

## **Asian Surfing Championship 2025 – Safety & Security Plan**

**Submitted by:** Surfing Federation of India (SFI)

**In coordination with:** Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT), Government of Tamil Nadu, Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), District Administration, District Police, Indian Coast Guard and Coastal Security Group (CSG).

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### **1. Introduction**

The Asian Surfing Championship (ASC) 2025, scheduled to be held in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, is not only a major international sporting event but a matter of national pride for India. The championship is being organized with the full support of:

- The President of the Indian Olympic Association
- The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
- The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)
- The Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- The Ministry of External Affairs and other relevant authorities

Mahabalipuram is a UNESCO World Heritage site, situated approximately 3,000 km away from India's nearest international border conflict zones. It is one of the most peaceful, culturally vibrant and internationally frequented coastal destinations in India, hosting visitors from Japan, South Korea, Germany, France and the United States year-round. Chennai, the nearest metro city, houses multiple consulates and has long hosted international events across sport, art, and culture.

The Chennai-Mahabalipuram region hosts a significant and long-established expatriate population, especially from Japan, South Korea, and France. Chennai is home to:

- Over 8,000 Japanese nationals (the largest Japanese population in India)
- More than 300 Japanese companies, including Toyota, Yamaha, Panasonic, and Mitsubishi, operating in Tamil Nadu
- Approximately 4,000 Korean nationals, primarily working in the automobile and electronics industries
- Major South Korean corporations, such as Hyundai, Samsung, and LG, with manufacturing hubs in Chennai
- Multiple Japanese and Korean schools, cultural associations, and consulates serving these communities

These residents live and work in Chennai and its southern coastal regions—including Mahabalipuram—without incident. Their sustained presence reflects the stable, secure, and globally integrated nature of the region.

Furthermore, Tamil Nadu routinely hosts international events far larger than the ASC 2025, such as:

- The Asian Chess Championship 2022, with 50+ nations participating
- The upcoming Asian Sailing Championship 2025 in Chennai
- Numerous high-end international weddings, medical conferences, and industry expos

These events draw thousands of international guests and officials annually, all managed successfully by state agencies with no record of unrest or safety issues. The region's calm socio-political climate, coupled with robust infrastructure and government coordination, makes it an ideal venue for ASC 2025.

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## 2. Request & Transparency

This safety and security plan has been prepared at the specific request from the Asian Surfing Federation to provide assurance to all member nations:

1. Afghanistan	7. Islamic Republic of Iran	15. Palestine (Applying)
2. Bangladesh	8. Japan	16. Philippines
3. People's Republic of China	9. Republic of Korea	17. Saudi Arabia
4. Hong Kong, China	10. Kuwait	18. Singapore
5. India (Host)	11. Lebanon	19. Sri Lanka
6. Indonesia	12. Malaysia	20. Chinese Taipei
	13. Maldives	21. Thailand
	14. Mongolia	22. United Arab Emirates
		23. Myanmar (Applying)

We are also attaching the latest water quality test results conducted in Mahabalipuram, which confirms the suitability for surfing and contact water sports in line with international benchmarks.

These efforts follow confusing and contradictory messaging from the ASF leadership and are presented here for transparency and confidence building.

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## 3. Travel & Airport Safety

**Arrival Airport:** Chennai International Airport (MAA)

**Distance to Venue:** 50 km (1.5-hour drive via ECR highway)

- Chennai Airport is equipped with multi-layer security protocols including CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) and Immigration Bureau.
- Concierge service and meet-and-greet booths will be arranged by the SFI in arrival halls.

- Dedicated transportation partners will provide pre-registered shuttles from the airport to designated accommodations.
- All foreign athletes, officials, and delegates will be met with designated SFI coordinators at arrival.

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#### 4. On-Ground Safety & Emergency Services

- 108 Ambulance Services on standby at venue and accommodations
- 2 x ambulances with paramedics and first-aid kits stationed during all competition hours
- Medical partnership with Apollo Hospital (Chennai) and Chettinad Health City (35 minutes from venue)
- Security deployment includes:
  - Tamil Nadu State Police
  - Coastal Security Group (CSG)
  - Local Intelligence Wing
  - Indian Coast Guard
  - Private event security marshals (in coordination with SDAT)

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#### 5. Consular Support & Foreign Missions

##### Embassy/Consulate Support (Contacts):

Country	Embassy/Consulate Location	Contact Number
Afghanistan	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2467-0916
Bangladesh	Deputy High Commission, Chennai	+91-44-2433-2931
People's Republic of China	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2467-6666 / 6688
Hong Kong, China	(Via China Embassy)	+91-11-2467-6666
India (Host)	N/A	N/A

