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Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports**

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**Public Consultation on Draft National Sports Governance (National Sports Tribunal)  
Rules, 2025 under National Sports Governance Act, 2025**

Draft National Sports Governance (National Sports Tribunal) 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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-section (8) of section 17 read with sub-section (3) of section 19 read with clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 24 read with sub-section (1) of section 31 read with clauses (o), (p), (q) 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 Tribunal) 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) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson appointed under sub-section (4) of section 17 of the Act;
  - (c) “Member” shall mean a Member appointed under sub-section (4) of section 17 of the Act;
  - (d) “Search-cum-Selection Committee” means the Search-cum-Selection Committee as provided for in sub-section (4) of section 17 of the Act;
  - (e) “Schedule” means the Schedules annexed to these rules; and
  - (f) “Tribunal” means the National Sports Tribunal constituted under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the Act.
- (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: APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS**

### **3. Term of office of Chairperson and Members**

Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, order or decree of any court, or in any law for the time being in force, and subject to the provisions of the Act:

- (a) the Chairperson shall hold office for a term of four years or till he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier; and
- (b) the Members shall hold office for a term of four years or till he attains the age of sixty-seven years, whichever is earlier.

### **4. Selection for appointment of Chairperson and Members**

The Search-cum-Selection Committee shall ensure that any panel recommended by it pursuant to section 17 of the Act, is on an assessment that such persons:

- (a) satisfy the criteria for Chairperson or Member as specified in sub-section (2) and sub-section (3) of section 17 of the Act;
- (b) have completed the age of fifty years;
- (c) are declared medically fit by an authority specified by the Central Government in this behalf; and
- (d) do not have any financial or other interest which is likely to affect prejudicially the functions as Chairperson or Member, as the case may be.

### **5. Selection for re-appointment of Chairperson and Members**

- (1) Subject to the age limit specified under rule 3, the Chairperson and Members shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.
- (2) An application for re-appointment shall be considered by the Search-cum-Selection Committee in the same manner determined pursuant to sub-section (5) of section 17, as that for the original appointment, preferably, along with all the persons shortlisted by such 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 Tribunal and while doing so, shall take into account, the performance of the person while working as a Member or a Chairperson in the Tribunal.

### **6. Retirement or resignation from parent service on appointment as Chairperson or Member**

Where the person appointed as a Chairperson or a Member is a serving Judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court or a serving Member of an organised service, he shall either resign or obtain voluntary retirement from his parent service before joining the Tribunal.

## **7. Resignation from the Tribunal**

- (1) The Chairperson or any Member of the Tribunal may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Central Government, resign his office at any time.
- (2) The Chairperson or such Member shall, unless he is permitted by the Central Government to relinquish office sooner, continue to hold office until the expiry of three months from the date of receipt of such notice or until a person duly appointed as a successor enters upon his office or until the expiry of his term of office, whichever is earlier.

## **8. Vacancy**

The Central Government shall, within one month from the date of occurrence of any vacancy, including by reason of death, 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 the vacancy.

## **CHAPTER 3: SALARY AND ALLOWANCES OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS**

### **9. Salary of the Chairperson and Members**

- (1) The Chairperson shall be entitled to receive a salary of rupees two lakh fifty thousand (fixed) per month.
- (2) Each Member, other than the Chairperson, shall be entitled to receive a salary of rupees two lakh twenty- five thousand (fixed) per month.
- (3) In case a person appointed as the Chairperson, or Member, is in receipt of any pension, the pay of such person shall be reduced by the gross amount of pension drawn by him.

### **10. Allowances of the Chairperson and Members**

- (1) The Chairperson and Members shall be entitled to draw allowances and benefits as are admissible to a Government of India officer holding Group 'A' post carrying the same pay.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the Chairperson and Members shall have the option to avail of accommodation to be provided by the Central Government as per the rules for the time being in force or shall be eligible for reimbursement of house rent subject to a limit of:
  - (a) one lakh fifty thousand rupees per month in case of Chairperson; and
  - (b) one lakh twenty-five thousand rupees per month in case of Members.
- (3) The Chairperson and Members shall be entitled to the facility of staff car for journeys for official and private purposes in accordance with the facilities as are admissible to a

Central Government officer holding Group 'A' post carrying the same pay as per the provisions of Staff Car Rules.

#### **11. Pension, Provident Fund and Gratuity**

Pension, Provident Fund and gratuity shall not be admissible for the service rendered in the Tribunal.

### **CHAPTER 4: TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS**

#### **12. Leave**

- (1) The leave sanctioning authority in case of the:
  - (a) Chairperson, shall be the Central Government; and
  - (b) Members, shall be the Chairperson.
- (2) The Chairperson and the Members shall be entitled to thirty days of earned leave for every year of service.
- (3) Casual Leave not exceeding eight days in a calendar year may be granted to the Chairperson and the Members.
- (4) The payment of leave salary during leave shall be governed by rule 40 of the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.
- (5) The Chairperson and the Members shall be entitled to encashment of leave in respect of the earned leave standing to his credit, subject to the condition that maximum leave encashment, including the amount received at the time of retirement from previous service shall not exceed the prescribed limit under the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.
- (6) The Central Government shall be the sanctioning authority for foreign travel in respect of the Chairperson or Member.

