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Subject: Revision of the norms of assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations – regarding

The guidelines for the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) were formulated in 2001 vide Order No.6-6/94-SP.III dated 14.08.2001, with a view to providing financial assistance to the NSFs recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS). The Government has been extending financial assistance through this Scheme to the NSFs for sport development activities across various areas like training, competition conduct and participation in international competitions. These guidelines also contained various instructions relating to functioning of NSFs, their recognition by the Ministry, good governance practices, anti-doping measures and categorization of sports disciplines, etc. The instructions were revised / amended from time to time.

2. Norms of assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs were revised vide circular No.8-53/2010-SP.III dated 10.6.2011 and further revised vide circular No. 12-5/2013-SP-III dated 4.11.2015. The last revision of the norms was done vide circular of even number dated 28.02.2022. The revisions to the Scheme in 2015 and 2022 have mainly focused on increasing the quantum of support provided under each component in response to the inflation of cost of products and services. Further, the scheme has also been revised to ensure more focus is accorded to supporting functions for sports development such as coaching and technical support staff, administrative staff of federations, etc.

3. As it is primary responsibility of the NSFs to promote and develop their specific sports disciplines, NSFs have to take all steps for promotion and development including generating funds and resources. The NSFs are required to raise their own resources as well to finance their operations. The financial support available under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs is only supplemental in nature. The sports development ecosystem in India has evolved significantly since the launch of the scheme and several avenues for support for NSFs are now available including financial support extended by corporate houses. Further, there is a plethora of academies operated by the private sector and State sport departments which offer NSFs opportunity to enter into partnerships for talent development. In recognition of the availability of additional sources of support, it is important to ensure that the support received from the Government is utilized judiciously and to monitor the performance of the NSFs across all parameters relevant for development of a particular sport. Additionally, it is important to



encourage higher accountability and professional administration in the NSFs to achieve the plans which they propose at the time of requesting funding under this scheme.

4. With the objective of undertaking a holistic approach, it is desired that NSFs work in a planned manner to ensure proper governance structure at all levels, carry out all obligatory activities for development of Sports and ensure development of high performance to ensure podium finishes at international level events like Olympics, Asian Games, World Championships. NSFs will be required to submit a detailed proposal with plans for developing their respective sport across all relevant areas of sports development. The detailed plans proposed by the NSFs shall be aligned to a **4-year Olympic cycle** as per the best international practices. The plan would include periodic milestones within the cycle. The proposal will include the funding requirement for the entire 4-year cycle, broken into annual budget estimates and their performance will be monitored in two years cycle.

5. Further, the NSFs will need to provide annual financial statement of their entire operations while approaching the Governing for assistance under the Scheme. The statement will include sponsorships, grants, etc. received by the NSF and head-wise expenditure statement for all areas of operation. Additionally, to ensure data management, performance monitoring, sports science evaluation etc, the use of dedicated centralized web portal is the need of the hour. For the same, the NSFs are mandated to use IT systems for record management.

6. Keeping in view the above factors, the norms prescribed under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs are as follows:

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1	Categorization of Sports Disciplines:	Categorization of sports disciplines into High Priority, Priority and General will be as per the instructions issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports from time to time. (Erstwhile category of 'Others' will henceforth be known as 'General') Financial assistance as per the categorization of sports shall be regulated as under: (i) 'High Priority' & 'Priority' category disciplines: (a) National Championships (b) All mandatory, ranking and qualifying tournaments for disciplines in which India secured 6th place in the individual events and 8th place in the team events in the previous edition are also to be funded. (c) Funding for the remaining events / tournaments shall be decided by Committee headed by Secretary (Sports) / under the Annual Calendar

