

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE SPORTS POLICY-2001

1. Introduction

The Department of Youth Services & sports was created during the year 1982-83 with the objective of involving youth in the task of national reconstruction through the media of sports and youth development activities and to harness their energy towards eradication of social evils. 35% of the population of this Pradesh consists of youth, which need required opportunities for self expression, self development and cultural attainment enabling them to assume social and civic responsibilities. Prior to the creation of this department, a small cell in the Department of Education was looking after the sports activities. Since this vital aspect of human life could not receive the required priority in the Department of Education, it was felt necessary that a new Department to look after the activities of youth and sports in a proper and scientific way is established.

The State of Himachal Pradesh may not have contributed much in the overall scenario of games and sports in the country internationally but over the last few years many of its sports persons have given outstanding performances in the field of sports. Sports-persons of this State have also won Padamshree and Arjuna Awards and a few have excelled themselves individually in various team games. Young players of this State have also won laurels at the National School Games. The Department of Youth Services & Sports since its creation in 1982-83 has been contributing its might in raising the standard of games and sports in the Pradesh. It has established a network of playgrounds and stadiums all over the State. In fact, every year almost 40% of its budgetary allocations are spent in providing infrastructural facilities for the up and coming youngsters in various games and sports. The Department has over the years constructed around 300 playgrounds, stadia and District level stadiums under this Scheme.

Additionally, through the aegis of the State Sports Council and District Sports councils, it provides financial assistance to all the recognized State level and District level Sports Associations. The State Sports Council also provides funds for the organization of coaching camps and tournaments at various levels. There are around 22 State Sports Associations recognized by the State Sports Council. These Associations organize coaching camps, State level tournaments and sponsor teams for participation in the National level competitions. Concerted efforts need to be made at all levels to achieve results for which State Sports Policy is felt necessary.

The State Sports Policy, envisages that State Government, will pursue the twin objectives of “Broad-basing” of Sports and “Achieving Excellence in Sports at the National and International levels” Sports activities, in which the State has potential strength and competitive advantage, need to be vigorously promoted. Towards this end, Sports and Physical Education would be integrated more effectively with the Education Curriculum. The broad basing of sports will, primarily remain a responsibility of the State Governments and the Central Government will actively supplement their

efforts in this direction and for taping the latent talent, including in the rural and tribal areas.

Sports as a Right in a Welfare Society and its Importance.

In all organized societies, a modern State considers, sport as an integral part of education. Consequent to this sees to its development as national obligation and its practice, as right for all citizens. Thus right to sports is acknowledged along side, right of education, health and security.

2. Aims and Objections

- (i) To educate and create awareness amongst the people of the State to participate in active sports and make it an integral part of their daily life.
- (ii) To promote and encourage excellence in sports and in the process produce sports-persons of outstanding merit of National and International repute.
- (iii) To co-ordinate sports with adventure tourism and festivals in order to attract large number of tourists to the State.
- (iv) To nurture the up and coming sports talent of the State to an optimum level and motivate them to serve their State and the people.
- (v) To create adequate infrastructural and allied facilities for sports from grass-root level onwards in order to bring great laurels to the Pradesh in competitive sports and keep the people health and strong.
- (vi) To encourage adventure sports in accordance with the geographical situation and available potential in the State.

3. Strategies:

(A) Development of Infrastructure:

- Development of infrastructure at village, Block, District and State level including educational institutions.
- Identification and picking up of promising sportspersons and providing facilities for their training.
- Organizing tournaments and such events, which would involve the general public and would also provide the necessary competition to promising sports-persons.
- Providing such infrastructure in the State, which would attract the tourists and provide some activity for them.

(B) Expansion of Sport facilities:-

- Providing facilities in terms of employment or other benefits to outstanding sportspersons in order to retain them within the State.
- Ensure participation of promising sports-persons from Himachal Pradesh in sports activities at National/International level.
- Encourage sports in educational institutions
- Encourage sports in Government Departments.

(C) Publicity and Information:

- Sports are essential for keeping good health, remaining active, staying away from bad habits and evils and for inculcating sense of brotherhood and cooperation amongst people. Therefore, all persons of all age groups must be motivated to take up sports whether indoor or outdoor. In order to create awareness about sports and in order to provide information about games that can be played without incurring much expenditure, the publicity through media, through public representatives, through printed literature and through functionaries of various Departments will be done. Educational institutions will also be used for this purpose.

