

## ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

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## **NOTE**

Athletics Federation of India has a database of 26415 Athletes where athletes registered themselves on AFI website and obtained an AFI UID which enables them to participate in National meets.

It was seen in past that many State Units sends the entries with wrong spelling of name of athletes/date of birth/different formats/some sends handwritten entries and there was no record of such entries.

AFI has decided to launch the AFI UID system in the year 2019 with a vision to stop the overage participation. In the UID system, AFI has record of all the athletes such as date of birth proof, their photo id and their photo. AFI has not stopped here only, In November 2019, it decided to provide biometric cards to all the athletes under the guidance of Dr. Lalit K Bhanot, Chairman Planning Committee of AFI. Due to this activity, now AFI has the biometric data of all athletes and it curbed the problem of overage participation. As of now AFI is issuing the Chip enabled AFI UID biometric card to all athletes which involves several costs such as Travel & Accommodation cost of Biometric data collection team, their equipment, printing of cards, card cost etc.

There were some problems faced in the system, where athletes try to register themselves without proper documents, without proper photo / information as registration system was free to them. Sometimes they tried more than 25-30 times without proper documents and photo. It wasted the energy and time of the staff which is manually checking all the profiles and approving them. It was also seen that many athletes lost the card and claimed another biometric card free of cost.

To avoid this problem and meet the expenditure, AFI has decided to charge an amount of INR 500/- as a registration fee (one time charge) from the athletes with immediate effect which includes the fee of AFI UID Card. It will solve many problems like athletes will register only when they will have all the proper documents in hand and due to this, approval of AFI UID in one go. AFI has also decided to charge an amount of INR 1500/- for duplicate cards for the cases who lost the UID card for any reason.

This is for your information and record.

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