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		for Training & Competition (ACTC) (ii) 'General' category disciplines: (a) National championships (b) For training/participation in international events, for sports in 'General' category, which are included in Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games and the proposals to be placed before Committee headed by Secretary (Sports) under ACTC
2	National Championships	1. Assistance for National Championships A: High Priority Sports disciplines National Championship Norms- up to Rs. 30 lakh each for Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior/Youth/Cadet. B. Priority and General disciplines – up to Rs. 25 lakh each for Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior/Youth/Cadet. C: For NSFs who are dealing with persons with disabilities, i.e., PCI, AISCD, SOB and some Para-sports disciplines being looked after by able-bodied NSFs, up to Rs. 20 lakh for conduct of National Championship for each discipline in all categories. 2. 75% - 100% participation of the affiliated units, full grant admissible. 50% - 75% participation of the affiliated units, the scale of assistance will be reduced by 25%. Less than 50% of the affiliated units participate, no grant shall be provided. Exemption on case-to-case basis to be decided at the level of Secretary (Sports) for disciplines falling under 'C' category. This condition would apply for Men and Women separately. 3. For Championship for Men & Women separately, only 50% of the admissible grant will be sanctioned for each category. 4. The assistance indicated above shall be utilized for provision of Boarding & Lodging, Hiring of FOP/Equipment, Accessibility Audit, Accessible Transportation, Payment of Technical Officials and Prize Money. 5. For boarding and lodging purpose, assistance up to Rs.

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		2000/- per head per day for 'X' class cities and up to Rs. 1500/- per head per day at other venues will be admissible. 6. In case of any restraint or exigencies relating to release of grants to NSFs directly, the admissible amount for conduct of national championships as per the approved norms shall be released to agencies/vendors involved in organizing the championships. Prestigious tournaments/events 7. Financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 25 lakh per tournament will be given to the organizers as grant-in-aid for organizing selected prestigious tournaments such as Subroto Cup, Durand Cup, Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament, being conducted in India.
3	Allocation of funds for grassroots development	NSFs will mandatorily allocate a minimum pre-defined percentage of their funding proposal towards junior/youth development. NSFs will develop protocols for judicious junior selection and incentivisation to avoid early specialization, age fraud and over-training. NSFs of high priority and priority sport will also implement a pathway program to focus on "Birthplace effect", i.e. identifying select talent hubs across the country by virtue of performance of athletes in training and competition. In order to holistically develop the sport, NSFs will ensure that at least 20 % of their annual budget is earmarked for grassroots development through their affiliate units to ensure development of bench strength. The matching share upto 20% of allocation will be contributed from this Scheme. A dedicated committee of NSF will design and oversee the National Junior Development Program for the respective sport. Necessary support will be provided by dovetailing different schemes of the Ministry and other funding avenues of the NSFs.
4	Hosting of international tournaments in India	In alignment with the aspirations of India to improve its standing as a sporting nation, there is a need to host more international competitions in India. Hosting more international competitions will help in achieving the

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		following - - Enhanced opportunities for India to organize prestigious international tournaments - Strengthening India's capability to successfully host events like the Olympics NSFs seeking to host international tournaments in India will be eligible for assistance per tournament as given below within the overall allocation made under approved ACTC: 1. Up to Rs. 2.00 Crore - For Asian Championship, World Championship, World Cup and other major Competitions. At least 12 countries and 120 athletes must participate in the tournament. 2. Upto Rs. 1.20 crore - At least 10 countries and 100 athletes must participate in the tournament 3. Upto Rs. 80.00 Lakh – Less than 10 countries and 100 athletes participating in the tournament. The assistance can be utilized for any or all of the following item: i) Boarding, lodging & transportation. ii) Rent of playfields iii) Cost of consumable equipment. iv) Certificates, medals and awards. v) Prize money vi) Payment of remuneration and travel to Technical Officials/Referees/ Umpire/Jury vii) Hosting / competition sanction fee viii) Uniform for technical officials/ referees/ Umpire/Jury ix) Dope testing and any other statutory expenses x) Event insurance xi) Expense on electricity incurred during the conduct of the international event xii) Accessibility Audit xiii) Accessible Transportation

