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List of Countries And Their National Games

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.

To help candidates prepare for the general awareness sections of various competitive exams conveniently we have collated the list of countries and their national games, classified into *Defacto* and *DeJure* (along with the years). The list is also available in PDF format.

Name of	National Games in the World	Other Important
Countries		Games
Afghanistan	Buzkashi (Also called Kopar, Kupari	Cricket, football,
	and Ulak Tartysh) (<i>DeFacto</i>)	boxing & basketball
Antigua and	Cricket (<i>DeFacto</i>)	Football
Barbuda		
Argentina	Pato (<i>DeJure</i> – 1953)	Association football,
		Basketball, Rugby
		union
Australia	Cricket (DeFacto)	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 (DeFacto)	Gymnastics, Rowing,
		Biathlon and Cricket
Canada	Ice hockey (In Winter) & Lacrosse	Football, Golf,
	(In Summer) (<i>DeJure</i> – 1994)	basketball and
		baseball



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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 (DeFacto)	Boxing, Volleyball,
		Basketball
Columbia	Tejo (<i>DeJure</i> – 2000)	
Czech	Ice Hockey (DeFacto)	Football
Republic		
Dominican	Baseball (DeFacto)	Football and Boxing
Republic		
England	Cricket (<i>DeFacto</i>)	Football, Rugby and
		Basketball
France	Association Football (Defacto)	Rugby, Motor Sports
		and tennis
Haiti	Football (DeFacto)	-
Hungary	Water Polo (DeFacto)	-
India	Field Hockey (DeFacto)	Cricket, badminton,
		kabaddi
Israel	Association Football (DeFacto)	Basketball,
		Swimming, canoeing
Italy	Calcio – type of Football (<i>DeFacto</i>)	-
Indonesia	Badminton (<i>DeFacto</i>)	-
Lithuania	Basketball (DeFacto)	Football, Athletics,
		Cycling
Iran	Wrestling, Varzesh-e-Bastani	Polo, football
	(<i>DeJure</i> – 1976)	
Jamaica	Cricket (<i>DeFacto</i>)	Association football,
		Athletics
Japan	Sumo Wrestling (DeFacto)	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



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Mauritius	Football (<i>DeFacto</i>)	Athletics, Basketball, Badminton
Mexico	Charreria- 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 (DeFacto)	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 (DeFacto)	-
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 (DeFacto)	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 (DeFacto)	Cricket, badminton, Watersports
Switzerland	Shooting and Gymnastics (DeFacto)	Football and Ice Hockey



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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

The list of national games in the world is useful for exams like, SSC, RRB, Bank, IBPS and other government exams.