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PREAMBLE

Statement of Purpose

To ensure transparent, fair, and efficient administration, regulation, promotion, development, and conduct of Inter-University sports competitions for the; athlete welfare, institutional accountability, technical excellence, governance standards, inclusiveness, and integrity in university sports; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Whereas

- (i) It is expedient to establish a comprehensive and uniform framework for governance, regulation, organization, promotion, and development of university sports competitions across India.
- (ii) The landscape of higher education and university sports in India has undergone substantial transformation with increasing participation of universities, student-athletes, women **sportsperson**, Divyangjan athletes, and emerging sports disciplines at national and international levels.
- (iii) There is a need to modernize and strengthen the existing AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, sports regulations, eligibility norms, tournament management systems, and governance mechanisms in accordance with contemporary standards of transparency, accountability, athlete welfare, digital administration, and fair play.
- (iv) The constituted committees, Sports administrators, Directors of Sports, athletes, technical experts, legal experts, universities, and stakeholders recommended to review & reform relating Inter-University sports competitions and university sports governance.
- (v) It is necessary to provide for scientific and merit-based inclusion of sports disciplines, regulation of sports federations (**Affiliated to I.O.A.**) establishment of codes of conduct, anti-doping compliance, safeguarding mechanisms, grievance redressal systems, and promotion of ethical sporting culture within universities.
- (vi) It is further necessary to ensure equal opportunities for participation of students belonging to all regions, genders (Male & Female only), social backgrounds, & Divyangjan categories and to strengthen India's university sports ecosystem in alignment with national and international standards.
- (vii) It is considered necessary to create an effective legal, administrative, and operational framework for the conduct of Inter-University tournaments, digital management systems, financial accountability, athlete safety, dispute resolution, and institutional responsibilities. It is hereby enacted to frame and implement the AIU Sports Rules and Regulation / University Sports Regulations for the regulation, promotion, administration, and development of university sports competitions and related matters throughout India under the jurisdiction **of the AIU**

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1. Association of Indian Universities (AIU)

1.1 Establishment and Background

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is the apex representative organization of universities and higher educational institutions in India. It was originally established in 1925 as the Inter-University Board (IUB) of India with the objective of promoting cooperation, coordination, and mutual understanding among universities across the country. In 1974, the Inter-University Board was reorganized and renamed as the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), thereby expanding its role as the principal coordinating body for higher education and university collaboration in India.

1.2 Role and Functions

The Association of Indian Universities serves as a national coordinating body in higher education and functions as an institutional link between universities, Government agencies, regulatory authorities, national organizations, and international academic and sports institutions. AIU works in close coordination with the University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India (SAI), National Sports Federations affiliated with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and various international academic and university sports organizations to promote excellence in education and sports.

1.3 Objectives of AIU

The primary objectives of the Association of Indian Universities are to promote academic collaboration and cooperation among universities and institutions of higher education; to maintain and enhance the quality and standards of higher education in India; to facilitate coordination, cooperation, and mutual understanding among member universities; to establish and promote the equivalence and recognition of degrees, diplomas, and academic qualifications; to encourage research, innovation, and academic development; to promote student welfare and holistic educational opportunities; and to advance the cause of university education in the national interest.

1.4 AIU and University Sports

The Association of Indian Universities functions as the apex national coordinating and governing body for university sports and the administration of Inter-University sports competitions in India. Through its Sports Division, AIU organizes Zonal, Inter-Zonal, and All India Inter-University Tournaments, conducts Selection Trials for university athletes, organizes Coaching Camps for national university teams, conducts National University Championships, and coordinates the

participation of Indian University Teams in international university sports events, including the FISU World University Games, Asian University Championships, and other recognized international competitions.

1.5 Magnitude and Importance

The Association of Indian Universities represents more than 1,000 universities and higher educational institutions across India and administers one of the largest university sports systems in the world, involving lakhs of student-athletes annually through its Inter-University sports programmes. AIU plays a significant role in promoting a vibrant sports culture within higher education, identifying and nurturing talented athletes, facilitating their holistic development through structured competitions and training, fostering leadership, discipline, teamwork, and ethical sporting values, promoting inclusivity and equal opportunity, and strengthening national integration by bringing together students from diverse regions, cultures, and backgrounds.

1.6 Vision and Future Orientation

The Association of Indian Universities is committed to strengthening the university sports ecosystem through progressive governance, innovation, transparency, and athlete-centered development. AIU shall modernize the administration and management of university sports through contemporary governance practices, implement digital systems for registration, accreditation, competition management, and reporting, promote accountability and integrity in sports administration, prioritize athlete welfare through safeguarding and medical support, enhance the international competitiveness of Indian university athletes, and strengthen the role of universities in nation-building, youth development, leadership, and sporting excellence.

2. MANDATE OF SPORTS IN UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

2.1 Importance of Sports in Higher Education

Sports and Physical Education shall constitute an indispensable, integral, and essential component of university education and the holistic development of students. Every university shall recognize sports as a vital instrument for promoting physical well-being, mental health, discipline, leadership, teamwork, emotional resilience, patriotism, social harmony, character building, and ethical sporting values. Participation in organized sports shall strengthen the physical, mental, social, and moral capacities of students and contribute to their overall personality development.

2.2 Responsibility of Universities

Universities, as centres of higher learning and youth development, shall promote sports as an integral component of academic and institutional life. Every university shall endeavor to foster a vibrant sports culture, encourage physical literacy and lifelong participation in sports, develop

competitive excellence through structured sports programmes, and promote healthy, active, and balanced lifestyles among students.

2.3 Role of University Sports

University sports shall provide a structured pathway for identifying, nurturing, and developing talented student-athletes for higher levels of competition. The university sports system shall facilitate talent identification, athlete development, national representation, and participation in international university sports events. Outstanding student-athletes may subsequently represent India in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, the FISU World University Games, and other recognized international competitions.

2.4 Authority of AIU

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall be entrusted with the authority, responsibility, and mandate to organize, regulate, supervise, coordinate, and promote Inter-University sports competitions throughout India. In discharge of this mandate, AIU shall organize Inter-University tournaments and championships, regulate eligibility and technical standards, supervise the conduct of competitions, and promote the growth and development of university sports at the national and international levels.

2.5 Purpose of Inter-University Sports

Inter-University Tournaments organized under AIU shall constitute a national movement for youth development, national integration, and sporting excellence. These competitions shall serve as a platform for leadership development, strengthen national unity through sports, and provide opportunities for achieving excellence in university athletics. All AIU competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of fair play, integrity, discipline, equality of opportunity, mutual respect, and healthy ethical competition.

2.6 National Integration through Sports

University sports shall function as a unifying bridge connecting institutions and students across the geographical, linguistic, cultural, and social diversity of India. Through regular Inter-University competitions and collaborative sporting activities, the AIU sports system shall foster unity, mutual understanding, fraternity, inclusiveness, and the spirit of national integration among the student community.

2.7 Broader Mission of AIU Sports

The AIU Sports System shall function as a comprehensive national framework for tournament governance, athlete development, institutional collaboration, and sporting excellence. It shall serve as a national mechanism for competition administration, a platform for talent identification and

high-performance athlete development, an athlete welfare and safeguarding system, a leadership and character development initiative, a framework for transparent and inclusive sports governance, and a strategic contributor to India's sporting future and the advancement of university sports.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.1 Governing Framework

All Inter-University Tournaments, Championships, Selection Trials, Coaching Camps, and other sports competitions organized under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall be governed by the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations. These Regulations shall constitute the principal statutory framework for the administration, governance, conduct, and regulation of university sports competitions throughout India.

3.2 Nature and Authority of the Regulations

The AIU Sports Rules and Regulations shall be framed, adopted, amended, interpreted, and enforced by the Association of Indian Universities from time to time in accordance with its Constitution, policies, and decisions of the competent authority. These Regulations shall have binding effect upon all stakeholders participating in AIU-recognized sports activities.

3.3 Objectives of the Regulations

The AIU Sports Rules and Regulations are intended to establish a uniform, transparent, accountable, and fair system for the conduct and governance of Inter-University sports competitions. The Regulations shall promote consistency in tournament administration, protect the integrity of competitions, ensure athlete welfare, strengthen institutional accountability, and uphold the highest standards of sports governance.

3.4 Applicability

The provisions of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations shall apply to and be binding upon all member universities, affiliated colleges and institutions, student-athletes, coaches, team managers, technical officials, referees, judges, organizing committees, National Sports Federations wherever applicable, and every individual or organization associated with AIU-recognized sports competitions.

3.5 Scope of Regulation

The AIU Sports Rules and Regulations shall govern all matters relating to eligibility and participation, including admission, migration, registration, and verification of student-athletes. The Regulations shall further regulate tournament administration, hosting responsibilities, scheduling,

fixtures, technical conduct, competition management, disciplinary procedures, ethical standards, athlete safeguarding, anti-doping compliance, medical and safety protocols, financial governance, transparency measures, digital accreditation, monitoring systems, protest procedures, appeals, and dispute resolution mechanisms.

3.6 Compliance Obligation

Every university, institution, athlete, coach, manager, official, organizer, and stakeholder participating in any AIU-recognized sports activity shall be deemed to have accepted and agreed to comply with the provisions of these AIU Sports Rules and Regulations. Participation in any AIU competition shall constitute unconditional acceptance of the rights, duties, obligations, and disciplinary jurisdiction prescribed herein.

3.7 Consequences of Violations

Any violation of these Rules and Regulations shall render the concerned individual, team, university, or institution liable to disciplinary action by AIU. Such action may include warning, censure, financial penalty, suspension, disqualification, withdrawal of recognition or hosting rights, debarment from participation, cancellation of results, or any other corrective or disciplinary measure considered appropriate by the competent authority of AIU.

3.8 Power to Issue Clarifications

The Association of Indian Universities shall have the authority to issue clarifications, circulars, notifications, standard operating procedures, operational guidelines, advisories, and amendments for the effective implementation of these Regulations. All such directions issued by AIU shall form an integral part of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and shall be binding upon all member institutions and stakeholders.

CHAPTER II

PRELIMINARY, SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITIONS

2. Short Title, Extent and Commencement

2.1 Short Title

These Rules and Regulations may be called the AIU Sports Rules and Regulation for Inter-University Sports Tournaments and Competitions.

2.2 Extent and Applicability

These Rules and Regulations shall apply to all member universities, deemed universities, private universities, central universities, state universities, institutions, colleges, constituent units, affiliated institutions, sports bodies, organizing committees, officials, coaches, managers, technical officials, and student-athletes participating in sports activities conducted under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

2.3 Commencement

These Rules and Regulations shall come into force from such date as may be notified by AIU and shall remain binding upon all stakeholders participating in AIU sports activities.

2. Definitions

In this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires, —

2.1 AIU

“AIU” means the Association of Indian Universities, the apex coordinating body of universities and higher educational institutions in India responsible for regulation, administration, promotion, development, and supervision of Inter-University sports and competitions.

2.2 Inter-University Tournament

“Inter-University Tournament” means any sports competition, championship, league, event, camp, trial, or tournament organized, approved, recognized, supervised, or conducted under the authority of AIU.

2.3 University

“University” means any Central University, State University, Deemed University, Private University, Institution of National Importance, Autonomous Institution, or any institution recognized by AIU for participation in Inter-University sports competitions.

2.4 Affiliated College/Autonomus college

“Affiliated College” means a college or institution affiliated with a recognized university and eligible for participation in AIU sports competitions through such university.

2.5 Student-Athlete or Player

“Student-Athlete” or “Player” means a bonafide student duly enrolled in a recognized university or affiliated institution and declared eligible to participate in AIU sports competitions as per prescribed rules.

2.6 Team Coach

“Coach” means a qualified individual appointed, authorized, accredited, or recognized by a university or institution for providing sports training, technical guidance, preparation, and supervision of athletes during competitions.

2.7 Team Manager

“Team Manager” means the official authorized by a participating university or institution for management of discipline, administration, logistics, travel, accommodation, welfare, and coordination of the team during competitions.

2.8 Technical Official

“Technical Official” means a referee, umpire, judge, scorer, technical delegate, jury member, match commissioner, or any authorized person responsible for technical conduct and regulation of sports competitions.

2.9 Host University or Organizing Institution

“Host University” or “Organizing Institution” means the university, institution, or body officially authorized by AIU to organize and conduct Inter-University sports competitions or events.

2.10 Organizing Committee

“Organizing Committee” means the committee constituted by the Host University or Organizing Institution for planning, administration, supervision, coordination, and conduct of AIU sports competitions.

2.11 Organizing Secretary

“Organizing Secretary” means the officer, Director of Physical Education, Sports Officer, or authorized representative designated by the Host University or Organizing Institution to manage operational coordination of the tournament.

2.12 Recognized Federation

“Recognized Federation” means a sports federation or association approved, affiliated, or recognized by AIU & Affiliated To Indian Olympic Association & International federation of concerned games should be affiliated to International Olympic Committee. for technical guidance, conduct, development, or inclusion of a sports discipline in Inter-University tournaments.

2.13 Sports Discipline

“Sports Discipline” means any game, sport, event, physical activity, indigenous sport, or competitive activity recognized or approved by AIU for Inter-University competitions.

2.14 Eligibility Certificate

“Eligibility Certificate” means the document, certificate, digital approval, or verification issued by the university certifying the eligibility of a player for participation in AIU competitions.

2.15 Eligibility Verification

“Eligibility Verification” means the process prescribed by AIU for scrutiny, authentication, validation, and approval of eligibility of athletes, officials, universities, and institutions through physical or digital systems.

2.16 Anti-Doping Rules

“Anti-Doping Rules” means the rules, regulations, standards, and procedures prescribed by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), or any competent authority relating to prohibited substances, prohibited methods, testing, education, and fair competition.

2.17 Code of Conduct

“Code of Conduct” means the prescribed behavioral, ethical, professional, disciplinary, and integrity standards applicable to players, coaches, officials, managers, technical officials, universities, federations, and host institutions.

