



# THE INDIAN NAVY



**INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM UNMARRIED MALE/ FEMALE CANDIDATES FOR ENROLMENT  
AS SAILORS - SPORTS QUOTA ENTRY - 02/2026 BATCH**

1. **Sports Disciplines.** Outstanding sportspersons who have participated at International / Junior or Senior National Championship in following disciplines:-

1.1. **Disciplines for Male candidates:** Athletics, Aquatics, Artistic Gymnastics, Basketball, Boxing, Cricket, Equestrian, Football, Fencing (Foil), Golf, Handball, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kayaking & Canoeing, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Squash, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling.

1.2. **Disciplines for Female candidates:** Athletics, Aquatics, Kayaking & Canoeing, Rowing & Sailing.

**Note:**

- For Shooting, only male athletes in Group 'A' & top 25 athletes in Group 'B' as per latest National Ranking are eligible to apply.

- For Sailing, only medalists at International/ Senior Nationals in the ILCA7, ILCA6, 49er and 49er (FX) classes of boat are eligible to apply.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

2.1. **Direct Entry Petty Officer (Sports Entry)/ Chief Petty Officer (Sports Entry):-**

2.2. **Educational Qualifications.** 10+2 qualified in any stream or Equivalent examination.

## 3. Sports Proficiency.

3.1. **Direct Entry Petty Officer (Sports Entry):-**

3.1.1. Should be a medalist at Junior / Senior level by representing State in National competitions or have represented country at International level (Individual event).

3.1.2. Should have represented a State or country in National or International competitions at Junior/ Senior level (team event).

3.1.3. Should be medalist in Khelo India Games & Youth Games or above.

3.1.4. The certificate from respective sports authorities (Federations) should accompany the recommendations of the candidates for final selections.

3.2. **Direct Entry Chief Petty Officer (Sports Entry):-**

3.2.1. Winner of any medal in World championship/ Asian championship.

3.2.2. Winner of any medal in Asian Games.

3.2.3. Winner of any medal in CWG/ World Cup.

3.2.4. Represented India twice in Asian Games/ Commonwealth Games/ World Cup.

3.2.5. On representing India in Olympics.

4. **Age.** 17 ½ to 25 years as on date of commencement of course. Candidates should have been born between 01 Sep 2001 to 28 Feb 2009 (Both dates inclusive).

5. **Pay & Allowances.** During the initial training period, a stipend of ₹14,600/- per month will be admissible. On successful completion of initial training, they will be placed in Pay Level 5 for Petty Officers and Pay level 6 for Chief Petty Officers. In addition, they will be paid MSP @ ₹ 5200/- per month plus DA (as applicable).

6. **Insurance cover-** Insurance cover (on contribution) of Rs. 75 lakhs for all sailors is applicable.

## PROMOTION AND PERQUISITES

7. **Promotion.** Promotion prospects exist up to the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (equivalent to Subedar Major). Opportunities for promotion to commissioned officer also exist for those who perform well, qualify the prescribed examinations/selection process and meet the eligibility conditions stipulated from time to time.

## 8. Perquisites.

8.1. During the entire period of training and thereafter, sailors are given books, reading material, uniform, food and accommodation etc. free of cost.

8.2. Sailors are entitled to medical treatment and Leave Travel Concession for self and dependents, Group Housing Benefits Insurance cover and other privileges. Sailors also have the privilege to avail Annual and Casual Leave as per current regulations. Children education and house rent allowances are also admissible. Post retirement benefits include pension, gratuity and leave encashment.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

9. **Selection Criteria.** Deserving candidates would be called to appear for trials at designated Naval Centres. The candidates qualifying trials will undergo medical examination at INS Hamia, Mumbai/ INS India, Delhi. The offer of enrolment will be forwarded to the selected candidates only, which will be strictly determined by requirement in particular sports disciplines and availability of vacancies. Request for change of venue of selection trials will not be entertained. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

10. **Medical Standards.** Medical examination will be conducted by authorised military doctors as per medical standard prescribed in current regulations applicable on entry.

11. **Gender.** Any candidate, if found to have predominant characteristics of the opposite gender as evidenced on external physical examination, will be rejected as UNFIT. Any candidate having undergone gender reassignment surgery will be declared UNFIT.

12. **Pregnancy.** Any female candidate, if found to be pregnant shall be disqualified and her candidature rejected. A candidate should not have conceived at the time of reporting or till conclusion of ab-initio training. If found to be pregnant later during training, the candidature shall be rejected.

13. **Minimum Height Standards.** Minimum height standards for male is 157 cms and for female is 152 cms.

14. The candidate must be in good physical and mental health, free from any disease/ disability likely to interfere with the efficient performance of duties both ashore and afloat under peace as well as war conditions.

**Note:-** Candidates are advised to get their ears cleaned for wax, and tartar removed from teeth prior to medical examination.

- Regulations regarding Height relaxation and tattoos are available in website [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in)

## 15. Visual Standards

| Without Glasses |           | With Glass |           |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Better Eye      | Worse Eye | Better Eye | Worse Eye |
| 6/12            | 6/12      | 6/6        | 6/6       |

**Note:-** Applicants declared permanent medically unfit by any Armed Forces Hospital in previous recruitment for the same entry in Navy are advised not to apply

## TRAINING AND INITIAL ENGAGEMENT

16. **Training.** The initial training for the course will be conducted at INS Chilka followed by Professional training in the allotted trade in various Naval Training Establishments. Branch / Trade will be allocated as per the requirement of Service.

