

**Government of India
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**Public Consultation on Draft National Sports Governance (National Sports Board) Rules,
2025 under National Sports Governance Act, 2025**

Draft National Sports Governance (National Sports Board) Rules, 2025 are placed in public domain for inviting comments/suggestions of general public and the stakeholders. Suggestions/comments may be sent within 30 days, i.e., by 14th November 2025 to the Ministry either by post addressed to Director (Governance 1) at Hall No. 103, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, or by email at rules-nsga2025@sports.gov.in

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(Department of Sports)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the __ day of ____, 2025

G.S.R. __ (E).—The following draft rules, which the Central Government proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-sections (1), (2), (3) and (5) of section 5 read with clause (j) of section 6 read with sub-section (3) of section 7 read with sub-section (1) of section 29 read with sub-section (1) of section 31 read with clauses (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j), (r) and (t) of sub-section (2) of section 31 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 (25 of 2025), are hereby published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date on which copies of this notification as published in the Official Gazette are made available to the public.

CHAPTER 1: PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement

- (1) These rules may be called the National Sports Governance (National Sports Board) Rules, 2025.
- (2) They shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Definitions

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “Act” means the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 (25 of 2025);
 - (b) “Board” means the National Sports Board established under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Act;
 - (c) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson appointed under section 5 of the Act;
 - (d) “committee” means the search-cum-selection committee under sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Act;
 - (e) “Member” means a member appointed under section 5 of the Act, and includes the Chairperson; and
 - (f) “Schedule” means the schedule annexed to these rules.
- (2) Words and expressions used in these rules and not defined herein, but defined in the Act, shall have the meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER 2: CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS BOARD

3. Composition of the Board

The Board shall consist of a Chairperson and two other members who shall be persons of ability, integrity and standing, who possess knowledge or practical experience in the field of public administration, sports governance, sports law and other related fields.

4. Appointment of Chairperson and other Members of the Board

- (1) The Central Government shall constitute a search-cum-selection committee chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, and the following members;
 - (a) Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Sports; and
 - (b) one person possessing experience in sports administration, and two persons who are recipients of national sports awards, to be nominated by the Central Government.
- (2) The committee shall determine the procedure for selecting the persons for inclusion in the panel of names to be recommended to the Central Government.
- (3) The committee shall not recommend as the Chairperson or Member of the Board, any person who has held any office or has been a member of any International Federation, National Sports Body or affiliate unit of such National Sports Body, in the preceding one year.
- (4) No act or proceeding of the search-cum-selection committee shall be called in question on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy or absences in such committee or defect in its constitution.
- (5) The Central Government shall, after considering the suitability of individuals recommended by the search-cum-selection committee, appoint the Chairperson and other Members of the Board.
- (6) The individuals recommended by the committee shall remain valid for a period of one year, and the Central Government shall appoint a member from such panel in respect of any vacancy which may arise during this period.
- (7) The Central Government shall, within one month from the date of occurrence of any vacancy, including by reason of death, or resignation, or removal of the Chairperson or a Member, or within three months before the end of tenure of the Chairperson or Member, make a reference to the search-cum-selection committee for filling up of such vacancy, and provisions of this rule shall apply for filling of any such vacancy.

5. Selection for re-appointment

- (1) Subject to the age limit specified under rule 6, the Chairperson and Members shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (2) An application for reappointment shall be considered in the same manner as that for original appointment, along with all the persons shortlisted by the search-cum-selection committee.
- (3) While making its assessment for suitability to a post, the search-cum-selection committee shall give additional weightage to the persons seeking re-appointment for their experience in the Board and while doing so, shall take into account, the performance of such person while working as a Member or a Chairperson in the Board.

6. Term of office of Chairperson and Members

- (1) The Chairperson and every other Member shall hold office as such for a term of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.
- (2) The Chairperson or any Member shall not, during their term of office, hold any position in any International Sports Body, National Sports Body or their affiliate unit, or any National Sports Promotion Organisation.

7. Resignation of Members

The Chairperson and Members may, by notice in writing addressed to the Central Government, resign their office, and on such resignation being accepted by the Central Government, shall be deemed to have vacated their office.

8. Removal from office of Chairperson and Members

- (1) The Central Government shall remove the Chairperson or any Member, of the Board who—
 - (a) has been adjudged as insolvent;
 - (b) has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the Central Government, involves moral turpitude;
 - (c) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as the Chairperson or, as the case may be, a Member; and
 - (d) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as the Chairperson or, as the case may be, a Member.
- (2) No member shall be removed on any grounds specified in clauses (c) and (d) of sub-rule (1) unless a reasonable opportunity is provided to him of making any representation against the proposed action.

9. Salary of the Chairperson and Members

- (1) A person from the Central Government or State Government or statutory or autonomous organisations in India, appointed as the Chairperson or Member of the

Board on deputation shall be paid a salary and allowances of such amount, as may be applicable to Secretary to the Government of India, in the case of the Chairperson and as may be applicable to Additional Secretary to the Government of India, in case of Members, and the terms and conditions of such appointment shall be as per the extant rules applicable to deputation.