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		In case of any restraint or exigencies relating to release of grants to NSFs directly, the admissible amount for hosting of international tournament in India as per the approved norms shall be released to agencies/vendors involved in hosting the international tournament. Hosting Fee/Competition sanction money not exceeding the eligible amount of assistance could be released directly to the concerned international federation. Boarding & Lodging facilities for Indian Athletes and support personnel will be provided at par with other international athletes and support personnel. Expenses incurred on this account will be in addition to the grant to be given for hosting the tournament in India, as these expenses would have been incurred in any case, had the tournament would have been held abroad. The application for financial assistance in prescribed format will have to be submitted at least three months before the date of the championship along-with details indicating the number of countries, players and officials expected to participate in the event.
5	Engagement of High Performance Directors, Foreign Coaches, Foreign Experts, National Chief Coach, other Coaches	A: High Performance Director (HPD): NSFs having annual budget of ₹10 Cr and above will be required to appoint an HPD in consultation with the Ministry The HPD will be responsible to design and monitor the overall technical development programme for the sport. The NSF will define Key Result Areas (KRAs) for the HPD which will be included as part of their hiring contract. The KRAs will include areas including but not limited to: - Selection Policy for the discipline - Competition Exposure/ Calendar - Tie-ups with international academies for exposure - Initiating the Coach development programme with continuing education model - Monitoring & Evaluation of athletes and coaches The remuneration of the HPD will be as per global best practices. In order to assist HPD in monitoring of training and academies, a central team of sports science staff can be hired.

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		Support for upto 4 such staff shall be provided under this scheme based on their qualifications and experience. The remuneration will be as per norms prescribed for "Support Personnel". Higher salary may be allowed in truly deserving cases after following due procedure with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports. B: Foreign coaches and high performance specialist coaches and experts The NSF will be allowed to hire foreign experts within the ACTC allocation. The necessary and desired qualification and experience of the coach will be defined by the Government as a guideline for NSF to shortlist candidates. NSF will ensure that there is a Government nominee in the Selection Committee. Each NSF will be mandated to create the Key Result Areas for the coaches hired in consultation with the Government. The monitoring will be done through an annual review of the KRAs and key decisions regarding extension of contract or award of bonus will be based on the review. • Funds to be provided to NSFs. • Flexibility to hire experts on a short-term basis is permitted to NSF. • This should include hiring of experts/sports scientists/analysts apart from foreign coaches • The upper cap for remuneration needs to be fixed but actual remuneration should always follow the Ministry guidelines and consider the following criteria: - Demand-supply scenario of international coaches - Prevailing market rates in comparable cases - Qualifications and experience of the proposed expert - Last pay drawn It is to be noted that the remuneration can vary across disciplines depending on the demand-supply scenario in that sport.

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		➤ Insurance for Foreign Coaches: Rs. 10 Lakh for the entire duration of contract. ➤ Policy of Bonus: A system of providing bonus will act as a driving force and further motivates the coaches in training of athletes. This should be based on review of KRA and the amount payable would be max 20% of annual salary received by the coach. ➤ Salary approved for a foreign coach needs to be the gross salary inclusive of tax components and not net of taxes. The scale of remuneration be constantly reviewed with every Olympic cycle. ➤ The budget for the foreign coaches will be capped to 30% of the overall approved budget of the NSF. NSFs must follow the principle of “Atmanirbharta” in the field of coaching and encourage and train the talent available in India to attain the World level which will enable them to take control of coaching of Indian teams. At least 5 Indian coaches should remain with the foreign coach during his / her coaching assignment so that Indian coaches are also groomed and dependence on foreign coaches should be reduced. The same is to be made part of the KRA of the foreign coach at the time of signing the contract. C: Chief National Coach/ National High Specialist Coach Chief National Coach/National High Specialist Coach: Remuneration upto Rs. 7.50 Lakh. The salary of coaches should be commensurate to the level under which they are recruited. In case any coach is employed for more than 200 days, a yearly contract will be put in place. Shortlisting of candidates to be done by the entity/firm hiring the coaches. Higher salary may be allowed in truly deserving cases after following due procedure with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports. In case of an employed coach in PSU, Railways or other organizations (Public/Private) is hired as Chief National Coach, or National High Specialist Coach and attached to a National Camp, then it may be treated as National Duty and

