

Games Information

Facts and Figures

- 6 days of competition: 13 to 18th October 2008; Opening Ceremony on 12th October.
- 9 Disciplines :
 1. Athletics
 2. Badminton
 3. Boxing
 4. Shooting
 5. Swimming
 6. Table Tennis
 7. Tennis
 8. Weightlifting
 9. Wrestling
- 9 Competition Venues: All are at same location in Pune at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports City.
- One Games Village: In Pune at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports City, Balewadi.
- 117 Medal Events
- 1314 Athletes
- 71 Nations

About the Games

The spectacular sporting bonanza is about to unfold in the cultural capital of Maharashtra. Pune is the proud host of the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008. An independent multi sports event, the Youth Games are a run up and a trial event to the Commonwealth Games 2010 to be held in Delhi.

Pune is renowned for hosting several world class events, including India's oldest Marathon. World class sports facilities, modern infrastructure, excellent connectivity by multiple means of transport and a rich cultural heritage coupled with a salubrious climate, indeed vouch for Pune's candidature as the host city for the III Commonwealth Youth Games 2008.

It is for the FIRST time, that the Commonwealth Youth Games will be held in Asia – in 2008.

The Inaugural Commonwealth Youth Games were held in Edinburgh, Scotland from 10th to 14th August 2000.

The II Commonwealth Youth Games were held in Bendigo, Australia from 30th November to 3rd December 2004.

The III Commonwealth Youth Games will be held in Pune from the 12th to 18th October 2008. Over 1,300 athletes and 350 officials from 71 countries will participate in these games, in 9 disciplines -Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Weightlifting and Wrestling are included in the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008.

Apart from the athletes, team officials and Games technical Conduct Officials, there will be representatives from the National and International Federations along with the representatives of Print and Electronic media.

The Commonwealth Youth Games are an extremely significant event for India as they will form the back-bone for her quest for maximum Medals in the Delhi 2010 Games. The Youth Games will also serve to identify India's medal winning potential athletes for the Asian Games 2014 and the Olympic Games 2016.

The most unique feature of these games is their venue, Shiv Chhatrapati Sports City. The venue of the III Commonwealth Youth Games Pune 2008 i.e. Shiv Chhatrapati Sports City, Balewadi, is unique as it is for the first time that the competition venues of all disciplines and the athletes' village will be housed in a single sports complex. Located on 153 acres of land, on the outskirts of Pune, it is all set to host the international competitive multi-sporting event.

Be a part of the excitement as the city gears up for the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008.

Competition Schedule

Date wise Schedule of the Game

Sport	Date	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Medals
	Competition Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Day	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
Opening Ceremony									
Closing Ceremony									
Athletics				30	51	57			138
Badminton							18		18
Boxing							32		32
Shooting			9	12	12	6	3		42
Swimming					48	54	48		150
Table Tennis				12		6			18
Tennis							12	6	18
Weightlifting			6	6	6	6	6		30
Wrestling				8	12	8			28
Total			15	68	129	137	119	6	474

Sports Overview

The III Commonwealth Youth Games will be hosted by Pune from 12 to 18 October 2008 at the magnificent Shiv Chhatrapati Sports City, Balewadi. The notable feature of this event is that the competition venues of all sports events and the Athletes Village are located in one single complex.

The sports city is located 12 KMs away from Pune railway station and 22 KM from the airport, on the Mumbai- Pune highway. It occupies an area of 153 acres of well laid out sports venues with world class competition and training facilities. An Athletes Village with modern facilities is also located within the venue.

The main Athletics stadium has a seating capacity of 20,000 and will be the venue for the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

The Sports City has 5 indoor (Badminton, Table Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Boxing) and 4 outdoor (Athletics, Tennis, Swimming and Shooting) venues. The Shooting Range including Trap & Skeet will be the best in the country. All the venues are provided with modern electronic scoring and timing equipment. Each venue also caters for a separate practice and warm up area.

The Athletes Village can house 1800 athletes and team officials and is equipped with the most modern facilities to cater to the comfort of the athletes.

In anticipation of large and enthusiastic crowds, adequate parking space of approximately 25 acres is being developed outside the Sports City.

The Commonwealth Youth Games 2008 will include a total of 9 disciplines: Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling.

Discipline	Venue	Code
Athletics	Athletics Stadium	001
Badminton	Badminton Hall	002
Boxing	Boxing Hall	003
Shooting	Shooting Range	004
Swimming	Swimming Pool	005
Table Tennis	Table Tennis Hall	006
Tennis	Tennis Court	007
Weightlifting	Weightlifting Hall	008
Wrestling	Wrestling Hall	009

Venue Overview

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