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GUIDELINES

These Guidelines are issued by the Association of Indian Universities for the guidance of every Host University entrusted with the organisation and conduct of an AIU Inter-University Sports Tournament, and are to be read together with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations (Khel Vidhi) 2026 in their entirety.

1. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

These Guidelines shall apply to every University entrusted by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with the responsibility of organizing and conducting an AIU Inter-University Sports Tournament. The Host University shall organise and conduct the tournament strictly in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations (Khel Vidhi) 2026, the applicable rules and regulations of the concerned National Sports Federation, AIU-approved Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), anti-doping regulations, safeguarding provisions and directions issued by AIU from time to time.

These Guidelines shall be read in conjunction with the Khel Vidhi 2026 and shall supplement the provisions relating to tournament administration, hosting responsibilities, technical conduct, fair play, discipline, athlete welfare, dispute resolution, digital governance and transparency.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapters III, XI, XII, XIV, XVI and XVII.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST UNIVERSITY

The Host University shall be responsible for the overall organisation, administration, coordination and successful conduct of the tournament and shall ensure that all arrangements are made in a professional, transparent, impartial and athlete-friendly manner.

The Host University shall constitute an appropriate Organising Committee and shall clearly assign responsibilities for tournament administration, technical management, accommodation, transportation, medical services, security, anti-doping arrangements, information technology, live streaming, media, discipline, finance and other matters necessary for the successful conduct of the tournament.

The Host University shall ensure that its role as organiser does not provide any unfair sporting or administrative advantage to its own participating team. Where the Host University is also a participating university, its players, coaches, managers and officials shall be treated in accordance with the same rules and standards applicable to all other participating universities.

Mandatory Compliance with Payment of AIU Fees

The Host University shall mandatorily ensure, prior to commencement of the tournament, that every participating University has duly paid the AIU's Annual Subscription Fee and applicable Participation Fee prescribed by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for the relevant academic year. The Host University shall not permit any University to participate in the tournament unless the payment of all

applicable AIU dues has been duly confirmed through the prescribed AIU online portal/system or otherwise verified by the competent authority of AIU.

Participation of a University with outstanding, unpaid or unverified AIU dues shall be strictly prohibited. The Host University shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this provision and shall not accept any undertaking, provisional receipt or assurance in lieu of actual payment confirmation. Any University found participating in violation of this provision may be debarred from participation and/or subjected to such further action as may be prescribed by AIU under the applicable Rules and Regulations. The decision of AIU in this regard shall be final and binding.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 12.1.1 to 12.1.3 and Chapter XXI relating to Organising Committee and tournament administration.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH AIU AND NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION RULES

The Host University shall organise and conduct the tournament strictly in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations (Khel Vidhi) 2026, AIU-approved Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), tournament guidelines and directions issued by AIU from time to time.

The Host University shall ensure that the tournament is conducted in accordance with the latest applicable rules, regulations, technical standards and officiating requirements of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF) and other competent sporting authorities, wherever applicable.

The Host University shall ensure compliance with all AIU eligibility and participation requirements, applicable NADA/WADA anti-doping regulations, athlete safeguarding and welfare requirements, and all other statutory, technical and administrative requirements applicable to the tournament.

The Host University, the Organising Committee, Technical Officials, Team Managers, Coaches, Players and all other persons associated with the tournament shall comply with the specific instructions, directions and decisions issued by AIU for the proper, fair and transparent conduct of the tournament. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations (Khel Vidhi) 2026 and the rules or regulations of the concerned National Sports Federation, the applicable provisions of the Khel Vidhi 2026 shall prevail in matters falling within the regulatory jurisdiction of AIU.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 3.1 to 3.7, 12.1.2 and 3.5 to 3.6.

4. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Host University shall constitute an Organising Committee sufficiently in advance of the tournament and shall appoint an Organising Secretary or equivalent competent officer to coordinate all organisational and administrative matters. The Organising Committee shall ensure that all tournament arrangements are completed before commencement of competition and shall maintain continuous

coordination with AIU, the AIU Observer, Technical Officials and participating universities throughout the tournament.

The Host University shall ensure that no member of the Organising Committee interferes with technical decisions, fixture preparation, officiating, protests, appeals or any matter which may directly or indirectly affect the sporting outcome of the competition.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 21.3 to 21.6.

5. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The Host University shall engage qualified, experienced, competent and duly accredited Technical Officials in accordance with the applicable AIU and respective Sports Federation rules.

The complete particulars of all Technical Officials engaged for the tournament, including their names, designations, qualifications, accreditation, experience, institutional or Federation affiliation and contact details, shall be submitted to AIU within one week from the commencement of the tournament or within such other period as may be prescribed by AIU.

The Host University shall ensure that Technical Officials perform their duties independently, impartially and without interference from the Host University, participating teams, coaches, managers, players or any other person.

Every Technical Official shall disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest, and a person having a conflict of interest shall not be assigned a duty which may compromise the impartiality of the competition. An undertaking is to be submitted declaring NO Conflict of Interest.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 12.3.1 to 12.3.4.

6. POWER OF AIU REGARDING TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The Host University shall appoint qualified Technical Officials and referees etc. and shall provide a list of all Technical Officials to AIU at least 07 days before the commencement of the tournament. AIU shall have the authority to nominate, approve, appoint, replace or deploy Technical Officials whenever AIU considers such action necessary to ensure fair play, impartiality, technical competence, transparency or sporting integrity.

The Host University shall provide all necessary cooperation, facilities and logistical support to Technical Officials appointed or nominated by AIU.

No Host University official or member of the Organising Committee shall obstruct or interfere with the functioning of an AIU-appointed or AIU-approved Observer/Official.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 12.3.1 to 12.3.5.

7. FIXTURES AND DRAW

The Host University shall prepare the fixtures and draw strictly in accordance with the Khel Vidhi 2026 and applicable Federation rules. Wherever feasible, the fixtures may be drawn through the software prescribed by the concerned Sports Federations. The proposed fixtures and draw shall be submitted to AIU in team events at least 07 days before the commencement of the tournament. However, in individual weight-category games such as Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Karate, Fencing, Taekwondo, Wushu and Pencak Silat etc., fixtures shall be finalized after the prescribed weigh-in, conducted one day before the respective event, and communicated to AIU.

The fixture should be drawn in the presence of AIU Observer, Technical Officer, representative of AIU Headquarter and Director Sports of all participating universities. Whenever physical presence of aforesaid officials is not feasible, they may be engaged in an online mode. No fixture, draw, venue or competition schedule requiring AIU approval shall be altered by the Host University without prior approval of AIU.

If the need so arises, AIU shall have the authority to modify, revise, reschedule or otherwise direct changes in fixtures, draws, venues or timings whenever considered necessary in the interest of fairness, transparency, equal opportunity, proper scheduling, technical requirements or sporting integrity of tournaments.

The Host University shall not prepare, alter or manipulate fixtures or draws with the intention or effect of providing an advantage to its own team or to any particular participating university team.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 12.2.1 to 12.2.3.

8. FAIR PLAY AND PREVENTION OF UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

The Host University, Organising Committee, Technical Officials, players, coaches, team managers and all other persons associated with the tournament shall uphold the principles of fair play, sporting merit, impartiality, transparency and integrity.

No person shall directly or indirectly attempt to manipulate the result or conduct of a competition through match-fixing, predetermined results, deliberate underperformance, collusion, bribery, inducement, intimidation, coercion, interference with Technical Officials or any other improper means. The Host University shall ensure that its officials, employees, coaches, players and representatives do not use their organisational position to obtain or provide an unfair sporting advantage.

Any attempt to manipulate fixtures or/and influence the result of a competition or to interfere with its fair conduct shall be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary and integrity provisions of the Khel Vidhi 2026.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapter XVI, particularly Clauses 16.1 and 16.2.

9. AIU OBSERVER

AIU shall appoint an Observer for Inter-Zonal and All India Inter-University Championships and may appoint an Observer for any other tournament whenever considered necessary.

The AIU Observer shall monitor compliance with the Khel Vidhi 2026, AIU directions and applicable Federation rules and shall observe the technical, administrative and organisational conduct of the tournament.

The Observer shall particularly monitor the impartiality of officials, eligibility and accreditation, fixtures and draw, infrastructure, accommodation, medical facilities, anti-doping arrangements, athlete welfare, discipline, fair play, live streaming, video documentation, protests, complaints, results and other matters considered relevant by AIU.

The Host University and all participating universities shall provide full cooperation to the AIU Observer and shall comply with lawful directions issued by the Observer within the scope of his/her assignment.

