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## **SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING THE INDIAN TEAM FOR THE 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS**

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The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is an apex body for controlling, promoting and managing the sport of Athletics in India. It is affiliated with the World Athletics (WA), Asian Athletics Association (AAA), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA). As declared in the Memorandum of Association of AFI in its Constitution, AFI is responsible for selecting and controlling the Indian Athletics Contingent for the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, South Asian Games and various other International competitions under the patronage of World Athletics, Asian Athletics Association and South Asian Athletics Federation.

### **GUIDELINES**

1.
  - a- It is mandatory to achieve the qualification standard fixed by the World Athletics and to be in the ranking as per the WA ranking system to be selected in the Indian team for participation in the Olympic Games 2024 failing which no athlete can be considered by the selection committee for selection.
  - b- It is necessary for an athlete to achieve at least 16<sup>th</sup> place performance of the last Olympics held in Tokyo in 2021 apart from achieving the qualification standard as mentioned in point 1a.
2. Interstate Senior Athletics Championships 2024 to be held from 27-30 June 2024 will be the final selection trials for the 2024 Olympic Games. It is mandatory for **ALL** the athletes to participate in the Interstate Championships 2024 to be considered for selection of the Indian team for the above-mentioned competition.
3. The qualification standards achieved in any recognized competition will be considered for the purpose of selection only if the athlete is sent by AFI to participate in such competitions. The athletes can be exempted from participation in the final trials to be held from 27-30 June 2024 in case an athlete is invited to participate in the Diamond League or is sent by AFI to participate in some competitions in order to achieve the qualification standard. The list of such athletes will be displayed on the AFI website no later than 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The exemption can be granted only by the selection committee at the request of the athletes or the coach while giving the justification for such exemption.
4. However, the AFI selection committee has the right to reject the name of any athlete who has achieved the qualification standard fixed by the World Athletics/ is in the world ranking, on account of the below-mentioned reasons.
  - a- Failure to participate in the final Selection competition i.e. Inter State Championships scheduled to be held from 27 to 30 June 2024 at Panchkula, Haryana.
  - b- Failure to maintain his/her performance in the final selection competition as mentioned above.

- c- Fitness of the athlete (as per parameters set by AFI).
- d- Any injury/ illness which directly risks the performance of the athletes/team.
- e- If suspended for a doping offence.

5.

- a- As approved and declared in the AFI AGM held on 20-21 Oct. 2018, the Relay Teams (Men & Women- 4x100m, 4x400m & 4x400 Mixed will be selected ONLY from the athletes who are part of the National Coaching Camp.
- b- If required the confirmatory trials will be conducted at the venue of the camp among the campers 15 days prior to the event in the Olympics.

6. For the purpose of selecting the athletes for the mixed-race walk event, the under-mentioned criteria will be followed:

**Mandatory Participation in 20 Km Race Walk Event:**

On day one of the Interstate Competition, individuals must participate in the 20 Km Race Walk event.

**Participation in 10 Km Race Walk Event on Day Two:**

On day two of the competition, participants must compete in the 10 Km Race Walk event.

**Qualification Criteria for 10 Km Event:**

Men must complete the 20 Km Race Walk on day one in a time of 1:23:00 hrs.

Women must finish the 20 Km Race Walk on day one in a time of 1:34:00 hrs.

**Selection for Mixed Race Walk Event:**

The final team for the mixed Race Walk event will be selected from the finalists of the 10 Km Race Walk event.

- 7. It is the sole responsibility of the Athlete to declare his/her whereabouts and place of training along with their email id and mobile number.
- 8. The athletes who desire to participate in the Olympic Games are required to send their accreditation details in the prescribed format to the AFI office before the deadline of 10 February 2023. The format will be published on the AFI website well in advance. AFI will not have any obligation to facilitate participation in the Olympics even if he or she has achieved the qualification standard fixed by the World Athletics/ AFI but has not been accredited as per the guidelines of the Organising Committee of the Olympics 2024.
- 9. Once selected, until the 2024 Olympics, athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training venue/ status that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level. Failure to properly to promptly report injury or illness to the AFI/ Chief Coach prior to the event may result in the athlete being removed from the team. The final decision on the same shall be decided by the selection committee.
- 10. AFI follows NO NEEDLE POLICY and all Athletes are required to adhere to AFI's NO NEEDLE POLICY strictly. (Policy is available on the AFI website).