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All the Affiliated Units - AFI

Circular No. 11/1-2021

Subject: - 55th National Cross Country Championships 2021

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that **55th National Cross Country Championships 2021** shall be held at **Chandigarh** on **Sunday, February 21, 2021**. The Championships shall be organized by **Chandigarh Athletics Association** under the aegis of Athletics Federation of India.

The Championships and events shall be organized in accordance with the Rules of **World Athletics – Competition & Technical Rules 2020 Edition** & **Indian Athletics Manual** (updated as on 01.10.2020).

The SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) issued by Athletics Federation of India & Government of India shall be followed for hosting this National Athletics Championships.

The details of the Championships are as it follows:

1. The Competition will be organized in Men, Women, under 20 years (U20) Men, under 20 years (U20) Women, under 18 years (U18) Men, under 18 years (U18) Women, under 16 years (U16) Boys and under 16 years (U16) Girls categories
2. The teams representing the "Affiliated States /UT Athletics Associations" and 'Affiliated Sports Boards/Institutions' will enter in this Competition.
3. The Affiliated Sports Boards/Institutions shall enter Teams only in Men & Women categories.
4. CROSS-COUNTRY RACES & DISTANCES:

MEN:	10 km.	WOMEN:	10 km.
U 20 MEN:	8 km.	U 20 WOMEN:	6 km.
U 18 MEN:	6 km.	U 18 WOMEN:	4 km.
U 16 BOYS:	2 km.	U 16 GIRLS:	2 km.

5. **Composition of Teams**

- (a) Men, Women, U20 Men, U20 Women – Each affiliated Unit can enter Six athletes to run & Four will score for Team Championships.

- (b) Boys & Girls U18 & U16 - Each affiliated unit can enter maximum of **Two** athletes in each group.

6. Rules

- a) Every Finisher will score points equal to his/her finishing order. That is, the Athlete who finish first will score one point, second will score two points, fifth - five points.....fortieth - forty points and so on.
- b) The team Championship will be decided by the aggregate points recorded by the scoring athletes of each team. The team with lowest aggregate points will be the Winner.
- c) If a team fails to finish with a complete scoring team (That is four finishers), the runners finishing shall be counted as individuals in the race result and be eligible for the individual awards only and will not be considered for Team Championship.
- d) In assessing the aggregate for Team Championship, no adjustment to the scoring of the finishing teams shall be made in respect of non-scoring team runners or of individual entries.
- e) **TIE:-** In the event of a Tie for Team Championship, it shall be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring member finishes nearer to the First place.

7. Prizes & Trophies:

- a) The First, Second & Third place winners of all the Races will be awarded Medals and Bouquets. The Merit/Diploma certificates will be issued only after receiving the Report of "Age Verification Committee" & "Dope Test" from NADA.
- a) TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: The 'BEST TEAMS' in MEN, WOMEN, U20 MEN, U20 WOMEN will be awarded Trophies. The 'BEST THREE TEAMS' in MEN, WOMEN, U20 MEN, U20 WOMEN will be awarded Medals and Bouquets. The Merit/Diploma certificates will be issued only after receiving the Report of "Age Verification Committee" & "Dope Test" from NADA. The best FOUR scoring members of each winning team who secure scoring points will be eligible for the same Awards.
- b) No team Championships will be awarded in U18 Men, U18 Women, U16 Boys and U16 Girls categories.

8. Procedure for Sending Entries:-

The entries should be submitted "**ONLINE**" on AFI Website by the affiliated States / UT / Sports Boards from **30th January 2021**. Entries sent by the mode other than "**ONLINE**" will not be accepted. In other words, no manual entry will be accepted.

Last Date for receipt of Entries: - 12th February 2021

9. Competition Fees

The details of Competition fees to be paid are as under:-

Junior Athletes	-	Rs. 50/- per head
Senior Athletes	-	Rs. 250/- per head

10. Eligibility Criteria for Junior Athlete.

- a) The date of reckoning the age for Junior Athletes will be as on **21st February 2021**.

- b) An athlete can participate in his/her age group only.
- c) **Entry of Athletes below 14 years of age as on 21st February 2021 will not be accepted.**

Only the following Date of Birth certificates will be valid for Age Verification, which have been obtained within One year of the birth of an athlete –

Athletes above 16 years:

- i. Certificate of Matriculation/High School/Higher Secondary class issued by a recognized Board of State Government or Central Government.
- ii. Birth Certificate from the Birth & Death Registration Office of Municipal Corporation/Nagar Mahapalika/Village or Grama Panchayat & School Leaving Certificate, if he or she is drop out.
- iii. Birth Certificate from the Municipal Corporation/Nagar Mahapalika/Village or Grama Panchayat, if he or she has not gone to school at all.

Age Brackets

- I. U20 Men & Women - Born between 22.02.2001 & 21.02.2003
- II. U18 Men & Women - Born between 22.02.2003 & 21.02.2005
- III. U16 Boys & Girls. - Born between 22.02.2005 & 21.02.2007

11. Age Verification

A team of Doctors & members of AFI Age Verifications Committee will verify the age of Junior athletes on 20th February 2021 from 10am to 05pm at Venue of Competition.

Junior Athletes, who do not produce the proof of date of birth as mentioned above, **will not be allowed to participate.**

12. Flags

Each team is required to bring its Flag and deposit with the organizers.

13. Boarding & Lodging

Please be informed that the Boarding, Lodging & Local Transport facilities to participating Teams (Athletes/Managers/Coaches/Team Officials) will not be provided by the Local Organising Committee. The participating Teams will therefore have to make their own arrangements in this regard.

- 14. It may please be noted that other guidelines issued by the concerned State Government in connection with Pandemic COVID – 19, shall be strictly followed to ensure that the competition is conducted smoothly.** Separate SOP in this regard will be issued by the Local Organising Committee (LOC), i.e. Chandigarh Athletics Association and participating teams should adhere the same for the safety of Athletes/Officials. **Any Athlete/Official/Team found violating the SOP, Guidelines issued with regard to Pandemic Covid – 19 will be debarred from participation in this Championships.**

Contact details of the Organizers

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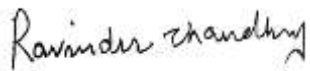
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An invitation letter from Secretary, Chandigarh Athletics Association, comprising of organizational details shall be sent to all the affiliated State Units & Departmental Units, in due course of time.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



**Ravinder Chaudhry
Secretary, AFI**