The AIU Observer shall submit the prescribed report to AIU after completion of the tournament within 15 days.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 11.1, 11.3 and 11.4.

10. VIDEO RECORDING OF MATCHES AND INDEPENDENT DOCUMENTATION

The Host University shall make arrangements for official video recording of every match, game or event conducted during the tournament and broadcast on YouTube/university channel. In case of nonavailability of High-Definition video cameras, the video recording may be done using mobile phones and the recording may be copied and saved in a secured device at the host university.

The official video recording shall be maintained in its original form and shall not be intentionally deleted, altered, manipulated or destroyed. The Host University shall provide such recording to AIU, the AIU Observer, the Jury of Appeal or any competent authority whenever required for verification, review, investigation or adjudication.

The AIU Observer shall advise the Team Managers, Coaches and Players of participating universities to record video footage of every match or game in which their team participates, wherever practicable, so that an independent record of the competition is available.

Team Managers and Coaches shall be encouraged to ensure that such recordings are safely preserved until completion of the tournament and for such further period as may be required in connection with any protest, complaint, disciplinary proceeding or integrity-related inquiry.

Players may also record match proceedings, subject to reasonable venue, safety, privacy, broadcasting and technical restrictions. Such recording shall not obstruct the competition or interfere with Technical Officials.

Where AIU, the AIU Observer or the Jury of Appeal considers any video recording relevant to a protest, complaint, allegation of match manipulation, unfair officiating, technical irregularity or disciplinary matter, the concerned university or team shall provide the relevant footage for examination.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 14.10.1 and 14.10.2 and Clauses 11.6.3 to 11.6.6 relating to evidence and video review.

11. GEO-TAGGED PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

The Host University shall maintain appropriate geo-tagged photographic documentation of the tournament, including competition venues, playing facilities, participating teams, Technical Officials, matches, ceremonies and other activities prescribed by AIU. The photographs shall be preserved as part of the official tournament record and shall be submitted to AIU or the AIU Observer whenever required for monitoring, verification, reporting or archival purposes.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 6.10, 12.1.3 and 14.10 relating to digital governance and documentation.

12. MANDATORY LIVE STREAMING

The Host University shall arrange live streaming of matches and events on YouTube/university channel. In case of nonavailability of High-Definition video cameras, the video recording may be done using mobile phones and the recording may be copied and saved at a secured device.

The Host University shall provide adequate cameras, internet connectivity, technical manpower, recording facilities and necessary backup arrangements to ensure effective digital coverage.

The live-streaming links and recordings shall be made available to AIU in the prescribed manner and shall be preserved wherever required.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 14.10.1 and 14.10.2.

13. INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMPETITION FACILITIES

The Host University shall provide competition venues, infrastructure and related facilities conforming to the standards prescribed by AIU and the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF).

The competition venue shall have adequate hygienic playing facilities, officials' facilities, changing rooms, sanitation, clean drinking water, electricity and backup arrangements, communication facilities, internet connectivity, security arrangements and other sport-specific facilities necessary for the proper conduct of the tournament, including playing surfaces, practice and warm-up facilities, lighting arrangements, scoreboards, timing systems and public announcement systems.

The Host University shall ensure that all competition and supporting facilities are inspected, tested and made operational before the commencement of the tournament and shall maintain them in proper

working condition throughout the tournament. Any deficiency affecting the safe, fair or efficient conduct of the competition shall be rectified immediately.

The Host University shall provide such additional technical, logistical and infrastructure facilities as may be prescribed by AIU, the concerned NSF, the Technical Officials or the AIU Observer for the proper conduct of the tournament.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clause 12.1.3.

14. ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY

The Host University shall provide safe, hygienic and adequate accommodation to participating teams, Technical Officials, AIU representatives and other persons deputed by AIU. The accommodation shall include appropriate sleeping arrangements, toilets, sanitation, clean drinking water, security and necessary assistance, with suitable separate arrangements for male and female participants wherever required. The Host University shall provide free accommodation to participating teams during the tournament. Where free accommodation is not feasible due to unavoidable circumstances, accommodation charges may be levied at a maximum of ₹150/- per participant per day.

