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## TAFISA WORLD WALKING DAY IN COLOMBO A HUGE SUCCESS

Enthusiastic people around the world who seek for the betterment of its environment passed the baton across all time zones from east to west to celebrate the power of sport and physical activity in unifying the world.

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka was proud to keep abreast and represent commemorate this global event on Tuesday.

Over the past three decades, millions of participants have taken part in 160 countries.

In 2020, the event became TAFISA -

World Walking Day – 24 hours around the globe and turned the traditional walking event into a global relay encouraging active movement.

Dozens of thousands hailing from 65 countries on all continents took part and shared powerful messages of peace, access to sport and education for all, gender equality, health, and solidarity against COVID-19 among many other causes, working together to create the most inclusive and accessible 24-hour relay.

This year, the TAFISA World Walking Day – 24 hours across the globe, invites global citizens to once again -

stand together and stay connected as a united front.

The event took place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 from 10am local time, connecting people by creating a wave across the world from East to West; covering all 24 time zones.

To commemorate the World Walking Day, the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka organised a walk from Modara Ananda Central College, Colombo 15 to Crow Island Beach.

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Over one hundred students from the College took part in the walk together with the organisers for two kilometers.

The proceedings got underway by the customary opening remarks by Treasurer NOC SL Gamini Jayasinghe followed by speeches by -

Ms Hansika Wijayagunasekera and Gobinath Sivarajah.

As a gesture of goodwill and sports promotion NOC SL handed over a consignment sports equipment to the students of Modara Ananda College under the 'Games changes Fund' by the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Some value-based education programmes were also conducted on the Crow Island beach area to inculcate value in their day-to-day life. Finally, the closing remarks were made by the Principal of the School U.P.D. Dissanayake.



# GAME ON: SPORTS LOCKED IN FOR VICTORIA 2026

*Judo and Weightlifting out & Netball and Golf in*



An action-packed programme of sports has been unveiled as the Commonwealth's best athletes prepare to compete across regional Victoria in just over three years.

The Commonwealth Games Federation, the Andrews Labour Government and Commonwealth Games Australia is unveiling the full Sport Programme for the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games, featuring 20 sports and 26 disciplines, including nine fully integrated Para sports.

Golf, 3x3 Basketball, 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball, Coastal Rowing, Shooting, Shooting Para Sport, BMX Racing, Mountain Bike Cross Country, Track Cycling and Para Cycling Track have been added to the already impressive sports line-up, while Coastal Rowing, Golf, and BMX will make a Commonwealth Games debut.

Victoria 2026 is also proposing to add in Para disciplines in Golf, -

Coastal Rowing and the Road Race and will work with the Commonwealth Games Federation and relevant international sporting federations to determine if this is possible.

Shepparton will host a suite of cycling events – staging both men's and women's time trials for the road race, as well as the BMX Racing competition, with the full programme of event locations to be announced in the coming weeks.

More than 100 athletes will be competing alongside hundreds of support staff, coaches and event organisers across the action-packed BMX racing competition.

Shepparton will also welcome a major festival alongside the sport programme, an exciting array of events, experiences and exhibitions will tap into the region's vibrant cultural scene, making the most of live theatre, craft and galleries – including the world-class Shepparton Art Museum.

It is estimated the Games will contribute more than \$3 billion to Victoria's economy, creating more than 600 fulltime equivalent jobs before the Games, 3,900 jobs during the Games and a further 3,000 jobs beyond the Closing Ceremony.

Commonwealth Games Federation President Dame Louise Martin was quoted "We are thrilled to confirm the Sport Programme for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, with the additional sports proposed by Victoria 2026 completing an exciting and diverse line-up.

"The Games are set to be competitive and action-packed, featuring an extensive, fully integrated Para Sport Program, the debuts of Coastal Rowing, Golf and BMX, the return of Shooting and the scintillating 3x3 Basketball.

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“The Programme is rooted in the CGF’s 2026-30 Strategic Roadmap, which provides hosts with greater flexibility to propose new sports, especially ones with specific local relevance that will enhance cultural showcasing and increase community engagement.”

Minister for Commonwealth Games Delivery Jacinta Allan said “Victoria 2026 will deliver a world-class Commonwealth Games for all Victorians and showcasing all our state has to offer.”

Minister for Commonwealth Games Legacy Shaun Leane said -

“The Games will deliver a blend of contemporary, traditional and Para sports, promoting diversity and inclusion.”

Some sports which Sri Lanka has been taking part regularly like Wrestling and Judo has been left out from the list.

### Full List of Sports

- Aquatics (Swimming, Para Swimming & Diving)
- Athletics & Para Athletics
- Badminton
- 3x3 Basketball & 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball
- Boxing
- Beach Volleyball
- Coastal Rowing
- Cricket T20 (Women’s)
- Cycling (BMX)
- Cycling (Mountain Bike)
- Cycling (Road)
- Cycling (Track & Para Track)
- Golf
- Gymnastics (Artistic)
- Hockey
- Lawn Bowls & Para Lawn Bowls
- Netball
- Rugby Sevens
- Shooting & Shooting Para Sport
- Squash
- Table Tennis & Para Table Tennis
- Triathlon & Para Triathlon
- Weightlifting & Para Powerlifting



# NOC SL PRESIDENT'S VENTURE TO THE SPORTS IN THE WILDERNESS

It was a place far into the wilderness in the Eastern part of the country – 315kms away from the hustle and bustle Colombo, the real location is indeed being another 20kms from the Batticaloa Town.

Nonetheless when the President of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka Suresh Subramaniam heard about the grit, determination and talent of Vaharai Kattumurivu Mixed School to meet the Under 17 girls football team who won the provincial meet and then qualified to take part at the national meet in November.

He honestly wanted to savour experience of seeing the little lasses in person to see how he could be of help.

Which followed was a chronology of events. In spite of the harsh unforgiving environ Subramaniam discovered the whole area is sports oriented and he made up his mind to make a difference.

Firstly, President spoke to the players and motivated them for the upcoming event and promised to give them a real opportunity of practicing in a well-equipped location in Colombo prior they take on their -

opponents in the National tournament.

Thereafter the president saw the school students who were talented while swimming in the lagoon.

The lads got to Visit to Batticaloa Weber ground to observe the swimming practice.

President had a discussion with the coach and also, he gifted a timer watch to the coach. Besides he also watched them practicing Karate at the Batticaloa Karate Academy and also made a note to help them with their athletics too.



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Among the other matters he attended were -- opening of the new tennis court and basketball court in Kokkatcholai which was funded by UNICEF and managed by Children's Emergency Relief International (CERI) organization.

Visited to Ambalandurai Kalimahal Vidyalayam to meet the girls under 20 football team who won the provincial meet and going to the national meet in November.

There players requested president to support them with the opportunity to obtain football jerseys and football boots.

His visit to Kirankulam Vikneshwara Vidyalayam to see the Pole vault athletes, there were 11 years to 16 years' age of players who were very talented and he made a mental note to seek help.

This was followed by inauguration of beach tennis which was organized by the Lake view tennis club, there were about 500 spectators.

