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NOTIFICATION

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RULES OF NATIONAL GAMES 2023

In pursuance to the decision of the POA Executive Committee meeting held on 11 April 2023, the Rules of National Games duly approved by the President POA are hereby notified and promulgated on this day of 19 April, 2023.

INTRODUCTION

The National Games is the most important sports Event of Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) normally held after every two years. The first National Games were held at Karachi in 1948, which were inaugurated by Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He donated a trophy from his personal pocket for award to the best participating Unit during these Games. This trophy titled as "Quaid-e-Azam Trophy" has all along been continued to be awarded to the best participating Unit in all the subsequent National Games.

RULE 1

ELIGIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPATING UNITS IN THE NATIONAL GAMES

1.1 Only the affiliated Units of the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) are entitled to participate and compete in the National Games in all the Individual Sports and Team Sports included in the programme of the Games, in accordance with the rules mentioned hereinafter.

1.2 Presently following are the affiliated Units of POA which are entitled for participation in the Games:-

- i. Punjab Olympic Association
- ii. Sindh Olympic Association
- iii. KP Olympic Association
- iv. Balochistan Olympic Association
- v. Islamabad Olympic Association
- vi. Pakistan Army
- vii. Pakistan Navy
- viii. Pakistan Air Force
- ix. Pakistan Railways
- x. Pakistan WAPDA
- xi. Higher Education Commission (HEC)
- xii. Pakistan Police
- xiii. Any other Unit that may be given playing rights/ special invitation by POA



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RULE 2**PROCEDURES OF ALLOTMENT OF NATIONAL GAMES, FINALIZATION OF DATES SPORTS AND SPORTS DISCIPLINES, ENTRIES, HOLDING OF MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONCERNED NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTICIPATING UNITS, PROGRAMMES ON OPENING AND CLOSING DAYS OF THE GAMES.****2.1 ALLOTMENT OF THE NATIONAL GAMES**

The POA in the normal course should preferably allot the National Games atleast one month before the commencement of the previous National Games so that the National Games Flag may be formally handed over to the next host Unit of POA / Provincial Olympic Association at the Closing Ceremony. However the POA General Council/Executive Committee/President may allot the National Games any time later if deemed appropriate due to emergent situations.

2.2 FINALIZATION OF DATES, SPORTS AND SPORTS DISCIPLINES AND THEIR CIRCULATION

At least 5 months before the commencement of the National Games, the concerned affiliated Unit of POA/Provincial Olympic Association hosting the National Games / Organizing Committee shall decide, in consultation with the POA, the dates, Sports and Sports disciplines to be included in the programme of the National Games, which must have duration of atleast 7 days. Efforts shall be made in consultation with the POA Sports Commission to include all Sports (Men and Women) with their disciplines whose National Federations are affiliated with POA subject to following consideration/conditions:

- i. Good standing with POA.
- ii. Availability of requisite facilities/infrastructure with host Units.
- iii. Confirmation by respective National Sports Federations.
- iv. Confirmation of participation of atleast 4 x Units for Team Sports / Team Events.
- v. Events of individual sports (Men / Women) shall be decided / contested on the following parameters:-
 - a. Based on Asian Games.
 - b. Based on South Asian Games.
 - c. Inclusion of events shall be subject to its clear conduct for atleast 2 x times on the occasion of National Games or National Championship in last two years.
 - d. In any case overall weightage of Non-Olympic Sports shall not be more than Olympic Sports.
 - e. Participation of atleast four individuals for each individual event / competition.
 - f. Maximum 2 x athletes of participating units shall be eligible to participate in an individual event.

2.3 The size and strength of the Provincial Contingents shall be decided by the POA Sports Commission and the Provinces will participate in the National Games according to their choice within the size allotted to them. However there shall be Women participation of atleast 40% of the total strength of Athletes /Players/competitors.

2.4 The decision of the dates and the sports disciplines must be circulated by the hosting POA Unit/Provincial Olympic Association and the Pakistan Olympic Association to all the participating POA Units within 15 days of such decisions. The participating Units shall submit their confirmation of participation with



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Number in each sport discipline to the hosting Unit/Provincial Olympic Association / Organizing Committee under intimation to the POA within 60 days of the receipt of intimation from the concerned hosting Unit/Provincial Olympic Association/ Organizing Committee.

