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Department of Sports

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

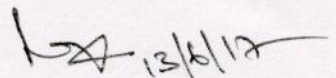
Subject : Revised Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Scheme to the Scheme of the National Welfare Fund of Sportspersons, which was last revised on 18.05.2016 and to say that the Scheme of National Welfare Fund of Sportsperson has been revised extensively.

2. In the revised scheme, a provision of monthly pension of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand) per month has been provided to those yesteryears meritorious sportspersons, now living in indigent circumstances.

3. A copy of the Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons, amended as on 30.5.2017 alongwith the proforma for application for seeking assistance under the scheme, is sent herewith.

4. It is requested that revised scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportsperson may be given wide publicity and may also be uploaded on websites of Sports Authority of India (SAI), Indian Olympic Association(IOA), National Sports Federation(NSFs), Sports Departments of State Governments/UTs.

 13/6/17

(Raj K Gupta)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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To,

1. Director General, Sports Authority of India, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs & Sports of All States/Union Territories.
3. President/Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association, B-29, Qutub, Institutional Area, New Delhi.
4. President/Secretary General of all recognised National Federations

Copy to:

1. Executive Director (Teams), SAI, Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
2. Under Secretary (SP-1 & III)
3. Guard File.

NATIONAL WELFARE FUND FOR SPORTSPERSONS
(Amended as on 13.06.2017)

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. The scheme for the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons shall extend to the whole of India.

DEFINITIONS

2. In this Scheme unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) “**Committee**” means the General Committee for National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(b) “**Family**” means sportsperson’s wife or husband, as the case may be, minor sons and unmarried daughters residing with and wholly dependent on him and includes a dependent father, mother, unmarried sisters, minor brothers, adopted sons and daughters subject to the condition that valid proof of adoption is produced’

(c) “**Fund**” means the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(d) “**Indigent circumstances**” means the circumstances under which sportsperson or his family in distress have no source of income or have income of less than Rs. 2 lakh per annum from all sources and such other circumstances as may be considered by the Committee to be indigent circumstances.

(e) “**Scheme**” means the Scheme for National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(f) “**Sports**” means the sports and games for which a National Sports Federations duly recognized by the Central Government exists. However, other sports and games, for which a duly recognized National Sports Federation does not exist, can also be covered under the scheme if so decided by General Committee of the National Welfare Fund.

(g) “**Outstanding Sportsperson**” means a sportsperson who has achieved a position within first 3 in individual events or within first 2 in team events in a recognized National Championship, or one who represents or has represented the country in an International Competition at least twice”

(i) “**International Competition**” means Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, World Championships, Asian Championships, Commonwealth Championships and other such recognized events. It does not, however, include purely invitational tournaments.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

3. The Fund shall be utilized for the following objectives:
(i) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent sportspersons;

5. DAY -TO- DAY WORKING OF THE FUND shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the following members; namely-

(i)	Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Chairperson
(ii)	Financial Adviser, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member
(iii)	Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association	Member
(iv)	Director General, Sports Authority of India	Member
(v)	Two eminent ex-sportspersons including one woman	Member
(vi)	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member
(vii)	Director (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.	Member

QUORUM FOR MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6 (i) Not less than five members of the Committee shall form quorum for any meeting.

6 (ii) Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on question and in a case of equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7 (i) The Committee may function notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership.

7 (ii) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the Committee may, as it thinks fit, frame, and vary, from time to time, rules for the conduct of its business.

7 (iii) For the amount standing in the credit of the Fund, the investment of the funds will be made in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance on investment of fund by the government agencies.

7 (iv) The General Committee may make rules for the regulation, management and for any other purpose connected with execution of the Fund.

7 (v) The Executive Committee shall invest the proceeds of the sale or other disposal of the property as well as any monies or property not immediately required to be used for the objects of the Fund in anyone or more of the modes of investment for the time being authorized by law for the investment of the trust monies, as the Committee may think proper.

