

## **SELECTION OF ATHLETES**

- (i) The selection of sports persons for participation in major international events shall be the responsibility of National Sports Federations (NSF) concerned, and Government and the Sports Authority of Indian, will not have direct involvement in the Selection process, except to ensure that it is fair and transparent.
  
- (ii) The selection criteria/norms shall be clearly communicated by the NSFs to all concerned viz. players, coaches, Government Observers etc. well in advance and be put up on the website of the NSF concerned and also be forwarded to SAI and the Ministry to be put up on their respective websites.
  
- (iii) In case of measurable event, the minimum qualifying norms may be fixed and announced along with the notice for Selection Trails and be put up on the website of the NSF concerned and also be forwarded o SAI and the Ministry to be put up on their respective websites.
  
- (iv) The holding of the selection trails should be announced at least one month in advance of dates of the trails.
  
- (v) In team events the Selection Trails should be held two months in advance and in the case of contact games, the selection trails should be held at least one month in advance of the competition event.
  
- (vi) The selection shall be done by a Selection Committee, consisting of the President of the NSF as the chairman, the National coach and eminent ex-sportspersons, preferably Arjuna awardees. There shall be no Government Observer/SAI nominee, as member, in the Selection Committee.

(vii) The NSFs shall send invitation to the Government Observer, for attending the selection trials, and the selection committee meetings, as an Observer, at least 15 days in advance, which shall further be followed up on personal basis. The Government Observer must send his/her report, directly to SAI and the Ministry, without delay.

(viii) The national coach shall evaluate the progress and performance of each player on regular basis, and submit the report to the Selection Committee and Sports Authority of India.

(ix) The athletes who were not in the coaching camp organized prior to the Selection may be allowed to participate in the selection trials, only in exceptional cases with due justification.

(x) The proceedings of the Selection should spell out in details the selection criteria, the past performance of the players, and their performance in the selection trials.

(xi) The team once finalized for a particular event shall not be changed under any circumstances, unless warranted by unavoidable situation due justification and the changes shall be informed to all concerned.

(xii) NSFs shall keep the performance of each athlete on its web site. This should be updated at least once a month along with rankings, if applicable.

(xiii) The athlete once selected for a team, shall be treated with utmost dignity. In case of any doubt arising, the athlete has to be taken into confidence. Proper appeal mechanism shall be put in place, to ensure proper and timely redressal of their grievances.