

RAILWAY RECRUITMENT CELL
NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY, GORAKHPUR

RECRUITMENT AGAINST SPORTS QUOTA FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

Employment Notice No: NER/RRC/SQ/2025-26 Dated: - 09.10.2025

Opening Date and Time	11.10.2025 10:00 Hrs.
Closing Date and Time	10.11.2025 18:00 Hrs.

Online applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens possessing prescribed Sports qualifications described in para-2 and para-3 below, for recruitment against Sports Quota through open advertisement for the year 2025-26 for Level-2/3/4/5 (Group 'C') and for Level-1 (erstwhile Group 'D') posts in N.E. Railway.

1. Details of the posts: -

SN	Name of Games	Group 'C'		Erstwhile Group 'D'	Total No. of Posts
		Grade Pay-2400/2800 (Level-4/5 of 7 th CPC)	Grade Pay-1900/2000 (Level-2/3 of 7 th CPC)	Grade Pay-1800 (Level-1 of 7 th CPC)	
		Playing Position/Weight Group & No. of Posts	Playing Position/Weight Group & No. of Posts	Playing Position/Weight Group & No. of Posts	
1.	Athletics (Men)	10000m Race – 01 post	–	5000m Race – 01 post	02
2.	Athletics (Women)	–	Cross Country – 01 post	10000m Race – 01 post	02
3.	Wrestling (Men)	74 Kg. Free Style - 01 post	–	70 Kg. Free Style – 01 post 65 Kg. Free Style – 01 post	03
4.	Wrestling (Women)	–	62 Kg. Free Style – 01 post	–	01
5.	Handball (Men)	–	All-Rounder – 01 post	Left Back – 01 post	02
6.	Handball (Women)	–	P.P. – 01 post	Goal Keeper – 01 post	02
7.	Kabaddi (Men)	Right Corner – 01 post	–	Left Raider – 01 post	02
8.	Kabaddi (Women)	–	Right Cover – 01 post	Left Raider – 01 post Right Corner – 01 post	03
9.	Cricket (Men)	–	Fast Bowler – 01 post Middle Order Batsman – 01 post	Wicket Keeper - 01 post	03
10.	Volleyball (Men)	Setter – 01 post	–	Center Blocker – 01 post	02
11.	Volleyball (Women)	–	Setter – 01 post	Center Blocker – 01 post	02
12.	Hockey (Men)	–	Mid Fielder – 01 post	Mid Fielder – 01 post	02
13.	Hockey (Women)	–	Forward – 01 post	Goalkeeper – 01 post Mid Fielder – 01 post	03
14.	Football (Men)	–	–	Goalkeeper – 01 post Defence – 02 posts Mid Fielder – 01 post Forward – 01 post	05
15.	Weightlifting (Men)	–	61 Kg. – 01 post	109 Kg. – 01 post	02
16.	Weightlifting (Women)	–	76 Kg. – 01 post	55 Kg. – 01 post	02
17.	Swimming/Diving (Men)	–	1500m Free Style – 01 post	Spring Board Diving – 01 post	02
18.	Basketball (Men)	–	All Rounder – 01 post	Power Forward – 01 post Center – 01 post	03
19.	Basketball (Women)	–	All Rounder – 01 post	Forward – 01 post	02
20.	Boxing (Men)	71 Kg. – 01 post	–	60 Kg. – 01 post	02
21.	Boxing (Women)	–	70 Kg. – 01 post	54 Kg. – 01 post	02
Total No. of Posts		05	16	28	49

Note:

- A. No posts are reserved for any particular community such as SC/ST/OBS/EWS/PwBD.
- B. Candidates possessing Sports qualifications of Level-2/3 in the relevant sport may also apply for the posts advertised under Level-4/5. If none of the applicants for Level-4/5 are found suitable during Document Verification/Sports Trial, those applicants possessing Sports qualifications of Level-2/3 and applied for post advertised under Level-4/5 may be considered against these posts. However, they will be recruited in Level-2/3.
- C. Recruitment in Group-C posts will be at zonal level (for entire N.E. Railway).
- D. Recruitment in **Level-1 (erstwhile Group-D)** posts will be for all the Divisions, Mechanical Workshop/Gorakhpur and Headquarters/Gorakhpur/NER as detailed below-

