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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