2.5 PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

Participation eligibility of athletes shall be subject to:-

- i. Atleast 365 days service as a regular employee (not daily wages) in the respective department/service organization.
- ii. He / she must have represented the respective department / service organization in the National Championship / competitions organized by the National Sports Federation concerned.
- iii. National Olympic Committee can only frame the Rules regarding "Participation Eligibility of Athletes" since the same are framed for Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games.
- iv. National athletes are governed by the rules of their respective National Federations therefore the Transfer Rules shall be framed by respective Federations keeping in view statutes and organizational structures.
- v. The player shall be in conformity of the Transfer Rules of its Federation so far as they apply to eligibility for participation in national events.
- vi. Any dispute or reference regarding eligibility and participation of any athlete in the National Games shall be referred to Appellate Tribunal constituted by POA for each Chapter of the Games for decision, which will be binding on the respective parties. Participating units must indicate the disputes (if any) in the Manager's Meeting / Draws to ensure timely decision.

2.6 CONDUCT OF EVENTS AND FINALIZATION OF PROVINCIAL CONTINGENT

- i. Event shall be conducted by the respective Sport Association recognized by NSF concerned (affiliated with POA and International Federation concerned).
- ii. Finalization of provincial contingent is prerogative of the Provincial Olympic Association whereas selection of athletes and team management (coaches and manager) for participation in the National Games shall be entire responsibility of the respective Provincial Sport Association duly recognized by NSF concerned (affiliated with POA).

2.7 MEETINGS

The first meeting of the Secretaries of the concerned National Sports Federations alongwith the representatives of the participating Units shall be held atleast 3 months before the commencement of the Games to discuss and decide the detailed technical requirements of the competitions followed by a second meeting to be held atleast 30 days before the Games in which besides other matters, the Draws of all the team competitions would be put up by the Secretaries of the concerned National Federations. In both these meetings the POA representatives would also be present. The decisions of the meeting including finalization of events in each sport shall be circulated by Secretary General POA which shall be final. No Federation will add up or reduce events at its own beyond the approved and circulated events by POA.



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2.8 OLYMPIC TORCH

The Olympic Torch to be kindled at Quaid-e-Azam Mazar in a ceremony at Karachi where the First National Games were held and were inaugurated by Quaid-e-Azam himself would be transported to the venue of the National Games in a ceremonial manner as per traditions of the Olympic Games.

2.9 PROTOCOL ON OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES AND PROGRAMME OF COMPETITIONS ON THE OPENING AND CLOSING DAYS.

- i The Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the National Games shall be held in accordance with the protocols on the pattern of the Olympic Games as indicated in the bye-laws of the Olympic Charter.
- ii Any competition programme held on the Opening day of the National Games must be completed atleast 6 hours before the Opening Ceremony. However the Organizing Committee may start competitions earlier in any sport which takes longer time so that the competition programme of such a Sport is completed a day before the closing of the Games. The following events can be held in presence of the Chief Guest before the start of the Closing Ceremony:-
 - a. Any Exhibition Sport, and
 - b. cultural programmes

RULE 3**AWARD OF QUAID-E-AZAM TROPHY**

3.1 The Quaid-e-Azam Trophy will be awarded to the Unit getting the highest number of Gold Medals. In case Gold Medals are equal, decision will be made on the basis of number of Silver Medals and subsequently on number of Bronze Medals.

3.2 In case of Team Sports, 8 Top Teams (4 x Services and Departments) and (4 x Provincial Olympic / Other Association) belonging to the affiliated Units of POA and qualified on the basis of the latest /previous National Championship or Pre-qualification Competitions held for this purpose including the host Unit shall participate in the National Games. The intimation of the Teams and Units shall be sent by the Federation concerned to the Organizing Committee and the POA atleast 30 days before the commencement of the Games.

3.3 Where there is a Divisional or Clubs setup with National Sports Federations, the qualifying Division /Club shall represent the concerned Province and its entry will be through the respective Provincial Olympic Association or the Other Olympic Association. In case 2 Divisions/Clubs of the same province/formations (POA affiliates) qualify then they shall be reckoned as one and the turn would go to the next below qualifying Unit, and so on and so forth.

3.4 Where there is departmental set up of National Championship includes departments other than Army, Navy, PAF, HEC, Police, Railways and WAPDA, qualification of 4 x Top Teams of Services and Departments for National Games shall be determined on the basis of:-

- i. Ranking in National Championship, if participated.
- ii. Overall ranking of respective formation(s) in the previous National Games, if any.



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3.5 TURN OUT IN THE OPENING CEREMONY

A Special Trophy shall be awarded to a participating unit on the basis of Best Turn Out in the Opening Ceremony. It will be determined by Evaluation & Tabulation Committee of POA on the basis of dress, discipline and spirit. Maximum strength of March Past for each unit shall be 150 persons including contingent officials and ensuring 40% representation of women.

