

**16<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DEAF FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata**  
**20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2009**

Organizers: All India Sports Council of the Deaf  
Hosts: West Bengal Sports Association of the Deaf

**Performance cum Achievement Report**

The 16<sup>th</sup> National Deaf Football Championship was conducted from **20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2009** at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata. Many affiliated States and non affiliated states had joined than previous years. Manipur and Pondicherry have joined for the first time. The Football has become one of our most popular Sports for the Deaf in the country. We have now added greater responsibility to continue these popular sports among Deaf as AISCD is preparing for the International as well as Asia Pacific Championships to be held in 2010 & 2011. Hence it made the Deaf Sportsmen to become more confidence with high spirits and vigor. This Football Championship is being organized by AISCD once in every 2 years with the grant-in-aid from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India.

**1) PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

13 Men State teams and 3 Junior Boys States teams as given below has participated in the championship:

**Men**

1. Andhra Pradesh, 2. Delhi, 3. Haryana, 4. Jharkhand, 5. Kerala, 6. Orissa, 7. Pondicherry, 8. Rajasthan, 9. Tamil Nadu, 10. West Bengal, 11. Maharashtra, 12. Bihar, 13. Assam.

**Junior Boys**

1. Manipur, 2. Bihar, 3.. West Bengal

**2) FIXTURE**

The Fixture was drawn on 20-12-2009 by West Bengal Sports Association of the Deaf in the presence of officials, Organizers and State Managers and Coaches. The preparation of fixture was delayed due to non-receipt of entry forms from several states. Copy of the fixture is attached.

Even though the last date of receipt of entries was 15-12-2009, the following teams submitted original entry forms only upon registration: Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Delhi & Jharkhand. It was observed that entries were made by SMS and emails even after the teams boarded the train.

The hosts were very kind to provide them all the facilities of free stay and food throughout the championship.

**3) INAUGURATION**

The championship was inaugurated at 09.00 a.m. on 21.12.2009 by Kamallesh Chatterjee, Secy, Bengal Olympic Association, and presided over by Mrs. Romola Chakraborty, President, WBSAD in the presence of Mr. Bablu Koley and other dignitaries at a well attended function held at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata.

The teams marched past in alphabetical order and chief guest took Salute to the participants. AISCD flag was then hoisted and the championship was declared open by the chief guest.

**4) MATCHES**

The matches were scheduled from 8 am to 5 pm and the first match was played between hosts West Bengal and Manipur in Junior Boys Group before the opening ceremony.

The second match was played after the formal inauguration. All the other matches were conducted as per schedule and fixture.

All matches in Men group and final match of Jr. Boys group was held in the Salt Lake Stadium. All matches in Jr. Boys group were held in the ...Salt Lake Stadium.

#### **5) FINALS AND CLOSING CERMONY**

The final matches of both Men and Junior Boys were played at Salt Lake Stadium. In the last match of Junior Boys group, West Bengal beat Bihar and in the Men group West Bengal beat Kerala by 2-0 goals in a thrilling final match. The stadium was jam packed to capacity for witnessing the final both by deaf and native football enthusiastic normal people.

Mr. Jahar Das, Ex-International Footballer Was the chief guest at the closing ceremony. Trophies and certificates were presented to all winning teams. Medals could not be presented due to non-delivery of the same by the courier.

The flag was lowered marking the curtains down of the 16<sup>th</sup> NDFC, Kolkata.

#### **6) SELECTION OF PROBABLES FOR INDIAN TEAM FOR THE FUTURE ASIA PACIFIC GAMES OF THE DEAF**

As directed by the GS, AISCD, we have requested DSC to seek the services of qualified and reputed selectors to select probable players for the National Coaching Camp of the Indian team for the Asia-Pacific Games of the Deaf . Accordingly, Mr. Wilson Massey, Chief Coach, were appointed as Selectors by the WBSAD, in consultation with AISCD.

As directed by the GS, AISCD, we have asked the selectors to select 32 to 35 players for the camp and they selected 35 players and the list of players selected has been announced at the closing ceremony. Also copy of the list of selected players was given to all teams.

The selectors informed verbally the undersigned and Mr. Prabal kr. Chatterjee, Hony. General Secretary, WBSAD that they have selected 35 players as per our request.

#### **7) FOOD & ACCOMMODATION & OTHER FACILITIES**

Accommodation was provided to all teams in lodges very near to the Railway Station and within walking distance from the stadiums.

Volunteers picked up the team upon arrival at Railway Station and guided to respective lodges.

Food was provided from the night of 20.12.2009 to the morning of 24.12.2009.

#### **8) OBSERVATIONS**

##### **a) Delayed submission of entry forms.**

It was very disturbing that several teams were reported for registration with entry forms in hand. An entry can be considered valid only after receipt of the same and scrutiny. Fixture is to be drawn based on the received entries. However, we took a lenient stand and allowed all teams to register. AISCD must look into it seriously and take necessary steps to ensure that it do not repeat in future.

