Sports Ministry nominates Rahul Dravid and Saina Nehwal to the Organising Committee of the 2030 Ahmedabad Commonwealth Games

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News

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has nominated cricketer Rahul Dravid and shuttler Saina Nehwal as 'athlete representatives' on the Organising Committee (OC) of the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad (PTI, 30 Oct 2026). The OC is yet to be formed; it will have 12–15 members (chairman, vice-chairman, CEO and Commonwealth Sport representatives) and is expected to be headed by Gujarat Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi.

Key facts

Event	2030 Commonwealth Games – Ahmedabad (Gujarat); centenary edition; expected in Oct 2030
Nomination	Rahul Dravid, Saina Nehwal – athlete representatives; Union Sports Ministry
OC structure	12–15 members; to be a not-for-profit company – Melbourne 2006 model
Other names	Harsh Sanghavi (expected chair); Lt Gen Harpal Singh (CGA India); IOA also represented

Finance	Operating cost ₹3,000–5,000 crore (est.); Ministry has committed ₹2,000 crore grant-in-aid
Sports	India plans 15–17 disciplines; Glasgow 2026 had only 10

Background

- History: the first Games were held in 1930 at Hamilton, Canada, as the 'British Empire Games' – so 2030 is the centenary edition. Ahmedabad was confirmed as host at the Commonwealth Sport General Assembly in Glasgow on 26 Nov 2025. India earlier hosted the 2010 Games in Delhi.
- Governance: the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) was renamed 'Commonwealth Sport' in March 2025; HQ London. The Delhi 2010 OC (headed by Suresh Kalmadi) was registered as a society and faced corruption allegations; the CAG later recommended the company model.
- People: Saina Nehwal (born in Hisar, Haryana) – bronze at London 2012, India's first Olympic medal in badminton. Rahul Dravid – known as 'The Wall'; India won the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup (Barbados, beating South Africa) with him as head coach.

Tamil Nadu link: Chennai (then Madras) hosted the 1995 South Asian Federation (SAF) Games. At the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, Chennai's table-tennis star Achanta Sharath Kamal won the men's singles gold.

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