2.18 Digital Sports Management System

“Digital Sports Management System” means an online or electronic platform approved by AIU for athlete registration, eligibility verification, accreditation, entries, fixtures, scoring, results, monitoring, transparency, grievance management, and sports administration.

2.19 Digital Platform

“Digital Platform” means the centralized software system, portal, application, or technological infrastructure developed, approved, or adopted by AIU for management and monitoring of sports activities and competitions.

2.23 Zonal Tournament

“Zonal Tournament” means a qualifying sports competition organized within a designated geographical zone for selection or qualification to All India Inter-University competitions.

2.24 All India Inter-University Championship/Tournament

“All India Inter-University Championship” means the final national-level competition organized under AIU involving qualified universities from different zones of India.

2.25 Standing Committee

“Standing Committee” means the Standing Committee constituted by AIU for governance, policy formulation, supervision, administration, and decision-making relating to university sports activities and competitions.

2.26 Sports Board

“Sports Board” means the Inter-University Sports Board of India functioning under AIU for regulation, coordination, supervision, and management of university sports competitions.

2.27 Sports Committee

“Sports Committee” means the Committee constituted under the Sports Board for technical, disciplinary, eligibility, operational, developmental, and administrative matters relating to sports competitions.

2.28 President

“President” means the President of the Sports Board or such authority designated by AIU to preside over meetings and supervise sports governance functions under these Rules and Regulations.

2.29 NADA

“NADA” means the National Anti-Doping Agency established by the Government of India for implementation of anti-doping regulations, testing, education, and disciplinary mechanisms in sports.

2.30 SOP

“SOP” means the Standard Operating Procedures, guidelines, protocols, manuals, notifications, or instructions issued by AIU from time to time for implementation and regulation of sports activities.

2.31 Divyangjan Athlete

“Divyangjan Athlete” means a sportsperson with benchmark disability eligible to participate in para-sports, adaptive sports, or inclusive sporting competitions under applicable rules.

2.32 Safeguarding Policy

“Safeguarding Policy” means policies, procedures, and protective mechanisms intended to safeguard athletes and participants from harassment, abuse, exploitation, discrimination, violence, or unsafe sporting environments.

2.33 Grievance Redressal Mechanism

“Grievance Redressal Mechanism” means the officially established procedure for submission, hearing, investigation, appeal, and resolution of complaints, disputes, disciplinary matters, or grievances arising during AIU sports activities.

2.34 Fee

“Fee” means tournament fee, affiliation fee, participation fee, eligibility verification fee, recognition fee, development charges, technical charges, security deposit, penalty, or any other amount payable under the provisions of this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation or AIU regulations.

2.35 Head of Institution

“Head of Institution” means the Vice-Chancellor/Principal/Director/Registrar or any authorized administrative officer responsible for sports administration and participation in AIU competitions.

2.36 Institution

“Institution” means any academic, sports, physical education, research, training, coaching, or higher educational institution recognized, associated, or admitted to the privileges of AIU for sports participation and related activities.

2.37 Inter-Disciplinary Sports Studies

“Inter-Disciplinary Sports Studies” means combined academic, scientific, technical, medical, managerial, bio mechanical, analytical, psychological, sports science, or research studies involving multiple disciplines related to sports and physical education.

2.38 Sports Resource Centre

“Sports Resource Centre” means a library, sports science laboratory, digital resource centre, archive, information facility, data centre, or research unit established for providing printed, electronic, audio-visual, technical, educational, scientific, or statistical material relating to sports and physical education.

2.39 Recognition

“Recognition” means official approval, affiliation, authorization, or accreditation granted by AIU to a sports federation, institution, sports discipline, tournament, or organizing body under AIU sports regulations.

2.40 Competent Authority

“Competent Authority” means any authority, officer, committee, tribunal, body, or official authorized by AIU to exercise powers or perform functions under this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation.

2.41 Prescribed

“Prescribed” means prescribed by these Rules and Regulations, Statutes, Ordinances, SOP’s, notifications, circulars, guidelines, policies, or directions issued by AIU from time to time.

CHAPTER III

INTER-UNIVERSITY SPORTS SYSTEM UNDER AIU

3. Constitution, Recognition and Regulation of Universities and Sports Institutions

3.1 Recognition of Universities for AIU Sports Competitions

(i) Each university, deemed university, central university, state university, private university, institution of national importance, autonomous institution, empowered autonomous college, cluster institution, affiliated college, and recognized educational institution admitted to the membership or sports privileges of AIU shall, from the commencement of this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, be deemed to be recognized for participation in Inter-University sports competitions under the jurisdiction and regulations of AIU.

3.2 Recognition of New Universities and Institutions

(i) AIU may, from time to time, recognize any new university, institution, autonomous college, cluster institution, sports academy, or educational institution for participation in Inter-University sports competitions subject to fulfillment of prescribed eligibility conditions, infrastructure standards, governance requirements, and sports participation norms as specified under this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation.

(ii) AIU may also classify institutions into different sports participation categories, zones, divisions, or competition structures as may be prescribed by regulations or notifications issued from time to time.

3.3 Jurisdiction and Participation Rights

(i) All colleges, institutions, autonomous colleges, empowered autonomous institutions, sports schools, constituent colleges, physical education departments, sports academies, and affiliated institutions recognized by the concerned university shall be eligible to participate in AIU sports competitions through their parent university in accordance with the provisions of this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation.

(ii) Provided that, AIU may permit direct participation or independent representation to specific categories of institutions, autonomous entities, cluster universities, or sports institutions as may be approved by the competent authority.

3.4 Continuation of Existing Sports Privileges

(i) Notwithstanding anything contained in this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, if AIU considers it necessary in the interest of sports administration, athlete welfare, or smooth transition of competitions, it may allow continuation of existing participation privileges, zonal alignments, affiliations, or competition rights of any university or institution for such period and subject to such conditions as may be specified by notification or order issued by AIU.

3.5 Corporate and Administrative Status

(i) Every recognized university or institution participating in AIU sports competitions shall function as an authorized sports-participating body under AIU and shall have powers to—

- (a) organize university sports tournaments and competitions;
- (b) appoint coaches, managers, sports officials, observers, etc.
- (c) conduct selection trials and training camps;
- (d) acquire, maintain, and manage sports infrastructure and equipment;
- (e) enter into agreements relating to sports development, sponsorship, training, and competitions;
- (f) perform all acts necessary for promotion and administration of university sports in accordance with AIU regulations.

3.6 Recognition of Cluster Universities and Autonomous Institutions

(i) Notwithstanding anything contained in this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation—

- (a) any cluster university, autonomous college, empowered autonomous college, or empowered autonomous cluster institution recognized by the competent educational authority or university shall be eligible for participation in AIU competitions subject to fulfillment of eligibility and participation norms prescribed by AIU;
- (b) AIU may, by notification, recognize cluster universities or groups of institutions comprising constituent colleges or institutions belonging to the same educational management or society for participation in Inter-University sports competitions;
- (c) AIU may prescribe separate participation regulations, eligibility conditions, competition structures, and representation rights for such cluster universities or autonomous institutions;
- (d) AIU may also permit such institutions to exercise powers relating to sports administration, athlete participation, hosting of tournaments, and development of sports infrastructure as may be specified by AIU regulations or notifications.

3.7 Sports Infrastructure and Property Management

(i) Every participating university or institution shall be competent to establish, acquire, maintain, lease, manage, or utilize sports infrastructure, stadiums, playgrounds, training centers, fitness centers,

hostels, sports science laboratories, and related movable or immovable properties for the promotion and conduct of university sports activities in accordance with applicable laws and AIU regulations.

(ii) Provided that, any major commercial utilization, transfer, lease, or disposal of sports infrastructure created under AIU grants or assistance shall require prior approval of the competent authority

3.8 Compliance with AIU Regulations

(i) All recognized universities, institutions, federations, athletes, officials, and stakeholders participating in Inter-University sports competitions shall comply with the provisions of this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, AIU notifications, eligibility rules, codes of conduct, anti-doping regulations, safeguarding policies, and other guidelines issued from time to time.

(ii) Failure to comply with such provisions may result in suspension, withdrawal of participation rights, disciplinary action, or cancellation of recognition by AIU.

CHAPTER IV

OFFICERS & OBJECTS OF AIU SPORTS SYSTEM

4.1 President and Powers

4.1.1

The President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall be the ceremonial and constitutional head of the AIU Sports System and shall exercise only such powers as are expressly conferred upon the President under the Constitution of AIU and these AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

4.1.2

The President may, whenever present, preside over national sports meetings, award ceremonies, conferences, policy events, and major Inter-University sports functions organized by AIU.

4.1.3

The President shall provide overall ceremonial leadership and may offer policy guidance on matters relating to the development and promotion of university sports, subject to the Constitution of AIU, decisions of the competent statutory bodies, and these Regulations.

4.1.4

The President shall not ordinarily interfere in the day-to-day administration, tournament allotment, technical decisions, selection processes, appointment of technical officials, conduct of competitions, financial administration, or operational functioning of the AIU Sports Division, except where specifically authorized by the Constitution of AIU or a decision of the competent statutory authority.

4.1.5

Any direction issued by the President concerning the administration of AIU Sports shall be consistent with the Constitution of AIU, these Regulations, and the decisions of the competent governing bodies and shall ordinarily be communicated through the Secretary General.

4.2 Secretary General and Powers

4.2.1

The Secretary General of AIU shall be the principal executive authority of the Association and shall exercise administrative and executive control over the AIU Sports System in accordance with the Constitution of AIU, these Regulations, and decisions of the competent statutory authorities.

4.2.2

The Secretary General shall provide overall administrative supervision and institutional coordination for the functioning of the Sports Division.

4.2.3

The Secretary General shall supervise the implementation of policies, regulations, decisions, financial procedures, and administrative directions relating to AIU Sports.

4.2.4

The Secretary General shall have the authority to issue administrative directions to the Head, Sports Division, organizing universities, committees, and other concerned authorities for the effective implementation of AIU Sports Regulations.

4.2.5

The Secretary General shall ensure that all sports-related decisions and actions are taken in accordance with the Constitution of AIU, approved policies, financial rules, and applicable statutory requirements.

4.2.6

The Secretary General may review any administrative decision of the Sports Division where such review is necessary to ensure compliance with AIU rules, financial propriety, legal requirements, or decisions of competent authorities.

4.2.7

The Secretary General shall coordinate with the President and other statutory authorities of AIU on policy matters but shall retain executive responsibility for the proper administration of the Association.

4.3 Head of the Sports Division and Powers

4.3.1

The Head of the Sports Division shall be the principal executive and operational authority of the AIU Sports Division and shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration, regulation, supervision, coordination, and development of Inter-University Sports under the overall administrative supervision of the Secretary General.

4.3.2

The Head of the Sports Division shall exercise such operational, regulatory, technical, and administrative powers as are delegated under these Regulations, orders of the competent authority, and approved policies of AIU.

4.3.3

The Head of the Sports Division shall be responsible for the planning, organization, supervision, and monitoring of:

- i. Zonal Inter-University Tournaments;
- ii. Inter-Zonal Tournaments;
- iii. All India Inter-University Tournaments;
- iv. Selection Trials;
- v. Coaching Camps;
- vi. National University Championships;
- vii. University sports leagues and other approved competitions;
- viii. participation of Indian university teams in international university sports competitions; and
- ix. other sports programmes approved by AIU.

4.3.4

The Head of the Sports Division shall have the authority to prepare and implement the AIU Sports Calendar, subject to approval by the competent authority, and shall coordinate the allotment, scheduling, conduct, postponement, rescheduling, and cancellation of tournaments in accordance with the prescribed Regulations.

4.3.5

The Head of the Sports Division shall supervise and coordinate the work of Zonal Coordinators, Organizing Universities, Observers, Technical Officials, Tournament Directors, Sports Committees, and other personnel associated with AIU Sports.

4.3.6

The Head of the Sports Division shall have the authority to issue operational instructions, standard operating procedures, technical directions, tournament guidelines, and administrative communications necessary for the effective conduct of AIU competitions, provided that such directions are consistent with the Constitution and approved AIU Regulations.

4.3.7

The Head of the Sports Division shall oversee the implementation of eligibility, registration, accreditation, verification, participation, tournament management, technical governance, discipline, athlete welfare, anti-doping, and safeguarding provisions.

4.3.8

The Head of the Sports Division shall examine and process applications, representations, complaints, protests, tournament reports, technical reports, and other matters relating to AIU Sports and shall take appropriate action within the powers delegated under these Regulations.

4.3.9

The Head of the Sports Division shall have the authority to recommend the constitution of technical committees, evaluation committees, disciplinary bodies, selection committees, inspection teams, and other sports-related committees to the competent authority.

4.3.10

The Head of the Sports Division shall ensure that tournament allotment and other operational decisions are made on the basis of approved criteria, objective assessment, transparency, merit, technical feasibility, and institutional capacity, without undue influence or discrimination.

4.3.11

The Head of the Sports Division shall maintain official records of AIU Sports, including tournament allotments, participation, results, technical reports, disciplinary matters, financial statements, inspection reports, and other relevant records.

4.3.12

The Head of the Sports Division shall submit periodic reports to the Secretary General regarding the functioning, performance, financial position, major decisions, and significant developments of the AIU Sports Division.

4.3.13

The Head of the Sports Division shall be responsible for ensuring coordination between AIU and universities, Zonal Coordinators, National Sports Federations, Government authorities, international university sports bodies, and other recognized sports organizations.

4.3.14

The Head of the Sports Division shall have the authority to take immediate administrative measures in urgent circumstances affecting the safety, integrity, discipline, or proper conduct of an AIU tournament, subject to subsequent reporting to the Secretary General.

4.3.15

No external direction or intervention concerning the day-to-day operational functioning of the AIU Sports Division shall be binding upon the Head of the Sports Division unless issued by the competent authority in accordance with the Constitution of AIU and these Regulations.

