



# Excluded Sports From Commonwealth Games 2026

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## Why in News?

In the [Commonwealth Games \(CWG\) 2026 Glasgow](#), **six of the 12 sports** in which India won medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games have been excluded.

- The games that are excluded are Badminton, cricket, hockey, squash, table tennis, and wrestling.
- India strongly protested the exclusion of key sports from the Glasgow Games, as they are **India's top-performing events**.

## What are the Recent Developments Related to CWG 2026?

- **About:**
  - The **23<sup>rd</sup> edition** of the **Commonwealth Games** will be held in **Scotland** from **23rd July to 2nd August 2026**, marking a return to the city 12 years after the 2014 Games.
- **Excluded Games:**
  - **Hockey:**
    - Hockey has been **part of the CWG since 1998**, with **India ranked** as the **second-best** team in CWG history, securing six medals: one gold, four silver, and one bronze for both men's and women's teams.
    - In the **Birmingham 2022 edition**, the Indian men's team finished second, while the women's team earned a bronze.
  - **Wrestling:**
    - India has **historically excelled in wrestling**, with 114 medals to date, including 49 gold, 39 silver, and 26 bronze.
    - In the Birmingham CWG, the country won 12 medals in wrestling, including six gold.
  - **Badminton:**
    - India achieved **six medals in badminton at the Birmingham Games**, comprising three golds
  - **Table Tennis:**
    - **Introduced in the CWG in 2002**, India has won medals in table tennis at every edition, totaling 20 medals.
  - **Squash and Cricket:**
    - They were included at the **1998 CWG, in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)**.
- **Reason for Exclusion:**
  - The exclusion of certain sports from the CWG 2026 is **due to budget limitations**.
  - **Victoria (Australia)**, withdrew from hosting due to high costs, and **Glasgow**, now hosting on a tight budget, has reduced the Games to four venues.

## What are the Key Facts Related to CWG?

- It is a **quadrennial international multisport event** contested by athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations.
- It is managed by the **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**.

- It is the organisation responsible for the **direction and control** of the **Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games**.
- It is an organisation **headquartered and incorporated in the UK**, but working across **72 member nations and territories**.
- The **first Commonwealth Games** were held in **Hamilton, Ontario, Canada** in August **1930**.

## Commonwealth

- The **Commonwealth of Nations is a group of 56 countries** composed mostly of **former British colonies**.
- It was **established by the London Declaration in 1949**.
- While members of the Commonwealth are predominantly located in **Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific**, with many of them **emerging economies**, the **three European members of the group are Cyprus, Malta, and the U.K.**
- The **developed nations** of the Commonwealth are **Australia, Canada, and New Zealand**.

### UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

#### Q. Consider the following statements: (2010)

1. The Commonwealth has no charter, treaty or constitution.
2. All the territories/countries once under the British empire (jurisdiction/rule/mandate) automatically joined the Commonwealth as its members.

#### Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans: (a)**