4. Broad basing of Sports

Considering the key role of sports in national life and for inculcating national pride in the younger generation, the objective of broad basing, that is, universalisation or mass participation in Sports assumes special significance. It is imperative to ensure that the educational institutions, Schools and Colleges, in both rural and urban areas, the Panchayati Raj institutions, Local bodies, the Government machinery, the Sports Association and Industrial Undertaking. As also the various Youth and Sports Clubs, throughout the State are, and remain, fully associated with this Programme. The State Government as well as the Sports Federations/Associations will endeavor to promote a “Club culture” for the speedier development of Sports in the country. In the State Sports Policy, 2001 high priority will be accorded to the development of Sports in the rural areas to harness the available talent and potential. In this context, the Village Panchayats/Gram Sabhas as well as rural Youth and Sports Clubs will be mobilized to facilitate development of the requisite infrastructure and for the identification of talent through an appropriate competition structure in the rural areas. The available talent will be nourished and actively supported. Tribal and Backward areas of the state will be extended additional support for the promotion of sports.

5. Integration with Education: -

The integration of Sports and Physical Education with the Education curriculum making it a compulsory subject of learning up to the Secondary School level and incorporating the same in the evaluation system of the student, will be actively pursued. A fitness Programme would be introduced in all School in the State, steps initiated to augment the availability of infrastructure, including play fields, sports equipment and action taken to provide Physical Education Teachers in educational institutions through, inter –alia, the training of selected teachers in these disciplines. Sports and Physical Education at School level a compulsory subject with main emphasis on competitive sports. This process at the college and University level rationale of selection in order to improve the performance of those who have the real potential to excel in the sports competitions. An appropriate Inter-School and Inter-College/Universities competition structure would be introduced at the State and District levels.

6. Development of Infrastructure:-

The availability of adequate sports facilities throughout the State is basic to the development and broad-basing of Sports. In addition to the State Government support, the sustained involvement of other agencies including the Panchayati Raj Institutions, Local Bodies, educational Institutions, Sports Federations/Associations, Clubs and Industrial Undertaking will be enlisted in the creation, utilization and proper maintenance of the Sports infrastructure. While existing play fields and stadia, both in rural and urban areas, will be maintained for sports purposes, suitable plan will be devised for providing open areas to promote sports activities. Steps would be taken to evolve low cost functional and environment-friendly designs in this regard, so that maximum benefits could be derived through relatively low levels of investment. Efforts will also be made to optimally utilize the available infrastructure and manpower and Special coaching camps organized during the vacations, to provide intensive training to talented sports persons, even as they pursue their academic work.

At present, playgrounds are available in some villages. Outdoor sports stadiums have been constructed in several important towns/villages and facilities are also available in some Districts and at the State headquarter. Playgrounds will be constructed in all the Panchayats in a phased manner depending on availability of space and funds. Wherever possible, these will be attached with the Government educational institutions and will be available to all the residents of the village/Panchayat after school time. In the Block and Sub-Divisional headquarters, outdoor stadiums would be constructed in a phased manner, They may be located in towns or villages depending on the availability of space. These would also be attached with educational institutions for maintenance and up-keep. At the District headquarters complete sports facilities would be provided which would include outdoor sports facilities in the games of Hockey, Football, Athletics, Kabaddi and Basketball and Indoor Sports facilities like Table Tennis, Badminton and Gymnasium. These would be maintained by the Youth Services & Sports Department through District Youth Services & Sports Officer. Equipment would also be provided. Each District would have about 4 to 5 sports to be taken up as the sports for the District and complete equipment would be made available with the District Youth Services and Sports Officer

for these 4 to 5 sports. Other sports may also be run depending on availability of space and facilities. Coaches would be available at the District headquarters and Coaching centres will run in these 4 to 5 Sports at each District headquarter. Facility of Coaches will be made available in rural areas where there is potential for particular sport.

7. Excellence in Sports

The State government would focus attention on achieving Excellence in Sports at State & National levels. Various sports disciplines will be prioritized on the basis of their potential, popularity and performance. Particular emphasis will be placed on the development of such priority disciplines and the prioritization reviewed from time to time. In planning the development of various disciplines, the genetic and geographical variations within the state would be taken into account so that in areas of potential, in particular disciplines timely steps may be taken to harness the existing and emerging talent. Centres of Excellence/Sports Academies will be established in the priority sports disciplines which have potential at National/International levels. Sponsorships for these Institutions of Excellence will be intensively explored in the interest of State economy. Winter Sports Activities with the twin objective of developing it as a competitive discipline and promotional activity for tourism will be high on State priorities. Element of “Yoga Education” will also be an important part of the State Sports Policy.

