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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports
Mission Directorate – Sports Development
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To
Director General, Sports Authority of India.
Principal Secretary/ Secretary in charge of sports of State/ UT Governments.
Secretary of Sports Authority/ Sports Council of States/ UT Governments.


Sir/ Madam,

The undersigned is directed to state that the Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports Scheme was notified on 09.10.2017 and has been circulated to all stakeholders vide this Ministry’s letter No. 29-1/ MYAS/MDSD/2017 dated 16th October, 2017.

2. One of the twelve components of the Khelo India Scheme is “Annual Sports Competition”. Operational Guidelines in this regard are enclosed for information and appropriate action.

Encl: As above.

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To
1. PS to MoS (I/C), MYAS
2. PS to Secretary (Sports)

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1. PREFACE:

1.1 The Khelo India Scheme aims to encourage sports all over the country, thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.

1.2 Vision:
To infuse sports culture and achieve sporting excellence in the country

1.3 Mission:
To encourage sports all over the country thus allowing the population to harness the power of sports through its cross-cutting influence, namely, holistic development of children & youth, Community development, social integration, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, national pride and economic opportunities related to sports development.

1.4 Components of the Scheme:
The Khelo India Scheme would include the following components/objectives:
i. Play Field Development
ii. Community Coaching Development
iii. State Level Khelo India Centres
iv. Annual Sports Competitions
v. Talent Search and Development
vi. Utilisation and Creation/Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure
vii. Support to National/Regional/State Sports Academies
viii. Physical Fitness of School going Children
ix. Sports for Women
x. Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities
xi. Sports for Peace and Development
xii. Promotion of rural and indigenous/tribal games

1.5 Annual Sports Competition under the Scheme:
Khelo India will be the basic platform to showcase sporting skills and accordingly become a platform for talent spotting and providing development pathways for gifted and talented children to achieve excellence. The Central Government will organize Khelo India Youth Games with two age categories, namely, Under 17 and Under 21 in identified sports disciplines every year. However, age categories and technical details have adequate flexibility. Project Appraisal Committee can review and submit its recommendations, for any change in respect of age category or/and technical details, before the DPAC for approval.
These National level competitions will be organized in true spirit of the Olympic Movement by associating SAI, concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs), School Game Federation of India (SGFI) and University Sports promotion bodies including Association of Indian Universities (AIU), State Governments and other stakeholders to facilitate inclusion/participation of talent who emerge through different competitions including competitions held at District, Block, Panchayat level.

Objectives:
1. To create inspirational value amongst budding players in the country.
2. Create a platform for talent identification.
3. To benchmark technical conduct of the game with international standards

2. IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

2.1 This vertical will be implemented by Sports Authority of India in collaboration with the participating NSFs, SGFI, AIU / University Sports Board, State Government or other stakeholders as may be required.

2.2 SAI may setup a suitable administrative mechanism under it, dedicated to the organization and conduct of the events and ensure that it is delivery ready well in advance.

2.3 Providing Financial Assistance as required to NSFs, other agencies and overall delivery of all aspects relating to the conduct of competitions will be the responsibility of Sports Authority of India. However, in case of any re-appropriation of fund or item not indicated in the Scheme explicitly shall be placed before DPAC for approval.

2.4 If the games are conducted in association with a State Government then the responsibility for conduct of the games will be distributed between SAI and State Government concerned based on mutual agreement. The State Government will take care of Host city infrastructure and sports infrastructure wherever required and prescribed by the Organizing/Coordination Committee. MOYAS may provide financial assistance for top up of sports infrastructure of the State through other vertical in case the need arises.

3. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE OF ANNUAL SPORTS COMPETITION:

The Khelo India Youth Games will be conducted annually under the vertical 'Annual Sports Competitions' under the Khelo India Scheme. A Departmental Project Approval Committee (DPAC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) will be constituted by the Ministry which will approve the recommendation of Project Appraisal Committee for grant of financial assistance under this vertical and will look after the overall monitoring of the vertical. SAI may also constitute Project Appraisal Committee or any other Committee as required for the smooth conduct of the games. A separate Games Technical Conduct Committee (GTCC) will be duly constituted by SAI which will have
the mandate for technical conduct of the Games. An Organizing Committee / Coordination Committee comprising representatives from the Government of India/State Government and any other stockholder as deemed with fit will be constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) for hosting the games with in the overall policy guidelines. The committee will be mandated to decide the responsibilities of each stakeholder for conduct of the Games. The committee will also provide overall guidance & supervision for the organization of the Games. The indicative Composition of the Committee would be as under:-

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<td>Secretary (Sports)</td>
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<td>DDG Khelo India</td>
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<td>President / Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities</td>
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* If the Games are organized in partnership with a State Government, the Chief Secretary of the Host State will also be Co-Chairperson of the Organizing Committee for better coordination and expeditious implementation requirement (both host city as well as Games infrastructure). The Committee can be reconstituted depending on the requirement of the Games with the approval of the Chairperson.

4. **BUDGET**

The overall indicative financial budget for Annual Sports Competitions will be as per the Gazette Notification, i.e. Rs.70 crore per year or the proportionate amount to be worked on the basis of actual budget allocation. Any subsequent change in the budget will be subject to approval from DPAC constituted under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The grant will be given to SAI based on the requirement projected by them. Fund for subsequent years will only be released when Utilization Certificate and Audited Accounts Statements for already released funds are submitted by SAI.
5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

5.1 Delegation of Financial Powers and Rules and Regulations to be followed

a. The rules and regulations to be followed will be same as the financial guidelines of SAI for the purpose of incurring expenditure. No expenditure will be incurred without approval of the Competent Authority of SAI.

b. All financial sanctions shall be governed by the financial guidelines of SAI. Any relaxation in the guidelines shall require the approval of the competent authority as per the rules of SAI.

c. If SAI is organizing the Games in association with a State Government, administrative and financial guidelines mentioned at 5.1 (a) & (b) above will be applicable only for the expenditure incurred as part of the responsibilities entrusted with SAI. The Host State Government’s administrative procedure and financial rules shall be followed for the responsibilities entrusted with concerned State Governments.

5.2 Submission of Utilization Certificate (UC)

After conduct of the Annual Sports Competition / Youth Games / Event, SAI will submit the UC to Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in the prescribed format as per provisions of GFR 2017. Grants for the next year will be released only after receipt of the UC and audited account of expenditure from SAI.

5.3 Monitoring Mechanism

DPAC will be apprised on a pre-decided frequency with respect to all the activities being undertaken for conduct of the competitions. On completion of these competitions a detailed report will be submitted to the Ministry regarding the competitions held. SAI will be responsible to set up a suitable monitoring mechanism.

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