17. **Discharge as Unsuitable.** Sailors are liable to be discharged as UNSUITABLE due to unsatisfactory performance at any time during the training. Additionally, DEPO/ DECPO entries are liable to be discharged if sports performance does not improve to expected levels in the probationary period of three years.

18. **Probation.** Meritorious Sportspersons enrolled as direct entry Petty Officer and Chief Petty Officer ranks will be on probation for a period of three years during which they will be required to meet the following criteria failing which they will be liable to be discharged from service on completion of three years:-

18.1. **Direct Entry Petty Officer (Sport Entry).** During the probation period they should further improve their level of performance and be able to at least represent Service team in National Championships.

18.2. **Direct Entry Chief Petty Officer (Sports Entry).**

18.2.1. Should have represented the Services Team at least twice in three years in National Championship in team events.

18.2.2. Should have represented the Services team in National Championships at least twice in three years in individual events or should have won any medal at least once in National Championship in three years.

19. **Initial Engagement.** The initial engagement is subjected to successful completion of training. The initial engagement is of 15 years.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

20. The application should be submitted as per given format. The selection procedure is as follows:-

20.1. Application will be received only through ORDINARY POST. Application received through speed post/ registered post or couriers will be rejected.

20.2. Short-listing criteria will be based on higher sports achievements.

20.3. Call up letters to eligible shortlisted candidates will be posted, indicating date, time and place for selection trial.

20.4. All original certificates and mark sheets are to be produced at the time of selection trial.

20.5. Candidates declared medically Temporary Unfit in the recruitment medical examination can avail specialist review from the specified Military Hospital within a maximum period of 21 days. No further review/appeal is permissible.

20.6. Candidates declared Medically Permanent Unfit in the recruitment medicals can appeal for Specialist opinion in a Military Hospital within 21 days on payment of ₹40/- by Military Receivable Order (MRO) on Government Treasury. (Medical fitness certificate other than that of the specialist opinion in the designated Military Hospital will not be considered). No further review/appeal is permissible.

20.7. The select list will be prepared from the candidates who qualify in all respects depending up on the available vacancies in particular sports disciplines.

20.8. The candidature of candidates selected is valid for the current batch only.

20.9. All select listed candidates will also be forwarded Police Verification form along with the Offer of Enrolment and the candidates will be required to submit the same to INS Hamia at the time of enrolment after getting their antecedents verified on this form from the concerned district police authorities. Candidates without the verified police verification reports will not be eligible for enrolment. The format for the police verification form can also be downloaded from the internet site [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in)

20.10. No enquiry will be entertained regarding recruitment / enrolment after a period of six months.

## 21. HOW TO APPLY.

21.1. **Application Form.** The application is to be submitted on A4 size paper only as per the given format. Only one application form is to be forwarded. Candidates who send more than one application for the same entry will be disqualified. Forms can also be downloaded from Internet: [www.joinindiannavy.gov.in](http://www.joinindiannavy.gov.in)

21.2. **Envelops.** The type of entry, sports discipline with achievements is to be clearly written on top of the envelope containing the application. Envelopes should be of brown colour. Example: Direct Entry Petty Officer/ Chief Petty Officer - 02/2025 KABBADI - NATIONAL LEVEL

21.3. **List of Documents.** The documents mentioned in the application form are to be punched and tied firmly with a strong thread to the application.

21.4. **Photographs.** Candidates are required to submit one additional recent coloured passport size photograph along with the application with their name and signature on the reverse of the photograph. THE BACKGROUND OF THE PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE BLUE. Application received without photographs or not in the specified format will be rejected. Computer generated/ digital photographs will not be accepted.

**Note.** Attesting Officer's name with office address / seal should be clear and legible.

22. **Forwarding of Applications.** Applications are to be forwarded to:-

**THE SECRETARY**  
INDIAN NAVY SPORTS CONTROL BOARD, NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAUSENA BHAWAN, ROOM NO. W-016, DELHI CANTT. NEW DELHI 110 010

**Last date of receipt of application is 15 Oct 26 and for candidates of North East, J & K, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep & Minicoy Island is 22 Oct 26.**

17. **Important Information.** The terms & conditions given in this advertisement are subject to change and may therefore be treated as guidelines only.

- In case of any difficulty faced by potential candidates they may contact NHQ/ MoD on Tele: 011 - 28702429.

## BEWARE OF AGENTS/CHEATS

Person claiming rapport with the officials of the Naval Recruitment Organisation may promise to get a candidate recruited and on the pretext may collect money. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSERT THAT SUCH A THING IS NOT POSSIBLE. Applications submitted by hand of any person are rejected at NHQ, MOD. Only those applications, which are received at the post boxes, as specified, are accepted for validation. All short-listed applicants are, thereafter, issued Call Up Letter cum Admit Card by NHQ, MOD. The evaluation of answer sheet, declaration of result, Physical Fitness Test and Medicals are conducted by various independent teams nominated by NHQ, MOD. Before succumbing to the promises of any agent think twice! If you think that you can get the things done unlawfully, you are bound to lose! You are advised to conduct yourself as law abiding citizen of the country and refrain from using unfair means.

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