Extracted Copy of the Minutes of 48th AISCD General Body Meeting held at Rahul Convention Hall, Visweswara Nagar, Mysuru, Karnataka State on Monday 06th of January 2025 at 09:00AM to 05:00PM a nd Tuesday 07th of January 2025 at 09:00 AM

7. TO FIX THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INDIAN TEAM'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FORTHCOMING 25TH SUMMER DEAFLYMPICS, TOKYO, JAPAN 2025

In view with the performance of the Indian Team's participation in the previous 24th Summer Deaflympics, Caxias Du Sul, Brazil 2022, the meeting discussed for the Indian Team's participation in the forthcoming 25th Summer Deaflympics which is scheduled to be held at Tokyo, Japan on November 15 to 26, 2025 in detail.

- a. Need long term plan and practice by able /probable players. 22 different disciplines are there; but at present we can opt only twelve disciplines as follows:
 - i. Athletics
 - ii. Badminton
 - iii. Golf
 - iv. Judo
 - v. Karate
 - vi. Shooting
 - vii. Swimming
 - viii. Table Tennis
 - ix. Taekwondo
 - x. Tennis
 - xi. Volleyball and
 - xii. Wrestling GR and FS
- b. And the General Secretary requested for extra suggestions for more events if any. Mr. Birare Gopal, AISCD EB Member and Hony. General Secretary, Maharashtra State Unit suggested for inclusion of Basketball. But the General Secretary replied that if we include it, SAI may ask for justification of state involved/player-wise and if not much representation are there, SAI may refuse and we will be helpless. So, it is the State responsibility then only we will see to it. Moreover, as per the ICSD Technical Regulation, India can't enter Basketball Team in the 25th Deaflympics, Tokyo, Japan as India have not participated in the Qualification Round Match.
- c. Someone suggested for inclusion off Archery but ICSD has no archery competition now, any way check website; and added that we may have to go through Website for more events to be included, but just inclusion may not help and need full devotion to get medals.

- d. Yet another one suggested for inclusion of Cycling Road; but for it, all athletes must a valid UCI license issued by a National Cycling Federation i.e. Cycling Federation of India to be eligible to participate in the competitions. After checking with website, then we may do formalities like registration with concerned particular associations and obtain their certificates and for this, the respective State Secretaries will be responsible. The point is that our aim is to get more medals in the 2025 Deaflympics than before; and we can't go down.
- e. If we are able to conduct National Championships with grant from Government, the teams can be selected on its basis, otherwise only selection.
- f. Since we have to follow the selection criteria as per the MYAS letter No: F. No: 70-11/2023-SP.III dated 10-07-2023, we have to be more careful ourselves. From the National Games of the Deaf, preparing list of probable is okay, but after fixing participation, final trails are needed to confirm and confident ourselves. If the National Games of the Deaf are conducted before four months of Deaflympics, same selection is okay, and otherwise again conduct the trails and at any rate, proper and long strict training camp is needed.
- g. Question arose if SAI ask why no sufficient participation by States for some particular event, what has to be done? We have to make sure that full participation of States in Nationals is there and for it, District / State Championships in organised manner should be conducted by each state and should encourage players. The aim is to get more medals and not mere participation.

h. Selection Criteria:

Observe best timings & distances in line with Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships.

The issue regarding both Athletics and Swimming athletes who have participated THRICE in the Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships without a securing medal is a complex one, involving both the development of athletes and the policies of the All India Sports Council of the Deaf.

While it is important to recognise the need for improvement and high performance (Qualifying "A" cut mark in competitive sports), rejecting an athlete solely based on past performances without considering other factors could potentially harm their future prospects and demotivate them.

In the Individual events the performance of the deaf sportspersons should not be less than the performance achieved by the third position holder of the Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships from 2021 to 2024.

Entirely for Foreign Exposures, if three times already touched and back with no medal, and even if win best time in National, no further chance will be given as to encourage new promising youths as per Sports Policy of India.

Numbers of athletes per discipline are given below:

i. Athletics : Based on timings and distances as per above mentioned.

ii. Badminton : Men – Four and Women – Four

iii. Golf : To be shared among Indian Golf Union and then finalisation.

iv. Judo : Men – Four and Women – Fourv. Karate : Men – Two and Women – Two

vi. Shooting : As per NRAI Standards

vii. Swimming : Based on timings as per above mentioned

viii. Table Tennis : Men – Four and Women – Four ix. Taekwondo : Men – Two and Women - Two

x. Tennis : Since Women didn't win any medal in Women's Singles and Women's Doubles in the previous three consecutive Deaflympics and World Deaf Championships, no women will be considered in this time. However, four Men only will be

allowed.

xi. Volleyball : Men – Fourteen xii. Wrestling GR and FS : As same as before

Any athlete in all disciplines, who is not taking part in the coming National Championship and National Selection Trial, cannot be considered to select and represent India in the Summer Deaflympics, World Championships and Asia Pacific Deaf Games & Championships.

i. At the juncture, Mr Ketan Shah explained about the NADA test and withdrawal of five medals from Wrestlers which made much shame for AISCD. Need District / State Units conduct counselling / advice on it to the players. Suggested counselling to be conducted at New Delhi, separately. And we may inform NADA about our events in advance. Mr. Ketan Shah and Adv. Mohinder Singh suggested that the NADA may come and take specimen in advance and we may keep result and if it is found positive at National then exclude them. We may give proper support, encouragement and same time we have to be firm with laws / policies. They must realise that the events are conducted at full cost to Government (international) and we have to respect Government.

For & On behalf of ALL INDIA SPORTS COUNCIL OF THE DEAF,

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