

NATIONAL WELFARE FUND FOR SPORTSPERSONS

(Amended as on 18th May 2016)

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. The scheme for the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons shall extend to the whole of India.

DEFINITIONS

2. In this Scheme unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) **“General Committee”** means the General Committee for National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(b) **“Executive Committee”** means the Executive Committee for National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons

(c) **“Family”** means sportsperson’s wife or husband, as the case may be, minor sons and unmarried daughters residing with and wholly dependent on him and includes a dependent father, mother, unmarried sisters, minor brothers, adopted sons and daughters subject to the condition that valid proof of adoption is produced’

(d) **“Fund”** means the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(e) **“Indigent circumstances”** means the circumstances under which sportsperson or his family in distress have no source of income or have income of less than Rs. 4 lakh per annum from all sources and such other circumstances as may be considered by the Committee to be indigent circumstances.

(f) **“Scheme”** means the Scheme for National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(g) **“Sports”** means the sports and games for which a National Sports Federations duly recognized by the Central Government exists. However, other sports and games, for which a duly recognized National Sports Federation does not exist, can also be covered under the scheme if so decided by the General Committee of the National Welfare Fund.

(h) **“Outstanding Sportsperson”** means a sportsperson who has achieved a position within first 3 in individual events and team events in a recognized National Championship (Senior category) conducted by National Sports Federations, recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, or National Games conducted under auspices of Indian Olympic Association, Inter-University Tournaments conducted under the auspices of Association of Indian Universities, or one who has participated in an international sports event in senior category in the sports disciplines included in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games. .

For purpose of giving financial assistance to sportspersons who have suffered injuries, “outstanding sportsperson” will also include junior and sub-junior categories.

(i) “International Competition” means Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, World Championships, Asian Championships, Commonwealth Championships and other such recognized events. It does not, however, include purely invitational tournaments.

(j) “National Competition” means National Championships conducted by National Sports Federations (NSFs) recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, National Games conducted under auspices of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and , Inter-University Tournaments recognized by Association of Indian Universities

OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

3. The Fund shall be utilized for the following objectives:

(i) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent sportspersons;

(ii) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury;

(iii) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons who bring glory to the country in international field and who are disabled as an after effect of their strenuous training or otherwise and to provide them assistance for medical treatment;

(iv) to administrator and apply the funds of the Fund to promote the welfare of the sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances;

(v) to administer and apply the funds of the Fund for active sportspersons individually or collectively as a group;

(vi) to do all other things which are incidental to the above objectives.

PART II –GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

4. For the management and administration of the Fund, a General Committee shall be constituted consisting of the following members, namely:

(i)	Minister-in charge of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Chairperson
(ii)	Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member
(iii)	Financial Adviser, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member

(iv)	President, Indian Olympic Association	Member
(v)	Director General, Sports Authority of India	Member
(vi)	Two eminent ex-sportspersons including one woman	Member
(vii)	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member
(viii)	Director (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member-Secretary

5. Day-to-Day working of the Fund shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the following members; namely-

(i)	Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Chairperson
(ii)	Financial Adviser, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member
(iii)	Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association	Member
(iv)	Director General, Sports Authority of India	Member
(v)	Two eminent ex-sportspersons including one woman	Member
(vi)	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member
(vii)	Director (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member-Secretary

QUORUM FOR MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6 (i) Not less than four members of the Committees shall form quorum for any meeting.
6 (ii) Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on question and in case of equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7 (i) The Committees may function notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership.

7 (ii) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the General Committee and Executive Committee may, as they think fit, frame, and vary, from time to time, rules for the conduct of their business.

7 (iii) For the amount standing in the credit of the Fund, the investment of the funds will be made in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance on investment of fund by the government agencies.

7(iv) The General Committee may make rules for the regulation, management and for any other purpose connected with execution of the Fund.

7 (v) The Executive Committee shall invest the proceeds of the sale or other disposal of the property as well as any monies or property not immediately required to be used for the objects of the Fund in anyone or more of the modes of investment for the time being authorized by law for the investment of the trust monies, as the Executive Committee may think proper.

DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8 (i) A nominated member of the Committee, shall hold office for a period of 3 years from the date of his/her nomination unless re-nominated at the expiry of that period.