##### **b) Violation of age rules.**

Andhra Pradesh and Orissa were disqualified due to violation of age rules. It is also very disturbing that after reporting for the championship, 2 teams had to be disqualified due to age rule violation.

##### **c) Incomplete entry forms.**

Several entry forms were submitted incomplete. Name of state body was not mentioned. Also players' names were mentioned singly leaving their full name. It is necessary that all names must be entered in full as per school records. It has been also observed that date of birth of Men players do not mentioned in several entry forms.

**d) Flags**

Several states were reported without their state body's flag. We have provided flag posts for all teams but without use. Several prominent sports personalities in the locality pointed out the same and caused much embarrassment to the hosts.

**e) Not entering teams in full strength**

AISCD rules permits 15 players and 2 officials per team but several teams reported with less strength. Being national championship, it is very important to enter teams in full strength.

**f) Absence of team management**

Teams without coach and/or manager were reported for championship. It has affected effective communication to the team.

**9) RECOMMENDATIONS**

**a) Absence of AISCD Technical Delegates**

Besides the undersigned, Mr. Samiranlal, EB member from Jharkhand was the only person representing AISCD. It is highly recommended that sufficient number of Technical Delegates shall be nominated and for each discipline of sports and their taking charge of the same during nationals must be ensured. Technical Delegates need not be entirely from OB & EB members of AISCD. It is recommended that TDs can be selected from retired players with outstanding record in the respective disciplines.

**b) Compliance of TR**

It is observed that AISCD TR is taken lightly by many affiliated units. It is recommended to give those suitable instructions / class to how to make correct entry forms. Also violation of age rules shall be viewed seriously and appropriate punitive action is to be taken against those violating age rules. The same has to be incorporated in the TR.

**c) Ground-in-Charge**

When nationals are conducted, a ground/court-in-charge for each ground/court shall be appointed by AISCD so as to ensure that the competition is conducted strictly as per TR of AISCD.

**d) Providing entry forms in Excel / MS Word formats**

Hitherto the practice of AISCD was to provide entry forms to all states along with TR in hard copy (paper form). The states have either to hand written or type written the entry forms, which, in some cases, was not legible. To avoid this, it is recommended that soft copy shall also be provided to all states through e-mail. These forms can be downloaded and filled in and then take printout so that clear and legible entries can be submitted both by post and e-mail.

**e) Fine for late entries**

A fine is stipulated for entries received after the due date, as per AISCD rules. However, some teams had argued that they have sent the entry forms by email and so they are not liable to pay fine. This is not right because only after receipt of entry in paper form, duly filled in and signed and stamped by the concerned state affiliated body, validity of the same can be ascertained. Email entries can be considered only as advance intimation to enable the hosts to take necessary preparations/arrangements.

It is therefore recommended that TR shall be suitably modified so that validity of entry and determination of fine shall be on the basis of receipt of entries in paper form by the hosts. In the same time e-mail entries must also be made to enable the host to make necessary arrangements.

**f) Registration form**

It is observed that names of players in original entry form and team reported at the championship is not similar. This has caused problems while selection and preparation of certificates. AISCD TR

silent on this. Therefore it is recommended that a Registration Form is to be introduced and the same shall be submitted upon registration and it should be the basic

**WINNERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP - MEN**

Position / Rank	Particulars	Name of /State
1 <sup>st</sup>	Men Champion of 16 <sup>th</sup> National Deaf Football	West Bengal
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Runner Up	Kerala
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	Tamilnadu

Junior Boys

Position / Rank	Particulars	Name of /State
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jr. Champion of 16 <sup>th</sup> National Deaf Football	West Bengal
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Runner Up	Manipur
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Position	Bihar

**SCORING SHEET - Statewise Ranks / Positions (Men)**

Rank / Position	Name of the State
1	WEST BENGAL
2	KERALA
3	TAMILNADU
4	PONDICHERRY
5	ORISSA
6	DELHI
7	JHARKHAND
8	ANDHRA PRADESH

**Statewise Ranks / Positions (Junior Boys)**

Rank / Position	Name of the State
1	WEST BENGAL
2	MANIPUR
3	BIHAR

**Statewise overall Rank / Positions / Points**

Rank / Position	Name of the State	Points
1	WEST BENGAL	20
2	KERALA	6
3	MANIPUR	6
4	TAMILNADU	3
5	BIHAR	3
6	PONDICHERRY	1

On behalf of State Apex Council, West Bengal Sports Association of the Deaf has acted as Host has made elaborate arrangements for comfortable Boarding and Lodging for the entire participants. The National Apex Council is very grateful to those Hosts and Co-hosts for excellent arrangements.



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