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To,
All Affiliated Units – AFI

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Subject: - 3rd National Open 400m Championships 2021

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that **3rd National Open 400m Championships 2021** is scheduled to be held at Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh) from **11-12 October 2021**.

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 Govt. of India/MYAS/SAI/AFI & Government of Himachal Pradesh shall be followed for hosting this National Athletics Championships.

Championships & Eligibility Details:

1. The individuals representing the "Affiliated States/UT Athletics Associations" and "Recognized Units" will enter in the Championships.
2. The Athletes belonging to the Men, Women, Under 20 years Boys, Under 20 years Girls, Under 18 years Boys and Under 18 years Girls, Under 16 years Boys and Under 16 years Girls will enter in this competition.
3. The entries should be submitted "ONLINE" on AFI Website directly by the individual athlete from **25th September to 5th October 2021**. **Entries sent by the mode other than "ONLINE" will not be accepted. In other words, no manual entry will be accepted.**
4. Athletes have to carry **negative RTPCR report** even if they are vaccinated. Without valid RTPCR report athletes **will not be allowed** to enter in the Stadium. This report should only be **72 hours prior** to the commencement of the event.
5. **The athletes who meet the Entry Standards will only be allowed to enter in the Competition.** The performance must have been achieved either in National Championships/State Championships or AFI recognized Championships where electronic system had been used.
6. **No spectator/coach/family member/accompanying person** will be allowed for this championship and athletes will be allowed only **2 hours before the start of their event**. Athletes have to vacate the stadium immediately after the completion of their event.
7. Entry Fee **of INR 1000/-** per athlete will have to be paid online alongwith entry. **Last date** for receipt of Entries is **5th October 2021**. In no case, entries after the target date will be entertained. The entry fee paid is **non-refundable**, hence athletes are advised to submit the entries only if they achieve the Entry Standard in National/State/UT Meets or AFI recognised meets.

BIB Nos:

BIB nos. will be issued to concerned Athletes as per day wise Start list and two hours before their event at the Entry Gate of Championships Venue after showing their valid Photo – ID card.

Entry Standard:

The entry is open to all aspirants /athletes of 400m as per entry Standards fixed by AFI which is as under.

Men	-	49.00s	Women	-	56.00s
Under 20 Boys	-	50.00s	Under 20 Girls	-	59.00s
Under 18 Boys	-	52.00s	Under 18 Girls	-	1:04.00s
Under 16 Boys	-	53.50s (400m) or 39.00s (300m)	Under 16 Girls	-	1:05.00s (400m) or 48.00s (300m)

It is once again advised to enter your name for the championships only if you have achieved the prescribed Entry standards fixed by AFI either in National/State/UT Meets or AFI recognized meets where electronic system had been used and the proof is must to be attached in online portal.

Reckoning of Age for Junior Athletes:

An athlete should be below 20 years, 18 years and 16 years as the case may be, on **11th October 2021**. The following age groups will facilitate the junior athletes to send the entry in the appropriate age group.

Under 20 Years - Born between 13.10.2001 & 12.10.2003

Under 18 Years - Born between 13.10.2003 & 12.10.2005

Under 16 Years - Born between 13.10.2005 & 12.10.2007

Medals & Certificates:

No Medal ceremony will be conducted. However, the medals and participation Certificates will be issued during the course of the Competition. Participation Certificates will be issued only to those athletes who achieve the qualification standards set by AFI. The exact time for distributions of certificates will be notified. It is, therefore, the responsibility of Athletes to collect the Participation Certificates by depositing the BIB Number with the concerned official. The Merit certificates will be issued only after receiving the "Dope Test" report from NADA and Age Verification Report. **The Certificates will be sent directly to the athlete on the registered address in AFI UID.**

Dope Samples:

Dope Samples will be collected by the officials of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

Boarding & Lodging:

Pls be informed that the Boarding, Lodging & Local Transport facilities to participating Athletes will not be provided by the Athletics Federation of India. Athletes will therefore have to make their own arrangements in this regard.

It may please be noted that other guidelines issued by the concerned State Government in connection with Covid-19 Pandemic, shall be strictly followed to ensure that the competition is conducted smoothly. Any Athlete/Official violating the SOP, Guidelines issued with regard to Covid-19 Pandemic will be debarred from participation in this Championships.

Disclaimer:

AFI or Organizing State Unit will not be held responsible directly or indirectly for any loss of life/damage/illness/injury in connection to participation in 3rd National Open 400m Championships 2021. All Athletes/officials/vendors have to participate on their own risk.

You are requested to bring it to the notice of your athletes.

Your cooperation in this regard is solicited.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,



(Ravinder Chaudhry)
Secretary, AFI