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All the Affiliated Units - AFI

<u>Subject</u>:- 57th National Open Athletics Championships

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that 57th National Open Athletics Championships will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai from 25-28 September 2017.

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.

<u>Entries -</u> Entries must be sent on the prescribed form which is enclosed. <u>Entry not sent on the prescribed form will not be accepted</u> - Entries must be made in Capital Letters and all the columns of the entry form must be filled. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. Entry should be made on <u>Microsoft Excel Format</u>. In no case, handwritten entry will be accepted.

To whom Entries are to be sent - Entries should be sent to AFI Office by Email only.

<u>Last Date for receipt of Entries</u> The Last date for receipt of entries in AFI Office is 10th September 2017. Entries received after the closing date may not be accepted. It may please be noted that in no case entry or addition/deletion of entry will be accepted after the closing date of entry.

<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 which has already been circulated.

You are, therefore, advised to send entries of only those athletes, who qualify the entry standard. In no case entry of sub-standard athletes should be made.

<u>Dope Test</u> – 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>Basis of Selection -</u> A copy of the Minutes of the Selection Committee clearly mentioning the basis and criteria adopted for selection of athletes should be sent alongwith entry form. A copy of results of the Meet for seniors organized in 2017 may also be sent to AFI.

<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.

<u>Team Championships -</u> Team Championships will be decoded pm the "Point System" basis upto 6th Place i.e. 7,5,4,3,2,1.

<u>Confirmation of Entries/Failure to Participate -</u> After giving final confirmation, if an athlete does not participate, he/she will be excluded from participation in all further events including relays.

<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.

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