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To,

The Secretaries,

Athletics Association of – Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand & Ladakh

Subject – 32nd North Zone Junior Athletics Championships 2021

I am pleased to inform you that **32nd North Zone Junior Athletics Championships 2021 will be organized by Uttar Pradesh Athletics Association on 23-26 February 2021**. The various details of the Championships are given below:-

Venue : Meerut
Dates : 23-26 February 2021
Organizing Secretary : MR. P.K. SRIVASTAVA
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Last date for receipt of Entries : **18th February 2021 thru AFI Website**

The **ONLINE entries** of Athletes can be done on AFI Website from **10th February to 18th February 2021**. Entries sent otherwise will not be accepted under any circumstances. **The Entries will be done by the office of participating State Association not by individual athletes**. However, for the participation in AFI meets, the registration of athletes is mandatory on AFI website.

Age Groups : Boys & Girls under 20 Yrs, 18Yrs, 16Yrs, & 14 Yrs.
Reckoning of Age : Age of athletes will be reckoned as on the last day of National Junior Athletics Championships of the year i.e. on 25th February 2021. In other words, an athlete should be in his/her age group on 25th February 2021 as per current AFI competition calendar.

For the convenience of the State Units for determining the Age Groups of athletes, the age brackets are mentioned below:

U-14 Years	Born Between 26-02-2007 & 25-02-2009
U-16 Years	Born Between 26-02-2005 & 25-02-2007
U-18 Years	Born Between 26-02-2003 & 25-02-2005
U-20 Years	Born Between 26-02-2001 & 25-02-2003

No. of events an athlete can participate: Two individual events.

No. of entries States can send: Each State can send two entries per event in each age group. No Reserve entry will be accepted.

Events to be conducted : **Separate list is attached.**

Verification of Age: The following Certificates are valid for verification of age of athletes.

(a) Under 16 Years:

Birth Certificate issued by Birth & Death Registration Office or Municipality/Corporation/Nagar Palika/District Headquarters.

(b) Above 16 Years:

- (i) Certificate from Central/State Education Board showing date of birth.
- (ii) Athletes, who have not gone to School at all, should produce Birth Certificate from authorities as indicated above.
- (iii) Athletes, who arte drop outs, shout bring Birth Certificate and School Leaving Certificate from the School last attended.

The original Age Proof Certificates are required to be produced by the athletes. No other Certificate will be accepted as Proof of Age.

Responsibilities of Organizing Secretary:

- (a) Age Verification Committee should be constituted to Identify overage athletes. The list of athletes found overage should be sent to this office.
- (b) The results should be prepared Group-wise/Event-wise e.g. Boys U/20-100m, 200m, 400m, Boys U/18- 100m, 200m, 400m... & so on). It is absolutely necessary that results are prepared on the prescribed proforma sent by AFI. **The proforma for the same will be sent to Organising Secretary.** If the results are not sent to this office through e-mail, the Merit Certificates will not be prepared and the Organizing unit will be held responsible for this.
- (c) **Date of birth and Father's name must be mentioned in the Results failing which the Merit Certificates will not be prepared.**
- (d) A team of doctors should be nominated to assess age of athletes.
- (e) AFI/World Athletics approved equipment should be used i.e. Vinex/ATE/Nelco.
- (f) In throwing events, weights of implements should be mentioned in the results.
- (g) The height of hurdles in case of Junior Men (Below 20 years) **is now 99 cm. and not 106 cm.**

- (h) The participating units should ensure that overage athletes already banned for participation are not entered.
- (i) Please note the change in weight of throwing implements for Girls U/18, U/16 & U/14.
- (j) The events shall be organized in accordance with the Rules of **World Athletics - Competition and Technical Rules, 2020 Edition & Indian Athletics Manual** (updated as on 01.10.2020 on AFI website).

MINIMUM NUMBER of ENTRIES FOR HOLDING THE EVENT

- i) The event may be conducted with a minimum number of THREE entries from Two different States.
- ii) In case, if entries are less than the numbers specified, the event shall be conducted for the purpose of recording the performances. No certificate and medals shall be awarded in that event.

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 Organizing State Association and participating State Units should adhere the same for the safety of Athletes/Officials.

An invitation letter from Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Athletics Association, comprising of organizational details shall be sent to all the affiliated State Units & Departmental Units, in due course of time.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



Ravinder Chaudhry
Secretary, AFI