RULE 4**MISCONDUCT / PENALTY POINTS**

On and off the field, misconduct / misbehaviour by any competitor / official of a participating Unit shall be liable for disciplinary action which may lead to withdrawal of medal(s) OR imposition of ban on Individual / Team / Member Unit depending the severity of the case / incident. Evaluation & Tabulation Committee shall recommend and refer such cases to President POA for final decision.

RULE 5**APPOINTMENT OF EVALUATION AND TABULATION COMMITTEE**

The Secretary General, POA will appoint, with the approval of the President POA the Evaluation and Tabulation Committee including its Chairman and one technically qualified representative of the Organizing Committee with other 3 or more members with sufficient experience and sports background who shall not be active official / office bearer of any of the participating Units.

RULE 6**GENERAL**

The affiliated Unit of the POA which has won Qaid-e-Azam Trophy during the previous National Games must ensure the return of Qaid-e-Azam Trophy to the POA Secretariat atleast one month before the commencement of the National Games.

RULE 7**SPONSORSHIP**

7.1 Since the grants from the Federal Government / Provincial Government are limited and quite inadequate to meet the total financial requirements of the Games, the sponsorship will have to be explored for all the National Games. The host Provincial Olympic Association / Organizing Committee shall find out the sponsors. To regulate the Sponsorship Programme, there shall be 2 members nominated by the President / Secretary General POA in the Sponsorship Committee to coordinate in the efforts and ensure regulate the system.

7.2 The sponsorship amount received for the National Games shall be shared as under:-

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| i. | Concerned POA Affiliated Unit / Provincial Olympic Association / Organizing Committee holding the National Games | 80% |
| ii. | Pakistan Olympic Association | 10% |
| iii. | National Sports Federations whose sports disciplines are included in the programme of the National Games. | 10% |



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RULE 8**SPECIAL INVITATIONS**

The Organizing Committee shall extend special invitations in writing 6–8 weeks before the commencement of the National Games to the following:-

- i. President of the NOC Pakistan
- ii. IOC Member in Pakistan
- iii. Vice Presidents of NOC Pakistan
- iv. Secretary General NOC Pakistan
- v. Deputy Secretary General NOC Pakistan
- vi. Treasurer NOC Pakistan
- vii. Associate Secretaries General NOC Pakistan
- viii. Treasurer NOC Pakistan
- ix. Chairmen / Presidents / Secretaries of the Participating Units
- x. Chairmen / Presidents / Secretaries of the National Sports Federations
- xi. Federal Minister for Sports and Culture
- xii. Secretary Sports and Culture
- xiii. Joint Secretary Sports and Culture
- xiv. Director General Pakistan Sports Board
- xv. Ministers of Sports of all the Four Provinces
- xvi. Secretaries of Sports Department and Director Generals / Director of Provinces as well as AJK, Gilgit Baltistan and Islamabad.

RULE 9**FACILITIES**

The concerned Provincial Olympic Association / Organizing Committee of the National Games shall provide the following facilities during the National Games:-

9.1 PROVINCIAL CONTINGENT

The Provincial Contingents including the competitors, team officials and the contingent officials like Chef de Mission, Deputy Chef de Mission, Secretary, Doctor and the Treasurer etc. shall be eligible for the following facilities:-

i. LODGING

Accommodation for the Contingent Officials shall be provided in a suitable hotel for the period One day before the Opening Ceremony and One day after the Closing Ceremony of the Games. Whereas athletes and team officials will be provided accommodation two days before start of respective competition and one day after the competition.

ii. DAILY ALLOWANCE

- a. Rs.1000/- per day per head for participating Provincial Contingents (athletes / competitors and team officials) as provided in Lodging Rule.
- b. The Contingent Officials will be entitled to Rs.1200/- per head per day as provided in Lodging Rule.
- c. Daily Allowance Rules shall be revised after every two years for all categories.



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iii. TRANSPORT

- a. The Provincial Chef de Mission will be entitled for a dedicated car.
- b. Dy. Chef de Mission and Secretary of the Provincial Contingent one Car.
- c. For movement of other officials of Provincial Contingent during the Games one Van for each Participating Province.
- d. The Team Officials and Athletes of Provincial Contingents to be provided transport on arrival/departure and during the Games.
- e. In case transport is not provided to the team officials and athletes of Provincial contingent the daily conveyance allowance shall be Rs.500/- per day per person.
- f. In any case, the Provincial Chef de Mission and the Contingent Officials shall be provided atleast one Car and one Van each participating Province.