The applicable accommodation charges shall be declared in the tournament circular or entry information in advance. No additional or excess accommodation charges shall be levied without the prior approval of AIU. Accommodation and hospitality shall be provided fairly and without preferential treatment. The Host University may provide hygienic catering facilities at reasonable and pre-declared rates. Catering services shall be optional, and participating universities shall not be compelled to avail such services from the Host University.

The Host University shall maintain appropriate standards of food quality, hygiene, nutrition and clean drinking water and shall communicate the applicable catering rates and facilities to participating universities in advance.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clause 12.1.3 and athlete welfare provisions under Chapter XVII.

15. TRANSPORTATION

The Host University shall make adequate and timely transportation arrangements for participating teams, Technical Officials, AIU representatives and other authorized persons in accordance with the approved tournament schedule.

The Host Universities shall provide safe, reliable and properly coordinated transportation from students' accommodation to competition venue.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 12.1.3 and 17.4.4.

16. MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Host University shall ensure the availability of qualified medical personnel, first-aid facilities, appropriate medical equipment and ambulance services at the principal competition venue during competition hours.

The Host University shall establish an appropriate mechanism for immediate medical attention and referral to a suitable hospital in case of serious injury or medical emergency.

The details of the designated medical officer, ambulance service, nearby hospital and emergency contact numbers shall be communicated to AIU Observer and participating universities before commencement of the tournament. Emergency contact numbers may also be suitably displayed at competition venues.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 12.4.1 to 12.4.3.

17. ANTI-DOPING AND COORDINATION WITH NADA

The Host University shall extend full cooperation to the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), AIU and other authorized anti-doping authorities for implementation of anti-doping measures.

Where doping control is conducted, the Host University shall provide an appropriate doping-control station, secure testing facilities, privacy, security, waiting arrangements and necessary logistical assistance. No person associated with the Host University or participating teams shall interfere with an authorized anti-doping process.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 16.3 and 16.4.

18. ACCREDITATION AND ELIGIBILITY

The Host University shall permit participation only of student athletes and officials whose entries, eligibility and accreditation have been duly verified in accordance with the Khel Vidhi 2026.

The Host University shall coordinate with AIU for verification of General Entries, Detailed Entries, identity documents and accreditation. No impersonation, unauthorized substitution, ineligible participation or participation on the basis of false or incomplete documentation shall be permitted.

18.1 General Eligibility for Participation

Only a bonafide student-athlete fulfilling the eligibility conditions as per AIU's Rules & Regulations, possessing a valid University Registration Number with original University/college Identity Card shall be eligible to participate in Inter-University Sports Competitions.

Eligibility shall be subject to verification of age, academic enrollment, validity of institutional admission, migration status where applicable, identity, compliance with AIU and applicable FISU regulations, anti-doping requirements and athlete safeguarding requirements.

No athlete shall be permitted to participate solely on the basis of provisional claims, verbal assurances or incomplete documentation.

18.2 Age Eligibility

A participant shall be under twenty-five (25) years of age as on 01 July of the concerned academic session, unless otherwise prescribed by AIU, FISU, AUSF or the competent authority for a particular competition.

Age shall be verified through officially recognized documents, including the Secondary School Certificate (10th Standard), Passport where applicable, or Government-approved digital identity records. Any discrepancy, manipulation, overwriting or forgery in an age-related document shall constitute a serious eligibility violation and will be strictly dealt with as per AIU's Rules.

18.3 Academic and Admission Eligibility

Only a bonafide student duly admitted, enrolled and registered in a recognized AIU member university or its affiliated institution and pursuing a recognized programme of study shall be eligible to participate. The student must possess a valid University Registration Number with original University/college Identity Card.

Eligible programmes may include degree, diploma, postgraduate and doctoral or research programmes, subject to recognition by the competent authority. The programme in which the student is enrolled shall ordinarily be of a minimum duration of one (1) academic year, and the examination for the programme shall be conducted by the concerned recognized university or institution.

The athlete shall have passed the 10+2 or equivalent examination before participating in AIU competitions. The student-athlete shall maintain continuous academic enrollment and satisfactory academic progression in accordance with the applicable university regulations. A student whose admission has been cancelled, suspended, withdrawn, not regularized, or found to be fake or fraudulent shall be ineligible to participate.

An athlete migrating from another University must produce a valid Migration Certificate duly certified by the Registrar of his/her present university. The Host University should not demand a separate Bonafide Certificate, as the eligibility of participants is already certified through the Eligibility Proforma duly signed by the Director Sports of the participating University.