4.3.16

The Head of the Sports Division shall function with professional independence, accountability, and transparency in the discharge of assigned duties and shall not be subjected to arbitrary interference in technical or operational matters.

4.4 Relationship Between the Secretary General and Head of the Sports Division

4.4.1

The Secretary General shall exercise overall administrative and executive supervision over the AIU Sports Division, while the Head of the Sports Division shall exercise delegated operational, regulatory, and technical authority for the day-to-day administration of AIU Sports.

4.4.2

The Head of the Sports Division shall be accountable to the Secretary General for the implementation of approved policies, regulations, financial procedures, and administrative decisions.

4.4.3

The Secretary General may issue administrative directions to the Head of the Sports Division within the scope of the Constitution, approved policies, and these Regulations.

4.4.4

Technical and operational matters relating to the conduct of tournaments shall ordinarily be processed and decided by the Head of the Sports Division within the authority delegated under these Regulations.

4.4.5

Where a matter involves substantial financial, legal, policy, or constitutional implications, the Head of the Sports Division shall place the matter before the Secretary General for appropriate consideration and decision by the competent authority.

4.4.6

The President, Secretary General, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary (Sports), and all other officers and committees shall exercise their respective powers within the limits prescribed by the Constitution of AIU and these Regulations, and no authority shall exercise powers expressly assigned to another authority except through a lawful delegation or statutory decision.

4.5 General Principles of Exercise of Powers

4.5.1

All officers exercising authority under the AIU Sports System shall act in accordance with the principles of legality, transparency, accountability, fairness, institutional integrity, merit, and natural justice.

4.5.2

No officer, committee, or authority shall interfere with a technical, administrative, or operational decision except in accordance with the powers expressly conferred under the Constitution of AIU, these Regulations, or a valid delegation of authority.

4.5.3

All decisions concerning AIU Sports shall be properly recorded, communicated through authorized channels, and preserved as part of the official institutional record.

4.5.4

The exercise of authority under the AIU Sports System shall be directed toward the promotion of fair competition, athlete welfare, institutional autonomy, transparency, professional governance, and the development of university sports in India.

4.2 Objects of AIU Inter-University Sports System

The objects of the Inter-University Sports System under AIU shall, in general, be to promote, regulate, develop, strengthen, and administer university sports, physical education, athlete development, sports sciences, sports governance, and related activities throughout the country in a transparent, inclusive, and professional manner; and in particular, the objects shall be to—

- (i) promote participation in sports, games, physical fitness, recreation, wellness, and physical education among students studying in universities and affiliated institutions;
- (ii) provide a structured and transparent system for organization and conduct of Inter-University sports competitions at zonal, national, and international levels;
- (iii) promote excellence, discipline, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play among student-athletes, coaches, managers, and officials;
- (iv) identify, nurture, train, and support talented student-athletes for participation in national and international competitions including Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, FISU events, World University Games, and other recognized championships;
- (v) ensure scientific, merit-based, and transparent inclusion of sports disciplines and recognition of sports federations under AIU competitions;
- (vi) promote gender equality, women participation, rural sports development, tribal sports participation, and inclusion of Divyangjan athletes in university sports competitions;
- (vii) provide a safe, athlete-friendly, inclusive, and harassment-free sporting environment through safeguarding policies, grievance redressal mechanisms, and welfare measures;
- (viii) promote anti-doping awareness, ethical sporting culture, integrity, and compliance with national and international sports regulations;
- (ix) encourage research, innovation, sports sciences, sports medicine, biomechanics, exercise physiology, sports psychology, sports analytic, and technology-based learning in sports and physical education by organizing conference, Workshops conference, etc.;
- (x) promote efficient, transparent & accountable, sports governance and administration in universities, sports federations & organizing institutions.
- (xi) develop digital sports management systems for online entries, eligibility verification, fixtures, scoring, result management, athlete databases, and tournament monitoring;

- (xii) strengthen sports infrastructure, training facilities, coaching systems, sports hostels, fitness centers, sports science laboratories, and athlete support systems in universities and affiliated institutions after providing funds to the institutions;
- (xiii) promote cooperation, coordination, and exchange programs among universities, colleges, sports federations, research institutions, governmental agencies, and international sports organizations;
- (xiv) encourage indigenous games, traditional Indian sports, and regionally significant sports while maintaining international technical standards and competitive excellence;
- (xv) provide opportunities for leadership development, character building, personality development, teamwork, discipline, and social responsibility through sports participation;
- (xvi) promote national integration, fraternity, cultural harmony, and mutual respect among students from different regions, languages, cultures, and backgrounds through sports competitions and related activities;
- (xvii) develop professionally qualified coaches, referees, judges, technical officials, sports administrators, and sports management personnel through education, certification, workshop for coaches & umpires and training programs;
- (xviii) ensure financial accountability, transparency, sustainability, and responsible utilization of sports-related funds, grants, sponsorship's, and institutional resources;
- (xix) encourage universities and institutions to develop modern sports ecosystems and adopt innovative methods for athlete development, competition management, and sports education;
- (xx) undertake all such activities, programs, collaborations, and initiatives as may be necessary for promotion, development, regulation, and advancement of university sports and physical education in India under the jurisdiction of AIU.

4.3 Additional Objects of AIU Sports System

- (i) To generate and promote self-respect, dignity, confidence, leadership qualities, and equal sporting opportunities among students belonging to weaker, marginalized, tribal, rural, and economically disadvantaged sections of society through sports participation and athlete development programs.
- (ii) To promote gender equality, gender sensitivity, women empowerment, and equal opportunities in all sports activities, competitions, administration, officiating, coaching, and leadership positions under AIU competitions.
- (iii) To encourage competitive merit, transparency, fairness, integrity, and excellence as the sole guiding principles in athlete selection, tournament participation, officiating, awards, and all matters relating to university sports competitions.

4.4 Powers and Duties of AIU

The AIU shall have the following powers and duties, namely: —

- (i) to organize, regulate, supervise, promote, and conduct Inter-University sports competitions, championships, leagues, tournaments, training camps, fitness programs, and sports development activities in various sports disciplines;
- (ii) to promote research, innovation, sports sciences, sports medicine, biomechanics, exercise physiology, sports psychology, sports analytic, physical education, coaching sciences, sports management, and interdisciplinary sports studies by organize conference & workshops;
- (iii) to enable universities, affiliated colleges, sports institutions, autonomous institutions, and recognized bodies to undertake specialized sports training, athlete development, officiating programs, and sports education activities;
- (iv) to frame regulations and provide recognition for autonomous sports institutions, sports academies, cluster institutions, and specialized sports centers participating in AIU competitions;
- (v) to develop procedures, standards, and regulations for recognition of private sports training (private Mean which sports) providers, sports academies, fitness institutions, and skill development centers associated with university sports;
- (vi) to establish, maintain, regulate, and manage sports departments, sports science centers, fitness centers, training academies, sports laboratories, digital resource centres, sports libraries, museums, and sports education facilities, (where to establish)
- (vii) to establish, support, and regulate institutions or centers for sports research, specialized sports studies, officiating development, sports technology, and athlete performance enhancement; (where to establish)
- (viii) to establish, maintain, and manage sports hostels, athlete welfare centers, gyms, rehabilitation centers, indoor halls, stadiums, grounds, and related sports infrastructure for university sports development; (where to establish)
- (ix) to facilitate establishment of inter-university sports centers, regional training centers, high-performance centers, sports science laboratories, digital monitoring systems, and advanced sports facilities in collaboration with universities, Government agencies, sports federations, or other organizations; (where to establish)
- (x) to establish zonal sports centers, regional sports hubs, common training facilities, digital sports centers, and shared resource centers for universities and affiliated institutions.

4.5 Powers of Sports Administrative Authorities under AIU Sports System

4.5.1 Association of Indian Universities (AIU) may call for reports, explanations, records, proceedings, documents, financial statements, inquiry reports, or any information relating to administration, governance, competitions, athlete welfare, disciplinary matters, financial management, eligibility verification, or functioning of AIU sports activities.

After examining such reports, records, or explanations, the competent sports authority may issue such directions as deemed necessary in the interest of university sports, athlete welfare, transparency, integrity of competitions, and proper administration, and such directions shall be binding upon all concerned institutions, federations, committees, officials, and participating universities.

4.5.2 Association of Indian Universities (AIU) may recommend suspension, modification, cancellation, review, or corrective action regarding any decision, resolution, order, proceeding, recommendation, recognition, affiliation, or action of any authority, committee, federation, institution, organizing body, technical committee, or official which, in their opinion, —

- (i) is inconsistent with the provisions of this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, AIU regulations, guidelines, or policies;
- (ii) is detrimental to athlete welfare, transparency, fair play, or integrity of sports competitions;
- (iii) involves financial irregularities, favoritism, corruption, fake participation, misuse of authority, or governance failures;
- (iv) adversely affects the functioning, credibility, objectives, or reputation of AIU sports administration.

Provided that, before taking or recommending such action, reasonable opportunity shall be given to the concerned authority, institution, federation, or individual to submit explanation or representation within prescribed timelines.

4.5.3 Where the conduct or activities of any elected, nominated, appointed, recognized, co-opted, affiliated member, official, coach, technical official, federation representative, team manager, player, or institution are found detrimental to the smooth functioning, discipline, transparency, governance, or integrity of AIU sports competitions, the competent sports authority may initiate disciplinary proceedings and recommend appropriate action including, —

- (i) warning or censure and suspension from duties or competitions;
- (iii) withdrawal of recognition or affiliation;
- (iv) disqualification from committees or positions;
- (v) debarment from participation in AIU sports activities;
- (vi) financial penalties;
- (vii) cancellation of hosting rights;
- (viii) any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate under AIU regulations.

4.5.4 The Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary (Sports), Deputy Secretary (Sports), and Under Secretary (Sports) shall exercise such other powers and perform such duties as may be assigned under this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, AIU regulations, notifications, policies, resolutions, or directions issued from time to time.

CHAPTER V

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE, ZONAL ORGANIZATION AND COMPETITION FORMAT

5. Organizational Framework of AIU Sports Competitions

5.1 Organizational Framework of AIU Sports Competitions

For the effective administration, systematic regulation, balanced representation, and equitable conduct of Inter-University sports competitions, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall establish and maintain various organizational and zonal competition structures for conduct of tournaments under the AIU Sports System.

The objective of adopting different organizational structures shall be to ensure:

- (a) wider participation of universities and student-athletes;
- (b) balanced geographical representation;
- (c) efficient tournament administration;
- (d) reduction of travel and financial burden;
- (e) competitive fairness and sporting standards;
- (f) logistical feasibility and operational efficiency;
- (g) promotion of grassroots university sports development;
- (h) encouragement of regional sporting culture and talent identification.

Depending upon the nature of the sports discipline, number of participating universities, infrastructure availability, financial implications, athlete participation trends, technical requirements, and recommendations of the Sports Board, AIU may organize competitions on All India, Two-Zone, Four-Zone, or Eight-Zone basis.

The Sports Board shall have the authority to revise, restructure, merge, divide, expand, or reorganize zones and tournament formats from time to time in the interest of effective sports administration and athlete participation.

5.2 Organizational Bases of AIU Sports Competitions

5.2.1 All-India Basis

Under the All-India Basis system, all eligible universities and institutions across the country shall participate directly in a single national-level competition conducted under the authority of AIU.

This format shall generally be adopted for:

- (a) sports with comparatively lower participation numbers;
- (b) newly introduced sports disciplines;
- (c) individual sports requiring national ranking systems;
- (d) elite-level championships;
- (e) demonstration sports;
- (f) special invitational or qualification tournaments.

Under this system, all participating universities compete directly at a common venue or through designated qualification procedures without zonal segregation.

5.2.1.1 Objectives of All-India Basis

The All-India competition structure aims to:

- (a) provide equal national exposure to all participants;
- (b) ensure high-quality competition standards;
- (c) identify national-level university talent;
- (d) facilitate direct national ranking and selection;
- (e) strengthen national integration through sports participation.

5.2.1.2 Illustrative Example

If AIU conducts an All-India Championship in a sport such as Fencing or Equestrian Sports with limited participating universities, all registered teams may compete directly at one designated national venue without zonal qualification rounds.

5.2.2 Two-Zone Basis

For administrative convenience, effective tournament management, travel optimization, financial feasibility, and balanced competition structure, AIU may organize Inter-University tournaments under a Two-Zone Basis.

Under this model, participating universities and institutions shall be divided into two major geographical zones of India to facilitate efficient conduct of competitions and ensure wider participation with reduced logistical burden.

The Two-Zone structure shall ordinarily consist of the following zones:

- (a) North–East Zone;
- (b) South–West Zone.

5.2.2.1 North–East Zone

The North–East Zone shall comprise universities and institutions situated in the Northern, Central, Eastern, and North-Eastern regions of India.

The following States and Union Territories shall ordinarily fall within the North–East Zone:

- (a) Delhi;
- (b) Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) Uttarakhand;
- (d) Punjab;
- (e) Haryana;
- (f) Himachal Pradesh;
- (g) Jammu & Kashmir;
- (h) Ladakh;
- (i) Chandigarh;
- (j) Rajasthan;
- (k) Bihar;
- (l) Jharkhand;
- (m) Odisha;
- (n) West Bengal;
- (o) Assam;
- (p) Arunachal Pradesh;
- (q) Meghalaya;
- (r) Manipur;
- (s) Mizoram;
- (t) Nagaland;
- (u) Tripura;
- (v) Sikkim.

AIU may include or reassign any university or institution in this zone based upon geographical proximity, transportation connectivity, participation strength, administrative convenience, or competitive balance.

5.2.2.1.1 Objectives of North–East Zone

- (a) strengthen sports participation in Northern and Eastern India;
- (b) provide competitive opportunities to universities from remote and border regions;
- (c) reduce excessive cross-country travel expenditure;
- (d) improve coordination among geographically connected institutions;
- (e) promote regional sports talent identification and development.

5.2.2.2 South–West Zone

The South–West Zone shall comprise universities and institutions situated in the Southern, Western, and Central-Western regions of India.