SN	Division/Unit	Name of Games	Playing Position/Weight Group	No. of Posts	Total
1	Mechanical Workshop/Gorakhpur	Football (Men)	Defence – 01 posts, Mid Fielder – 01 post, Forward – 01 post	03	03
2	Izzatnagar Division	Volleyball (Women)	Center Blocker – 01 post,	01	05
		Boxing (Women)	54 Kg. – 01 post	01	
		Boxing (Men)	60 Kg. – 01 post	01	
		Hockey (Women)	Goalkeeper – 01 post, Mid Fielder – 01 post	02	
3	Lucknow Division	Weightlifting (Men)	109 Kg. – 01 post	01	05
		Weightlifting (Women)	55 Kg. – 01 post	01	
		Swimming/Diving (Men)	Spring Board Diving - 01 post	01	
		Wrestling (Men)	70 Kg. Free Style – 01 post, 65 Kg. Free Style – 01 post	02	
4	Varanasi Division	Kabaddi (Women)	Left Raider – 01 post, Right Corner – 01 post	02	05
		Basketball (Men)	Power Forward – 01 post, Center – 01 post	02	
		Basketball (Women)	Forward – 01 post	01	
5	HQ/Gorakhpur	Athletics (Men)	5000m Race – 01 post	01	10
		Athletics (Women)	10000m Race – 01 post	01	
		Handball (Men)	Left Back – 01 post	01	
		Handball (Women)	Goalkeeper – 01 post	01	
		Kabaddi (Men)	Left Raider – 01 post	01	
		Cricket (Men)	Wicketkeeper – 01 post	01	
		Volleyball (Men)	Center Blocker – 01 post	01	
		Hockey (Men)	Mid Fielder – 01 post	01	
		Football (Men)	Goalkeeper – 01 post, Defence – 01 post	02	

- E. The candidates recruited in Group-C posts may be appointed & posted anywhere in N.E. Railway.
- F. The candidates recruited in level-1 (Erstwhile Group-D) posts will be appointed/posted in Izzatnagar Division, Lucknow Division, Varanasi Division, Mechanical Workshop/Gorakhpur and Headquarters/Gorakhpur/NER, for which they have applied according to their playing position.

2. SPORTS NORMS FOR RECRUITMENT: - The minimum sports norms for recruitment of sportspersons against Sports Quota through Open Advertisement in different Grade Pay and Pay Bands for both team and individual events shall be as under. These provisions shall be read along with note below the para.

SN	Name of Pay Band/Scale	Pay Band	Grade Pay (Pay Level)	Minimum Sports Norms for Recruitment
1.	PB-I	5200-20200	2400 (Level-4) OR 2800 (level-5)	At least 3 rd Position in any of the Category-B Championships/events.
2.	PB-I	5200-20200	1900 (Level-2) OR 2000 (Level-3)	Represented the Country in any of the Category-B Championship/events OR At least 3 rd Position in any of the Category-C Championship/events OR At least 3 rd Position in Senior/Youth/Junior National Championships OR At least 3 rd Position in National Games organized under aegis of Indian Olympic Association OR At least 3 rd position in All India Inter University Championship organized under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities OR 1 st position in Federation Cup Championships (Senior Category).
3.	PB-I	5200-20200	1800 (Level-1)	Represented the Country in any of the Category-C Championships/events OR At least 3 rd Position in Federation Cup Championships (Senior Category) OR Represented a State or equivalent Unit, except in Marathon and Cross Country, with at least 8 th position in Senior National Championships only.

Note - Categorization of International Championships/events:

Category-A: Olympic Games (Senior)

Category-B: World Cup (Junior/Youth/Senior), World Championship (Junior/Senior), Asian Games (Senior), Commonwealth Games (Senior), Youth Olympics, Davis Cup (Tennis), Champions Trophy (Hockey), Thomas/Uber Cup (Badminton)

Category-C: Commonwealth Championships (Junior/Senior)
Asian Championships/Asia Cup (Junior/Senior)
South Asian Federations Games (Senior)
USIC (World Railways) Championships (Senior)
World University Games

3. Additional acceptable Sports achievement eligibility norms for Specific Sports disciplines only:

3.1 Athletics:

- 3.1.1** In Athletics, Medal winning performance in National Inter State Senior Athletics Championship, may also be considered for recruitment against the posts having GP-1900 in pay band Rs. 5200-20200.
- 3.1.2** In Athletics, Gold Medal winner in Open National Championships (Senior), Inter State Athletics Championship (Senior) and Asian Championships (Senior) may be Considered for recruitment in GP-2400/2800.