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		an amount of Rs 1 Lakh per month may be given as the attachment of the coach causes disturbance to the family although the pay is protected. Other coaches Remuneration of other coaches: Rs. 3 Lakh per month-. Coaches who are not engaged full-time may be placed on annual retainer of maximum Rs. 15 lakh per annum if the engagement exceeds 150 days. The salary of coaches should be commensurate to the level under which they are recruited. In case any coach is employed for more than 200 days, a yearly contract will be put in place. Shortlisting of candidates to be done by the entity/firm hiring the coaches. Higher salary may be allowed in truly deserving cases after following due procedure with the approval of the Union Minister In-Charge of Sports. In case of an employed coach in PSU, Railways or other organizations (Public/Private) is attached to a National Camp, then it may be treated as National Duty and an amount of Rs.50,000/- per month will be given as the attachment of the coach causes disturbance to the family although the pay is protected. Norms for appointment will be decided by Government. The NSFs will hire on their own through a due process including advertising for the position and prescribing the educational qualifications, experience, and domain knowledge. Federation may enter into agreement once names are finalised by the Government. Funds will be provided to NSF for payment of professional fee, applicable taxes etc. Other incidental charges to be projected in ACTC.
6	Engagement of support personnel:	NSFs may engage support personnel such as Doctors, Masseurs, Sports Science experts, etc. as per their requirement within the ACTC allocation. Number of support personnel and their remuneration will be approved during ACTC, as per following limits: i) Sports Medicine Doctors: Upto Rs. 2 Lakh (full time per month basis), Rs. 8000 (Part time per visit basis); Other Doctors upto Rs.2 Lakh Per Month (full time basis), Rs. 8,000 (part time per visit basis)

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		ii) Head Physiotherapist: Upto Rs. 2Lakh (full time per month basis), Rs. 8000 (Part time per visit basis): Other physiotherapists upto Rs. 1.5Lakh Per Month Rs. 5,000 (part time per visit) iii) Physiologist: Upto Rs. 1 Lakh (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis) iv) Psychologist: Upto Rs. 1Lakh (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis) v) Video Analyst/ Data Analyst: Upto Rs.1Lakh (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis) vi) Nutritionist/ Dieticians: Upto Rs. 1Lakh (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis) vii) Head Masseur: Upto Rs. 1Lakh (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis) viii) Escorts: Rs. 15,000 (full-time per month basis), Rs. 500 (Part time per visit basis) ix) Head Strength & Conditioning: Upto Rs 2Lakh (full time per month), Rs 8,000 (Part time per visit basis); Other Strength Conditioning expert: Rs. 1 Lakh per Month (Full time basis) Rs 4,000 (part time basis) x) Mechanists for Cycling: Upto 60000/- per month Any other support staff required other than above prescribed support staff may be decided in the ACTC. Higher salary may be allowed in truly deserving cases after following due procedure with the approval of the Union Minister In-Charge of Sports. Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports. Norms for appointment will be decided by the Government. The NSFs to hire on their own through a due process including advertising for the position and prescribing the educational qualifications, experience, and domain knowledge. Federation may enter into agreement once names are finalised by the Government. Funds will be provided to NSF for payment of professional fee, applicable taxes etc. Other incidental charges to be projected in ACTC.

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7	Provision of fair and transparent selection policy	NSFs will clearly define a fair and transparent policy for selection of athletes and coaches for international competitions. The policy will be announced at least one year prior to the competitions for continental/ world championship and at least 2 years prior to any multi-sporting events with quota system/qualifying protocols. NSFs will keep in view the instructions issued by the Ministry with regard to selection of sportspersons issued from time to time, while preparing and uploading the selection policy/criteria and formation of selection committees for sportspersons and coaches.
8	National Camps/Training in Academies	The current model for conducting National Camps for athletes across the year was introduced to bridge the gap in training quality as there were very few academies across the country which could provide quality training. However, in the present day, there are many academies across India which match global training standards and can produce elite athletes. Further, the conduct of National Camps results in interruption of educational pursuits due to regional vernacular disparities, disruption in professional endeavours of employed athletes and focus on short-term programmes and outcomes which are not as effective as systematic training programmes which prioritise long-term development. Hence, the number of camp days will be sanctioned on case-to-case basis by DG SAI in consultation with President/Secretary NSF. Primary focus of the National Camps should be on team unity, camaraderie and significance of representing nation at world stage. For long term training programmes, camps are not mandatory except for team sports. NSFs of High Priority and Priority sports disciplines will identify probable group of athletes in two categories for: Probable Senior Group—Senior Athletes with high-performance potential Probable Junior Group - Junior Athletes with high performance potential