The following States and Union Territories shall ordinarily fall within the South–West Zone:

- (a) Maharashtra;
- (b) Goa;
- (c) Gujarat;

- (d) Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu;
- (e) Madhya Pradesh;
- (f) Chhattisgarh;
- (g) Karnataka;
- (h) Kerala;
- (i) Tamil Nadu;
- (j) Telangana;
- (k) Andhra Pradesh;
- (l) Puducherry;
- (m) Lakshadweep;
- (n) Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

AIU may revise or reorganize universities within this zone whenever necessary in the interest of effective administration, participation balance, or logistical feasibility.

5.2.2.2.1 Objectives of South–West Zone

- (a) facilitate regional competition among Southern and Western universities;
- (b) reduce operational and financial burden on participating institutions;
- (c) improve accessibility and scheduling efficiency;
- (d) encourage greater participation from universities with strong sports infrastructure;
- (e) support systematic athlete progression toward national-level championships.

5.2.3 Four-Zone Basis

Under the Four-Zone Structure, participating universities and institutions shall compete within their respective geographical zones for qualification to the All India Inter-University Championships conducted under the authority of AIU.

The Four-Zone model is designed to ensure balanced regional representation, efficient tournament administration, wider participation, and systematic progression from zonal competitions to national-level championships.

Under this structure, India shall ordinarily be divided into the following four zones:

- (a) North Zone;
- (b) East Zone;
- (c) South Zone;
- (d) West Zone.

5.2.3.1 North Zone

The North Zone shall ordinarily comprise universities and institutions situated in the Northern region of India.

5.2.3.2 East Zone

The East Zone shall ordinarily comprise universities and institutions situated in the Eastern and North-Eastern regions of India.

5.2.3.3 South Zone

The South Zone shall ordinarily comprise universities and institutions situated in the Southern region of India.

5.2.3.4 West Zone

The West Zone shall ordinarily comprise universities and institutions situated in the Western and Central-Western regions of India.

5.2.4 Eight-Zone Basis

For ensuring wider participation, regional inclusivity, balanced representation, decentralized administration, and effective conduct of Inter-University sports competitions, AIU may organize tournaments under the traditional Eight-Zone Structure.

The Eight-Zone structure shall ordinarily comprise the following zones:

- (a) Central Zone;
- (b) North Zone;
- (c) East Zone;
- (d) North-East Zone;
- (e) North-West Zone;
- (f) West Zone;
- (g) South Zone;
- (h) South-East Zone.

5.2.4.1 Central Zone

The Central Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

5.2.4.2 North Zone

The North Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, and Uttarakhand.

5.2.4.3 East Zone

The East Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal.

5.2.4.4 North-East Zone

The North-East Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.

5.2.4.5 North-West Zone

The North-West Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Haryana, Rajasthan, and Delhi.

5.2.4.6 West Zone

The West Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, and Maharashtra.

5.2.4.7 South Zone

The South Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.

5.2.4.8 South-East Zone

The South-East Zone shall ordinarily include universities and institutions situated in Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, and Telangana.

5.3 Assignment and Reorganization of Zones

5.3.1 Assignment of Universities

New universities, institutions, or member bodies recognized by AIU shall be assigned to appropriate zones primarily on the basis of:

- (a) geographical contiguity;
- (b) administrative convenience;
- (c) transportation connectivity;
- (d) competitive balance;
- (e) participation feasibility;
- (f) recommendations of the Sports Board.

5.3.2 Power of Reorganization

AIU shall reserve the authority to:

- (a) modify zonal boundaries;
- (b) merge or divide zones;
- (c) transfer universities from one zone to another;

- (d) create special competition clusters;
- (e) revise qualification structures;
- (f) introduce temporary or sport-specific zoning systems.

5.3.3 Appendix of Zones

The detailed list of universities and institutions falling within each zone shall be specified in Appendix–I of this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation and may be revised periodically by AIU.

5.4 Tournament Pattern and Competition Formats

The pattern and structure of Inter-University competitions shall be determined annually by the competent authority of AIU on the basis of the number of participating universities, the number of athletes and teams, participation trends of previous years, technical requirements of the concerned sport, availability of infrastructure and venues, financial implications, duration and scheduling feasibility, and recommendations of the concerned technical committees and organizing institutions.

5.5 Types of Competition Formats

The AIU Sports System shall adopt competition formats appropriate to the nature, technical requirements, participation strength, duration, infrastructure availability, financial feasibility, and competitive structure of the concerned sport. The competition format shall be prescribed in the annual AIU Sports Calendar, tournament regulations, or technical instructions issued for the concerned championship. AIU may adopt a single format or a combination of formats, including preliminary, qualifying, league, knockout, and final stages, wherever considered necessary.

5.5.1 Knockout Format

Under the Knockout Format, teams or individual participants shall compete in successive elimination rounds, and the losing team or participant shall be eliminated from the competition. The winning team or participant shall advance to the next round until the final determines the champion.

The knockout format may include preliminary rounds, Round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final, depending upon the number of entries. Byes may be provided where the number of participating teams does not correspond to the prescribed bracket structure. Seeding may be adopted to ensure balanced and competitive fixtures.

5.5.2 Single League or Round-Robin Format

Under the Single League or Round-Robin Format, each participating team or player shall compete against every other participating team or player in the group or league.

The competition shall ordinarily be conducted on a single round-robin basis, under which each participant shall play one match against every other participant in the relevant group or league.

Points shall be awarded in accordance with the technical rules of the concerned sport. The final ranking shall be determined on the basis of points and the applicable tie-breaking criteria prescribed by the concerned National Sports Federation or AIU.

5.5.3 Double Round-Robin League Format

Under the Double Round-Robin League Format, each participating team or player shall compete against every other participating team or player twice, ordinarily once at each designated venue or in the corresponding home-and-away arrangement, wherever practicable.

The double round-robin format shall provide a higher number of competitive opportunities and shall ordinarily be considered where the number of participating teams is limited and sufficient time, infrastructure, accommodation, transportation, and financial resources are available.

The final standings shall be determined on the basis of the cumulative results of all league matches. Points, tie-breaking procedures, and other ranking criteria shall be prescribed in accordance with the technical regulations of the concerned sport.

5.5.4 League-cum-Knockout Format

Under the League-cum-Knockout Format, the competition shall be conducted in two or more stages. The preliminary stage shall be conducted in league or round-robin format, following which the qualified teams or participants shall progress to the knockout stage.

The number of qualifying teams or participants from each group shall be determined by AIU in consultation with the concerned Technical Committee and shall depend upon the number of entries, competition duration, venue availability, and technical requirements of the sport.

The knockout stage may comprise quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final, as applicable.

5.5.5 Group League-cum-Knockout Format

Where the number of participating teams or players is substantial, AIU may divide the participants into multiple groups. Each group shall conduct its preliminary competition on a single or double round-robin basis, as prescribed for the particular championship.

The teams or participants securing the prescribed positions in each group shall qualify for the subsequent knockout stage. The method of qualification, seeding, draw, cross-over, and knockout structure shall be notified before commencement of the competition.

5.5.6 Swiss-System Format

For sports in which the Swiss System is technically appropriate, AIU may adopt a Swiss-System competition format. Under this format, participants shall compete in a predetermined number of rounds, with pairings generally based upon the performance and ranking of participants in preceding rounds.

The Swiss System may be adopted particularly for individual or team sports where a large number of entries are received and it is not practically feasible for every participant to compete against every other participant.

The number of rounds, pairing methodology, scoring system, tie-breaking criteria, and qualification procedure shall be prescribed in advance.

5.5.7 Elimination and Qualifying Format

AIU may conduct preliminary or qualifying rounds where the number of entries exceeds the capacity of the main competition. The qualifying rounds may be organized at the University, Zonal, Inter-Zonal, or other prescribed level, depending upon the structure of the concerned sport.

Only teams or participants qualifying through the prescribed stage shall be eligible to participate in the subsequent stage of the championship.

5.5.8 Zonal Competition Format

For sports requiring zonal qualification, participating universities shall be divided among the prescribed AIU Zones. Each Zone may conduct its competition through knockout, league, league-cum-knockout, or another approved format depending upon the number of participating universities and the technical requirements of the sport.

The number of teams or participants qualifying from each Zone for the Inter-Zonal or All India stage shall be determined annually by AIU on the basis of participation strength, competitive standards, geographical representation, and the approved competition structure.

5.5.9 Inter-Zonal Competition Format

AIU may conduct an Inter-Zonal stage between qualified teams or participants from the respective Zones. The Inter-Zonal competition may be conducted through league, knockout, league-cum-knockout, or any other approved format.

The competition structure shall be determined by AIU after considering the number of qualified teams, duration, infrastructure, travel requirements, financial implications, and technical requirements of the sport.

5.5.10 All India Inter-University Competition Format

The All India Inter-University stage shall constitute the final national stage of the concerned Inter-University competition wherever such a structure is prescribed.

The competition may be conducted through knockout, single league, double round-robin, league-cum-knockout, group league-cum-knockout, Swiss System, or any other technically approved format.

The format shall be notified by AIU before the commencement of the competition and shall be uniformly applicable to all participating universities.

5.5.11 Individual Sports Competition Format

For individual sports, AIU may adopt formats including qualifying rounds, heats, preliminary rounds, pool stages, elimination rounds, semifinals, finals, ranking rounds, time trials, trials based on performance standards, or direct finals, depending upon the nature of the event.

The competition format shall be determined in accordance with the rules of the concerned National Sports Federation and the requirements of AIU.

5.5.12 Team Sports Competition Format

For team sports, AIU may adopt knockout, single league, double round-robin, league-cum-knockout, group league-cum-knockout, or zonal qualification formats.

The format shall be selected on the basis of participation strength, number of available playing fields or courts, duration of the championship, recovery time required by athletes, accommodation and transportation capacity, and overall financial feasibility.

5.5.13 Best-of-Series Format

Where technically applicable, AIU may permit a Best-of-Series Format, under which a predetermined number of matches or contests shall be conducted between the competing teams or participants. The participant securing the required number of wins shall be declared the winner of the series.

This format may be adopted only where it is consistent with the rules of the concerned National or International Sports Federation.

5.5.14 Combination of Competition Formats

AIU may combine two or more competition formats within the same championship where such combination is necessary for effective tournament administration. A competition may, for example, comprise qualifying rounds, group league, knockout rounds, semi-finals, and final.

The applicable format and progression criteria shall be clearly notified before the commencement of the competition.

5.5.15 Determination of Format

The final competition format for each sport shall be determined by AIU with due consideration to the number of entries, previous participation trends, competitive level, technical rules, venue and infrastructure capacity, available officials, duration of the tournament, athlete recovery requirements, travel arrangements, financial implications, and academic calendar of participating universities.

The prescribed format shall not ordinarily be altered after commencement of the competition except in exceptional circumstances arising from force majeure, safety requirements, technical necessity, or other circumstances duly recorded and approved by the competent authority.

5.5.16 Seeding, Draw and Ranking

Where applicable, AIU shall adopt a transparent system of seeding, draw, group allocation, ranking, and qualification to ensure competitive fairness and avoid arbitrary allocation of teams or participants.

The seeding and draw methodology shall be based on approved criteria, including previous performance, ranking, zonal qualification, participation status, or other sport-specific criteria prescribed by the concerned Technical Committee.

5.5.17 Tie-Breaking and Ranking Criteria

In league, double round-robin, group, or other formats where participants obtain equal points or scores, the final ranking shall be determined according to the tie-breaking criteria prescribed in the technical regulations of the concerned sport.

Such criteria may include, as applicable, head-to-head result, goal difference, point difference, set difference, score difference, number of wins, quotient, accumulated scores, or other approved technical criteria.

5.5.18 Authority to Modify Competition Format

AIU shall have the authority to prescribe, modify, or adopt an appropriate competition format for a particular sport or championship where such modification is necessary due to participation strength, unforeseen circumstances, venue limitations, safety considerations, academic commitments, or other operational requirements.

Any such modification shall be properly recorded, communicated to participating universities, and applied uniformly without compromising competitive fairness or the technical integrity of the competition.

CHAPTER VI

AIU SPORTS CALENDAR, TOURNAMENT ALLOTMENT AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

6. Objective and Purpose of the AIU Sports Calendar

The AIU Sports Calendar shall serve as the official national framework for the planning, coordination, regulation, scheduling, supervision, and conduct of all Inter-University Sports Tournaments, Championships, Selection Trials, Coaching Camps, Technical Meetings, Athlete Development Programs, and allied sports activities organized under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The AIU Sports Calendar shall function as the principal administrative and operational mechanism for ensuring systematic and uniform conduct of university sports competitions throughout India and shall remain binding upon all participating universities, organizing institutions, athletes, technical officials, committees, and AIU authorities.

The objectives of the AIU Sports Calendar shall include—

1. ensuring systematic, transparent, and uniform conduct of Inter-University Tournament/competitions throughout India;
2. providing equitable and merit-based allotment of tournaments among member universities and institutions;
3. strengthening transparency, accountability, and good governance in tournament administration;
4. facilitating effective coordination among AIU, universities, sports federations, technical bodies, governmental agencies, and organizing institutions;
5. avoiding clashes with academic examinations, national competitions, international sports events, and other major activities;
6. promoting athlete welfare, safety, safeguarding, medical care, and fair competition;
7. ensuring optimal utilization of sports infrastructure, institutional resources, and technical manpower;
8. facilitating timely conduct of zonal, inter-zonal, and All India Inter-University Championships;
9. promoting balanced regional representation and inclusive participation opportunities across all zones of India;
10. creating a structured pathway for talent identification, athlete development, national representation, and international participation;
11. promoting professionalism, discipline, integrity, and operational efficiency in university sports administration;

12. encouraging universities to strengthen sports infrastructure, governance systems, and athlete support mechanisms;
 13. facilitating digital governance, online administration, and transparency through technological systems;
 14. ensuring effective coordination for international participation in competitions organized by FISU, AUSF, and other recognized international university sports bodies;
 15. promoting women sports, inclusive sports, para-sports, and participation of Divyangian athletes in university sports competitions.
- 7.1 Annual Process for Finalization of AIU Sports Calendar

The AIU Sports Calendar for every academic session shall be finalized through a structured, transparent, consultative, merit-based, and performance-oriented process conducted by the AIU Sports Division under the supervision of the competent authorities of AIU.

