



DELHI 2010[®]
XIX COMMONWEALTH GAMES

COME OUT AND PLAY

2010 Commonwealth Games

The 2010 Commonwealth Games are the nineteenth edition of the Commonwealth Games, and the ninth to be held under that name. The Games are scheduled to be held in Delhi, India between 3 October and 14 October 2010. The games will be the largest multi-sport event conducted to date in Delhi and India generally, which has previously hosted the Asian Games in 1951 and 1982. The opening ceremony is scheduled to take place at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi. It will also be the first time the Commonwealth Games will be held in India and the second time the event has been held in Asia (after 1998 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).

Venues

Existing and new stadia in Delhi will be used to house the sports during the Games:^[12]

- Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi – Athletics, lawn bowls, weightlifting
- Dhyani Chand National Stadium – Hockey
- Indira Gandhi Arena – Archery, cycling, gymnastics, wrestling
- Delhi University sports complex – Rugby sevens
- Thyagaraj Stadium – Netball
- Siri Fort Sports Complex – Badminton, Squash
- Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range – Shooting
- Talkatora Stadium – Boxing
- SPM Swimming Pool Complex – Aquatics
- RK Khanna Tennis Complex – Tennis
- Yamuna Sports Complex – Table tennis

The opening and closing ceremonies, athletics, lawn bowls, and weightlifting will take place at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Delhi, which will have a capacity of 75,000 spectators after renovation for the games.^[13]

Archery, cycling, gymnastics, and wrestling will take place at the Indira Gandhi Arena, the largest indoor sports arena in India and the second-largest in Asia, which seats 25,000 people. Located at the Indraprastha Estate in the eastern region of New Delhi, the arena will be connected to other venues via dedicated bus lanes and mass transportation. The arena will be renovated for the Games.^[14]

There are 26 new stadiums which will be utilized for the Commonwealth Games. Some older ones will be upgraded and some new will be constructed.^[15]

Green Games



Logo for the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games being recognized as the first ever "Green Commonwealth Games"

The organisers signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Environment Programme to show the intention to host a "sustainable games" and to take the environment into consideration when constructing and renovating venues. Thyagaraj Stadium is intended to be a key example of environmentally-considered construction.

Marketing

The games mascot is an anthropomorphic tiger called Shera; a name derived from the Hindi word Sher – meaning tiger.^[23] The logo and the look for the games were designed by Idiom Design and Consulting.^[24]

Queen's Baton relay

The Queen's Baton relay began when the baton, which contains Queen Elizabeth II's message to the athletes, left Buckingham Palace on 29 October 2009. The baton will arrive at the 2010 Games opening ceremony on 3 October 2010, after visiting the other 70 nations of the Commonwealth and travelling throughout India, reaching millions of people to join in the celebrations for the Games.

The baton was designed by Michael Foley, a graduate of the National Institute of Design.^[33] It is a triangular section of aluminium twisted into a helix shape and then coated with coloured soils collected from all regions of India. The coloured soils are a first for the styling of a Queen's Baton. A jewel-encrusted box was used to house the Queen's message, which was laser-engraved onto a miniature 18 carat gold leaf – representative of the ancient Indian 'patras. The Queen's baton is ergonomically contoured for ease of use. It is 664 millimetres high, 34 millimetres wide at the base, and 86 millimetres wide at the top and weighs 1,900 grams.

The Queen's baton has a number of technological features including:

- The ability to capture images and sound**
- Global positioning system (GPS) technology so the baton's location can be tracked**

- Embedded light emitting diodes (LEDs) which will change into the colours of a country's flag whilst in that country
- A text messaging capability so that people can send messages of congratulations and encouragement to the Baton bearers throughout relay

Calendar

The official calendar for the 2010 Commonwealth Games is as follows:^[34]

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Venue
Opening ceremony	•												
Event competitions				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Closing ceremony												•	
Ceremonies	•											•	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
Aquatics		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		SPM Swimming Pool Complex
Archery													I. G. Indoor Stadium Complex & India Gate / Red Fort
Athletics				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
Badminton		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		Siri Fort Sports Complex
Boxing		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	R	•			Talkatora Indoor Stadium
Cycling		•	•	•	•		•					•	I. G. Indoor Stadium Complex
Gymnastics		•	•	•	R	•	•		•	•	•		I. G. Indoor Stadium Complex
Field hockey		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		Maj. Dhyan Chand National Stadium
Lawn Bowls		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium
Netball		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		Thyagaraj Sports Complex
Rugby			•	•									Delhi University

There are currently 72 nations planning to field teams at the 2010 Commonwealth Games. As Fiji is suspended from the Commonwealth, it has been banned from participating in the Games.^[37] Rwanda may field a team for the games since becoming a Commonwealth member in 2009.

Nations expected to compete at the 2010 Games

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- Botswana
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Cook Islands
- Cyprus
- Dominica
- England
- Falkland Islands
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Grenada
- Guernsey
- Guyana
- India
- Isle of Man
- Jamaica
- Jersey
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Montserrat
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nauru
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Niue
- Norfolk Island
- Northern Ireland
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Saint Helena
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- Scotland
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Tokelau
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- Vanuatu
- Wales
- Zambia