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### **CIRCULAR NO. 31**

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## **ALL THE AFFILIATED STATE UNITS – AFI**

Sub: 35<sup>th</sup> National Junior Athletics Championships, 2019

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that 35<sup>th</sup> National Junior Athletics Championships will be organized by Andhra Pradesh Athletics Association at NH16, Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh from November 2-6, 2019. The various details of the Championships are as under:

## **Age Groups & Age Brackets**

Boys & Girls (Under 14): Born between 07-11-2005 & 06-11-2007 Boys & Girls (Under 16): Born between 07-11-2003 & 06-11-2005 Boys & Girls (Under 18): Born between 07-11-2001 & 06-11-2003 Boys & Girls (Under 20): Born between 07-11-1999 & 06-11-2001

# An athlete below 12 years as on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 will not be eligible to participate.

# **Reckoning of Age**

The age of athletes will be reckoned as on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. In other words, an athlete should be in his/her age group on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

# **Age Verification**

AFI Age Verification Committee and a team of doctors will be present to verify the age of athletes. The decisions taken by the Committee about the age of an athlete will be final.

# No. of Entries each State can send

Boys & Girls - Under 20, 18 & 16 years Boys & Girls - Under 14 years No reserve entry will be accepted.

- Two entries per event & Relay(s)
- Only one entry per event

# No. of Events, an athlete can participate

## **Boys & Girls Under 20 Yrs**

An athlete can participate in two individual events and one Relay.

### Boys & Girls Under 18 Yrs., 16 Yrs. & 14 Yrs.

- (a) An athlete can participate in two individual events & one Relay.
- (b) If the two individual events are track events, one of these individual events may be longer than 200m.
- (c) Athletes below 16 years cannot participate in the age groups of the Boys & Girls under 18 years and 20 years.
- (d) An athlete can participate in his/her own age group only.

### **Events to be conducted**

The list of events to be conducted during 2019-20 has already been sent to all the affiliated units and also put on AFI Website.

# **Proof of Age**

The following documents will be accepted as proof of age:

# (a) Athletes below 14 years and 16 years.

Certificate issued by "Birth & Death" Registration office of a Municipal Corporation / Nagar Palika / Mahapalika / District / Village Panchayat/10<sup>th</sup> Standard Certificate.

# (b) Athletes above 16 years

- 10<sup>th</sup> Standard certificate or equivalent issued by a recognized State/Central Education Board/Birth Certificate.
- (c) Athletes, who have not gone to School at all should bring Birth Certificate from Municipality/Corporation etc. Athletes, who are drop outs, should bring birth certificate and also School Leaving Certificate, showing date of birth from the School he/she last attended.

It is mandatory to produce original proof of date of birth before the Age Verification Committee / Team of Doctors, without which athletes may not be allowed to participate. All athletes should, therefore, be advised to bring with them original certificate as proof of age. Date of birth certificates in vernacular must be accompanied by an attested English/Hindi translation duly attested by a Gazetted Officer.

## **Registration of Athletes**

The registration forms will be issued at the venue and the same should be handed over to the concerned AFI Officials at the venue of Championships, duly filled along with two coloured photographs for verification of age by the Age Verification Committee/ Doctors.

# **Procedure for sending Entries**

The entries have to be submitted "ONLINE" on AFI Website by the respective State/UT Units latest by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Entries sent by the mode other than "ONLINE" will not be accepted. In other words, entry sent by Email or otherwise will not 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 available on our website <a href="https://www.indianathletics.in">www.indianathletics.in</a>.

### **Entry Fee**

The entry fee of Rs. 50/- per event, per athlete is to be paid "Online" alongwith the entry.

# **Last Date of Entry**

The last date for receipt of entries "Online" is 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

# **March Past**

March Past is compulsory for all the participating teams. Managers / Coaches of the teams should, therefore, ensure that their athletes take part in March Past. Each Participating State is required to send two flags of the Association with the Manager/ Coach of the team. Any athlete, who does not take part in the March Past, will not be allowed to participate in the Championships.

# **Dope Test**

Dope Test will be conducted by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) during the Championships.

# **Banned Athletes**

All the State/UT Secretaries should ensure that they do not include names of athletes, who have been banned by AFI for participation in Junior Meets, due to Overage or Dope.

# **Participation Certificates**

Participation Certificates will be issued to only those athletes, who actually participate and perform as per the entry standard laid down by the Federation. The Managers/Coaches may, therefore, be advised to collect the Participation Certificates from AFI Officials at the venue of the Championships.

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

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely

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Secretary, AFI