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COMMONWEALTH CUE SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

ATHLETE GUIDE

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7-10 October 2026

Veer Savarkar Sports Complex
Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

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ABOUT THE EVENT

The 2026 Commonwealth Cue Sports Championships marks a historic milestone in the evolution of cue sports as this prestigious championship comes to India for the first time. Hosted in a nation renowned for its rich heritage, vibrant culture, and remarkable diversity, the event promises to celebrate sporting excellence while showcasing India's warm hospitality on the international stage.

Bringing together the finest cue sports athletes from across the Commonwealth, the championship will feature competition in five disciplines: **Snooker, Billiards, Blackball, Heyball, and 10-Ball**, with equal representation in both the Men's and Women's categories.

Hosted by the **Billiards & Snooker Federation of India (BSFI)**, organised by **Apex Sports Promotion**, and officially endorsed by the **Commonwealth Sport** and the **World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS)**, the event not only elevates the international profile of cue sports but also provides athletes with the rare and prestigious opportunity to compete for a Commonwealth medal—one of the most respected honours in international sport.

KEY DATES & SCHEDULE

07 October

Arrival and Check-in

16:30 – Mandatory Athletes' Meeting

17:30 – Opening Ceremony

08 October

Last 16

09 October

Quarter-finals

Semi-finals

10 October

Finals

Closing Ceremony

11 October

Check-out and Departure

Important: Athletes must arrive by **16:00 on 07 October**. Failure to attend the mandatory Athletes' Meeting may result in disqualification.

TOURNAMENT VENUE

Venue: Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, India

Address: Gate No. 3, Near Vardan Tower, Next to Swanik Arcade, Nandanvan, Pragatinagar, Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380013, India.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Ahmedabad City Centre by IHG

Athlete accommodation will be provided at the Crowne Plaza by IHG on a **twin-sharing, half-board basis**, including breakfast and dinner, with check-in on **07 October** and check-out on **11 October**.

Any early arrivals, late departures, additional nights, or extra meals will be at the athlete's own expense.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

Airport: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad (AMD)

Flights: Return flights will be provided to Ahmedabad (AMD) from each athlete's nominated airport. Please note that all tickets are **non-refundable and non-changeable**. In the event of a missed flight, athletes will be responsible for rebooking their travel at their own expense. Athletes must not book their own flights. Flights booked independently will not be reimbursed.

Shuttle Service: Shuttle services will be provided between the airport and the official hotel, including return transfers following the event.

Any additional local transportation or sightseeing arrangements will be at the athlete's own expense. Uber and Ola services are widely available, and taxis are readily accessible.

Visa: Most Commonwealth citizens are eligible to apply for an **e-Visa**. However, it remains the responsibility of each athlete to verify their visa requirements.

Where a visa is required prior to travel, it must be obtained at the athlete's own expense before flight arrangements can be confirmed.

Upon registration, athletes will receive an official Letter of Invitation, which may be used for visa applications and presented upon arrival if required.

Athletes must strictly adhere to Indian visa and immigration regulations applicable to their nationalities.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

SNOOKER

Participants: 16 Men (15-Reds) / 16 Women (6-Reds)

Format: Straight knockout

Men: Best of 5 frames | Women: Best of 5 frames

Match Time Limit: 100 minutes

Tie Procedure: Any frame commenced after 100 minutes is a blackball shootout.

Live Scoring: Relevant scoring links will be shared before the start of the competition.

BILLIARDS

Participants: 8 Men / 8 Women

Format: Straight knockout

Match Time Limit: 90 minutes

Live Scoring: Relevant scoring links will be shared before the start of the competition.

10-BALL

Participants: 16 Men / 16 Women

Format: Straight knockout

Men: Race to 9 | Women: Race to 7

Match Time Limit: 100 minutes

Tie Procedure: Penalty shootout

Live Scoring: Digital Pool - Relevant scoring links will be shared before the start of the competition.

BLACKBALL

Participants: 16 Men / 16 Women

Format: Straight knockout

Men: Race to 7 | Women: Race to 5

Match Time Limit: 100 minutes

Tie Procedure: One-frame tiebreak

Live Scoring: DigitalPool - Relevant scoring links will be shared before the start of the competition.

