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All Affiliated Units – AFI

## **Subject: 9th Indian Open Race-Walking Competition 2022**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that **9th Indian Open Race-Walking Competition** will be held at **Ranchi (Jharkhand) on 16th & 17th April 2022**. The Competition will be organized by **Jharkhand Athletics Association** under the aegis of Athletics Federation of India.

The Competition and events shall be organized in accordance with the Rules of World Athletics- Competition & Technical Rules 2022 Edition & Indian Athletics Manual.

The SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) issued by Govt. of India, Government of Jharkhand & Athletics Federation of India will be followed for hosting this National Athletics Competition.

### **Competition Details:**

1. The Competition will be organized in **MEN, WOMEN, U-20 BOYS & U-20 GIRLS** section.
2. The **individuals** representing the “Affiliated States/UT Athletics Associations”, “Affiliated Sports Boards/Institutions” and “Recognized Units” will enter the Competition.
3. The Athletes who meet the entry standard fixed by AFI, are eligible to participate. The **performance must have been achieved** either in National or State Competition **in last 3 years**, where electronic system had been used.

### **Procedure for Sending Entries:**

- a) An Athlete can enter the **TWO** individual events.
- b) The entries should be submitted “**ONLINE**” on AFI Website by the individual athletes from **30th March 2022**. Entries sent by the mode other than “**ONLINE**” will not be accepted. In other words, no manual entry will be accepted.
- c) The Athletes have to submit the copy of results/certificate where he/she achieved the qualifying standard for participation in 9th Indian Open Race-Walking Competition while submitting the **ONLINE** entry.
- d) The last date for receipt of Entries is **10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

### **Dope Samples:**

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

### **Competition Fees & BIB number:**

An entry fee of **INR 1200/- per event** (non-refundable) will have to be paid online. No cash will be accepted at the competition venue. **Bib numbers** will be issued between **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on 15th April 2022** at the Office of the Jharkhand Olympic Association situated at **Morabadi Football Stadium, Ranchi**. The entry fee paid is non-refundable, hence athletes are advised to submit the entries only if they achieved the Entry Standard.

### **Events & Entry Standards:**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Entry Standards</b>
Men	: 35 KM	: 2:55:00.0 and below
Women	: 35 KM	: 3:30:00.0 and below
Men (A & B)	: 20 KM	: 1:35:00.0 and below for A group 1:45:00.0 and below for B group
Women (A & B)	: 20 KM	: 1:45:00.0 and below for A group 2:00:00.0 and below for B group
Under 20 Boys	: 10 KM	: 50:00.0
Under 20 Girls	: 10 KM	: 1:00:00

**\* 20KM (Men & Women) will be conducted in TWO groups (A & B). However, the results will be combined for both the groups.**

### **Reckoning of Age:**

Under 20 Boys & Girls - One should have born between 17th April 2002 and 16th April 2006.

### **Age Verification:**

**Age Verification will be done on 15th April 2022 from 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM** at the Office of the Jharkhand Olympic Association situated at **Morabadi Football Stadium, Ranchi**. Under 20 Boys & Girls are required to bring original Birth Certificate from Municipality/Corporation or 10th Standard Certificate issued by Central/ State recognized educational board for verification by the Age Verification Committee/Team of Doctors. Athletes who are drop-outs should bring Birth Certificate and 10th class passing certificate. Those athletes who have not gone to school at all should bring original Birth Certificate. Under-20 Athletes who do not bring the requisite proof of age, will not be allowed to participate. **Birth certificate should be issued within 3 years of birth.**

### **Merit Certificates:**

Merit Certificates will be sent to the concerned athletes at their registered address as per AFI-UID after receiving the "Dope Test" report from NADA which may take 3-4 months.

### **Medals & Participation Certificates:**

Medals & Participation Certificates will be issued during the course of the Competition. However, 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.

### **Boarding & Lodging:**

PLEASE 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.

Athletes/Officials have to carry negative RTPCR report of COVID-19 even if they are vaccinated. Without valid RTPCR report athletes will not be allowed to participate. This report should only be maximum 72 hours prior to the commencement of the event.

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

You are requested to bring it to the notice of your athletes. Your cooperation 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 small flourish at the end.

Ravinder Chaudhry  
Secretary, AFI