Indonesia	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2611-8644
Islamic Republic of Iran	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2467-2000
Japan	Consulate-General, Chennai	+91-44-2432-3860 / 2432-3861
Republic of Korea	Consulate-General, Chennai	+91-44-2433-0971 / 0972
Kuwait	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2410-0791 / 2410-0201
Lebanon	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2614-9601
Malaysia	Consulate, Chennai	+91-44-2433-4434
Maldives	High Commission, New Delhi	+91-11-2611-1543
Mongolia	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2460-1926
Palestine (Applying)	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2412-3874
Philippines	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2688-9093 / 2687-9835
Saudi Arabia	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2410-8866 / 2410-8877
Singapore	Consulate, Chennai	+91-44-2815-8207 / 2815-8208
Sri Lanka	Deputy High Commission, Chennai	+91-44-2498-4364

Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)	Taipei Economic & Cultural Center, Delhi	+91-11-4607-7777
Thailand	Royal Thai Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2926-2081
United Arab Emirates	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2611-1111
Myanmar (Applying)	Embassy, New Delhi	+91-11-2467-1224

\*all other participating Nations can connect with SFI helpline for further assistance

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## 6. International Presence & Local Infrastructure

- Mahabalipuram and Chennai have a vibrant community of international residents, including Japanese, French, Korean, and American nationals.
- International schools, consulates, and expat clubs actively operate in the city.
- Hotels, restaurants, and surf zones in Mahabalipuram have experience hosting global visitors.

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## 7. Security Timeline

Date Range	Action	Responsible Agency
May 2025	Final security audit and ASF venue walkthrough	SFI + TN Police + SDAT
July 2025	ASF Delegate security trial run	SFI + Embassy reps + Private Security
August 2025 (Event month)	Full deployment of emergency and security services	TN Govt + SFI

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## 8. Important Contact Numbers

Department	Contact Person	Phone Number
SFI President	Mr. Arun Vasu	9840904077

SFI Coordinator (Event Ops)	Mr. Nawaz Jabbar	9787603377
Tamil Nadu Police Helpline	Emergency	100
Mahabalipuram Police Station	Station Desk	+91-44-2744-2234
Coastal Security Group (CSG) HQ	Duty Officer	+91-44-2844-2244
Indian Coast Guard (Chennai)	Control Room	+91-44-2539-5016
Apollo Hospital (Chennai)	Emergency Desk	+91-44-2829-3333
Chettinad Health City	Emergency Desk	+91-44-4741-1000
Government Ambulance Service	108	Toll-Free
Fire & Rescue	Emergency	101

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## 9. Contingency Preparedness Plan

The Surfing Federation of India (SFI), in partnership with local authorities and safety agencies, has developed a comprehensive contingency protocol to manage any unforeseen situations that may arise during the Asian Surfing Championship (ASC) 2025. While the likelihood of disruption is extremely low, this proactive plan ensures that all necessary protocols and infrastructure are in place to respond swiftly and effectively.

### Scenarios & Response Measures

Type of Situation	Example	Response Protocol
Natural Event	Cyclone, high sea conditions	Advance weather monitoring via IMD & Coast Guard. Event delays/rescheduling as per safety advisories. Safe indoor shelter identified.
Medical Emergency	Athlete or guest injury or outbreak	24/7 medical team on site, 2 ambulances stationed, tie-ups with Apollo & Chettinad hospitals. Quarantine-ready facilities available.
Security Threat	Localised protest, suspicious activity	Coordination with Tamil Nadu Police, Quick Reaction Team (QRT) standby, evacuation routes and crowd control in place.

Coastal Alert	Sea disturbance or tidal warning	Real-time alerts from Indian Coast Guard, beach cordon-off measures, PA system and flag notification in effect.
Transport Disruption	Flight delay or road block	Airport liaison & transport desk ensures rerouting, emergency stay arrangements at pre-approved hotels.

All actions will be guided by the event safety command centre, which includes officials from the Tamil Nadu Police, Coastal Security Group, SFI Safety Coordinators, and District Administration.

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## 10. Event Location & Risk Profile

Mahabalipuram has no history of civil unrest, coastal violence or international conflict, and is located far from any disputed national borders or active military zones.

Distance from Nearest Border Conflict Zone: Approx. 3,000 km (Northwest India)

Nearest Airport | Chennai International Airport (MAA) – 50 km

Coastal Surveillance | Covered by Indian Navy, Coast Guard South Region HQ, Chennai & Coastal Security Group

## Cultural & Geographic Profile

Mahabalipuram is a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its peaceful heritage tourism. International footfall includes:

- 100+ destination weddings hosted annually with international guests list exceeding 500
- Recent Asian Chess Championship hosted in Chennai (2022) with 50+ countries
- Upcoming Asian Sailing Championship in Chennai (Jan 2025) with 40 + countries

In comparison, the ASC2025 is relatively smaller in guest volume, making it easier to manage and secure.

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## 11. Conclusion

India is honoured to host the ASC 2025. We are committed to ensuring the **highest levels of safety, hospitality, and professional conduct** throughout the event. We welcome all delegations with warmth and respect and assure you that every measure is being taken to uphold the standards expected of an international competition.

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**Attachments:**

- Water Quality Test Report, Mahabalipuram (May 2025)
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