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		Academies training probable group athletes will be strengthened by provisioning support in areas including but not limited to - - Support for coaches and technical staff provided to academies - Support for delivering sports science services - Specialized equipment support The norms for the support to such academies will be notified separately in due course. NSFs to identify probable groups on basis of fair and transparent policy. NSFs will identify and accredit select academies for training of Probable group athletes. The training programme delivered at these accredited academies for a particular sport will be monitored by High Performance Director of the respective sport. Gap analysis of each of these academies will be presented by NSFs in their ACTC proposal for funding.
9	Number of core probable for major international events	The norm of 1:3 or 1:4. Cases of additions beyond the norms, where considered necessary, would be approved by the Government
10	Travel from place of stay to national camp/foreign training/competition & back	For all categories i.e., Senior, Junior and Sub Juniors player, their coaches and other sports- persons: - By Air (restricted to economy class) provided the Journey is 500 Kms. /10 hrs. else restricted to AC II Train fare. Further, for national coaching camp organized in the North Eastern Region, North East and Ladakh, J&K, Andaman Nicobar, Lakshadweep island economy class air fare may be given to all categories of athletes and officials including coaches and support personnel. Certification of travel from the Federation along with the utilization certificate duly certified by CAG empaneled C.A, for the funds released to the NSF for travel. Booking of Air Tickets will be done through three Authorized Travel Agents viz. i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), in terms of the Department of Expenditure's OM No. 19024/03/2021-E.IV dated 31.12.2021 (as amended from time to time).

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11	Boarding & lodging etc. for national camps and non-camp days dietary allowance for focus group athletes	The following rates shall be applicable both to SAI and permitted non-SAI centres for Seniors, Juniors and sub-Juniors: In 'X'&'Y' category cities notified by Deptt. Of Expenditure: Rs. 2000/- per person per day. Rest of India: Rs. 1500/- per person per day. For the High Performance Director/Chief Coach attached with the team following rates shall be applicable: In 'X'&'Y' category cities notified by Deptt. Of Expenditure: Rs.4000/- per person per day. Rest of India: Rs.3000/- per person per day. In specific cases where NSFs conduct national coaching camps in locations which have higher market rates due to various reasons such as tourism, the same should be projected in the request for annual funding and the same shall be examined on a case-to-case basis by Secretary Sports. Transportation and Maintenance charges will be admissible as follows: (i) Local transportation from home to airport / railway station, from airport / railway station to camp venue and from place of stay to training venue and back on need basis as per actual by public transport or shared taxis. (ii) Fuel and Maintenance charges for the boats, motor-cycles, escort vehicles etc. used by the coaches for training purposes on need basis as per actual. Diet Charges: Diet as per requirement will be provided subject to following limits: (i) Up to Rs.1000/- per athlete per day for Senior sportspersons. (ii) Up to Rs.850/- per athlete per day for Juniors and Sub-Juniors sportspersons. Additional Diet Allowances: Additional Diet Allowances will be allowed for certain sports disciplines where it is felt that the Diet Charges are not sufficient to meet the energy requirements of the athletes for heavy and middle weight power events endurance, sprints,

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		low weight power events, and skill events, subject to following limits: (i) Up to Rs. 750 per athlete per day for heavy and middle weight power event. (ii) Up to Rs. 430 per athlete per days for endurance, team, sprints and low weight power events. (iii) Up to Rs. 320/- per athlete per day for skill events The above additional diet allowances are for senior category athletes. For Junior category athletes will be at least 25% less. There will not be any additional diet allowance for Sub-Junior athletes. The instructions issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in letter No. 8-53/2010-SP III dated 28th Sept 2015 and letter No. 12-2/2020-SP.III dated 11th April 2022 (as amended from time to time) regarding food supplements may be adhered to. Dietary Allowance during non-camp days: Dietary allowance of Rs. 10,000 per month to each of the Probable Group athlete (as defined in Sr. No. 8 above.) will be paid for non-camp days, so that these athletes are not deprived of proper diet during non-camp days. Athletes who are receiving OPA of similar or more amount or who are employed in Government/PSUs with Group C or above categories will not be eligible for Dietary Allowance. List of athletes for Probable Group will be given by the NSFs based on fair and transparent policy published by NSFs to SAI and the same will be valid for period of one year subject to addition/deletion of athletes. This process of selection of athletes is to be verified by SAI before release of payment. For getting this benefit, it is mandatory for athletes to undergo quarterly sports science tests.
12	Field of play charges for camps / Championships:	(a) Multipurpose Hall up to Rs.10,000/- per day and applicable electricity charges if separately claimed (b) Outdoor facility up to IRs. 5000/- per day
13	Sports kit for campers:	(a) General Sports training Kit (Like track suits, T-Shirts, Shorts, Warm up shoes etc.): Rs. 20,000/- per athlete once a year for National campers