The process for preparation of the AIU Sports Calendar shall ordinarily commence before the beginning of each academic session to ensure timely planning, allotment, coordination, and conduct of tournaments and championships.

The AIU Sports Division shall invite willingness applications from eligible universities and institutions for hosting Inter-University tournaments, championships, trials, camps, and allied sports activities in different sports disciplines.

The proposals received from universities shall be examined and evaluated comprehensively on the basis of their sports infrastructure and venue standards, organizational and administrative capacity, athlete welfare arrangements, governance and compliance standards, technical readiness, safety and security arrangements, digital operational capability, experience in conducting sports tournaments, financial and logistical preparedness, and previous performance in organizing AIU events. The proposals shall thereafter be placed before the competent authorities of AIU, including the AIU Sports Board, Standing Committee on Sports, Tournament Allotment Committee, or such other body authorized by AIU for scrutiny, discussion, recommendation, and allotment of tournaments.

After approval by the competent authority, the finalized AIU Sports Calendar shall be officially issued by the AIU Sports Division and circulated to all member universities and stakeholders for implementation and compliance.

6.2 Invitation of Willingness from Universities

(a) Call for Hosting Applications

The AIU Sports Division shall invite online or offline applications, letters of willingness, or hosting proposals from eligible universities and institutions interested in organizing All India and Zonal Inter-University Tournaments, Selection Trials, Coaching Camps, Technical Clinics,

Referee/Umpire Development Programs, Athlete Development Programs, and such other sports activities as may be approved by AIU.

The Inter-University Sports Board of AIU shall have the authority to scrutinize, evaluate, approve, and allot Inter-University Tournaments and other sports activities to eligible universities and institutions in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, prescribed criteria, and the annual sports calendar.

The allotment shall be made on the basis of merit, infrastructure, technical and organizational capacity, geographical representation, financial and logistical feasibility, past performance, athlete welfare, and overall suitability of the applicant university, and shall not be influenced by any extraneous, personal, institutional, or political consideration.

(b) Submission of Preferences

Universities may indicate the sports disciplines and events they seek to host based on—

1. availability of sports infrastructure;
2. accommodation capacity;
3. technical expertise and manpower;
4. organizational experience;
5. geographical suitability;
6. climate and seasonal conditions;
7. institutional capability for athlete welfare;
8. transportation and logistical facilities;
9. safety and security preparedness;
10. digital operational readiness.

(c) Digital and Offline Submission System

AIU may require all willingness applications, supporting documents, compliance reports, infrastructure details, and other relevant information to be submitted through the AIU Digital Sports Management System, any other online mechanism prescribed by AIU, or, where considered necessary, through an offline submission process prescribed by AIU.

Universities shall provide accurate, complete, and verifiable information relating to sports venues and infrastructure, accommodation facilities, transportation arrangements, technical manpower, medical and emergency facilities, safety and security systems, digital operational capabilities, athlete welfare arrangements, and accessibility for women athletes and Divyangjan athletes.

Submission of any false, misleading, fabricated, incomplete, or materially inaccurate information shall constitute misconduct and may attract rejection of the proposal, cancellation of allotment, disciplinary action, or any other action permissible under these AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

6.3 Scrutiny of Proposals and Selection Criteria

All proposals received from universities shall be scrutinized and evaluated by the AIU Sports Division and the competent committee or authority constituted by AIU.

Tournament allotment shall be made strictly on the basis of merit, infrastructure standards, organizational and administrative capability, governance and compliance record, technical and operational readiness, athlete welfare arrangements, financial and logistical preparedness, previous performance, and compliance with AIU Rules, Regulations, and SOPs.

(a) Infrastructure Assessment

Priority shall be given to universities possessing standard and certified sports infrastructure, approved playing surfaces and equipment, adequate practice and warm-up facilities, appropriate lighting systems, athlete recovery and physiotherapy facilities, suitable indoor and outdoor venues, adequate seating and spectator facilities, media arrangements, digital scoring and result-management systems, and effective emergency evacuation and safety systems.

(b) Accommodation and Athlete Welfare

The university shall demonstrate adequate arrangements for athlete accommodation, hygienic dining facilities, safe drinking water, medical and emergency services, transportation logistics, athlete safeguarding and security, facilities for women athletes, accessibility for Divyangjan athletes, and anti-doping awareness and compliance support.

(c) Organizational Capacity

The evaluation shall take into consideration the university's previous experience in conducting AIU or national-level tournaments, governance and compliance record, timely submission of reports and documentation, digital operational capability, coordination with technical officials and concerned sports federations, financial and administrative systems, dispute and grievance-management capacity, and ability to effectively manage large-scale participation.

(d) Past Performance and Compliance Record

The past performance of the university in conducting tournaments may also be considered, including the quality of tournament management, punctuality and scheduling efficiency, athlete welfare arrangements, officiating and technical standards, grievance and dispute handling, financial compliance, adherence to AIU Rules, Regulations and SOPs, and standards of transparency and governance.

Universities having repeated governance failures, serious substantiated complaints, disciplinary violations, safeguarding failures, financial or administrative irregularities, or consistently poor organizational performance may be denied tournament allotment or may be subjected to appropriate conditions, restrictions, suspension, or debarment, as determined by the competent authority of AIU in accordance with these Regulations.

6.4 Tournament Allotment Committee and Meeting of AIU Sports Authorities

(a) Constitution of Tournament Allotment Committee

For the purpose of scrutiny, evaluation, recommendation, and allotment of Inter-University Tournaments and Championships, AIU may constitute a Tournament Allotment Committee under the supervision of the AIU Sports Board / Standing Committee on Sports.

The Committee shall ordinarily consist of—

1. Head of the Sports Division, AIU — Chairperson;
2. One nominee of the AIU Sports Board — Member;
3. One Senior Sports Administrator from a Member University — Member;
4. One Director of Physical Education/Sports Expert nominated by AIU — Member;
5. One Zonal Representative nominated by AIU — Member;
6. One Technical Expert or Former International Player nominated by AIU — Member;
7. One Finance/Infrastructure Expert nominated by AIU — Member.

(b) Functions of the Tournament Allotment Committee

The Tournament Allotment Committee shall examine, scrutinize, and evaluate the willingness proposals received from universities for hosting Inter-University Tournaments, Championships, Selection Trials, Coaching Camps, and other sports activities approved by AIU.

The Committee shall make its recommendations on the basis of infrastructure and venue standards, athlete welfare arrangements, organizational capability, governance and compliance history, zonal

and regional balance, technical requirements of the concerned sports discipline, digital readiness, safety and emergency preparedness, and financial and administrative capability.

(c) Meetings and Deliberations

The Tournament Allotment Committee may conduct its meetings in physical, virtual, or hybrid mode, as determined by AIU.

The Committee may scrutinize applications and inspection reports, seek necessary clarifications from applicant universities, review previous organizational performance and compliance records, recommend allotment subject to specified conditions, suggest modifications to dates, venues, or tournament structures where necessary, and give preference to universities demonstrating professional, transparent, and efficient tournament-management capabilities.

The recommendations of the Committee shall be duly recorded and placed before the AIU Sports Board for consideration and final decision.

(d) Final Approval and Allotment Authority

The Tournament Allotment Committee shall function in an advisory and recommendatory capacity and shall not, by itself, have the authority to make the final allotment of tournaments.

The AIU Sports Board shall have the final authority to approve and allot Inter-University Tournaments, Championships, Selection Trials, Coaching Camps, and other sports activities to eligible universities in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

The decision of the AIU Sports Board shall be based on the recommendations of the Tournament Allotment Committee, the prescribed eligibility and evaluation criteria, the annual AIU Sports Calendar, and the overall requirements of the AIU Sports System.

The AIU Sports Board may accept, modify, or reject the recommendations of the Tournament Allotment Committee for reasons to be recorded in the relevant proceedings.

After approval by the AIU Sports Board, the allotments shall form part of the official AIU Sports Calendar and shall be communicated to the concerned universities in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

6.5 Preparation of Tentative AIU Sports Calendar

Following the preliminary allotment of tournaments and other approved sports activities, AIU shall prepare a tentative AIU Sports Calendar indicating the sports disciplines, host universities, proposed tournament dates, zonal structure, qualification formats, venues, and locations.

While preparing the tentative Sports Calendar, AIU shall take into consideration the academic calendar and avoid, as far as practicable, clashes with university examinations and major national or international sporting events. AIU shall also consider the climatic suitability of venues, adequate recovery intervals between competitions, logistical feasibility, and balanced regional distribution of events.

6.6 Approval, Finalization, and Circulation

The draft AIU Sports Calendar shall be placed before the AIU Sports Board for consideration and approval.

The competent authority may modify tournament dates or venues, alter tournament structures, revise allotments, impose additional conditions, or direct the reorganization of competitions where considered necessary in the interest of efficient and transparent administration of university sports.

After approval, the AIU Sports Calendar shall be officially issued and circulated to member universities, organizing institutions, technical committees, zonal authorities, and concerned governmental and sports bodies.

The approved AIU Sports Calendar shall also be published on the official AIU digital platform or through such other official communication mechanism as may be prescribed by AIU.

6.7 Modification of Calendar and Tournament Dates

No host university shall alter the approved dates or venue of an AIU-allotted tournament without obtaining prior written approval from AIU.

Modification of the approved dates or venue may be permitted only in exceptional circumstances, including natural disasters, severe climatic conditions, law and order situations, public health emergencies, unavoidable administrative circumstances, or a clash with major national or international competitions.

Any unauthorized alteration of the approved tournament dates or venue shall constitute a violation of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and may attract appropriate disciplinary action.

6.8 Mandatory Institutional Requirements

Preference for hosting AIU tournaments shall ordinarily be given to universities having qualified Sports and Physical Education professionals, recognized sports governance systems, transparent operational mechanisms, adequate athlete welfare and safeguarding arrangements, and a demonstrated commitment to sports development, fair play, and professional tournament administration.

AIU may prescribe such additional institutional, technical, administrative, financial, infrastructure, safety, and athlete-welfare conditions as may be considered necessary from time to time.

6.9 Accountability and Action Against Defaulting Universities

A university failing to conduct an AIU-allotted tournament without valid and acceptable reasons shall be liable for appropriate disciplinary action under the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

Such action may include debarment from hosting AIU events for a specified period, withdrawal of future tournament allotments, warning or censure, financial penalties or recovery of losses caused to AIU or participating universities, and recording of the default in the official AIU compliance records.

Where the default involves financial irregularities, safeguarding failures, manipulation of competitions, misrepresentation, serious governance failures, or other misconduct, AIU may impose additional sanctions in accordance with these Regulations.

6.10 Transparency and Digital Governance

AIU may establish and implement digital and, where required, offline governance mechanisms for willingness submission, infrastructure evaluation, tournament allotment, Sports Calendar publication, eligibility verification, compliance monitoring, grievance redressal, digital reporting, and result management.

The digital governance framework shall be intended to strengthen transparency, accountability, efficiency, operational uniformity, record management, and real-time monitoring of Inter-University sports competitions throughout India.

CHAPTER VII

ENTRIES, DETAILED ENTRIES, REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION OF TEAMS

7. Objective

The objective of this Chapter is to prescribe a transparent, uniform, accountable, and systematic mechanism for submission of entries, athlete registration, detailed entries, team composition, and participation procedures for all Inter-University Sports Tournaments and Championships conducted under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

These provisions are intended to—

1. ensure fair and uniform participation of universities in AIU competitions;
2. establish a standardized entry and registration mechanism;
3. maintain authenticity and transparency in athlete participation;
4. facilitate effective planning and tournament management by Organizing Universities;
5. ensure compliance with eligibility, technical, and competition regulations;
6. prevent unauthorized participation and procedural irregularities;
7. enable smooth conduct of fixtures, scheduling, accreditation, and competition operations;
8. strengthen digital governance and documentation systems in AIU sports administration.

The provisions contained in this Chapter shall be binding upon all participating universities, athletes, team officials, organizing institutions, and technical authorities.

7.1 Eligibility for Participation and Hosting

7.1.1

Only member universities, deemed universities, institutions of national importance, and other institutions recognized or approved by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall be eligible to participate in or host Inter-University Sports Competitions conducted under the authority of AIU, subject to the applicable Rules and Regulations.

7.1.2

Participation in and hosting of AIU Inter-University Sports Competitions shall be subject to compliance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, prescribed eligibility norms, applicable anti-doping regulations, athlete safeguarding and welfare policies, technical rules of the concerned sports discipline, and prescribed registration, accreditation, documentation, and digital or offline verification requirements.

7.1.3

Every participating and host university shall ensure that all athletes, coaches, team managers, officials, technical personnel, and other persons associated with the competition comply with the applicable AIU Rules and Regulations and the specific requirements prescribed for the concerned competition.

7.1.4

AIU may refuse, suspend, or withdraw the participation or hosting eligibility of any university that fails to satisfy the prescribed eligibility, governance, technical, financial, safety, safeguarding, or compliance requirements.

7.1.3 Team Participation

A university shall ordinarily be permitted to field only one (1) team in each game or team event in a particular AIU Inter-University Tournament.

Where a sport consists of different categories, sections, or formats, a university may participate in each applicable category, subject to the participation norms prescribed by AIU and the technical rules of the concerned National Sports Federation.

AIU may, in exceptional circumstances, permit more than one team from the same university where such participation is specifically provided for in the tournament regulations or approved in advance by the competent authority of AIU.

No university shall enter multiple teams in the same event by using different names, institutions, affiliated colleges, or other arrangements for the purpose of circumventing the prescribed participation limit.