8. State Sports Associations/Bodies

It is recognized that the management and development of Sports are the function of the State Olympic Association and the State Sports Associations, which are Autonomous Bodies and who, in turn, have affiliated District level Associations. The Government and other concerned agencies and the Associations have, therefore, to work together harmoniously and in a coordinated manner to fulfill the objectives of the State Sports Policy, 2001. At the same time, the State Olympic Association and the various Sports Associations will need to demonstrate orientation towards the achievements of results and ensure tangible progress in the field of Sports, keeping which in view, model bye-laws/organizational structures may be formulated for the State Sports Associations in consultation with them, so as to make the functioning of the Associations transparent, professional and accountable. Acknowledging the importance of State Championships for developing competitive spirit and for talent-scouting it would be incumbent on the Associations to hold Annual championships in various disciplines in all categories viz. Senior, Junior and Sub Juniors(for both Men and Women) the District and State levels. Each State Association would draw up the Annual Calendar of these events sufficiently in advance every year. Greater emphasis will be placed on promoting the development of Sports amongst the Juniors and sub-juniors and the more talented amongst them identified for Special Training and Support.

9. Identification and Training of Promising Sportspersons:-

Bodies the already existing sports hostels including those run by SAI, more sports hostels would be set up by State Government for training of promising sports-persons. Children would be picked up from their schools and kept in sports hostels to provide training. The sports in which Himachal has already earned good name like Volleyball, Athletics, Boxing, Wrestling would be taken up on priority in these sports hostels. Other events would also be introduced depending on availability of talent.

10. Organizing Tournaments and Sports festival:-

Tournaments are essential not only to provide competition amongst the sportspersons but also for involving general public and for creating sportsman spirit . The various Sports Associations would be given grants specifically for organising tournaments at District & State levels, the Department would also organise tournaments and sports events at various levels. A calendar for each year would be prepared six months in advance and given wide publicity. Private individuals, Business House, Public Sector Undertakings etc. would also be encouraged to sponsor trophies and organise tournaments of provide funds for organizing of tournaments. In case any individual or private undertaking is willing to finance upto 50% of the expenditure of the expenditure for any existing tournament/festival which is organised by the Department or Associations, it would be allowed that the individual or private undertaking can give any name to that tournament provided it is non political and does not hurt any ones feelings or causes any controversy.

Participation of sports-persons from Himachal in National tournaments is being ensured by the various Sports Associations. The Department would keep a list of promising Sportspersons and it would be ensured that they participate in National/International events through various Associations.

All government Departments would be encouraged to have teams in various sports. Organise Inter-District tournaments and send outstanding sportspersons for training as well as tournaments outside the State. The Department will organise Inter-Departmental tournaments regularly.

11. Scientific back up to Sports-Persons

The significance of scientific back up to Sports stands well established. Action will be initiated to strengthen this area, in accordance with International standards. Experts would be associated with each Sports Discipline or Groups of Sports Disciplines, on a continuing basis, to provide the requisite support in terms of nutrition, psychology, medicine, pharmacology, bio mechanics and anthropometry as well as other branches of Sports Sciences. Suitable mechanisms would be introduced to achieve co-ordination between the laboratory and the field, that is, between the Coaches and the Sports Scientists, and particular care taken to ensure nutritional support to talented sports persons and to sustain their mental health and competition spirit. Appropriate measures will be initiated for the promotion of Sports and to impart special skills to promising sports persons so that they are enabled to give of their best in the prestigious

competitions. The SAI and other public and private organizations will be involved in such development programmes. They would take coordinated steps towards the modernization of the infrastructure required for the training of sportspersons and to provide them with scientific support for achieving Excellence in Sports.

12. Training and Development of Coaches Sports Scientists Judges, referees and Umpire.

The Policy recognizes that the standards of coaching and scientific back up pertaining to Umpires, Judges and Referees needs to be upgraded. Concerned steps will be taken to train Coaches, Sports, Scientists, Judges, Referees and Umpires, in line with international standards. In addition to developing such expertise on an institutional basis, the deputation of promising persons to Training Courses, Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Tournaments will be encouraged. Coaches would receive rigorous training for up-gradation of skills and may also be deputed overseas for the purpose. Efforts will be made to establish an information system to communicate frequent changes in rules, regulations of particular sport.