#### **13. Declaration of financial and other interests**

The Chairperson and each of the Members shall, before entering upon his office, declare his assets, liabilities, financial and other interests, in the form and manner as may be specified by the Central Government and undertake that he does not have any such financial and other interest as is likely to prejudicially affect his functions as Chairperson or Member, as the case may be.

#### **14. Other conditions of service**

- (1) The terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson, or Members with respect to which no express provision has been made in these rules, shall be such as are admissible to a Government of India officer holding Group 'A' post carrying the same pay.
- (2) The Chairperson and the Members shall not:
  - (a) practice before the Tribunal, after retirement from the service of the Tribunal;
  - (b) undertake any arbitration assignment while functioning in their respective capacities in the Tribunal; and
  - (c) for a period of two years from the date on which they cease to hold office, accept any employment in, or connected with the management or administration of, any person who has been a party to a proceeding before the Tribunal.
- (3) Nothing contained in clause (c) of sub-rule (2) shall apply to any employment under the Central Government, State Government, local authority, any statutory authority, any corporation established by or under any Central, State or Provincial Act, or a Government company as defined in clause (45) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013).

#### **15. Conditions not to be varied**

The salary, allowances, or the terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson or Member, as the case may be, shall not be varied to his disadvantage after his appointment.

#### **16. Oath of office and secrecy**

Every person appointed as the Chairperson or Member, as the case may be, shall, before entering upon his office, make and subscribe an oath of office and secrecy, in the form and manner as may be specified by the Central Government.

### **CHAPTER 5: TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

#### **17. Officers and employees of the Tribunal**

Appointment of officers and employees of the Tribunal shall be made by the Central Government, on such terms of selection and appointment as specified in Schedule-I.

#### **18. Procedure for appointment by direct recruitment**

The Tribunal shall invite applications by advertisement, for the posts of officers and employees in the Tribunal and shall process for making appointments, through a recognized professional agency having adequate experience in making recruitment in Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Tribunals and the like as decided by the Tribunal.

#### **19. Procedure for appointment on deputation basis**

The Tribunal shall invite applications for the posts through wide advertisement including publishing invariably in Employment News and selection shall be made on the basis of recommendation of the Committee as prescribed in Schedule-I for the respective posts.

## **20. Absorption of employees on appointment on deputation**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the persons appointed on deputation basis, who fulfil the qualifications and experience laid down in these rules and who are considered suitable by Departmental Promotion Committee, shall be eligible for absorption, in their respective grades subject to the condition that such persons exercise their option for the absorption and that the parent department or cadre controlling authority do not have any objection to their being absorbed in the Tribunal.
- (2) In the case of a person who is initially taken on deputation and absorbed later, his seniority in the grade in which he is absorbed shall normally be counted from the date of absorption.
- (3) If such person appointed pursuant to this rule has been holding already, on the date of absorption, the same or equivalent grade on regular basis in his parent department, such regular service in the grade shall also be taken into account in fixing his seniority, subject to the condition that he shall be given seniority from: (a) the date he has been holding the post on deputation; or (b) the date from which he has been appointed on a regular basis to the same or equivalent grade in his parent department, whichever is earlier.

## **21. Accommodation**

- (1) The officers and employees of the Tribunal shall have the option of claiming House Rent Allowance in accordance with the rate prescribed by the Central Government as applicable to officers and employees of the corresponding scales of pay of the Central Government.
- (2) The officers and employees of the Tribunal shall not be eligible for House Rent Allowance in case they are declared eligible for general pool residential accommodation and occupy such Government accommodation allotted to them.

## **22. Disciplinary Proceedings**

The officers and employees of the Tribunal shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings as per rules and regulations applicable to officers and employees of the corresponding level in pay matrix of the Central Government.

## **23. Disqualification**

- (1) No person: (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or (b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person, shall be eligible for appointment to the said posts.

- (2) The Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage, and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

#### **24. Conditions of service**

- (1) The conditions of service of the officers and employees of the Tribunal, 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 Tribunal 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 Tribunal 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 Tribunal.
- (4) The officers and employees of the Tribunal shall have the option to avail medical facilities as per their entitlement in the parent organisation or as specified in Schedule-II.

#### **25. Saving**

Nothing in this Chapter shall affect reservations, relaxation of age-limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, economically weaker sections, ex-servicemen, and other special categories of persons, in accordance with the rules and orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

### **CHAPTER 6: NATIONAL SPORTS TRIBUNAL**

#### **26. Powers of the Tribunal**

Subject to the provisions of section 20 of the Act, and in addition to the powers as specified in section 24 of the Act, the Tribunal shall have the power to pass an interim order, including granting an injunction or stay, after providing the parties concerned an opportunity of hearing, in respect of any proceedings under the Act.

#### **27. Enforcement**

- (1) Any order made by the Tribunal in accordance with the Act shall be executable in the same manner as if it were a decree of a civil court.



- (2) Any order made by the Tribunal in accordance with the Act shall be deemed to be a final decree on the expiry of the period allowed for preferring an appeal against such order.

## **CHAPTER 7: MISCELLANEOUS**

### **28. Power to relax**

- (1) Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 with respect to any class or category of persons.
- (2) Any relaxation provided in respect of provisions of Chapter 5, in accordance with sub-rule (1), shall be done in consultation with the Chairperson of the Tribunal.

**SCHEDULE – I**

**Officers and employees of the Tribunal (See rules 17 and 19)**

***To be finalised.***

**SCHEDULE – II**

**Medical Facilities (See sub-rule (4) of rule 25)**

***To be finalised.***