HEYBALL

Participants: 16 Men / 16 Women

Format: Straight knockout

Men: Race to 9 | Women: Race to 7

Match Time Limit: 100 minutes

Tie Procedure: Penalty shootout

Live Scoring: DigitalPool - Relevant scoring links will be shared before the start of the competition.

ENTRY & REGISTRATION

Entry Fee: There is no entry fee.

Nomination Deadline: 23 August for host nation; **09 August** for all other nations.

Eligibility: Athletes must be nominated by their respective governing body in accordance with the eligibility criteria established by that organisation.

Once nominations are confirmed, an online registration link will be shared with all the participants.

PRACTICE

Practice tables will be available from the afternoon of **07 October**.

A detailed practice schedule will be displayed at the venue and published online before the arrival date.

Match tables will be available for warm-up, limited to **one rack per player**.

The feature table is reserved exclusively for official competition matches and will not be available for practice.

ANTI-DOPING

This event is conducted in accordance with the **World Anti-Doping Code**. WCBS and its affiliated governing bodies reserve the right to conduct random anti-doping tests across all disciplines.

MEDALS

A total of **10 medal events** will be contested across the five disciplines, with separate Men's and Women's events.

Gold, Silver, and Two Bronze medals will be awarded to the top four athletes in each event.

DRESS CODE

Permitted attire includes:

Collared dress shirts or polo shirts; Black dress trousers; Black formal shoes/Black sneakers (all black with a leather upper material); Waistcoats are optional.

The following items are not permitted:

Shorts; Jeans; Coloured Sneakers; Sportswear; Hats (unless required for medical reasons).

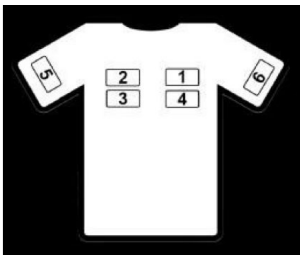
Athletes are expected to comply with the dress code at all official functions, including matches, ceremonies, and media appearances.

All athletes are required to display their **national flag** prominently on their playing shirt throughout the championship.This is a mandatory requirement and forms part of the official dress code. Athletes who do not display their national flag may not be permitted to compete.

LOGOS & PATCHES

Athletes may display a maximum of **four (4)** personal logos on their playing apparel ("Athlete Logos"). This total includes apparel manufacturer logos and federation logos.

A fifth logo may be displayed only if it belongs to an official event partner. These logos must be positioned in locations **2–6** on the official apparel diagram.



Any text displayed on a playing shirt will be considered a sponsor logo unless it identifies the athlete's name, nickname, or represented country.

In addition, the organisers may provide one official event patch, which must be worn in **Position 1** as shown in the official diagram. Logos may only be displayed in the approved positions.

Individual logos may not exceed **65 cm²**.

Before competing in their first match, athletes must submit all sponsor logos to the organisers for approval. The organisers reserve the right to reject any sponsor logo for any reason, including, but not limited to: Failure to obtain approval; Conflict with an event sponsor; Conflict with a broadcast partner.

BROADCAST & MEDIA

Selected matches will be broadcast live on television and streamed across various digital and social media platforms. Viewing links will be published online and shared during the Athletes' Meeting.

Post-match interviews may be conducted at random throughout the championship.

By accepting their nomination, athletes consent to the use of their image, biography, name, likeness, and performance data for promotional purposes relating to pre-event, in-event (including live streaming), and post-event media coverage.

ATHLETE CONDUCT

All athletes are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and comply with all event rules and regulations.

Any breach of conduct may result in disciplinary action, including disqualification and/or suspension from future WCBS or affiliate governing body events.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Snooker & Billiards | International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) james.leacy@billiards.sport

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CLOSING NOTE

Thank you for being part of the **2026 Commonwealth Cue Sports Championship**.

This Athlete Guide has been prepared to support your participation, provide essential information, and help ensure a smooth and enjoyable championship experience both on and off the table.

As the competition unfolds, we encourage you to embrace the values of fair play, respect, and camaraderie that define the Commonwealth sporting community. Whether you are competing for a medal or proudly representing your nation, your participation contributes to another significant chapter in the history of cue sports.

We wish you every success in competition and hope your time in **Ahmedabad, India**, is both memorable and rewarding.