18.4 Recognition of Modes of Education

Only students enrolled in regular classroom education in a recognized programme of a member university or institution shall be eligible to participate in AIU Inter-University Tournaments.

Students enrolled exclusively through online, distance, correspondence, hybrid or blended modes shall not be eligible unless specifically permitted by AIU under the applicable regulations.

18.5 Migration and Transfer of Students

A student-athlete shall not represent more than one university or institution during the same academic year in AIU competitions.

A migrated or transferred student-athlete shall become eligible only after completion of the prescribed migration or transfer process, regular admission in the new institution, submission of the Migration Certificate, cancellation or transfer from the previous institution wherever applicable, issuance of a Bonafide Student Certificate by the new institution, and approval and verification by the competent university authority.

A student transferring or migrating during the course or programme shall produce confirmed admission documentation, fee receipt, Migration Certificate, enrollment or registration number, Bonafide Certificate issued by the Head of Institution or Registrar and the marksheet of the last examination passed. No provisional, temporary or unverified admission shall confer eligibility for participation.

AIU may undertake additional scrutiny and require supporting documents in cases of transfer during an academic session before granting or confirming eligibility.

Fake migration, dual admission, parallel enrollment, concealment of previous representation or manipulation of institutional records shall constitute serious misconduct and will result in cancellation of participation, suspension of the athlete, action against responsible university officials, debarment of the institution and disciplinary proceedings under these AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

18.6 Restriction on Multiple Participation

No player shall represent two universities simultaneously during the same academic session. A player who has represented a university in any AIU Tournament during an academic year shall not be eligible to represent another university during the same academic year, irrespective of subsequent migration, transfer, temporary admission or change of course.

Participation through dual registration, fake enrollment, unauthorized transfer or manipulated admission records shall constitute fraud and serious misconduct and will be strictly dealt with by AIU.

AIU may utilize digital tracking systems, Aadhaar verification, Academic Bank of Credits (ABC ID), biometric verification and centralized databases for preventing duplicate or unauthorized participation.

18.7 Employment Status of Players

Full-time employees of an organisation shall ordinarily be ineligible to participate in AIU Inter-University Tournaments.

A student engaged in part-time employment or self-employment may remain eligible provided that the student continues to be a bonafide student, holds valid and regular admission, satisfies applicable attendance and academic progression requirements, and complies with AIU eligibility regulations.

Participation in FISU, AUSF or other international university sports events shall additionally be governed by the eligibility requirements prescribed under the applicable international regulations.

18.8 Eligibility of Foreign Students

Foreign students validly enrolled in recognized universities shall be eligible to participate in AIU Inter-University Competitions subject to these Regulations and applicable AIU requirements.

The number of foreign players in a team shall ordinarily not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total team strength. In teams consisting of fewer than ten (10) players, one (1) foreign student may be permitted.

Foreign students shall produce valid Passport, Visa documents, admission confirmation, identity documents and university enrollment proof for verification.

18.9 Fraud Prevention, Digital Verification and Anti-Impersonation Measures

Aadhaar authentication and Know Your Customer (KYC) verification shall be compulsory for Indian participants wherever legally permissible.

AIU may implement biometric verification, facial recognition systems, QR-code accreditation, digital identity tracking, centralized athlete databases and AI-enabled eligibility verification systems for strengthening participant authentication and preventing fraudulent or duplicate participation.

The participating university and the authorities certifying eligibility shall be responsible for the accuracy, authenticity and completeness of the eligibility records and documents submitted to AIU.

Fielding or attempting to field a bogus player, impersonator, over-age player, ineligible athlete, fake student or suspended athlete shall be treated as a serious act of fraud and misconduct and will be strictly dealt with by AIU.

18.10 Mandatory Documents for Participation

A defined set of documents, duly completed, signed and authenticated by the competent authority, shall be submitted to the Organizing University not later than one (1) day before commencement of the tournament, unless otherwise prescribed by AIU. These consist, in substance, of the Eligibility Proforma and, where applicable, the Inter-Zonal Eligibility Proforma and the Migration Certificate, and the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC ID) reference.