8 (ii) A member of the Committee shall cease to be a member on his/her death, resignation or on becoming insolvent or of unsound mind or conviction or criminal offence involving moral turpitude.

8 (iii) The resignation of membership shall be tendered to the Chairperson of the Committee and shall become effective from the date of its acceptance or on the expiry of 30 days after the date of resignation, whichever is earlier.

VACANCIES IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9. Vacancies in the Committees shall be filled in as and when they arise.

MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10 (i) . The General Committee shall meet as often as it is necessary to do so for transaction of the business of the Fund but it shall meet, in any case, at least once a year.

10 (ii) The Executive Committee shall meet as often as it is necessary to do so for day-to-day working of the Fund but it shall meet, in any case, at least quarterly in a year.

PART III - QUANTUM OF ASSISTANCE

11 (i) Assistance to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances: A lumpsum ex-gratia financial assistance may be granted to an outstanding sportsperson now living in indigent circumstances, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakh.

11 (ii) Assistance for injuries sustained during training for and participation in sports competitions as defined in para 2 (h) above: A lumpsum ex-gratia financial assistance subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakh may be granted to an outstanding

sportsperson for injuries sustained during training for and participation in sports competitions as defined in para 2 (h) above.

11 (iii) Assistance to Families of deceased Outstanding Sportspersons : A lumpsum financial assistance, not exceeding Rs. 5.00 lakh in each case, may be provided to the families of deceased outstanding sportspersons living in indigent circumstances.

11 (iv) Assistance for Medical Treatment: Financial assistance not exceeding Rs. 10 lakh may be provided for medical treatment of an outstanding sportsperson or of any of his/her family members living in indigent circumstances.

11 (v) Assistance to coaches, support personnel, umpires, referees and match officials: Lumpsum financial assistance, not exceeding Rs. 2 lakh may be provided to coaches and support personnel such as sports doctors, sports psychologists, sports mentors, physiotherapists, masseurs who have been attached with national coaching camps for senior category players and national teams (senior category), and umpires, referees and match officials, who have been associated with recognized national championships (senior category) and international tournaments (senior category) in the sports disciplines included in Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games who are living in indigent circumstances or to family members of such deceased support personnel living in indigent circumstances

11 (vi) Discretionary powers to the Chairperson of the General Committee: The Chairperson of the General Committee may sanction the assistance, in deserving cases, even to those, who technically are non-eligible, taking into account full facts and circumstances for each case and for reasons to be recorded in writing. The Chairperson will have the discretion to decide the quantum of assistance.

11 (vii) Disclosure of information about assistance received from other resources: Sportspersons or family members of sportspersons applying for assistance from National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons will furnish information about assistance received in kind or cash from any other source for the same purpose.

PART IV - PROCEDURE FOR GRANT OF ASSISTANCE

APPLICATION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

12. An application for financial assistance from the Fund shall be addressed to the Member-Secretary of the Executive Committee in the prescribed proforma enclosed.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

13 (1) All applications for financial assistance from the Fund shall be considered by the Executive Committee and where the Executive Committee is not meeting in near future for any reason, the applications so received may be considered and disposed off even by circulation, by a Sub Committee consisting of the Chairperson and two other members of the Executive Committee to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

POWER TO STOP GRANT

14. The Chairperson of the General Committee may, if he/she thinks it necessary to do so and for reasons to be recorded in writing, withhold or reduce any undisbursed grant made under this Scheme.

PART V – MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

MEMBER-SECRETARY— POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

15 (a) All contracts and other assurances shall be in the name of the General Committee and shall be signed on its behalf by at least one of the members and Member-Secretary-.

15 (b) The Member-Secretary shall

- (i)** keep regular accounts of the monies in the Fund,
- (ii)** be the custodian of all records of the Committees,
- (iii)** conduct the official correspondence on behalf of the Committees,
- (iv)** issue all notices for convening the meetings of the Committees,
- (v)** keep minutes of all meetings of the Committees,
- (vi)** manage the properties and funds of the Fund, and
- (vii)** exercise all other powers and execute such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Committees from time to time.