9.2 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Optimum number of Technical Officials shall be nominated by the concerned National Sports Federations whose strength shall be finalized in the meeting of the Secretaries of the National Sports Federations to be held 50 days prior to the National Games respectively. Efforts will be made by the National Sports Federations to acquire the services of maximum number available from the host city / province who are technically qualified to act as Technical Officials during the National Games.

i. TRAVELING ALLOWANCE

- a. The Technical Officials belonging to out-stations shall be entitled to 1st Class Railway Sleeper both ways from the Provincial Headquarters to which they belong upto the city of the National Games.
- b. By Bus / Road @ Rs.7/- per km (both ways) from capital city of respective province to the games headquarters.

ii. ACCOMMODATION

A suitable hotel accommodation will be provided to each Technical Official coming from outstation. The list of the Technical Officials would be preferably decided in the first meeting of the Secretaries 2 months before the Games clearly identifying as to which official would be required to provide hotel accommodation and in what manner?

iii. DAILY ALLOWANCE AND CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

- a. Daily Allowance to Technical Officials will be Rs. 1200/- per head per day as provided in the Rules.
- b. Conveyance to and from the playing area to residences shall be provided to Technical Officials or in lieu thereof conveyance allowance shall be given for the number of days they stay during the Games for performance of their duties including the arrival / departure day @ Rs.500/- per day per person.



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RULE 10**FACILITIES TO THE CHAIRMEN, PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS, PARTICIPATING UNITS, POA OFFICIALS**

- 10.1** Reimbursement of Economy Class return Air Ticket or by Road @ Rs. 12/- per km.
- 10.2** Daily Allowance at Rs.2500/- per head per day to the Chairmen / Presidents / Secretaries of National Sports Federations, Participating Units and POA Officials for 10 days or actual whichever is less.
- 10.3** Chauffeur driven car for maximum 10 days or Rs.2500/- per head per day as Conveyance Allowance in case the car is not made available for 10 days or for the actual number of days.
- 10.4** Atleast 3-Star (A.C) hotel accommodation to the Chairmen, Presidents and Secretaries of the National Sports Federations as well as those of all Participating Units for maximum 10 days or as per their actual stay.
- 10.5** The President, Secretary General/Chairman/Members of POA Sports Commission and other Senior Officials appointed by the POA for the National Games shall be entitled to the same facilities as in the case of Presidents and Secretaries of the National Sports Federations.

10.6 EVALUATION AND TABULATION COMMITTEE

The Chairman and Members of the Evaluation and Tabulation Committee shall be entitled to the same facilities as admissible to the President and Secretaries of the National Sports Federations.

10.7 SUPPORTING STAFF FOR VARIOUS COMMITTEES / TRIBUNAL / COMMISSIONS OF POA

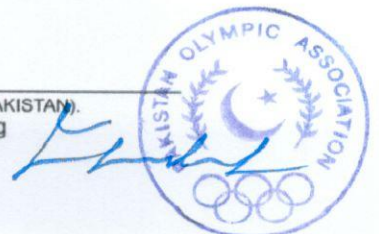
The staff appointed by the Secretary General POA for the purpose shall be entitled to the same facilities as provided to the Technical Officials.

RULE 11**SEATING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Organizing Committee will ensure that the President NOC Pakistan, IOC Member in Pakistan, Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General, Associate Secretaries General and Treasurer of NOC Pakistan and the Presidents of all the National Sports Federations and of all the Participating Units are seated in VVIP Block. However, the Executive Members of the POA, Secretaries and two other Senior Office Bearers each of the National Sports Federations and of the Participating Units shall have seats in VIP Block.

RULE 12**JURIES**

- 12.1** Each National Sport Federation whose sports discipline is included in the programme of the National Games shall appoint a Jury of Appeal to sort out and decide all technical matters related to their competitions.



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12.2 An overall Jury named as "Appellate Tribunal for the National Games" shall be appointed by the President POA which shall be the final Court of Appeal for all matters related to the Games. The verdict of this Jury shall be final and binding on all.

RULE 13


MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 The competitions in each sports discipline during the National Games shall not be titled as "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP" of the concerned sport.

13.2 A Role of Honour provided by POA shall be awarded by the Chief Guest on the Closing Ceremony to the Athlete(s) / Competitor(s) who better the existing National Record(s).

13.3 Following Trophies will be awarded for winning the various positions in the 33rd National Games 2019 Peshawar and onward on the Closing Ceremony by the Chief Guest:-

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy	-	Overall Winner
Syed Wajid Ali Trophy	-	Overall Runners up
President POA Trophy	-	Overall Third
Fair Play Trophy	-	Displays the best sportsmanship
Special Trophy	-	Best Performance (Provinces)
Best Turn Out Trophy	-	Best Performance in March Past


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