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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
(Department of Sports)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
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To
The Secretary General,
Indian Olympic Association

The Secretary General
All recognized National Sports Federation.

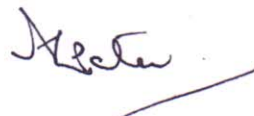
Sub:- Categorization of sports disciplines - regarding .

Sir/Madam,

The categorization of various Sports disciplines is reviewed after each Olympic Games and the Asian Games with respect to their performance in these Games. The last such review was done in April 2008. Now that the Olympics 2012 and the Asian Games 2014 are over, there is a need to review the category of various Sports disciplines in order to make them eligible for assistance based on their performance.

2. The matter has been deliberated at length with various stakeholders. It has been noticed that the guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) were formulated in 2001 vide Order No.6-6/94-SP.III, dated 14.8.2001 with a view to providing financial assistance to the NSFs, recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Though, certain financial and physical ceilings under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs were revised vide circular No.8-53/2010-SP.III, dated 10.6.2011, a lot of developments/changes have taken place subsequently and the entire sports eco-system has changed with corporate houses spending/sponsoring funds for various activities such as holding international tournaments, training of top athletes, organizing prize money events etc. Also, the Govt. has made provisions in the Companies Act, 2013 which facilitates the corporate houses to spend money from their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for the sports activities such as training to promote rural sports, recognized sports, Paralympics sports and Olympic sports etc.

3. With the aforesaid and other developments that have taken place internationally, it has also been felt that the National Sports Federations (NSFs) should not exclusively look at the Govt. for funding of their entire activities. The NSFs are required to tap other sources of funds to finance their operations and financial support from the Govt. should only be supplemental in nature. In the new environment the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs needs to be operated as a top-up scheme of the Govt. for funding the short fall for important events such as Olympics, Asian Games, CWG, international ranking tournaments, the events which have a long traditional history and internationally important events of major disciplines where the country has been doing well etc.



4. Keeping in view the above factors and with a view to optimally utilize the limited budget under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs it has been decided that while the existing category of sports disciplines be retained, the sports disciplines in which medals have been won in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and World Championships need to be incentivized and a new category viz. "High Priority" be introduced. After due deliberation it has been decided to place the recognized sports disciplines in the following categories: -

- (i) **High Priority** – The sports disciplines played in the Olympic Games and in which India have won medals in last conducted Asian Games as well as CWG or in which India has good chance of winning medals in Olympics.
- (ii) **Priority** – The sports disciplines covered under any of the following criteria:-
- popular mass games in India.
 - Disciplines in which India has won medals in the last conducted Asian games/CWG
 - Sports disciplines for sections requiring special attention viz differently abled, mentally challenged, hearing / visually impaired, school games, etc.
 - Sports disciplines included in any of the mega events such as Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and in which India has secured upto 6th place in individual events and upto 8th place in team events.
- (iii) **Others** - All other sports disciplines not covered in the above categories.

5. Based on above, the categorization has been workout and the revised category of sports disciplines is as under:-

S.No.	Name of the Sports	Category	
		Existing	Revised
1.	Athletics	Priority	High Priority.
2.	Badminton	Priority	High Priority.
3.	Basketball	Priority	Priority.
4.	Billiards & Snookers	Priority	Priority.
5.	Bridge	Priority	Priority.
6.	Chess	Priority	Priority.
7.	Cycling	Priority	Priority.
8.	Equestrian	Priority	Priority.
9.	Football	Priority	Priority.
10.	Golf	Priority	Priority.
11.	Hockey	Priority	High Priority.
12.	Judo	Priority	Priority.
13.	Kabaddi	Priority	Priority.
14.	Kayaking & Canoeing	Priority	Priority.
15.	Paralympic	Priority	Priority.
16.	Rowing	Priority	Priority.
17.	School Games	Priority	Priority.

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18.	Shooting	Priority	High Priority.
19.	Special Olympic Bharat	Priority	Priority.
20.	Squash Racket	Priority	Priority.
21.	Swimming	Priority	Priority.
22.	Table Tennis	Priority	Priority.
23.	Tennis	Priority	High Priority.
24.	Volleyball	Priority	Priority.
25.	Weight-Lifting	Priority	High Priority.
26.	Wrestling	Priority	High Priority.
27.	Wushu	Priority	Priority.
28.	Yachting	Priority	Priority.
29.	Gymnastics	General	Priority.
30.	Handball	General	Others
31.	Taekwondo	General	Priority.
32.	Atya Patya	Others	Others
33.	Ball Badminton	Others	Others
34.	Baseball	Others	Others
35.	Body Builders	Others	Others
36.	Carrom	Others	Others
37.	Cycle Polo	Others	Others
38.	Fencing	Others	Others
39.	Jump Rope	Others	Others
40.	Karate-Do	Others	Others
41.	Kho-Kho	Others	Others
42.	Net Ball	Others	Others
43.	Power-lifting	Others	Others
44.	Roll Ball	Others	Others
45.	Roller Skating	Others	Others
46.	Sepaktakraw	Others	Priority.
47.	Shooting Ball	Others	Others
48.	Soft Tennis	Others	Others
49.	Softball	Others	Others
50.	Tenni-Koit	Others	Others
51.	Tennis-ball Cricket	Others	Others
52.	Ten-Pin Bowling	Others	Others
53.	Tug-of-War	Others	Others
54.	Winter Games	Others	Others
55.	Archery	Priority	High Priority.
56.	Boxing	Priority	High Priority.
57.	Deaf Sports	Priority	Priority.
58.	Rugby	Others	Others
59.	Motor Sports	Others	Others

6. Although, presently no sports discipline has been placed in 'General' category, this category shall be retained. Criteria for inclusion in this category and financial assistance to be provided will be separately conveyed

7. It has also been decided that the funding, as per the revised categorization, shall be regulated as under:-

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'High Priority' & 'Priority' category disciplines

(a) All National & Zonal Championships are to be funded.

(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 a Committee headed by Secretary (Sports).

'Others' category disciplines

a) No financial assistance shall be admissible.

8. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble MOS (I/C) YAS and shall come into force with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,


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1. PS to MOS (I/C) YAS.
2. DG, Sports Authority of India, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
3. US (SP-IV), US (SP-V), US (SP-VI)
4. SO (SP-I,II,III,IV,V,VI)
5. Executive Director (Teams), Sports Authority of India, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
6. PPS to Secretary (Sports) MYAS.
7. PS to Joint Secretary (Sports) MYAS
8. ✓ NIC, for placing it on the website of the Ministry
9. Shri Alok Deshwal, DPIO for taking necessary action


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