## Nomination Guidelines

**STAIRS National Sports Excellence Awards 2025**

Celebrating Our Champions of Change

**Award Ceremony**: 19th May 2025

**Venue**: Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi

### About the Awards

The **STAIRS National Sports Excellence Awards 2025** are dedicated to honoring individuals and institutions that have made **outstanding contributions to grassroots sports development** through their involvement in STAIRS programs. These awards celebrate educators, coaches, coordinators, volunteers, schools, students, and sports facilities that have demonstrated **exceptional commitment, innovation, and impact** in building India's sports culture.

### Who Can Be Nominated?

Nominations are open for:

- **Schools** associated with STAIRS programs and events
- **Physical Education Teachers and Sports Coaches** affiliated with STAIRS
- **STAIRS District and State Coordinators**
- **STAIRS Volunteers and Grassroots Leaders**
- **Sports Facilities** supporting STAIRS programs
- **Students, Teams, and Alumni** engaged with STAIRS
- **School Principals, Owners, and Management** actively promoting sports

### Who Can Nominate?

- The Nominee (Self-Nomination)
- STAIRS Officials and Program Coordinators
- Peer Nominations from within the STAIRS network
- Institutional Heads (for school- or facility-level categories)

**Award Categories**

Awards are divided into three groups:

**1. Prestigious Excellence Awards**

E.g., Lifetime Achievement, Best Principal, Best School, Best Coach

**2. Special Focus Awards**

E.g., Girls in Sports, Rural Talent, Inclusion, Rising Star School

**3. Performance & Innovation Awards**

E.g., Event Coordination, Volunteer Engagement, Academic Integration

A full list of award categories can be found on www.stairs.org.in

**Nomination Process**

1. **Visit the Official Nomination Page** Link : https://stairs.org.in
2. **Fill Out the Nomination Form** The form will require:
    - Basic Information (Nominee and Nominator)
    - Category Selection
    - Summary of Contribution
    - Statements of Impact, Innovation, and Inclusion (where applicable)
    - Supporting Documents
3. **Attach Required Supporting Documents:**
    - Photographs (minimum 2, maximum 5)
    - Certificates, awards, or recognitions
    - Letter(s) of Recommendation (1–3)
    - Endorsement Letter (if nominated by others)
4. **Submit the Form**
   Deadline: **25 April 2025** (11:59 PM IST)

**Evaluation Process**

**Multi-Tiered Review:**

- **Technical Screening** by STAIRS Team
- **Jury Evaluation** (40% weightage)
- **Final Endorsement** by the STAIRS Leadership Board **Selection Criteria:**

| **Criteria** | **Weightage** |
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| Impact and Outreach | 30% |
| Innovation and Creativity | 20% |
| Sustainability and Continuity | 15% |
| Ethical Values and Leadership | 15% |
| Inclusion and Accessibility | 10% |
| Jury Insight and Narrative Strength | 10% |

Inspirational factors and authentic community impact will be key elements of evaluation. All award decisions will be final and binding.

**Jury Panel**

The jury will include:

- Senior Leaders from STAIRS Foundation
- Eminent Sports Personalities
- Renowned Physical Education Experts
- Leaders in Social Inclusion and Development

The names of jury members will be disclosed closer to the awards ceremony to maintain neutrality.

**Award Entitlements**

All awardees will receive:

- **Crystal/Metal Trophy** symbolizing Rising Excellence
- **Professionally Framed Certificate of Excellence**
- **STAIRS Changemaker Medal**
- **Public Recognition** via STAIRS website and media channels
- **Leadership Opportunities** in future STAIRS programs

**Need Help?**

For nomination assistance : info@stairs.org.in
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