The submission shall further include the University Identity Card, a copy of the 10th Standard Certificate and a copy of the 10+2 Certificate, the Aadhaar Card or other Government approved identity proof, and, in the case of foreign students, the Passport and Visa documents. It shall likewise include the receipt of the online AIU Registration Fee, recent passport-size photographs, the Medical Fitness Certificate where prescribed, and the Anti-Doping Declaration where applicable.

Director, Sports of a participating University will be fully responsible for ensuring the eligibility and participation of his/her athletes in Inter-University competitions. The eligibility declaration/proforma

must certify that the participating athletes are bonafide students of the concerned University and meet the required eligibility for the tournament.

AIU may prescribe additional documents or verification requirements from time to time.

18.11 Eligibility Proforma and Verification Procedure

The Eligibility Proforma shall be submitted in four (4) copies, duly completed, signed and stamped by the Director of Sports, Sports Officer, Registrar and Competent Institutional Authority of the participating university.

During the Zonal Tournament, out of the four (4) copies of the Eligibility Proforma, the Host University shall verify all copies, retain two (2) verified copies for its record, and return the remaining two (2) verified copies to the participating university.

For the Inter-Zonal or All India Tournament, the participating university shall submit the two (2) verified copies received from the Zonal Tournament. The Host University shall re-verify the documents, retain one (1) copy for its record and return the other verified copy to the participating university. In cases of direct participation in an Inter-Zonal or All India Tournament, four (4) copies of the Eligibility Proforma shall be submitted for verification.

Handwritten, altered, tampered, illegible or otherwise unauthenticated Eligibility Proformas shall not be accepted. Photocopied or reproduced documents shall not be accepted where original or digitally authenticated documents are required.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapter VII relating to General Entry, Detailed Entry, eligibility and accreditation.

19. COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING OF RESULTS

The Host University shall communicate fixtures, schedules, venue details, changes if any, notices, results and other tournament information through the prescribed official channels.

Results shall be recorded accurately and communicated to AIU within the prescribed time. The Organising Committee shall submit the complete and verified results of each match, game or event to AIU within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the respective match, game or event, through the prescribed AIU format or digital system, along with such supporting records as may be required by AIU.

The AIU Observer shall submit the Observer's Report to AIU within five days of completion of the match, game or event. The report shall include observations regarding the conduct of the competition, technical officiating, fair play, discipline, compliance with the Khel Vidhi 2026, any protest or complaint received, and any incident or irregularity requiring the attention of AIU.

The Organising Committee and the AIU Observer shall ensure that the respective results are submitted within the prescribed twenty-four (24) hour period without delay. In case of any serious incident,

dispute, suspected manipulation, misconduct or violation of AIU Rules, the matter shall be reported to AIU immediately.

The Host University shall not intentionally delay, suppress, alter or selectively communicate results or other official information for the benefit of its own team or any other participating university.

The Host University shall submit daily and final tournament reports in the format and within the timeline prescribed by AIU.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 6.10, 11.3.4, 12.1.3 and 21.3.4, and provisions relating to Communication and Reporting of Results, AIU Observer, Fair Play and Sporting Integrity, Monitoring and Reporting.

20. PROTEST AND APPEAL

A participating university may submit a protest in accordance with the procedure and time limits prescribed under the Khel Vidhi 2026 and the applicable sport-specific regulations.

A written protest relating to a match, technical decision or competition incident shall be submitted within a period of maximum of two hours after the finish of the match or bout in individual games.

The protest fee shall be ₹5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only) per protest, or such other amount as may subsequently be prescribed by AIU. The prescribed fee shall accompany the protest, and the protest shall not be treated as complete unless the applicable fee is deposited in the prescribed manner, at the time of filing the appeal. The competent authority shall determine the admissibility and disposal of the protest or appeal in accordance with the Khel Vidhi 2026. The fee shall not by itself confer any right to acceptance of the protest or appeal.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 11.6.1 to 11.6.7 relating to protests, appeals, Jury of Appeal and evidence.

21. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE HOST UNIVERSITY

AIU shall provide financial assistance of ₹25,000 (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) to the Host University towards expenses relating to the organisation of the tournament, subject to the applicable AIU norms. The Host University shall utilize the financial assistance exclusively for legitimate expenses connected with the organisation and conduct of the concerned tournament. The Host University shall submit a duly certified Utilization Certificate (UC) in the prescribed format, along with such supporting documents and expenditure statement as may be required by AIU.

