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

**Subject :- 18<sup>th</sup> National Federation Cup Junior (U-20) Athletics Championships**

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that **18<sup>th</sup> National Federation Cup Junior (U-20) Athletics Championships 2021** will be organized by Department of Sports & Youth Welfare, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh at **T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal** from **25-27 January 2021**.

### **Reckoning of Age/Eligibility**

Athletes should be below 20 years as on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Athletes below 16 years on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 are not eligible to participate in this championships. In other words, an athlete should have born between 25<sup>th</sup> January 2005 and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2001.

### **Age Verification**

AFI Age Verification Committee and a team of doctors will be present to assess the age of athletes.

### **Proof of Age**

The athletes are required to bring with them the following original certificates for verification:-

- (i) X Standard Certificate or equivalent from recognized Central/State Board indicating Date of Birth
- (ii) Birth Certificate from Municipality/Corporation and School Leaving Certificate, if an athlete has not passed X Standard and is a drop out.
- (iii) Birth Certificate from Municipality/Corporation in case of athletes, who have not gone to School at all.

### **Last Date of Entry**

Online Entry of athletes will start on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The last date for receipt of entries is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Entries received after due date will not be accepted.

### **Entries**

It is mandatory to fill all columns in “On-Line” Entry Form.

### **Procedure for Sending Entries**

Please note that Entry of Athletes is to be sent “Online” by the respective Secretary of the State Athletics Association and **NOT** by the individual athletes.

### **Entry Fee**

Entry fee of INR 50/- per Event to be paid online along with Entry.

### **Number of Entries**

Each State Unit can send three athletes in each event. No reserve entry is permissible.

### **Number of events an athlete can participate**

An athlete can participate in two individual events.

### **Flags**

Each participating units is required to send its Flag with the Manager of the Team.

### **Dope Test**

Dope Tests will be conducted by 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**

It is the duty of the Managers/Coaches to collect the Participation certificates from AFI Officials at the Venue of Championships. Participation Certificates will be issued to only those athletes, who qualify the Entry Standard already circulated.

### **Boarding & Lodging**

It may also be noted that Boarding and Lodging facilities to Athletes/Managers/Coaches will not be provided by the Organizers due to COVID – 19 pandemic. The participating states will therefore have to make their own arrangements in this regard.

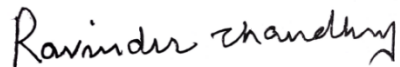
**It may please be noted that Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prepared by AFI and other guidelines issued by the concerned State Government in connection with COVID – 19 pandemic are strictly followed to ensure that the competition is conducted smoothly.**

Separate SOP in this regard will also be issued by the Organising State Association and participating State Units should adhere the same for the safety of Athletes/Officials. **Any Athlete/Official found violating the SOP/Guidelines issued in regard to Covid – 19 will be debarred from participation in this Championships.**

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

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ravinder Chaudhry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct flourish at the end.

**Ravinder Chaudhry**  
**Secretary, AFI**