3.2 Cricket: In Cricket, following achievements may also be considered for recruitment in-

Grade Pay (Pay Level)	Minimum Sports Norms
1900/2000 (Level-2/3)	<p>(i) Quarter finalist in Senior/U-23/U-19 All India Inter State Group Championship (Except plate group)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(ii) Participation in Senior/U-23/U-19 All India Inter Zonal Championship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(iii) Participation in Senior/U-23/U-19 Challenger Trophy</p>
1800 (Level-1)	Pre Quarter finalist in Senior/U-23/U-19 All India Inter State Championship (Except plate groups).

3.3 Hockey (Men):

3.3.1 In Hockey (Men), for recruitment against the posts having Grade Pay-1900/2000 in Pay Band Rs. 5200-20200, participation in the International Tournaments (Senior or Junior) of four or more nations, may also be considered.

3.3.2 In Hockey (Men), Semifinalist in Senior National Championships may also be considered for Grade Pay-1900/2000 in Pay Band Rs. 5200-20200.

3.4 Hockey (Women): In Hockey (Women), for recruitment against the posts having Grade Pay-1900/2000 in Pay Band Rs. 5200-20200; at least 2nd position in the International Tournaments of four or more nations, may also be considered. Participation in these tournaments may be considered for recruitment against the posts having Grade Pay-1800 in pay band Rs. 5200-20200.

“Hockey India” may be treated as the Recognised National Sports Federation for the Game of Hockey for the purpose of recruitment.

Note:

- A. All the recruitment shall be at the minimum of the Scale of pay.
- B. All the Championships mentioned above should have been conducted under the aegis of recognized International/National/State Sports Federation and also recognized by RSPB.
- C. For recruitment of sportspersons, on the basis of sports achievements in Junior National Championships, the age groups as mentioned below will only be considered:

List of Junior National Championships recognized by Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) for recruitment of Sportspersons in Indian Railways against Sports Quota:

SN	Game	Category	Details of Recognized Junior National Championship	
			Age Group	Name of Championship
1.	Athletics	Men	Under-20	Junior National Athletics Championship
		Women	Under-20	Junior National Athletics Championship
2.	Basketball	Men	Under-18	Junior National Basketball Championship
		Women	Under-18	Junior National Basketball Championship
3.	Boxing	Men	Under-17	Junior National Boxing Championship
		Women	Under-17	Junior National Boxing Championship
4.	Cricket	Men	Under-23	Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy (Inter State Championship)
			Under-19	Cooch Behar Trophy (Inter State Championship)
			Under-19	Vinoo Mankad Trophy (One Day Limited Overs Inter State Championship)
5.	Football	Men	Under-19	Junior National Football Championship for B.C. Roy Trophy
6.	Handball	Men	Under 19	Junior National Handball Championship
		Women	Under 19	Junior National Handball Championship

7.	Hockey	Men	Under-21	Junior (Under-21) National Hockey Championship
		Women	Under-19	Junior National Hockey Championship
8.	Kabaddi	Men	Under-20	Junior National Kabaddi Championship
		Women	Under-20	Junior National Kabaddi Championship
9.	Volleyball	Men	Under-19	Junior National Volleyball Championship
		Women	Under-19	Junior National Volleyball Championship
10.	Weightlifting	Men	Under-20	Junior National Weightlifting Championship
		Women	Under-20	Junior National Weightlifting Championship
11.	Swimming	Men	Under-17 (Group I)	Junior National Aquatics Championship
12.	Diving	Men	Under-18 (Group I)	Sub Junior National Aquatics Championship
13.	Wrestling (Free Style and Greco- Roman)	Men	Under-20	Junior National Wrestling Championship
		Women	Under-20	Junior National Wrestling Championship

4. MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

(A) For the post having GP-1800: Matriculation (10th pass) **OR** ITI or its equivalent **OR** National Apprenticeship Certificate (NAC) granted by NCVT.

(B) For the posts having GP-1900/2000: Pass in 10+2 or its equivalent **OR** Matriculation (10th Pass)/SSLC **plus** ITI in relevant trade (Recognised by NCVT/SCVT) **OR** Matriculation (10th Pass)/SSLC **plus** Course Completed Act Apprenticeship in relevant trade.

(C) For the post having GP-2400/2800: A university Degree or its equivalent.

5. AGE: 18-25 years as on 01.01.2026. Candidates born between 02/01/2001 and 01/01/2008 (both days inclusive) should only apply. No age relaxation is permissible

6. PERIOD OF RECKONING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS: The sports achievements of current & previous two financial years will be taken into account for eligibility. Therefore, the sports achievements on or after 01.04.2023 till the date of application will only be considered. For this purpose, concluding day of the championship shall be taken into account.

