

## National Games of Different Countries

Some sports are national sports **de facto (not established by law)**, as Gaelic games in Ireland and baseball are in the United States, while other national sports are **de jure (established by law)** like taekwondo is in South Korea.

Any sports or game is designated as the national game of the country either on the basis of its popularity or based on its historical connection with that country. Before going further, do you know...

**What is the national game of India?** Say Hockey! And the answer is NO. Neither Hockey nor Kabaddi is the National game of India.

Hockey was considered to be the National Game of the country because of its golden era period from 1928 to 1956 when India won 6 successive gold medals in the Olympic games, but recently, the Ministry of Sports Affairs has made it clear that it has not declared any sports as the National Sports of the country.

List of Countries And Their National Games		
Name of Countries	National Games in the World	Other Important Games
Afghanistan	Buzkashi (Also called Kopar, Kupari and Ulak Tartysh) ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Cricket, football, boxing & basketball
Antigua and Barbuda	Cricket ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football
Argentina	Pato ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1953)	Association football, Basketball, Rugby union
Australia	Cricket ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Australian Rules Football (AFL), Rugby, Horse Racing, Netball
Bangladesh	Kabaddi ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1972)	Cricket & football
Barbados	Cricket ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football, Golf, Tennis
Bermuda	Cricket ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football, Rugby and Tennis
Bhutan	Archery ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1971)	Basketball, football, futsal
Brazil	Capoeira ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1972)	Volleyball and Basketball
Bulgaria	Weightlifting ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Gymnastics, Rowing, Biathlon and Cricket
Canada	Ice hockey (In Winter) & Lacrosse (In Summer) ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1994)	Football, Golf, basketball and baseball
Chile	Chilean rodeo ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1962)	Tennis and football

China	Ping Pong (Table Tennis) ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Volleyball, Martial Arts, Shooting, Badminton
Cuba	Baseball ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Boxing, Volleyball, Basketball
Columbia	Tejo ( <i>DeJure</i> - 2000)	
Czech Republic	Ice Hockey ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football
Dominican Republic	Baseball ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football and Boxing
England	Cricket ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football, Rugby and Basketball
France	Association Football ( <i>Defacto</i> )	Rugby, Motor Sports and tennis
Haiti	Football ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
Hungary	Water Polo ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
India	Field Hockey ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Cricket, badminton, kabaddi
Israel	Association Football ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Basketball, Swimming, canoeing
Italy	Calcio - type of Football ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
Indonesia	Badminton ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
Lithuania	Basketball ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football, Athletics, Cycling
Iran	Wrestling, Varzesh-e-Bastani ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1976)	Polo, football
Jamaica	Cricket ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Association football, Athletics
Japan	Sumo Wrestling ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Ju-Jitsu (Martial Arts), Baseball, Football
Malaysia	Sepak Takraw - similar to Volleyball or Badminton( <i>DeFacto</i> ). Players cannot use their hands to play	-
Mongolia	Archery ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Mongolian wrestling, horse riding, Football, Basketball
Mauritius	Football ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Athletics, Basketball, Badminton
Mexico	Charrería- similar to Rodeo ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1933)	Association football and Boxing
Nepal	Dandi Biyo - similar to Indian Gilli Danda, Volleyball ( <i>DeJure</i> - 2017)	Cricket, football
New Zealand	Rugby Union ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Cricket, Net ball, Basketball, Golf, Tennis
Norway	Cross-country skiing ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Wrestling, Cycling, Shooting

Namibia	Football, Netball, Rugby ( <i>DeJure</i> - 2018)	-
Pakistan	Field Hockey ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Cricket, Kabaddi, Squash, Snooker
Philippines	Arnis - Type of Fighting Art ( <i>DeJure</i> - 2009)	Basketball, Badminton, boxing
Poland	Football ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
Peru	Paleta Frontón - type of Tennis ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
Puerto Rico (united States)	Paso Fino ( <i>DeJure</i> - 1966)	-
Russia	Bandy- type of Ice Hockey ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Chess, football, Basketball, Gymnastics
Scotland	Golf ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Tennis, Rugby
Serbia	Football, basketball, volleyball and water polo ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
Slovenia	Alpine Skiing ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Ski Jumping, Athletics, Basketball and Boxing
South Korea	Tae-kwon-do ( <i>DeJure</i> - 2018)	Football and Basketball
SriLanka	Volleyball ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Cricket, badminton, Watersports
Switzerland	Shooting and Gymnastics ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football and Ice Hockey
Tajikistan	Gushtigiri- type of wrestling ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	-
Turkey	Oil wrestling ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Soccer, Basketball, VolleyBall
USA	Baseball ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	Football, Ice Hockey, Golf, Tennis
Uruguay	Destrezas Criollas ( <i>DeJure</i> - 2006)	-
Venezuela	Baseball ( <i>DeFacto</i> )	football

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