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To,
All Affiliated Units
Athletics Federation of India

**Subject: Performance Requirement for Participation in National
Championships**

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

It is hereby informed that, for participation in the forthcoming National Championships, only performances achieved during the immediately preceding year shall be considered for eligibility. Therefore, for the competitions in 2026, the performance achieved in the year 2025 will only be considered.

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has rationalised and lowered the qualification standards for National Competitions with the objective of providing greater competitive opportunities to emerging and developing athletes.

The qualification standards prescribed by AFI must be achieved in:

1. Competitions/Meets organised by AFI during the year 2025; or
2. State-level competitions conducted using the Online Entry System and TSR system; or
3. Board meets such as Railways, SSCB, and Police Championships, provided that an AFI Technical Official was in attendance and duly officiated at the meet.

Performances achieved in any other competitions shall not be considered for qualification purposes.

Regards

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Officiating Secretary
Athletics Federation of India