16. ASSETS OF THE FUND

The assets of the Fund shall include all such grants and contributions, recurring and non-recurring, from the Central Government and State Governments, local bodies or any other statutory or non-statutory bodies set up by the Central Government or State Governments as well as Voluntary donations and endowments from any other sources, whenever received.

ALLOCATION OF FUND

17. The General Committee may determine the proportion of total monies at its disposal which shall be applied for various purposes of this scheme in a particular year.

DEPOSIT OF FUND

18 (1) All monies in the Fund shall be credited initially to the accounts of the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons to be opened in the State Bank of India or any of its subsidiaries or any other scheduled Bank approved in this behalf by the Government of India.

18 (2) The monies out of the Fund that are not required to be used immediately for the objects of the Fund, may be invested in any one or more of the modes of investment for the time being authorized by law for investment of the trust monies.

WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS

19. Any withdrawal of funds from the accounts of the Fund shall be regulated in a manner to be determined by the General Committee. Such withdrawal shall be made by the Member-Secretary in the case of an amount not exceeding Rs. 25,000/- and signed duly by the Member-Secretary and another member of the General Committee to be nominated by the General Committee in all other cases.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

20 (1) The General Committee may appoint such staff as it may consider necessary for the discharge of its functions.

20 (2) The terms and conditions of service of the staff may be determined by the General Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

21. The administrative expenses incurred by the General Committee and Executive Committee such as expenditure incurred on salaries and allowances, traveling allowance and daily allowance of its officers and staff and traveling allowance and daily allowance of the members and also expenses incurred for generation of awareness about the Fund shall be legitimate charge on the Fund.

REMUNERATION TO MEMBERS

22 (1) No remuneration shall be paid to any of the members of the General Committee and Executive Committee except traveling and daily allowance at rates to be determined by the General Committee.

22 (2) The official members of the General Committee and Executive Committee shall draw traveling and daily allowance at rates admissible to them from the source from which they draw their salaries.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

23. Regular accounts shall be kept of all monies and properties and of income and expenditure of the Fund and shall be audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants or any other recognized authorities as may be appointed by the General Committee. The auditors shall also certify that the expenditure from the Fund has been correctly incurred in accordance with the objects of the Fund.

ANNUAL REPORT

24. An annual report on the working of the Fund shall be prepared by the Member-Secretary of the General Committee and shall after approval of the General Committee, be presented to the Government of India.

RELAXATION CLAUSE:

25. Minister-in-charge for Youth Affairs & Sports will be competent authority for relaxation of any clause of this Scheme provided there are sufficient reasons (to be recorded in writing) for doing so.

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Specimen Application Form for Assistance

(To be submitted in quadruplicate)

**Latest Passport
size photograph**

1	Name of the applicant <i>(in capital letters)</i>						
2	Father's name/Husband's name						
3	Postal address (<i>In capital letters</i>)						
4	Date of birth <i>(Attach documentary proof)</i>						
5	Present occupation with full address of the employer, if any						
6	Whether himself/herself is a sportsman/woman or dependent (If dependent, state relationship with the sportsman/woman whose particulars i.e., name, father's name etc. may be given)						
7	Discipline of sports in which participated						
8	Sports achievements						
			Year	Venue	Name of the tournament	Position Achieved	Remark
	(a)	Achievements					
	(i)	National level					
	1.						

	2.						
	3.						
	(ii)	International level					
	1.						
	2.						
	3.						
	(b)	Participation					
		International level					
	1.						
	2.						
	3.						
	<i>Kindly also enclose copies of such documents, if any, which were given on the occasion)</i>						
	Circumstances and purpose for which financial assistance is required						
	Quantum of financial assistance desired						
	Details of immovable assets including bank balance, etc. of the applicant and income, if any, derived from these assets						
	Annual income of the applicant from all Sources						
	Whether assistance has also been obtained for this purpose from any other sources? if so, give details including the quantum of assistance received.						
	Any other relevant information.						

Signature of the applicant

Date _____

Place _____

DECLARATION

I do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the particulars mentioned above are correct.

(Signature of the applicant)

Date

Signed in my presence (2 witnesses)

Name & Address in capital letters

Signature

Date

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To,

Member-Secretary,
National Welfare Fund for sportspersons,
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.

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