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		(b) Discipline specific competition Kit, Spikes, Hockey Goalkeeper Kit, Specific Shoes, Belts etc. considered under the consumable equipment category will be provided as per Sports specific requirements approved under ACTC/LTDP as per extant government policy concerning quality and place of origin. The kits shall be procured at least one month in advance and distribution will be monitored through a dedicated portal in this behalf. The kit design, content and quality shall be finalized by the athlete selection committee with participation from the senior most female and male office bearers of athlete commission or in absence of athlete commission, the captain of the teams.
14	Medical Insurance for campers:	(a) Medical insurance policy- Rs. 5.00 lakh per year (b) Personal accident policy (Disability/ Death) – Rs. 25.00 Lakh Specialized treatment of active elite sports persons (who have represented India in International competitions Namely Asian Games, CWG, Asian Championship, CW Championship, World cups and World Championships or equivalent to any of these) on case-to-case basis as per approval of the Ministry.
15	Limit on number of days for training & competition abroad	Limit of 90 days in a year. Higher ceiling may be allowed in respect of specific sports disciplines with the approval of the Ministry. Proposal for international training or competition must be submitted by the NSFs at least 90 days prior without names of athletes, and at least 60 days prior with names of athletes. NSFs to ensure that all necessary formalities for submitting the entries to competition LOC (Local organizing Committee) is done well within time.
16	Air travel for foreign training / competition exposures	Excursion/ Economy air fare from residence/ camp to the destinations as per the extant instructions. Airport tax, Visa/ Medical Insurance/ other taxes/ fees/ Extra Baggage Charge of essential nature as per actuals. Local transport to be given if not provided by the organizers. Booking of Air Tickets will be done through three

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		Authorized Travel Agents viz. i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), in terms of the Department of Expenditure's OM No. 19024/03/2021-E.IV dated 31.12.2021, as amended from time to time.
17	Deputation of referees/ judges/ umpires/Technical officials for competitions abroad	Manager(s)/ Technical Officials to be part of the contingent and the same will be decided in the ACTC. Managers, who fulfill the following criteria, will be allowed to accompany Indian teams as Managers, and will be treated as part of the contingent: Essential Criteria: - Qualified Coach or Technical Official or Former International Player -Experience in managing teams in National Competitions. -Fluent in English language -Should not be a Member in Executive Committee of IOA and the NSF. Desirable criteria: - At least 5 years of coaching/officiating experience - Sports administrative experience -Experience in managing teams in International Competitions
18	Boarding & lodging entitlement abroad and OPA	A: Admissible out of pocket allowance during competitions for sportspersons, coaches and others: 1. USD 50 per day for Olympic Games/Asian Games/ CWG/ World Cup/ World Championships 2. USD 25 per day for all other international events including South Asian Games Full OPA shall be payable for first 7 days and at 75% for days next 7 days and upto 15 days and at 50% for subsequent days. B: Boarding & Lodging charges Admissible boarding & lodging charges at following rates for all members of the contingent approved at full cost to the Government for approved number of days of training competition plus two days before and one day after (excluding journey time). In deserving cases, additional

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		number of days may be allowed before an event depending on factors like nature of sports discipline, travelling time to the event and importance of the event with the approval of Secretary (Sports) during ACTC meetings if NSF makes a request for additional number of days required for acclimatization. (a) When NSF is making its own arrangements: Ceiling of USD 235 per person per day. (b) When the organizer is making arrangements for boarding & lodging on payment: rates indicated for twin sharing accommodation in the brochure issued by organizers to be allowed for boarding& lodging, and subject to ceiling of USD 235 per person per day where the hospitality package separately mention local transport, entry fee, etc., and further subject to ceiling of USD 250 per person per day where the hospitality package included combined services for boarding & lodging, local transport, entry fee and any other miscellaneous items. C: Out of Pocket Allowance Payment of out of pocket allowance (OPA) and travel expenses concerning sportspersons included high performance categories like TOPS will be met from the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.
19	Ceremonial Dress and Kit Charges for multi-sports events	(i) As per actuals subject to ceiling of Rs. 40,000 for ceremonial dress and Sports Kit (Like track suits, T-Shirts, Shorts, Warm up shoes etc) for Olympics, Para-Olympics, Deaflympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Para-Asian Games (ii) As per actuals subject to ceiling of Rs. 25,000 for ceremonial dress and Sports Kit (Like track suits, T-Shirts, Shorts, Warm up shoes etc) for Youth Olympics, Youth, Para-Olympics, Youth Deaflympics, Youth Asian Games, Youth Commonwealth Games, Youth Para-Asian Games
20	Cost of transportation, hiring of equipment, infrastructure, consumables	For hiring of equipment locally, actual amount required may be given as advance. Cost towards hiring of horses along with their diet may be reimbursed. Cost towards shipping/transportation of boats/yachts/horses and other similar items requiring transportation may be reimbursed on actual basis.