11(v) Assistance to coaches, support personnel, umpires, referees and match officials: Lumpsum financial assistance, not exceeding Rs. 2 lakh may be provided to coaches and support personnel such as sports doctors, sports psychologists, sports mentor, physiotherapists, masseurs who have been attached with national coaching camps for senior category players and national teams (senior category, and umpires, referees and match officials, who have been associated with recognized national championships (senior category) and international tournaments (senior category) in the sports disciplines included in Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games who are living in indigent circumstances or to family members of such deceased support personnel living in indigent circumstances.

11(vi) Discretionary powers to the Chairperson of the General Committee: The Chairperson of the General Committee may sanction the assistance, in deserving cases, even to those, who technically are non-eligible, taking into account full circumstances for each case and for reasons to be recorded in writing. The Chairperson will have the discretion to decide the quantum of assistance.

11(vii) Disclosure of information about assistance received from other resources: Sportspersons or family member of sportspersons applying for assistance from National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons will furnish information about assistance received in kind or cash from any other source for the same purpose.

PART IV – PROCEDURE FOR GRANT OF ASSISTANCE

12. An application for financial assistance from the Fund shall be addressed to the Member-Secretary of the Executive committee in the prescribed proforma enclosed.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

13 All applications for financial assistance from the Fund shall be considered by the Executive Committee and where the Executive Committee is not meeting in near future for any reason, the applications so received may be considered and disposed off even by circulation, by a Sub Committee consisting of the Chairperson and two other members of the Executive Committee to nominated by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

POWER TO STOP GRANT

14. The Chairperson of the General Committee may, if he/she thinks it necessary to do so and for reasons to be recorded in writing, withhold or reduce any undisbursed grant made under this Scheme.

PART V – MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

MEMBER-SECRETARY – POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

15 (a) All contracts and other assurances shall be in the name of the Committee and shall be signed on its behalf by at least one of the members and Member-Secretary/Treasurer.

20 (2) The terms and conditions of service of the staff may be determined by the General Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

21. The administrative expenses incurred by the General Committee and Executive Committee such as expenditure incurred on salaries and allowances, traveling allowance and daily allowance of its officers and staff and traveling allowance and daily allowance of the members and also expenses incurred for generation of awareness about the Fund shall be legitimate charge on the Fund.

REMUNERATION TO MEMBERS

22 (1) No remuneration shall be paid to any of the members of the Committee except traveling and daily allowance at rates to be determined by the Committee.

22 (2) The official members of the Committee shall draw traveling and daily allowance at rates admissible to them from the source from which they draw their salaries.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

23. Regular accounts shall be kept of all monies and properties and of income and expenditure of the Fund and shall be audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants or any other recognized authorities as may be appointed by the Committee. The auditors shall also certify that the expenditure from the Fund has been correctly incurred in accordance with the objects of the Fund.

ANNUAL REPORT

24. An annual report on the working of the Fund shall be prepared by the Member-Secretary of the General Committee and shall after approval of the General Committee, be presented to the Government of India.

RELAXATION CLAUSE :

25. Minister –in-Charge for Youth Affairs & Sports will be competent authority for relaxation of any clause of this Scheme provided there are sufficient reasons (to be recorded in writing) for doing so.

NATIONAL WELFARE FUND FOR SPORTSPERSONS

Specimen Application Form for Assistance

(To be submitted in quadruplicate)

**Latest Passport
size photograph**

1	Name of the applicant (in capital letters)					
2	Father's name/Husband's name					
3	Postal address (In capital letters)					
4	Date of birth (Attach documentary proof)					
5	Present occupation with full address of the employer, if any					
6	Whether himself/herself is a sportsman/woman or dependent (If dependent, state relationship with the sportsman/woman whose particulars i.e., name, father's name etc. may be given)					
7	Discipline of sports in which participated					
8	Sports achievements					
		Year	Venue	Name of the tournament	Position Achieved	Remark
(a)	Achievements					
(i)	National level					
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Signature of the applicant

Date _____

Place _____

DECLARATION

I do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the particulars mentioned above are correct.

(Signature of the applicant)

Date

Signed in my presence (2 witnesses)

Name & Address in capital letters

Signature

Date

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To,

Member-Secretary,
National Welfare Fund for sportspersons,
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports,
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