- (2) A person from private sector or overseas institution or Non-Government Organisation, or any other person not covered under sub-rule (1), appointed as the Chairperson or Member of the Board shall be given the following options, namely:
 - (a) a salary and allowances of such amount, as may be applicable to Secretary to the Government of India, in the case of the Chairperson and as may be applicable to Additional Secretary to the Government of India, in case of Members; or
 - (b) a consolidated salary of sixty-five lakh rupees (fixed) per annum in case of Chairperson and fifty lakh rupees (fixed) per annum, in case of Members, which may be revised from time to time by the Central Government.
- (3) The salary of a person who is in receipt of any pension from the Central Government or State Government shall be reduced by the gross amount of pension drawn by him.

10. Leave, traveling and other allowances

The Chairperson and Members shall be entitled to leave, traveling and other allowances as admissible to Secretary to the Government of India, in case of the Chairperson and as admissible to Additional Secretary to the Government of India, in case of the Members.

11. Entitlement to Central Government Health Scheme

The Chairperson and Members shall be entitled to the benefits of the Central Government Health Scheme on the terms and conditions laid down by the Central Government in this behalf.

12. Residuary Provisions

Matters with respect to which no express provision has been made in these rules, shall be referred to the Central Government for its decision.

CHAPTER 3: STAFF OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS BOARD

13. Officers and employees of the Board

The salary of the officers and employees of the Board, the number of such officers and employees, their method of recruitment, and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in Schedule-I.

14. Conditions of service

- (1) The conditions of service of the officers and employees of the Board, for which no specific provision or insufficient provision has been provided in these rules, shall be

regulated in accordance with such rules and orders as are, from time to time, applicable to officers and employees of the Central Government drawing pay and allowances in corresponding level in pay matrix.

- (2) In respect of matters relating to Provident Fund Scheme, Group Insurance or any other Insurance Scheme, age of superannuation, pension and retirement benefits, the officers and employees of the Board working on deputation basis shall continue to be governed by the relevant rules as applicable to them in their parent Ministry or department or organisation.
- (3) The Board shall recover contributions toward the schemes as specified in sub-rule (2), from their salary and remit the amount immediately to the lending Ministry or department or organisation and any loss of interest on account of late remittance shall be borne by the Board.
- (4) The officers and employees of the Board shall have the option to avail medical facilities as per their entitlement in the parent organisation or as specified in Schedule-II.
- (5) A person engaged on short-term contract basis or on tenure basis shall be governed by such and terms and conditions as may be decided by the Board.

15. Disciplinary proceedings and imposition of penalties

- (1) In the matter of conduct, discipline and imposition of penalties, the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and the Central Civil Services (Control, Classification and Appeal) Rules, 1965 and the instructions issued by the Central Government from time to time shall be suitably adopted by the Board.
- (2) The Disciplinary Authority in respect of each post shall be the Chairperson.

CHAPTER 4: ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

16. Annual statement of accounts and other relevant records

- (1) At the end of every financial year, the Board shall prepare its annual statements of accounts, balance sheet, income and expenditure account, and receipt and payment account in the form and manner as prescribed for statutory bodies of the Government of India.
- (2) The approved statement of accounts of the Board shall be forwarded to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or any other person appointed by him on his behalf, for the purposes of audit, within three months of the end of the financial year.
- (3) The annual statement of accounts of the Board, as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or any other person appointed by him on his behalf, along with the audit report thereon for every financial year shall be forwarded by the Board to the Central Government, for laying before each House of Parliament.

17. Maintenance of accounts

The Board shall preserve the balance sheet, the income and expenditure account, and the receipt and payment account, as referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 16, for a period of at least five years, following the year to which they relate.

CHAPTER 5: POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS BOARD

18. Powers and Functions of the Board

- (1) In addition to the powers and functions of the Board as provided under the Act, the Board shall have powers and functions as set out under this rule.
- (2) The Board shall maintain a roster of the National Sports Election Panel in accordance with the provisions of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2025.
- (3) The Board shall maintain a register of affiliate units of the National Sports Bodies registered with the Board in accordance with the provisions of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2025.
- (4) The roster of the National Sports Election Panel specified in sub-rule (1) and the register of the affiliate units of the National Sports Bodies specified in sub-rule (2), shall be public documents within the meaning of Section 74 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (47 of 2023).
- (5) The Board may also:
 - (a) specify model guidelines or regulations in relation to matters of sports governance, as may be specified by or referred to the Board by the Central Government, including with regard to the constitution, operation and procedures of the committees of the National Sports Bodies;
 - (b) undertake consultations with relevant stakeholders in relation to matters of sports governance in India;
 - (c) recommend adoption of international covenants and best international practices on sports governance to the National Sports Bodies and their affiliate units; and
 - (d) organise training programmes, workshops, seminars and conferences, including through collaborations with International Sports Bodies, in relation to matters of sports governance.

CHAPTER 6: MISCELLANEOUS

19. Offices of the Board

The Board shall, through notification and with the prior approval of the Central Government, establish its offices at other places in India.

20. Power to Relax

The Central Government shall have power to relax the provisions of any of these rules with respect to the Chairperson, Members, officers or employees of the Board.

Schedule-I

Officers and employees of the Board: (See rule 13)

To be finalised

Schedule-II

Medical Facilities (See sub-rule (4) of rule 14)

To be finalised