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		Any expenditure not specifically approved in ACTC which is expedient in nature to be reimbursed by SAI within ceiling of 10% of approved ACTC budget (out of contingencies). Expenditure on creation/upgradation of sports infrastructure at training camps/academies and procurement of non-consumable equipments may be done from capital head with due approval of competent authority under ACTC.
21	Training of Sports Scientists, coaches and support personnel	In the current sports ecosystem, only NSNIS offers accredited degree and diploma courses in sports coaching and several short courses on sports science subjects. In addition to the courses at NSNIS, few NSFs have developed and implemented curriculum for coaching certification for their respective sport. There is a need to increase the number of certified/ qualified coaches across all participation levels to meet the ideal athlete to coach ratio for each sport. Additionally, it is also important to develop a pool of qualified sports science staff to support the coaches and athletes. In view of the above, at least 10% of the funding provided under this Scheme will be allocated for coaches and technical staff development plans with a view to facilitating capacity building. This fund cannot be diverted for any other purposes or proposal and the same must be reflected at the time of ACTC. If unused, the fund allocated would lapse. The proposed plan should cover areas including, but not limited to: A. Conduct of training courses in India B. Selected courses for Indian personnel abroad C. Development of coaching curriculum D. Conduct of conferences, seminars and workshops E. Professional fees and other expenses towards inviting foreign / Indian experts for conduct of workshops / courses Upon approval of the proposed plans, funding will be provided to NSFs towards conduct of national and international certification courses and for the course fees of the coaches undertaking the program. Proposals from NSFs, which do not prepare and submit a 'Coaches and Technical Staff Development Plan' will not be considered for funding support.

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		Additionally, training programmes / conferences / seminars / workshops on good governance, safety and security of athletes during training and competitions, conduct of capacity building programmes for technical officials/support personnel in the field of sports development and sports sciences will be organised by the Ministry
22	Expenditure on dope control	Funds will be released direct to NADA for sample collection and to NDTL for sample testing. This will be counted towards the total grant given to individual NSFs under the Scheme.
23	Purchase of equipment	Funds for procurement of consumable & Non-consumable equipment including AMC will be released to the NSF. On request, advance may be provided to the NSFs. Provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR) to be followed for procurement. NSF will be required to submit Utilization Certificate duly certified by CAG empaneled C.A. Funds for procurement of consumable items for national coaching camps and whilst proceeding for training / competition abroad are to be requisitioned under budget for national coaching camp and international exposures respectively. In public interest in exceptional cases, SAI can procure the equipment in case NSFs are unable to procure with the approval of the Ministry.
24	Cultural Exchange and International Cooperation	Subject to availability of funds, NSF may be assisted for meeting expenses on hosting prominent sports related workshops conferences, local hospitality of foreign teams visiting India under cultural exchange programmes on excluding SAARC countries. Visits on exchange programmes, as part of international operation for sharing of best practices in sports governance, sports science, training of athletes, exchange of teaching and curriculum materials in sports, collaboration on curriculum development, exchange of information on sports development and training systems, cooperation in the development of innovative sports technologies such as biomechanics, nutrition and physiology, collaboration in the area of sports research and development in training, research and development and anti-doping programmes will be encouraged and expenses will be met from scheme of assistance to NSFs.