Release or adjustment of the financial assistance shall be subject to submission and acceptance of the Utilization Certificate and compliance with the financial requirements prescribed by AIU. Any unutilized amount, excess expenditure or amount not supported by the prescribed documentation shall be dealt with in accordance with the financial rules and directions of AIU.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapter XII relating to Host University obligations and Clause 12.5.1 relating to financial transparency and approved charges.

22. TA/DA AND REMUNERATION OF AIU OBSERVER

The TA/DA and applicable remuneration of the AIU Observer shall be borne and paid by the Host University in accordance with the rates and norms prescribed or approved by AIU, within 10 days of the tournament.

The Host University shall make the necessary arrangements for the Observer's local transportation, accommodation, food and other approved facilities required for the proper discharge of his/her assignment. The payment of TA/DA and remuneration shall not affect the independent status, authority or reporting responsibility of the AIU Observer.

The AIU Observer shall not accept any unauthorized payment, benefit or hospitality that may compromise or appear to compromise the independence of the assignment.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 11.1 to 11.4 and Chapter XII relating to Host University responsibilities.

23. ATHLETE WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING

The Host University shall ensure the safety, dignity, welfare and safeguarding of all athletes and officials throughout the tournament.

The tournament shall maintain zero tolerance towards harassment, abuse, bullying, intimidation, discrimination, exploitation and any other conduct that compromises the dignity or safety of a participant.

The Host University shall designate an appropriate Safeguarding Officer and shall communicate the available complaint and reporting mechanism to participating universities.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapter XVII, particularly Clauses 17.2 to 17.4.

24. PRESERVATION OF RECORDS AND EVIDENCE

The Host University shall preserve all official tournament records, including General Entries, Detailed Entries, accreditation records, fixtures, draws, results, Technical Officials' details, official reports, video/mobile phone recordings, live-streaming records, geo-tagged photographs, medical records, anti-doping records, protest documents and decisions. No record relevant to a protest, complaint, investigation, disciplinary proceeding or integrity matter shall be intentionally destroyed, concealed, altered or manipulated.

AIU, the AIU Observer, Jury of Appeal or any other competent authority authorized by AIU may require production of such records for verification, examination or investigation.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapters VII, XI, XII and XIV.

25. REPORTING OF SERIOUS IRREGULARITIES

The AIU Observer, Technical Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and authorized representatives of participating universities shall promptly report any serious irregularity affecting the integrity, safety or proper conduct of the tournament to AIU through the prescribed channel.

Any allegation concerning fixtures/match manipulation, suspicious results, ineligible participation, impersonation, interference with Technical Officials, biased officiating, violence, safeguarding violations, anti-doping violations, destruction of evidence or other serious misconduct shall be brought to the notice of the competent authority immediately, without any delay.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 11.3.5, 11.6 and Chapter XVI.

26. AIU MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE POWERS

AIU shall have the right to monitor the tournament before, during and after its conduct and may inspect venues, seek documents and records, appoint or replace Technical Officials, deploy an Observer, require corrective measures, direct fixture modifications, require additional video or photographic documentation and issue such other directions as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the Khel Vidhi 2026. Where any circumstance materially compromises fairness, safety, transparency or sporting integrity, AIU may direct appropriate corrective measures, including modification, suspension or postponement of a competition, in accordance with the Khel Vidhi 2026.

The Host University shall comply with all lawful directions issued by AIU under these Guidelines and the Khel Vidhi 2026.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 11.4, 12.3.5 and applicable provisions concerning AIU oversight.

27. NON-COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Failure by the Host University, Organising Committee, Technical Officials, players, coaches, managers or any other person to comply with the Khel Vidhi 2026, these Guidelines or directions issued by AIU may result in appropriate action under the applicable provisions.

Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the violation, AIU may issue corrective directions, warning or censure, require replacement of officials, review or withdraw hosting rights, restrict future hosting, initiate disciplinary proceedings, cancel or review results, or take any other action permissible under the Khel Vidhi 2026. Any deliberate manipulation of results, interference with officiating, suppression or destruction of evidence, provision of unfair advantage or other conduct affecting the integrity of the competition shall be treated as a serious violation and will be strictly dealt with by AIU.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Clauses 3.7, 11.5, 12.3.5, 16.2 and 21.6.2.

28. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

The Host University shall provide the platform, facilities and administrative support necessary for conducting the tournament but shall not control, influence or manipulate the sporting outcome of any competition.

The conduct of every AIU Inter-University Sports Tournament shall be based on the principles of Fair Play, Sporting Merit, Equal Opportunity, Impartial Officiating, Transparency, Accountability, Athlete Welfare, Digital Evidence and Sporting Integrity.

Every Host University shall recognize that the credibility of an AIU tournament depends not only upon successful administration but also upon the confidence of participating universities, athletes, coaches, Technical Officials and AIU in the fairness and integrity of the competition.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapters III, XI, XII, XVI and XVII.

29. AIU SPORTS PORTAL AND ATHLETE REGISTRATION

The Association of Indian Universities has introduced the AIU Sports Portal and Athlete Registration System for the digital registration, accreditation and management of member universities, institutions, Technical Officials and student-athletes participating in AIU Inter-University Sports Tournaments.

It shall be mandatory for every member university or institution to register itself and its participating student athletes on the AIU Sports Portal prior to participation in any AIU Sports Tournament.

Every athlete duly registered on the AIU Sports Portal shall be issued a unique AIU Sports ID, which shall serve as the primary reference for accreditation, eligibility verification and participation records of that athlete across AIU Sports Tournaments. Only such players who are duly registered on the AIU Sports Portal and hold a valid AIU Sports ID shall be eligible for participation in AIU Sports Events. The entry of an athlete who is not so registered shall be liable to rejection. The Host University shall verify AIU Sports Portal registration and the AIU Sports ID of participating athletes and officials as part of the accreditation and eligibility verification process set out in these Guidelines. All registrations (General and Detailed Entries etc.) shall be accepted only through the online portal (sports@aiu.ac.in).

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapter VII relating to General Entry, Detailed Entry, eligibility, accreditation and digital governance provisions.

30. AIU ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS

The Association of Indian Universities has instituted the AIU Annual Sports Awards for best performing universities in All India Inter-University Tournaments and Inter-Zonal Tournaments, to recognize excellence and outstanding contribution in university sports.

At the national level, each award shall carry a cash prize of ₹3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only) for the 1st position, ₹2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only) for the 2nd position and ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees

One Lakh only) for the 3rd position, together with a Trophy, Citation and Certificate of Excellence, subject to the availability of funds and approval of the competent authority. At the Zonal level, the best performing universities in each of the four zones — East, West, North and South — shall be awarded a Trophy and a Citation for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions. The grant and disbursement of cash prizes, trophies, citations and certificates under this Clause shall be subject to compliance with these Guidelines and such further criteria, procedure and conditions as may be prescribed by AIU from time to time.

Reference: Resolutions of the competent authority of AIU instituting the AIU Annual Sports Awards, read with Chapter XII relating to Host University obligations and financial provisions.

31. INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES AND OFFICIALS

Every parent university shall arrange and bear the cost of adequate insurance coverage for its student-athletes, Technical Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and other authorized personnel participating in AIU Sports Competitions and international university sports events. The insurance coverage shall provide for accidental injury, hospitalization, medical treatment, permanent disability, accidental death and other appropriate risks arising during the period of travel to, from, and participation in the concerned tournament or event.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — Chapter XVII relating to Athlete Welfare and Safeguarding, and provisions relating to Host University and participating university obligations under Chapter XII.

32. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

Before commencement of the tournament, the Host University shall submit to AIU a compliance certificate confirming that all prescribed arrangements relating to infrastructure, Technical Officials, fixtures, accommodation, transportation, medical services, anti-doping, safeguarding, live streaming, video recording, documentation and other requirements have been completed.

The Host University shall also certify that no arrangement has been made or shall be made for providing any unfair advantage to its own team or to any participating university. The prescribed format of the Compliance Certificate shall form part of these Guidelines as an Annexure.

33. FINAL PROVISION

These Guidelines shall come into force from the date notified by AIU and shall remain applicable to all AIU Inter-University Sports Tournaments unless amended, modified or superseded by AIU. In the event of any inconsistency between these Guidelines and the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations (Khel Vidhi) 2026, the provisions of the Khel Vidhi 2026 and subsequent decisions or directions of the competent authority of AIU shall prevail.

Reference: Khel Vidhi 2026 — controlling instrument in all matters of interpretation and conflict.