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March 31, 2015

To

1. The President / Secretary General, IOA
2. The President / Secretary General of all National Sports Federations
3. Secretaries/Directors in-charge of Sports in all States/UTs
4. All Sports Control Boards

Sub: National Code against Age Fraud in Sports

Sir/Madam,

With a view to eliminating age fraud in sports and ensuring fair play, Government notified the 'National Code against Age Fraud in Sports (NCAAFS)' vide letter No.F. 32-18/2009-SP-III dated 19th March, 2010.

2. Although, the Code has been operative from 1st April, 2010, certain incidents of age fraud committed by athletes, in some major tournaments and selection trails, have come to notice, which is a matter of serious concern. Participation of overage players in junior and sub-junior competitions not only violates the core values of sports which are honesty, fair play and team spirit, but also put genuine athletes in disadvantageous position. It also indicates that certain National Sports Federations (NSFs) have not taken appropriate measures to check age fraud as per the provisions made under NCAAFS.

3. In view of the above, all National Sports Federations, Sports Control Boards managed by Government and Public Sector Undertakings, State Governments and Union Territories and their Sports Authorities are once again advised to adopt the National Code against Age Fraud in Sports in letter and spirit with immediate effect and ensure that overage players are not allowed to participate in National and International championships.

4. Strict view will be taken in case of any negligence or default in this regard. Henceforth, all proposals forwarded by federations in regard to participation of junior and sub-junior teams in international competitions are to be accompanied by a certificate from an authorized office bearer of the NSF certifying that all athletes selected for the competition are age verified and age compliant. Without these certificates, no approval/financial assistance will be provided by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) / Sports Authority of India (SAI), including admission in national coaching camp.

Yours faithfully,


(Injeti Srinivas) 31/03/15

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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Sports

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To

1. Director General,
Sports Authority of India,
J.N. Stadium,
New Delhi
2. Director (Sports)
of all States/UTs.
3. Secretary Generals of
all recognized National Sports Federations.
4. Sports Control Boards of Central Government and PSUs.

Sub: Issuances of National Code Against Age Fraud in Sports.

Sir,

With a view to eliminating age fraud in sport and ensuring fair play, it is imperative to put in place an effective regulating mechanism.

2 In view of the above, Government has formulated a National Code Against Age Fraud in Sports (NCAAFS), which provides for mandatory medical examination on the first occasion for any athlete participating in an age restricted competition. Once an I-Card is issued it will remain valid for participation in subsequent events.

4. NCAAFS, like competition rules, will form part of sports rules governing the conditions under which sport is played. All athletes and sports bodies shall have to accept these rules as a necessary pre-requisite for participation in any sporting event. NCAAFS will not be subject to or limited by the requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal proceedings or employment matters. The policies and minimum standards set forth in the Code will be applicable to all sports federations/associations/bodies.

5. All recognized national sports federations would have to be NSAAFS complaint. Sports Control Boards managed by Government & Public Sector Undertakings and State Governments and Union Territories and their Sports Authorities are also required to take suitable measures for adoption and implementation of Code which is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

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