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		Expenses on gifting of sports equipment to friendly countries, visits of coaches and other support staff for providing training to teams of friendly countries, on advice of Ministry of External Affairs will be met from the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.
25	Administrative Support	NSFs will be provided requisite support for engagement of administrative manpower. NSFs will suggest an appropriate administrative structure in line with national/international practices and relevant to their operations. Maximum of 10% of the funding provided under this Scheme will be allocated for administrative workforce such as CEO/Director assisted by managers for finance/accounting, competitions, coach development & procurement, IT, legal & office assistants, interns. Assistance provided to the NSF will be limited to payment of professional fees only, any incidental charges will not be covered under the scheme. Appointment of such staff will be done through proper advertisements detailing eligibility conditions, job description & KRAs in consultation with Government. The practice of appointment of Assistant Secretary and Joint Secretary, as prescribed vide Annexure-IX of the National Sports Development Code 2011, shall be discontinued within 3 months and their association with the NSFs will be terminated without any form of re-employment/elected posts within the federation or its affiliated units for a cooling off period of 4 years.
26	Medical Assessment and sports science protocols	NSFs in consultation with NCSSR will clearly define sports science protocols relevant to their sport which will mandatorily include protocols for - - Specialized injury management mechanism - Return to training protocols Proposals for NSFs which have not defined such protocols will not be considered for funding support. Athletes will be tested quarterly for medical condition, fitness level, biomechanics etc. in compliance with defined protocols (specially before proceeding for major events). Rs. 5000 per athlete will be provided to the NSF and any

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		other additional expenses will be projected in the ACTC budget. All entries of sports science tests and injuries will be uploaded in the web portal designated for the same purposes by the Ministry. Any team of sports science staff deployed for competitions will be selected from a Registered Pool of Sports Science Personnel.
27	Administrative & Legal Expenses	Expenses for smooth operation of the Scheme of Assistance to NSF, legal expenses to defend various court cases, seeking professional advice, workshops/events concerning good governance in sports, hiring of Young Professionals / Interns specialising in sports related educational courses/degrees will be met from this Scheme and for this purposes, expenses can be incurred upto 2.5% of the annual budget under the Scheme.

7. All NSFs should have Coaching Education Expert dedicated for training of trainers and all other foreign experts shall also mandatorily train and build capacity of local officials, coaches during non-training period as decided by the Government in consultation with NSF. It will be part of KRAs.

8. For addressing and quickly resolving the logistical/financial issues of the Indian contingent and taking care of the emergent situations which may arise during the multi-sports events or other major international events, which may be beyond the activities and norms mentioned in this Circular, Committee headed by Secretary (Sports), Financial Advisor of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Director General, Sports Authority of India will consider and approve the requisite assistance. Expenses on send-off of teams, interaction programmes, felicitation of teams, sports awards functions will be incurred from the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.

9. All NSFs availing assistance under the Scheme must clearly reflect the logo of the MYAS/SAI at all prominent locations including digital platforms, apparels of the sportspersons wherever permissible as per international norms. Any Guidelines, issued by the Ministry/SAI, with regard to branding for the assistance received from the Ministry/SAI, shall be followed by NSFs. NSFs should prominently display the funding received from the Government as well from other sources on their website as well as the Social Media platforms.

10. All other provisions under the Guidelines of Assistance to NSFs, such as category of sports disciplines, entitlement limits, etc. shall be governed by the instructions issued by the Ministry from time to time. Availability of assistance or otherwise under a specific component of

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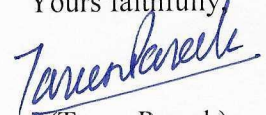
this Scheme to a particular NSF will depend on factors like its entitlement as per its category (High Priority, Priority, General), its current performance, availability of resources under the Scheme and assessment of its functioning. Indian traditional sports shall be treated as part of High Priority disciplines and the classification of existing sports disciplines as traditional sports will be decided by the Ministry with the approval of Minister In-charge of Youth Affairs & Sports.

11. Provisions of the Scheme can be relaxed/revised in consultation with IFD and with the approval of the Union Minister in-charge of Sports provided the basic nature and scope of the relevant provisions of the scheme are not altered and provided the relaxation/ revision does not require changes in budgetary allocation of the scheme.

12. In case any clarification is required on any provision of or any matter relating to implementation of the Scheme, the same will be referred to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

13. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and comes into force from the date of issue of this circular.

Yours faithfully,


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