7.1.4 Participation in Individual Events

In individual events, the number of athletes that may be entered by a university shall be determined with reference to the rules of the concerned National Sports Federation, the qualification standards prescribed by AIU, the technical regulations of the particular event, and the participation limits notified in the tournament circular.

AIU may prescribe different participation limits for different sports, events, age categories, genders, or competition stages, having regard to the nature and requirements of the sport.

Only athletes who satisfy the prescribed eligibility and qualification requirements shall be permitted to participate.

7.1.5 Entry and Verification

No athlete, team, or university shall be permitted to participate in an AIU competition unless the prescribed entry has been duly submitted within the notified timeline and the eligibility and

participation details have been verified through the prescribed AIU entry, registration, or accreditation system.

The participating university shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy and authenticity of all information and documents submitted on behalf of its athletes and teams.

AIU may reject or withhold participation where the required entry, documentation, eligibility verification, or accreditation has not been completed in accordance with the prescribed Rules and Regulations.

Any participation obtained through false information, forged documents, impersonation, or unauthorized substitution shall constitute a violation of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and may attract disciplinary action.

7.2 Types of Entries

For effective administration of tournaments, entries shall ordinarily consist of the following categories:

7.2.1 General Entry

A preliminary confirmation submitted by the participating university indicating intention to participate in a particular sports discipline or tournament.

7.2.2 Detailed Entry

A comprehensive entry containing athlete-wise and official-wise information required for tournament participation, eligibility verification, fixture preparation, accreditation, and technical administration.

7.2.3 Digital Registration Entry

Online submission of athlete and team data through the AIU Digital Sports Management System or any prescribed online platform.

7.2.4 Accreditation Entry

Submission of information required for issue of identity cards, access permissions, accommodation allocation, and venue accreditation.

7.3 Submission of General Entries

7.3.1

Every participating university shall submit its General Entry for participation at least one (1) month prior to commencement of the tournament unless otherwise notified by AIU.

7.3.2

The General Entry shall ordinarily include—

1. name of the university;
2. sports discipline/event;
3. category of participation;
4. expected number of players and officials;
5. name and contact details of Sports Officer/Director of Sports;
6. confirmation of participation.

7.3.3

Submission of General Entry shall enable the Organizing University and AIU to—

1. estimate participation strength;
2. prepare fixtures and schedules;
3. arrange accommodation and logistics;
4. appoint technical officials;
5. finalize tournament operations.

7.3.4

Universities failing to submit General Entries within prescribed timelines may be denied participation subject to the decision of AIU.

7.4 Detailed Entries

7.4.1 Submission of Detailed Entries

7.4.1.1

Participating universities shall submit Detailed Entries not later than ten (10) days prior to commencement of the tournament unless otherwise prescribed by AIU.

7.4.1.2

Detailed Entries shall be submitted—

1. in the prescribed format;
2. through the AIU Digital Sports Management System wherever applicable;
3. duly authenticated by the competent university authority.

7.4.1.3

The Organizing University shall provide the prescribed proforma, formats, digital links, and technical guidelines for submission of Detailed Entries in accordance with—

1. AIU Rules and Regulations;
2. rules of the concerned National Sports Federation;
3. sport-specific technical requirements.

7.4.1.4

Incomplete, unsigned, false, or improperly certified Detailed Entries may be rejected.

7.4.2 Contents of Detailed Entries

The Detailed Entry shall mandatory contain complete and accurate information relating to players and officials.

7.4.2.1 Player Details

The following particulars of each athlete/player shall be furnished:

1. full name of athlete;
2. father's/mother's name;
3. date of birth;
4. gender/category-Male/Female;
5. university enrollment number;
6. course/class/semester details;
7. event/game/weight category;
8. Position of playing role where applicable
9. status as main player or reserve player;
10. Aadhaar/passport/student identity details where prescribed;
11. recent photograph;
12. eligibility and accreditation information;
13. contact information where required.

7.4.2.2 Team Officials' Details

The following information relating to team officials shall also be furnished:

1. name of Manager;
2. name of Coach;
3. designation of officials;
4. mobile numbers;
5. email addresses;
6. identity and accreditation details;
7. travel and accommodation information where required.

7.4.2.3 Institutional Certification

The Detailed Entry shall be duly certified by—

1. Director of Sports/Sports Officer;
2. Registrar/Competent University Authority;
3. Head of Institution where required.

The certifying authority shall be responsible for correctness and authenticity of the information furnished.

7.4.3 Digital Registration and Documentation

7.4.3.1

AIU may require all Detailed Entries and supporting documents to be uploaded through the AIU Digital Sports Management System.

7.4.3.2

Universities shall upload—

1. eligibility certificates;
2. student identity documents;
3. photographs;
4. age proof documents;
5. anti-doping declarations;
6. medical fitness certificates where prescribed;
7. safeguarding compliance declarations.

7.4.3.3

Digital submission shall be treated as official submission for all administrative and legal purposes.

7.4.3.4

AIU may reject entries containing false, manipulated, or unverifiable digital records.

7.4.4 Modification and Changes in Detailed Entries

7.4.4.1

No additions or substitutions outside the submitted Detailed Entry shall ordinarily be permitted after the last date of submission.

7.4.4.2

However, limited changes may be permitted during the Coach/Manager Meeting held prior to commencement of the event, strictly subject to—

1. AIU Rules and Regulations;
2. rules of the concerned National Sports Federation (Affiliated to I.O.A.);
3. technical eligibility provisions.

7.4.4.3

The Team Manager may make permissible changes only from among the athletes already included in the originally submitted Detailed Entry.

7.4.4.4

No new athlete whose name was not included in the original Detailed Entry shall be allowed to participate.

7.4.4.5

All approved changes shall be recorded officially by the Organizing Committee and Technical Committee.

7.4.5 Late Entries and Non-Submission

7.4.5.1

Universities failing to submit Detailed Entries within prescribed timelines may be liable for—

1. rejection of participation;
2. exclusion from fixtures;
3. financial penalties;
4. reporting to AIU for disciplinary action.

7.4.5.2

Late entries may be accepted only under exceptional circumstances with approval of the competent authority and subject to payment of prescribed late fees, if any.

7.4.5.3

Acceptance of late entries shall not be claimed as a matter of right.

7.4.6 Verification of Entries

7.4.6.1

The Organizing University and AIU authorities shall verify all entries before permitting participation.

7.4.6.2

Verification may include—

1. eligibility scrutiny;
2. age verification;
3. student status verification;
4. digital authentication;
5. identity verification;
6. accreditation checks.

7.4.6.3

Technical Committees may reject entries not complying with prescribed rules.

7.4.6.4

Participation obtained through false documentation, impersonation, suppression of facts, or forged records shall invite disciplinary action.

7.4.7 Responsibility of Participating Universities

Every participating university shall remain fully responsible for—

1. correctness of entries submitted;
2. eligibility of athletes;
3. conduct of players and officials;
4. timely submission of documents;
5. compliance with AIU Rules and Regulations;
6. adherence to anti-doping and safeguarding norms.

Any violation may result in—

1. disqualification;
2. cancellation of results;
3. suspension of athletes or officials;
4. financial penalties;
5. debarment from future participation;
6. disciplinary proceedings under this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation.

7.4.8 Role of Organizing University

The Organizing University shall—

1. provide prescribed entry formats and digital access;
2. verify receipt of entries;
3. maintain confidentiality and security of data;
4. prepare fixtures and schedules based on valid entries;
5. coordinate with AIU regarding discrepancies and disputes;
6. ensure proper accreditation and identification systems.

The Organizing University shall maintain official records of all entries for audit, verification, and future reference purposes.

CHAPTER VIII

ELIGIBILITY, ADMISSION, MIGRATION, DOCUMENT VERIFICATION AND PREVENTION OF INELIGIBLE PARTICIPATION

8. Objective

The objective of this Chapter is to establish a transparent, uniform, strict, and legally enforceable framework governing eligibility, admission status, migration, documentation, athlete verification, and participation in Inter-University Sports Competitions conducted under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

This Chapter aims to—

- 8.1 ensure participation only by genuine and bonafide student-athletes;
- 8.2 prevent participation of bogus, impersonated, or ineligible players;
- 8.3 maintain fairness, transparency, and integrity of competitions;
- 8.4 strengthen digital and physical verification systems;
- 8.5 regulate migration and transfer of student-athletes between institutions;
- 8.6 establish accountability of universities and officials certifying eligibility;
- 8.7 safeguard competitive balance and athlete welfare;
- 8.8 align AIU eligibility standards with national and international university sports practices including FISU and AUSF regulations.

The provisions of this Chapter shall be binding upon all universities, institutions, athletes, coaches, managers, officials, organizing committees, and competent authorities participating in AIU sports competitions.

8.1 General Eligibility for Participation in Inter-University Competitions

Only a bonafide student-athlete fulfilling the eligibility conditions prescribed under this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation shall be eligible to participate in Inter-University Sports Competitions.

Participation shall be subject to verification of—

- 8.1.1 age eligibility;
- 8.1.2 academic enrollment status;
- 8.1.3 institutional admission validity;
- 8.1.4 migration status where applicable;
- 8.1.5 identity authentication;
- 8.1.6 compliance with AIU and FISU regulations;
- 8.1.7 anti-doping and safeguarding requirements.

No athlete shall be permitted to participate merely on provisional claims, verbal assurances, or incomplete documentation.

8.2 Age Eligibility

8.2.1 Minimum Age

There shall be **no minimum age limit** for student-athletes participating in AIU Inter-University Tournaments, subject to fulfilment of all other eligibility criteria prescribed by AIU.

8.2.2 Maximum Age

A participant shall ordinarily be under twenty-five (25) years of age as on 1st July of the concerned academic session unless otherwise prescribed by AIU, FISU, AUSEF, or the competent authority for specific competitions.

8.2.3 Proof of Age

Age shall be verified only through officially recognized documents including—

8.2.3.1 Secondary School Certificate (10th Standard);

8.2.3.2 Birth Certificate issued by competent authority;

8.2.3.3 Passport where applicable;

8.2.3.4 Government-approved digital identity records.

Any discrepancy, manipulation, overwriting, or forged age document shall constitute a serious eligibility violation.

8.2.4 Maximum Participation

There shall be no maximum limit on the number of years or occasions of participation, provided the participant continues to fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria.

8.3 Academic and Admission Eligibility

8.3.1 Bona Fide Student Requirement

Only a bonafide student duly admitted, enrolled, registered, and pursuing studies in a recognized university or affiliated institution shall be eligible to participate.

The student must be enrolled in—

8.3.1.1 degree programmes;

8.3.1.2 diploma programmes;

8.3.1.4 postgraduate programmes;

8.3.1.5 doctoral/research programmes;

8.3.2 Minimum Course Duration

The course or programme in which the student is enrolled shall ordinarily be of a minimum duration of one (1) academic year.

8.3.3 Examination Requirement

The examination of the course/programme must be conducted by the concerned university or institution recognized by the competent authority.

8.3.4 Minimum Educational Qualification

The athlete must have passed 10+2 or equivalent examination before participating in AIU competitions.

8.3.5 Continuous Academic Status

The student-athlete must maintain continuous academic enrollment and progression in accordance with university regulations.

Students whose admission is—

- 8.3.5.1 cancelled;
 - 8.3.5.2 suspended;
 - 8.3.5.3 withdrawn;
 - 8.3.5.4 not regularized;
 - 8.3.5.5 found fake or fraudulent;
- shall automatically become ineligible for participation.

8.4 Recognition of Multiple Modes of Education

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

8.5 Rules Relating to Migration and Transfer of Students

8.5.1 Restriction on Multiple Representation

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

8.5.2 Migration Cases

A migrated or transferred student shall become eligible only after—

- 8.5.2.1 completion of formal migration process;
- 8.5.2.2 regular admission in the new institution;
- 8.5.2.3 submission of Migration Certificate;
- 8.5.2.4 cancellation or transfer from previous institution where applicable;
- 8.5.2.5 issuance of Bonafide Student Certificate by the new institution;

8.5.2.6 approval and verification by competent university authority.

8.5.3 Mandatory Admission Confirmation

Where a student transfers or migrates during the course or programme, the athlete shall mandatory produce—

8.5.3.1 confirmed admission letter;

8.5.3.2 fee receipt;

8.5.3.3 migration certificate;

8.5.3.4 enrollment/registration number;

8.5.3.5 Bonafide Certificate issued by the Head of Institution/Registrar/Competent Authority.

8.5.3.6 Last exam Mark sheet.

No provisional, temporary, or unverified admission shall confer eligibility.

8.5.4 Mid-Session Transfer

In cases of transfer during an academic session, AIU may require additional scrutiny and supporting documentation before granting eligibility.

8.5.5 Fraudulent Migration

Fake migration, dual admission, parallel enrollment, concealment of previous representation, or manipulation of institutional records shall amount to serious misconduct and may lead to—

8.5.5.1 cancellation of participation;

8.5.5.2 suspension of athlete;

8.5.5.3 action against university officials

8.5.5.4 debarment of institution;

8.5.5.5 disciplinary proceedings under this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation.

8.6 Restriction on Multiple Participation

8.6.1 No player shall represent two universities simultaneously during the same academic session.

8.6.2 A player once having represented a university in any AIU tournament during an academic year shall not be eligible to represent another university in the same year irrespective of migration, transfer, temporary admission, or change of course.

8.6.3 Participation through dual registration, fake enrollment, unauthorized transfer, or manipulated admission records shall constitute fraud.

8.6.4 AIU may utilize digital tracking systems, Aadhaar verification, Academic Bank of Credits (ABC ID), biometric systems, and centralized databases to prevent duplicate participation.

8.7 Employment Status of Players

8.7.1 Inter-University Competitions

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

8.7.2 Working Students

Students engaged in part-time employment or self-employment shall remain eligible provided that—

8.7.2.1 they are bonafide students;

8.7.2.2 their academic admission is valid and regular;

8.7.2.3 they satisfy attendance and academic progression norms;

8.7.2.4 they comply with AIU eligibility regulations.

