon control.

## **11. DOPINGCONTROL**

NADA is informed of this National Championship. Doping control is expected to be carried

out in accordance with the NADA regulations at the venue.

## 12. HOW TO GET THERE

### By Train:

The distance of the venue from the Cuttack Railway station is just 5 Kms.

### By Flight:

Biju Patnaik International Airport (Bhubaneswar) is located at a distance of 25 kms from the venue. Private taxi can be availed for transportation.

## 13. F&B and ACCOMMODATION

**F & B Services:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided from the evening of 04<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at the venue of the competition by producing coupons issued by the organizers. **This service will be available from 04<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 only as per the event schedule.**

**Accommodation for Technical Officials:** Panthnivas Guest House, Cuttack from 04<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**Host Accommodation For Fencers:** The Local Organizing Committee has arranged (free of cost) accommodation for fencers and delegations at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack for female fencers and female team officials from 04<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (till 10:00 am). **This service will be available only as per the event schedule.**

## 14. LOCALTRANSPORTATION

**Reception Desk at the Railway Station:** There will be a reception desk for coordinating arrival at the Cuttack Railway Station, Platform Number 1, on 04<sup>th</sup> January and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Local Transportation Liaison:** If assistance is required for local transportation from Cuttack Railway Station/Airport to the host accommodation, the travel details and request should be informed to the Local Organising Committee on or before 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

## 15. OTHER GENERAL NORMS

**Delegation:** A delegation of fewer than ten fencers may have a maximum of two team officials including a coach. A delegation of more than ten fencers may be accompanied by a maximum of four team officials, including two coaches. A delegation with women fencers should necessarily have a minimum of one women team official.

Refundable Caution Deposit: All participating State/UT Associations/SSCB is required to pay INR 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand) as a caution deposit, which will be fully refunded before departure if there is no loss or damage to the resources made available for this Championship.

The team officials should ensure that the fencers remain disciplined on and off the field of play.

The persons appointed by the FAI as technical officials for this National Championship cannot serve as team officials. Any violations can be reported to [secgen@fencingindia.org](mailto:secgen@fencingindia.org)

The delegations are requested to bring an adequate number of locks for securing the rooms allotted to them in host accommodation.

## 16. CONTACTS

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