13. Incentives to Sportspersons

Incentives provide recognition and financial security to distinguished sportsperson, during and after their sporting careers, and also motivate the youth in the serious pursuit of sports activities. Adequate assistance will be extended for Insurance Cover and Medical Treatment in the event of such eventuality/requirement. Social Recognition, the Conferment of Awards and Honours at the National, state and District levels incentives in the form of Cash Awards and Avenues of Employment will be important elements of the State Sports Policy, 2001. Alongwith sports persons, suitable incentives will be provided to Coaches, Judges and referees for developing skills and enriching experience. Sports-persons Welfare Fund already introduced will further be rationalized in order to extend benefits to large number of sportspersons.

There is 3% reservation in direct recruitment posts in Class-III and IV categories in all the State Govt. Departments, Boards and Corporations, other than High Court, Himachal Administrative Tribunal, Governor's Secretariat, Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission & Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha and 3% reservation to the defined categories with respect of Class-I & II posts in five departments of Himachal Pradesh.

14. Resources Mobilization for Sports

Insufficiency of financial resources has been a major constraint in promoting sports. While the State Government would need to arrange higher budgetary provisions, special efforts are equally called for to mobilize corporate Houses would be approached and encouraged to adopt and support particular disciplines(as well as sports persons) in the longer term, for this purpose.

15. Infrastructure to Attract Tourists.

Sports events/ facilities, which can attract tourists and provide some activity for them would be encouraged. Fitness centres would be provided at various places of tourist interest. These would be run by the Department in such a way that there is no burden on the Government except for the initial investment. Sports facilities like Tennis, Squash, badminton, Table Tennis, Bowling Alleys, Croquet, Golf etc. would be created at various places of tourist interest. Private sector would also be encouraged to create these facilities and run them on commercial basis. The Department would also have the option of creating such facilities for tourists and then give it to Sports Associations or Societies headed by Government officials in their ex-officio capacity to run them on commercial basis. Private sector would be encouraged to set up such sports facilities alongwith hostels/resorts.

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Action Plan-Sports Policy-2001

1. Development of infrastructure at village block, district and State level including educational institutions.
2. Identification and picking up of promising sportspersons and providing facilities for their scientific training.
3. Organizing tournaments at different levels and such events, which involve the general public and inculcate love for sports among the youth and also providing the necessary competition to promising sports-persons.
4. Providing facilities in terms of employment , cash awards, social honours, admissions to outstanding sportspersons And also to stop their flow out of State by offering them better facilities.
5. Ensure participation of promising sports persons of Himachal in sports activities and competitions at National/International level.
6. Encourage sports in all educational institutions, providing infrastructure, cash awards etc. to winning schools and teams.
7. Encourage sports in government departments, Organizing Inter-departmental tournaments and rewarding winning teams.
8. Wide publicity and information of all sports activities.
9. Providing such infrastructure in the selected sites, which would attract tourists, provide gainful physical activity and recreation. In addition to activities of winter sports at Manali and Kufri, Water Sports at Gobindsagar and Pongdam and Aero Sports in the state.
10. Whenever an outstanding sportsperson retires from his game, scheme will be prepared for suitably financially rewarding him through a lifetime achievement award.
11. A scheme will be considered for the welfare of such sports-persons who have obtained National/International honours after they have attained the age of 35 years.
12. Free medical care to all sports-persons of the State who have at least represented State or University and above will also be considered.

13. Priority to be accorded for development of Winter Sports and related infrastructure in the State.
14. Identification and Promotion of Traditional Sports.
15. Health and Fitness-Need for closer coordination with Health Department.
16. "Sports for All"-Scheme for achieving this basic objective will be prepared.
17. Proposal for making Physical Education as a compulsory subject in at least all Senior Secondary Schools of the State will be actively pursued.
18. Creation of Sports/Academies for all Sports in the State.
19. Effective control over coaches-Special scheme will be prepared in consultation with S.A.I.
20. Streamlining the working of Sports Associations.
21. Establishment of Sports wings in colleges.
22. Better coordination between Sports Associations and Government.
23. Fixation of priority of Games in the State.
24. Security of Career of Sports-persons.
25. Providing trained and efficient Coaches in the State.
26. More scholarships and Prizes to winners at District and State Level.
27. Admission and job securities for sportspersons.
28. Refresher courses for in-service sports persons.
29. Off-season coaching camps and effective coordination between sports implementing authorities in the State.
30. Formation of Youth Sports Clubs in rural areas.
31. A scheme will be prepared for providing at least equal level job opportunities for those sportsperson of the State who have contributed for the promotion of Sports in the State but taken up jobs outside the State.
32. Special efforts will be made for ensuring increase in the budget for sports activities and mobilization of finances.
33. sports/Physical Education as integral part of Education-school-college and university sports to be emphasized and steps to include it in the curriculum to be spelt out.
34. Development of infrastructure in a phased manner on priority basis.
35. Research and Development on scientific and technical lines.
36. NGO's effective involvement and their role in promoting sports. Industrial houses and Corporate sector to be emphasized for growing demand to promote sports at grass-root level.
37. "Centres of Excellence" and "Sports Academies" to be established where required.
38. Promotion of indigenous games for recreation and general fitness.
39. Incentive to sports-person living in distress.
40. Media's role of Local Self Governments at grass-root level especially during festivals.
41. Greater role of Local Self Governments at grass -root level especially during festivals.