8.7.3 International Competitions

For FISU, AUSEF, or international university sports events, eligibility shall additionally be governed by applicable international regulations.

8.8 Eligibility of Foreign Students

8.8.1 Foreign students validly enrolled in recognized universities shall be eligible to participate in Inter-University competitions subject to AIU regulations.

8.8.2 The number of foreign players in a team shall ordinarily not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total team strength.

8.8.3 In teams consisting of less than ten (10) players, one foreign student may be permitted.

8.8.4 Foreign students must produce—

8.8.4.1 passport;

8.8.4.2 visa documents;

8.8.4.3 admission confirmation;

8.8.4.4 identity documents;

8.8.4.5 university enrollment proof.

8.9 Fraud Prevention, Digital Verification and Anti-Impersonation Measures

8.9.1 Mandatory Aadhaar and KYC Verification

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

8.9.2 Digital Verification Systems

AIU may implement—

8.9.2.1 biometric verification;

8.9.2.2 facial recognition systems;

8.9.2.3 QR-code accreditation;

8.9.2.4 digital identity tracking;

8.9.2.5 centralized athlete databases;

8.9.2.6 AI-enabled eligibility verification systems.

8.9.3 Institutional Responsibility

The participating university and certifying authorities shall remain personally and institutionally responsible for correctness of eligibility records submitted to AIU.

8.9.4 Bogus Player Prevention

Any attempt to field—

8.9.4.1 bogus players;

8.9.4.2 impersonators;

8.9.4.3 over-age players;

8.9.4.4 ineligible athletes;

8.9.4.5 fake students;

8.9.4.6 suspended athletes;

shall be treated as a serious act of fraud and misconduct.

8.10 Mandatory Documents for Participation

The following documents, duly signed and attested by the competent authority, shall be submitted to the Organizing University not later than one (1) day before commencement of the tournament—

8.10.1 Eligibility Proforma

8.10.2 Inter-Zonal Eligibility Proforma where applicable;

8.10.3 Migration Certificate (if applicable);

8.10.4 Bonafide Student Certificate;

8.10.5 Admission Confirmation Certificate;

8.10.6 Academic Bank of Credit (ABC ID);

8.10.7 University Identity Card;

8.10.8 Copy of 10th Certificate;

8.10.9 Copy of 10+2 Certificate;

8.10.10 Aadhaar Card or approved identity proof;

8.10.11 Passport and Visa documents for foreign students;

8.10.12 Receipt of online AIU Registration Fee;

8.10.13 Recent passport-size photographs;

8.10.14 Medical Fitness Certificate where prescribed;

8.10.15 Anti-Doping Declaration where applicable.

AIU may prescribe additional documents from time to time.

8.11 Eligibility Proforma and Verification Procedure

8.11.1 Submission of Eligibility Proforma

The Eligibility Proforma shall be submitted in four (4) copies duly signed and stamped by—

8.11.1.1 Director of Sports;

8.11.1.2 Sports Officer;

8.11.1.3 Registrar;

8.11.1.4 Competent Institutional Authority.

8.11.2 Verification During Zonal Tournament

During the Zonal Tournament—

8.11.2.1 four copies shall be submitted by the participating university;

8.11.2.2 the Host University shall verify all copies;

8.11.2.3 two copies shall be retained by the Host University;

8.11.2.4 two verified copies shall be returned to the participating university.

8.11.3 Verification During Inter-Zonal Tournament

At the Inter-Zonal or All India Tournament—

8.11.3.1 the participating university shall submit the two verified copies;

8.11.3.2 the Host University shall re-verify the documents;

8.11.3.3 one copy shall be retained;

8.11.3.4 one verified copy shall be returned to the participating university.

8.11.4 Direct Participation Cases

For direct Inter-Zonal participation, four (4) copies shall again be required.

8.11.5 Restriction on Manual Documents

Handwritten, altered, tampered, illegible, or photocopied performas shall not be accepted.

8.11.6 Certification Requirement

Inter-Zonal Eligibility Performas must be duly certified by the Organizing Secretary of the concerned Zonal Tournament.

8.12 Accommodation

8.12.1 Free Accommodation

The Host University shall, as far as practicable, provide free accommodation to all participating teams during the conduct of the tournament.

8.12.2 Accommodation Charges

Where, due to unavoidable circumstances, the Host University is unable to provide free accommodation, it may levy accommodation charges @ ₹150/- per participant per day (maximum).

The applicable accommodation charges, if any, shall be notified in the tournament circular/entry information issued by the Host University.

8.12.3 Restriction on Additional Charges

No Host University shall levy accommodation charges in excess of the prescribed limits or collect any additional charges from participating universities without the prior approval of AIU.

This version:

- i. Removes all references to boarding charges.
- ii. Retains free accommodation as the AIU policy.
- iii. Allows only limited accommodation charges where free accommodation is not feasible.
- iv. Requires advance disclosure of any accommodation charges and prohibits unauthorized additional fees.

8.13 Catering Services

8.13.1 The Host University may provide hygienic catering facilities at reasonable and pre-declared rates.

8.13.2 Catering services shall remain optional for participating universities.

8.13.3 No participating university shall be compelled to avail catering services from the Host University.

8.13.4 Food quality, hygiene, and drinking water standards shall be maintained strictly.

8.14 Consequences of Eligibility Violations

8.14.1 Team-Level Penalties

Where eligibility violations are established, AIU may impose—

8.14.1.1 immediate disqualification;

8.14.1.2 forfeiture of results and medals;

8.14.1.3 suspension from the concerned sport for next academic year;

8.14.1.4 cancellation of championship standings.

8.14.2 Individual Penalties

An athlete found guilty of eligibility fraud may face—

8.14.2.1 suspension upto two (2) academic years;

8.14.2.2 cancellation of participation records;

8.14.2.3 debarment from AIU competitions;

8.14.2.4 disciplinary proceedings.

8.14.3 Institutional Accountability

If three (3) or more eligibility violations occur within five (5) years against a university, AIU may order—

8.14.3.1 Special Sports Governance Audit;

8.14.3.2 Eligibility Compliance Inspection;

8.14.3.3 suspension of hosting privileges;

8.14.3.4 financial penalties;

8.14.3.5 enhanced scrutiny for future participation.

8.14.4 Liability of Officials

Officials certifying false eligibility documents may also face—

8.14.4.1 disciplinary proceedings;

8.14.4.2 reporting to university authorities;

8.14.4.3 suspension from AIU duties;

8.14.4.4 debarment from sports administration activities.

CHAPTER IX

PROHIBITION OF PLAYER SWAPPING, IMPERSONATION AND FRAUDULENT SUBSTITUTION

9. Objective and Scope

Player swapping, impersonation, fraudulent substitution, identity manipulation, or participation of any unauthorized athlete in place of a duly registered player shall be strictly prohibited in all AIU Inter-University Competitions.

No university, coach, manager, official, or athlete shall—

- 9.1 field a player under another athlete's name;
 - 9.2 replace a registered athlete with an unregistered or ineligible player;
 - 9.3 permit impersonation during competition;
 - 9.4 manipulate accreditation cards, identity documents, or eligibility records;
 - 9.5 allow participation through fake identity, forged documents, or duplicate registration;
 - 9.6 substitute players outside the officially approved detailed entry and technical regulations.
- Such acts shall be treated as serious fraud, misconduct, and corruption affecting the integrity of university sports.

9.1 Definition of Player Swapping

For the purpose of this AIU Sports Rules and Regulation, “Player Swapping” shall include—

- 9.1.1 participation of an athlete in another player's name;
- 9.1.2 use of forged or borrowed identity documents;
- 9.1.3 unauthorized replacement of registered players after verification;
- 9.1.4 participation of expelled, suspended, over-age, or ineligible players through false identity;
- 9.1.5 changing accreditation cards, jerseys, photographs, biometric records, or digital credentials for fraudulent participation;
- 9.1.6 permitting another person to appear during verification, reporting, weigh-in, or competition in place of the genuine athlete.

9.2 Mandatory Verification Measures

To prevent player swapping and impersonation, AIU and Organizing Universities may implement mandatory verification systems including—

- 9.2.1 Aadhaar-based authentication;
- 9.2.2 biometric verification, if possible;
- 9.2.3 facial recognition systems;
- 9.2.4 QR-code accreditation cards;

- 9.2.5 digital photograph matching;
- 9.2.6 live reporting verification;
- 9.2.7 online centralized eligibility database;
- 9.2.8 random identity inspections during competition;
- 9.2.9 technical verification before matches/events;
- 9.2.10 video recording of verification procedures where necessary.
- 9.2.11 Group photograph (geotagged) of the participating team in both team and individual events.

Every player shall carry original identity documents during the tournament.

9.3 Responsibility of Universities and Team Officials

The participating university, Team Manager, Coach, Director of Physical Education, Sports Officer, and certifying authorities shall remain jointly and severally responsible for ensuring that—

- 9.3.1 only genuine and eligible players participate;
- 9.3.2 no impersonation or unauthorized substitution occurs;
- 9.3.3 all players appearing in competition are identical to the verified eligibility records and accreditation data;
- 9.3.4 identity verification procedures are strictly followed.

Failure to exercise due diligence shall amount to negligence and misconduct.

9.4 Surprise Verification and Inspection

AIU, Zonal Coordinators, Organizing Committees, Technical Committees, or authorized officials may conduct surprise verification of players at any stage of the tournament including—

- 9.4.1 reporting time;
- 9.4.2 practice sessions;
- 9.4.3 weigh-in procedures;
- 9.4.4 before commencement of matches;
- 9.4.5 during competition;
- 9.4.6 medal ceremonies.

Refusal to cooperate with verification procedures may result in immediate suspension from participation.

9.5 Consequences and Penalties for Player Swapping

Where player swapping, impersonation, or fraudulent substitution is established, AIU may impose one or more of the following penalties:

- 9.5.1 Against the Player
 - 9.5.1.1 immediate disqualification from the tournament;
 - 9.5.1.2 cancellation of medals, certificates, rankings, and awards;

9.5.1.3 suspension from AIU competitions for up to four (4) academic years;

9.5.1.4 permanent debarment in serious or repeated cases.

9.5.2 Against the Team

9.5.2.1 forfeiture of the match/event;

9.5.2.2 cancellation of team results;

9.5.2.3 disqualification from the tournament;

9.5.2.4 withdrawal of championship points and titles;

9.5.2.5 suspension from the concerned sport for upto one next academic year.

9.5.3 Against the University

9.5.3.1 debarment from participation in the concerned sport for next academic year also;

9.5.3.2 withdrawal of hosting rights;

9.5.3.3 financial penalties;

9.5.3.4 mandatory sports governance audit;

9.5.3.5 enhanced scrutiny in future tournaments;

9.5.3.6 reporting of misconduct to university authorities and competent bodies.

9.5.4 Against Officials

Any Coach, Manager, Sports Officer, Director of Sports, or institutional authority found involved in or knowingly permitting player swapping may face—

9.5.4.1 suspension from AIU duties;

9.5.4.2 debarment from officiating or administrative roles;

9.5.4.3 disciplinary proceedings;

9.5.4.4 recommendation of departmental action by the parent institution.

9.6 Criminal and Legal Liability

Where the act of player swapping involves forged documents, identity fraud, cheating, impersonation, or criminal conspiracy, AIU may—

9.6.1 lodge formal complaint/FIR with competent authorities;

9.6.2 initiate legal proceedings;

9.6.3 report the matter to governmental and regulatory bodies;

9.6.4 recommend criminal prosecution under applicable laws.

9.7 No Limitation for Action

Action relating to player swapping or impersonation may be initiated even after completion of the tournament if evidence subsequently emerges.

AIU shall have the authority to—

9.7.1 reopen cases;

9.7.2 cancel results retrospectively;

9.7.3 withdraw medals and certificates;

9.7.4 impose disciplinary penalties after inquiry.

9.8 Protection of Competitive Integrity

All universities and participating stakeholders shall treat prevention of player swapping and impersonation as a matter of institutional responsibility, ethical conduct, and protection of the integrity and credibility of Inter-University Sports Competitions.

9.9 Punishment (Differentiation between fraud & Ineligible)-

(a) Fraud - Any player found playing fraud in any manner will be banned for whole life to participate in any activity of that university. The University from which he/she is participating should be warned & if that University creates thrice again in the session, that University should also be banned for that particular session. The University will be responsible for non- participation of their players in any sports activity of AIU

(b) Ineligible- sometimes due to unawareness of rules for participation in games, the candidate is found ineligible, in that case, the student should be warned not to repeat it in future participation and for that he/she should give an affidavit of not repeating it. In life time if he/she found to do it again he/she should be banned for whole life for participation. In case 4 players in 3 different games of a University are found ineligible in a session that University should be banned for that particular session. The University will be responsible for the same, compliances and code of conduct.

CHAPTER X

QUALIFICATION, PARTICIPATION, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR INTER-ZONAL / ALL INDIA INTER-UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENTS

10. Objective

The objective of this Chapter is to regulate and standardize the qualification, participation, eligibility verification, and advancement process for Inter-Zonal / All India Inter-University Tournaments conducted under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

This Chapter seeks to ensure—

- 10.1 transparent and merit-based qualification of teams and athletes;
- 10.2 maintenance of competitive integrity and fairness;
- 10.3 prevention of player swapping, impersonation, and bogus participation;
- 10.4 uniform implementation of qualification rules across all zones;
- 10.5 proper authentication of eligibility documents;
- 10.6 protection of the sanctity of Inter-University competitions;
- 10.7 adherence to technical standards and tournament regulations;
- 10.8 equal opportunity for all participating universities;
- 10.9 promotion of discipline, accountability, and ethical participation;
- 10.10 smooth transition from Zonal competitions to Inter-Zonal / All India Championships.

The provisions contained in this Chapter shall be binding upon all participating universities, athletes, team officials, Organizing Universities, Zonal Coordinators, and technical officials.