7. HOW TO APPLY: The link for online application is available at North Eastern Railway's website www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in. Candidate should carefully read all the instructions given in the Employment Notice before filling the online application form. Online application form should be filled following the step-by-step procedure given on the webpage. All the required fields must be filled-up carefully. Candidates must upload his/her scanned recent photograph, signature and all relevant mark sheets/certificates at the prescribed place while filling the application form.

8. EXAMINATION FEE:

For candidates belonging to SC, ST, Ex-Servicemen, Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), Women, Minorities and Economically Backward Classes	Rs. 250	Refund of Rs.250 will be made to the candidates who actually appear in the trial.
All other candidates	Rs. 500	Refund of Rs.400 will be made to the candidates who actually appear in the trial.

The requisite examination fee should be deposited online as provided on the webpage of the online application form. After depositing the examination fee, the candidates should login again and must take a printout of the application form.

9. MODE OF SELECTION & RECRUITMENT PROCESS: The recruitment will be based on the performance in trial and evaluation of sports and educational achievements.

9.1 All eligible candidates will be called for trial and after trial, only the FIT candidates (**securing 25 or more, out of 40 marks for Game skill, physical fitness and coach's observations during trial**) shall be assessed for next stage of recruitment. Candidates declared NOT FIT will not be assessed further.

9.2 DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS SHALL BE AS UNDER:

SN	Description	Maximum Marks
i	For assessment of recognized sports achievements as per norms	50 Marks
ii	For game skill, physical fitness and coach's observation during trials	40 marks
iii	For educational qualifications	10 marks
	Total	100 marks

9.3 Minimum qualifying marks for recruitment through Open Advertisement Sports Quota for post in Level-4/5, Level-2/3 & Level-1 is as follows:

SN	Pay/level	Grade pay	Minimum qualifying marks
i	Level 4/5	2400/2800	70 marks
ii	Level 2/3	1900/2000	65 marks
iii	Level 1	1800	60 marks

Note: The offer of appointment shall be given purely on the basis of merit. In case more than one sportsperson score the same marks, preference will be given to younger candidate to decide the merit.

10. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF RECRUITMENT:

- (A)** Before applying, the candidate should ensure that he/she fulfills all the eligibility norms.
- (B)** The specific position played in the particular game/event, if applicable, must be mentioned in the application form.
- (C)** The Educational or Sports qualifications acquired after the date of application shall not be considered.
- (D)** Candidates furnishing false information/suppressing the facts will be disqualified and shall be liable for debarment and legal action. Candidates who attempt fraud/impersonation are liable for debarment to appear in the future examinations conducted for recruitment in Railways.
- (E)** Candidates found eligible for appointment have to pass the prescribed medical examination conducted by the Railway Administration before appointment.
- (F)** Mere fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria for recruitment or selection of candidates and recommendation for their appointment shall not confer any right on the candidates for their appointment in Railway.
- (G)** Second Class free journey pass from the nearest Railway Station mentioned in the application form will be issued to the candidates belonging to SC & ST communities whenever they are called at any stage of recruitment.
- (H)** The person appointed against Sports Quota in the category of clerks will be required to possess proficiency in typing within a period of four years from the date of appointment. If the candidate does not acquire prescribed typing qualification within the stipulated period, increments due after four years and thereafter shall not be released.
- (I)** Candidates should be in readiness to appear in the trials at a very short notice.
- (J)** Railway Administration is not responsible for any delay or non-delivery of e-mail or SMS. Candidates should mandatorily visit the N. E. Railway's website www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in for regular updates.

Note:

- (A)** In case of difference between English and Hindi versions of the Employment Notice the English version shall prevail.
- (B)** The decision of RRC/NER in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the application, issue of the free journey pass, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of trial, trial venue, and all other matters related with recruitment process will be final and binding on the candidates. Any enquiry or correspondence will not be entertained in this connection.
- (C)** Railway Administration will not be liable/responsible for any loss/injury/damage, whether direct or consequential, suffered/incurred by any candidates during the recruitment process.
- (D)** Any legal issues arising out of or in connection with this employment notice shall fall within the legal jurisdiction of Central Administrative Tribunal, Allahabad.
- (E)** This Employment notice is available on N. E. Railway's website. Candidates are advised to visit N. E. Railway's website www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in regularly for updates and further information.

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