42. Competitions at lower level to be intensified especially revival of intramural in the educational institutions. Club culture to be propagated.
43. Process of coaching to be rationalized.
44. Use of modern equipment for competitive sports.
45. Special emphasis for winter games and mountaineering.
 - a) Establishment of Yoga Centre for achieving excellence in sports and also for therapeutic meditation.
 - b) State to be made nursery for long distance running as it is ideally suited for endurance events.
46. effective coordination/Monitoring between SAI coaches and state Government
47. State will be divided into zones and sports will be developed on zonal basis.
48. Earmarking hostel accommodation for sportsmen in colleges/universities will be pursued.
49. Developing congenial atmosphere for development of sports in the State Sports Associations will be made to come forward in developing sports more effectively.
50. Need for more job opportunities for sports-persons in private sector will be emphasized.
51. Proposal for giving grace marks for sports-persons during studies will be actively considered in consultation with concerned organizations.
52. Performance record of players will be maintained in the Department.
53. Limited selected players-limited selected games.
54. More emphasis on strengthening of SAI Centre in the State will be ensured.
55. State Government will take the responsibility of providing deserving sports-persons to SAI hostels for intensive coaching.
56. Number of tournaments being organised in the State being very less, efforts will be made to organise periodic tournaments.
57. Modern and technically sound track-synthetic tracks, Astro-turfs will be developed in a phased manner.
58. Efforts will be made to concentrate on the players in the young age 10-14 years.
59. Good quality sports equipment will be procured and young players will be encouraged to play with those sports goods as it will suit to their physical requirements and body composition.
60. Competition Directors to be appointed from amongst the competent persons and a cadre to be developed for supervising these competitions.
61. Prize money at Block level to be introduced as incentive. Age group competition should be conducted by the Association.
62. Club system would be encouraged. Sports hostel and academies for sports excellence will be developed.
63. sports and youth activities would be separated.
64. Summer coaching camps will be organised during summer vacation where all selected players will be made to take part.

65. Clinic to be done before the start of the competition for the officials and everyday there should be observation by the Jury of these officials wherever they officiate the matches, as it is being done in the National championships.
66. While conducting coaching camps Head coaches to be appointed and responsibility be given to them for forming a team of assistant coaches and trainers to impart coaching.
67. Coaching plan to be made by the Head Coach and be implemented by the team of coaches under his supervision and guidance.
68. Tests to be conducted periodically for monitoring these plans.
69. In place of District Coaching Centres, Coaches will be posted in institutions in a phased manner.
70. SAI coaches from District headquarters will be shifted to Rural areas with a view to promote rural sports.
71. Special Area Games concept will be given priority.
72. Special Sports Cells will be created in department's including-Police, Electricity Board, Forest, Transport and A.G. office etc.
73. Sports-persons recruited under sports quota would be assessed on the basis of their field performance in sports.
74. For providing jobs, relaxation of educational qualifications should be considered keeping in view the level of performance achieved in sports.
75. More emphasis for arranging "A" Grade Tournaments within the State.
76. Incentives/disincentives for coaches at per performance.
77. With regard to admissions in academic and professional institutions, sports quota is not being made available where admissions are made through entrance tests. A scheme will be prepared in this regard.

