

## **ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA**

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## All the Affiliated Units – AFI

## Subject :- 58<sup>th</sup> National Open Athletics Championships

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that 58<sup>th</sup> National Open Athletics Championships will be held at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneshwar (Odisha) from 25-28 September 2018. The following important points concerning the Championships may kindly be kept in mind :-

**No. of Entries** - Each Unit can send three Entries per event. No reserve entry/substitutes are permissible.

**No. of Events an athlete can participate** – An athlete can participate in maximum two Individual Events and both the Relays.

**Procedure for sending entries** - The entries have to be submitted **'ONLINE'** on AFI Website by the respective units (States/Boards) latest by 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Entries sent by the mode other than **'Online'** will not be accepted. In other words, no manual entry will be accepted. The entry standard already circulated by the Federation should be kept in mind while sending the entry. In no case, athletes having not achieved the Entry Standard should be entered. The Entry Standard is also available on our website.

Any Unit which has no athlete meeting the entry standard may enter one unqualified male and one female athlete.

An athlete will not be allowed to participate if his/her confirmation is not given by the Manager/Coach.

If an athlete fails to participate in an event after giving the confirmation, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the subsequent event (s) of the Championships.

**Entry Fee :-** The entry fee of Rs. 250/- per event per athlete is to be submitted 'Online' alongwith the entry. There is no entry fee for Relay Events.

<u>Participation Certificates -</u> Participation Certificates will be issued during the Championships. It is, therefore, the duty of the Manager/Coach to collect the Participation Certificates at the venue itself.

It may also be noted that Participation Certificates will be issued to only those athletes who actually participate and perform as per the entry standard.

**Dope Test** – Dope Tests will be conducted by NADA during the Championships. It may also be ensured that athletes who have been debarred due to Dope are not included in the entry.

<u>Call Room -</u> Athletes are required to report in the Call Room. Any athlete reporting directly at the Competition Area will not be allowed to participate.

<u>March Past</u> - March Past for all the Team Members of participating Units is mandatory. Athletes not participating in the March Past may not be allowed to participate in the Championships.

<u>Flags</u> - Each participating Unit is required to bring Two Flags – One for hosting at the Stadium and the other for March Past.

<u>Victory Ceremony</u> Managers/Coaches should ensure that their athletes report for Victory Ceremony immediately after the announcement is made in this regard. Medals will not be given to athletes who do not report for Victory Ceremony.

**Equipment** - IAAF/AFI approved equipment will only be used during the Championships.

<u>Best Athletes</u> - Best Athletes will be selected on "Points Basis" referring to IAAF/AFI All events Scoring Table.

**Team Championships** - Team Championships will be decided on "Point System" basis upto 6<sup>th</sup> Place i.e. 7,5,4,3,2,1.

<u>Accommodation for Athletes/Officials of Departmental Boards -</u> As per AFI Constitution, accommodation will not be provided to Athletes/Officials of the Departmental Boards by the host unit. Such Units are therefore, advised to do the needful well in advance to avoid inconvenience to its athletes/officials.

## Accommodation for Athletes/Officials of States/UT's

Free accommodation to athletes/officials from States/UT's will be provided by the Host Unit as per the Quota fixed by the Federation, a copy of which is attached as Annexure. Accommodation for athletes/officials exceeding the prescribed quota will be arranged by the concerned unit.

The Championships will be conducted as per guidelines mentioned in Indian Athletics Competition Manual.

Your cooperation for the successful conduct of this Championships is solicited.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

(C.K. VALSON) Secretary, AFI

Encl :- As Above