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All Affiliated State Units - AFI
All District Units affiliated to State Units
All Athletes Participating in NIDJAM

Subject: Compliance with AFI's No Needle Policy during NIDJAM 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that 19th edition of National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet will be held at Sardar Patel Sports City, Gujarat University, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat in collaboration with Sports Authority of Gujarat from 16 – 18 February 2024.

In this connection, it is pertinent to mention that doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport and AFI is serious about this issue and is committed to erase the menace of doping. It is therefore the responsibility of each athlete, team coach/manager, support staff, parent and all officials to ensure compliance with **“AFI's No Needle Policy”**.

There is no justification for any athlete, coach, manager, parent or any other non-medically qualified person to administer an injection. Injections are only permitted when there is a clinically justified reason for such an intervention as determined by the AFI Medical Commission.

In view of the above, it may be noted that **in case, any used/unused syringe/needle/injection vial/forbidden substance is found in the room or baggage of the athlete, Out of Competition/In Competition or at other non-competition venue(s), he/she will be disqualified from the competition with immediate effect and will be in-eligible for participation in any Domestic/International Competition in Athletics.**

Your kind cooperation in this regard is solicited.

Thanking You,
With Regards,

Ravinder Chaudhry
Secretary, AFI