Cash Awards Scheme for giving honour to outstanding Sports-persons

Category-A

Sl. No.	International Sports Competitions	Position	Cash
1.	Securing 1st to 3rd position in individual events	1st 2nd 3rd	Rs. 1,00,000 Rs. 60,000 Rs. 40,000
2.	Securing 1st and 2nd positions in team events	1st 2nd	Rs. 40,000 (each player) Rs. 30,000 (each player)

Category-B

Sl.	National Sports Competitions	Position	Cash
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No.			
3.	Securing 1st to 3rd position in individual events In any Senior Championship/meet	1st 2nd 3rd	Rs. 20,000 Rs. 10,000 Rs. 6,000
4.	Securing 1st to 2nd positions in team events In any Senior National championship/meet	1st 2nd	Rs. 4,000 (each player) Rs. 2,000 (each player)

Category-C

5.	Securing 1st to 3rd position in individual events In any Junior/Sub Junior Championship/meet	1st 2nd 3rd	Rs. 2000 Rs. 1500 Rs. 1400
6.	Securing 1st and 2nd positions in team events in any Junior/Sub-Junior Championships	1st 2nd	Rs. 1200 Rs. 1000
7.	Securing 1st to 3rd position in individual events In all India Inter-University Championship	1st 2nd 3rd	Rs. 2000 Rs. 1500 Rs. 1400
8.	Securing 1st and 2nd position in team events In all India Inter-University Championships.	1st 2nd	Rs. 1200 Rs. 1000
9.	Securing 1st to 3rd positions in the individual Events in the National School Games.	1st 2nd 3rd	Rs. 2000 Rs. 1500 Rs. 1400
10.	Securing 1st and 2nd positions in team events In National School Games.	1st 2nd	Rs. 1200 Rs. 1000
11.	Securing 1st to 3rd positions in individual events in the National level Departmental Competition. In all India Inter-University Championship	1st 2nd 3rd	Rs. 1500 Rs. 1400 Rs. 1200
12.	Securing 1st and 2nd position in team events in the National level Departmental Competition.	1st 2nd	Rs. 1200 Rs. 1000

Rule-6	Whenever any sportsperson establishes a new International record in any individual event, he/she shall be entitled to a cash prize of Rs. 2,00,000/-	2,00,000/-
Rule-7	Whenever any sportsperson establishes a new Asian/ Commonwealth record in any individual event, he/she shall be entitled to a cash prize of Rs. 1,50,000/-	1,50,000/-
Rule-8	Whenever any sportsperson establishes a new National Record in any individual event, he/she shall be entitled to a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- it will not be given for second time to the same person.	50,000/-
Rule-9	Whenever a sportsperson participates in any International sports competition as a member of The Indian contingent he or she shall be entitled to a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/-	20,000/-
Rule-10	All sportsperson securing awards in Group-A of the Schedule or under Rules 6,7,8 9 of these rules will be Entitled to an additional prize of Rs. 20,000/- alongwith A replica of the Parushuram statue.	20,000

Provided that the State Parsuram Award will be given only once to a sportsperson.

13. All sportsperson representing HP and who secure first or second position in individual events/team game in any senior level National sports competition or who represent HP in any Senior level National Sports competition consecutively for 5 years out of which the individual/team has reached the semi finals at least once during this period will also be eligible for the Parshuram Award under Rule-10.

14. New Addition to the Rules:

The Council reserves the right to amend, alter, delete or add to any of the preferences to these rules at any time without assigning any reasons.

List of games/sports recognized for meritorious sports persons.

1. Archery
2. Athletics(Track and Field events)
3. Atya/Patya
4. Badminton
5. Ball Badminton
6. Basketball
7. Billiards & Snooker
8. Boxing
9. Bridge
10. Carrom
11. Chess
12. Cricket
13. Cycling
14. Equestrian sport
15. Football
16. Golf
17. Gymnastics(including body-building)
18. Handball
19. Hockey
20. Judo
21. Kabaddi
22. Karate-Do
23. Kayaking & Canoeing
24. Kho-Kho
25. Polo
26. Power Lifting
27. Rifle Shooting
28. Roller Skating
29. Rowing
30. Softball
31. Squash
32. Swimming
33. Table Tennis
34. Taekwondo
35. Tenni-Koit
36. Tennis
37. Volleyball
38. Weightlifting
39. Wrestling
40. Yatching.

Criteria for selection of Outstanding Sportspersons

Category No. I	I. Medal winners of Olympic Games /Winter Olympics II Commonwealth Games III Medal winners of Asian Games/Winter Asiad.
Category No. II	I Participation in Olympic Games II Participation in Commonwealth Games. III Participation in Asian Games.
Category No. III	I. Medal winners in South Asian Federation (SAF) Games II Medal winners in National Games III Medal winners in recognized Senior National Championship
Category No. IV	I Medal winners in All India Inter Varsity Sports Tournament II Medal winners in All India National School Games. III Medal winners in recognized Jr National Sports Championship. IV Participation in /south Asian Federation (SAF) Games V At least three time participation in Senior National Championship.
