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(Department of Sports)

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To

President / Secretary General
All National Sports Federations recognised by the Ministry

Subject: Constitution of a Committee on International Relations within National Sports Federations – regarding

Sir/Madam,

Khelo Bharat Niti-2025, recently notified as the National Sports Policy of the Government of India, envisages a multi-stakeholder approach for its effective implementation. The Khelo Bharat Niti, inter-alia, emphasizes that “Sports can serve as a powerful tool for international diplomacy and cooperation”. In light of this vision, and considering the rapidly evolving global sports environment, it has become imperative for National Sports Federations (NSFs) to undertake structured and coordinated efforts to strengthen international collaboration in sports.

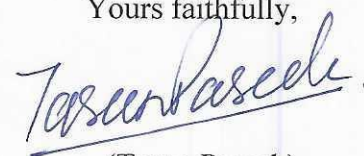
2. In the above context as also to enhance India’s collaborative posture in international sports fora and strengthen the country’s representation across global platforms, all recognised NSFs are advised to set up an institutional mechanism by constituting a “Committee on International Relations” within their respective organisations. The Committee may be entrusted with responsibilities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Monitor developments in their respective International Federation (IF), Continental Federation (CF), including changes in competition rules & structures, governance frameworks and elections, and athlete-centric programs.
- Formulate a medium-term international cooperation plan covering bilateral/multilateral MoUs, joint training camps, exchange programmes, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and hosting of international competitions in India.
- Ensure that all international engagements are fully consistent with Government of India’s policies, the Olympic Charter / IF statutes, and principles of good governance, anti-doping protocols and safeguarding of athletes.

- Collaboration with counterpart national federations and international sports research & academic institutions towards best training opportunities and sports science support for the Indian athletes.
- Preparing periodic briefs for submission to the Ministry, highlighting proposed or agreed collaborations between the concerned NSF and its counterparts, as well as foreign sports research and academic institutions. These briefs should emphasize initiatives that enhance performance pathways for Indian athletes and teams, including access to elite competitions, sparring opportunities, and advanced sports science support abroad.
- Coordination with international federations and other relevant bodies to ensure timely participation in the bidding process.
- Share, in advance, intents to bid for hosting international events in India with this Ministry for information and, wherever required, prior consultation/clearance under the extant guidelines issued by the Ministry.

3. The Committee so constituted should comprise of senior members of the Federation, former international athletes, coaches and subject experts with proven experience in global sports administration and diplomacy. The details of the Committee, including its composition and terms of reference, may kindly be communicated to this Ministry within 30 days from the date of issuance of this advisory.

Yours faithfully,



(Tarun Pareek)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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2. Director General, Sports Authority of India
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