10.1 Eligibility for Participation in Inter-Zonal / All India Tournaments

10.1.1 Only those universities, teams, and athletes who have duly qualified through the officially recognized Zonal Inter-University Tournaments conducted under AIU regulations shall be eligible to participate in the Inter-Zonal / All India Inter-University Championships.

10.1.2 Participation in Inter-Zonal / All India Championships shall be strictly subject to—

- (a) qualification from the concerned Zonal tournament;
- (b) compliance with AIU eligibility regulations;
- (c) authentication of eligibility documents;
- (d) verification by the Organizing University;
- (e) approval of AIU wherever applicable.

10.1.3 No university, athlete, or team shall be permitted direct participation unless specifically approved by AIU under exceptional circumstances.

10.2 Qualification Criteria for Advancement to Inter-Zonal / All India Championships

10.2.1 Team Events

Qualification to the Inter-Zonal / All India Championship shall ordinarily be based on—

- (a) final standing in the Zonal Tournament;
- (b) qualification quota prescribed by AIU;
- (c) performance ranking;
- (d) compliance with eligibility requirements.

10.2.1.1 The number of teams qualifying from each zone may vary depending upon—

- (a) total participation;
- (b) strength of competition;
- (c) tournament format;
- (d) technical feasibility;
- (e) AIU policy decisions.

10.2.1.2 Illustrative Example

In Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, or Cricket competitions—

- (a) the top one (1), two (2), or more teams from each zone, as prescribed by AIU, may qualify for the All India Inter-University Championship;
- (b) qualification quotas shall be notified in advance through AIU regulations or tournament circulars.

10.2.2 Individual Events

In individual sports disciplines such as—

- (a) Athletics;
- (b) Swimming;
- (c) Weightlifting;
- (d) Wrestling;
- (e) Boxing;
- (f) Archery;
- (g) Shooting;
- (h) Badminton;
- (i) Table Tennis;
- (j) Chess;
- (k) Powerlifting;

qualification shall ordinarily be based on—

- (i) position secured in Zonal competition;
- (ii) Minimum Qualification Score/Standard (MQS);
- (iii) technical qualification standards;

(iv) performance benchmarks prescribed by AIU or relevant National Sports Federation.

10.2.3 Qualification Through Minimum Qualification Score (MQS)

10.2.3.1 AIU may prescribe Minimum Qualification Scores (MQS), timings, distances, weights, rankings, or performance standards for advancement to Inter-Zonal / All India Championships.

10.2.3.2 MQS may be implemented in sports including but not limited to—

- (a) Athletics;
- (b) Aquatics/Swimming;
- (c) Weightlifting;
- (d) Powerlifting;
- (e) Archery;
- (f) Shooting;
- (g) Gymnastics;
- (h) Combat Sports;
- (i) other sports as notified by AIU.

10.2.3.3 The MQS system shall ensure—

- (a) higher technical standards;
- (b) quality competition;
- (c) performance-based qualification;
- (d) scientific athlete selection;
- (e) competitiveness at national level.

10.2.3.4 Illustrative Example

If AIU prescribes—

- (a) 11.20 seconds as MQS for Men's 100m Sprint;
- (b) 6.50 meters for Long Jump;
- (c) qualifying total in Weightlifting;

only athletes achieving or surpassing the prescribed standards during the Zonal competition shall qualify for the All India Championship.

10.3 Restriction on Player Substitution and Swapping

10.3.1 Absolute Prohibition on Player Swapping

10.3.1.1 Player swapping, impersonation, illegal replacement, or unauthorized substitution shall be strictly prohibited at all stages of AIU competitions.

10.3.1.2 No university shall replace, interchange, swap, or introduce any new player after completion of the Zonal Tournament for participation in the Inter-Zonal / All India Championship except with prior written approval of AIU under extraordinary circumstances.

10.3.2 Team Event Restrictions

In team events—

- (a) only those athletes who actually participated in the Zonal Tournament shall be eligible for participation in the Inter-Zonal / All India Championship;
- (b) inclusion of fresh players after Zonal qualification shall not be permitted;
- (c) reserve players listed in the approved detailed entries and who participated officially may only be considered eligible;
- (d) no university shall alter the composition of the qualified team without authorization.

10.3.3 Individual Event Restrictions

In individual events—

- (a) only the athlete who secured qualification in the Zonal competition shall participate in the Inter-Zonal / All India event;
- (b) replacement by another athlete from the same university shall not be permitted;
- (c) substitution on medical or administrative grounds shall require prior written approval of AIU.

10.3.4 Exceptional Circumstances

10.3.4.1 AIU may consider limited substitution only in extraordinary circumstances including—

- (a) serious injury certified by a Government Medical Officer;
- (b) hospitalization;
- (c) natural calamity;
- (d) other unavoidable circumstances accepted by AIU.

10.3.4.2 Such substitution shall—

- (a) require documentary proof;
- (b) be approved in writing by the Head (Sports), AIU.

10.3.4.3 The decision of AIU shall be final and binding.

10.4 Eligibility Proforma and Authentication Procedure

10.4.1 Qualified universities shall obtain the Eligibility Proforma duly verified and authenticated by the Organizing Secretary of the Zonal Tournament.

10.4.2 The authenticated Eligibility Proforma shall contain—

- (a) names of athletes;
- (b) registration details;
- (c) events participated;
- (d) qualification status;
- (e) seal and signature of competent authority;
- (f) tournament certification details.

10.4.3 The participating university shall submit the authenticated Eligibility Proforma to the Inter-Zonal / All India Organizing University before the prescribed deadline.

10.4.4 No team or athlete shall be permitted participation without authenticated eligibility documents.

10.5 Verification of Qualified Players and Teams

10.5.1 The Organizing University of the Inter-Zonal / All India Championship shall conduct strict verification of—

- (a) eligibility documents;
- (b) Aadhaar authentication;
- (c) university identity cards;
- (d) digital registration records;
- (e) participation records from Zonal tournaments;
- (f) photographs and biometric verification where applicable.

10.5.2 AIU may deploy—

- (a) QR code verification;
- (b) facial recognition systems;
- (c) digital accreditation;
- (d) online eligibility tracking systems;
- (e) AIU Digital Sports Management Platform.

10.6 Consequences of Illegal Participation or Player Swapping

10.6.1 Team Penalties

Where violations are established, AIU may impose—

- (a) immediate disqualification;
- (b) cancellation of qualification;
- (c) forfeiture of matches/results;
- (d) withdrawal of medals, trophies, and certificates;
- (e) suspension from the concerned sport upto One (01) next academic year;
- (f) debarment from future AIU tournaments.

10.6.2 Individual Penalties

The concerned athlete may be—

- (a) suspended from AIU competitions;
- (b) disqualified from current and one next academic year also ;
- (c) declared ineligible for specified period;
- (d) referred for disciplinary proceedings.

(e) if player repeated it again than he/she should be banned for participation in inter-University tournaments for whole life.

10.6.3 Institutional Accountability

The university authorities, team manager, coach, or officials responsible for violation may face—

- (a) disciplinary action by AIU;
- (b) blacklisting from tournament duties;
- (c) withdrawal of hosting rights;
- (d) reporting to competent educational authorities.

10.7 Responsibilities of Team Managers and Universities

10.7.1 The participating university and Team Manager shall be personally responsible for ensuring that—

- (a) all athletes are genuinely eligible;
- (b) no ineligible or bogus player is included;
- (c) only qualified athletes participate;
- (d) all eligibility documents are authentic;
- (e) AIU Rules and Regulations are strictly followed.

10.7.2 Submission of false declaration shall constitute serious misconduct under AIU regulations.

10.8 Participation Certificate and Qualification Record

10.8.1 The Organizing University shall maintain official qualification records and participation statistics for all Zonal and Inter-Zonal competitions.

10.8.2 AIU may maintain centralized digital records containing—

- (a) athlete participation history;
- (b) qualification status;
- (c) biometric verification;
- (d) event participation data;
- (e) disciplinary records.

10.8.3 Such records shall serve as official evidence for future eligibility verification and dispute resolution.

10.9 Final Authority of AIU

10.9.1 The interpretation of qualification rules, eligibility disputes, substitution matters, and participation issues relating to Inter-Zonal / All India Championships shall vest exclusively with AIU.

10.9.2 The decision of AIU shall be final and binding upon all universities, athletes, officials, and organizing authorities.

CHAPTER XI

Appointment and Functions of AIU Observer, Protest & Jury

11.1 Appointment of AIU Observer

AIU shall appoint an AIU Observer for Inter-Zonal Tournaments and All India Inter-University Championships. AIU may also appoint an Observer for important Zonal competitions where such appointment is considered necessary in the interest of proper supervision, transparency, technical compliance, athlete welfare, or effective tournament administration.

For Zonal Tournaments, an Observer may be appointed with the approval of the competent authority of AIU, having regard to the importance, scale, sensitivity, or specific requirements of the competition.

The AIU Observer shall function independently and shall monitor compliance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, approved tournament guidelines, technical standards, safety and athlete welfare requirements, and other directions issued by AIU.

The appointment of an AIU Observer shall not affect the powers and responsibilities of the Host University, Organizing Committee, Technical Officials, or other authorized tournament personnel. The Observer shall report observations, irregularities, and recommendations to AIU in the prescribed manner.

11.2 Eligibility for Appointment as Observer

An AIU Observer shall ordinarily be appointed from among persons possessing demonstrated experience, competence, integrity, and knowledge of university or competitive sports. Preference shall be given to persons having recognized achievements and substantial experience in the concerned sports discipline or sports administration.

Eligible persons may include:

11.2.1 National or State Awardees in the respective sports discipline, including Arjuna Awardees, Dronacharya Awardees, and recipients of recognized State Government Sports Awards.

11.2.2 Senior sports administrators having substantial experience in the administration and conduct of sports competitions.

11.2.3 Directors of Sports, Associate Directors, Assistant Directors, or equivalent senior Sports and Physical Education professionals of universities, **with at least 15 years of experience.**

11.2.4 Experienced AIU sports officials who have demonstrated knowledge of AIU Rules and Regulations and Inter-University sports administration.

11.2.5 Former Technical Delegates or other senior technical officials having recognized experience in the concerned sports discipline.

11.2.6 Distinguished sports professionals, coaches, referees, umpires, technical experts, or administrators possessing appropriate qualifications and experience.

The person appointed as an Observer shall be impartial, independent, and free from any conflict of interest with the participating universities, athletes, organizing institution, or other stakeholders of the concerned competition.

11.3 Duties and Responsibilities of AIU Observer

11.3.1 Compliance Monitoring

The AIU Observer shall monitor compliance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, SOPs, and approved tournament guidelines throughout the competition. The Observer shall verify the prescribed eligibility and accreditation procedures, review the standards of technical officiating, inspect or assess medical, accommodation, and athlete welfare arrangements, and monitor the implementation of digital governance, documentation, and transparency mechanisms.

11.3.2 Fair Play and Discipline Oversight

The AIU Observer shall monitor the impartial, fair, and transparent conduct of the competition and shall observe compliance with the applicable Code of Conduct and disciplinary provisions. The Observer shall monitor anti-doping and athlete safeguarding measures and shall promptly report any serious misconduct, violence, harassment, manipulation, discrimination, or other irregularity observed during the competition to the competent authority of AIU.

11.3.3 Coordination with Host University

The AIU Observer shall function as an official liaison between AIU and the Host University for matters relating to compliance, tournament administration, athlete welfare, technical standards, and implementation of AIU directions. The Observer shall facilitate coordination between AIU, the Organizing Committee, technical officials, participating universities, and other concerned stakeholders, without interfering with the operational responsibilities of the Organizing Committee or technical authorities.

11.3.4 Reporting

Upon completion of the tournament, the AIU Observer shall submit a detailed report to AIU within the prescribed period. The report shall include the overall compliance status, technical standards, athlete welfare and safety arrangements, participation statistics, disciplinary matters, grievances received and their disposal, significant observations or irregularities, and recommendations for improving the conduct and administration of future AIU competitions. The Observer shall report one day before and leave after completion of the tournament.

11.3.5 Immediate Reporting of Serious Irregularities

Where the Observer notices any serious violation involving eligibility, impersonation, match manipulation, financial irregularity, athlete safety, safeguarding, anti-doping, violence, or any other matter requiring immediate intervention, the Observer shall promptly bring the matter to the notice of the competent authority of AIU and may recommend appropriate interim measures in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

11.4 Powers of AIU Observer

The AIU Observer shall exercise such powers as are necessary to monitor compliance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and to protect the integrity, safety, and fair conduct of the competition.

In exceptional circumstances involving serious procedural violations, safety concerns, technical irregularities, misconduct, or circumstances that may materially affect the fairness or integrity of the competition, the Observer may intervene to the extent necessary and may direct the concerned organizing or technical authority to take immediate corrective measures.

Where the matter requires action beyond the Observer's authority, the Observer shall make an immediate recommendation to the competent authority of AIU regarding disciplinary action, suspension of a match or event, postponement of proceedings, or cancellation of the tournament where safety or sporting fairness is seriously compromised.

Any such intervention, direction, or recommendation shall be promptly reported to AIU and shall be subject to review and confirmation by the competent authority of AIU.

11.5 Accountability and Governance Standards

The report submitted by the AIU Observer shall form part of the permanent official record of AIU and may be considered for future tournament allotment, institutional assessment, compliance monitoring, and disciplinary proceedings.

The Host University and Organizing Committee shall comply with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, mandatory tournament standards, and lawful directions issued by AIU. Failure to comply with such requirements or directions may attract appropriate action, including warning or censure, withdrawal of hosting rights, financial penalties or recovery of losses, suspension from future tournament allotments, and disciplinary proceedings under the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

Serious or repeated violations may also be taken into consideration while determining the eligibility of the concerned university for future hosting or participation in AIU competitions.

11.6 Dispute Redressal, Protest, and Appeal Mechanism

11.6.1 Filing of Protests

Any protest relating to athlete or team eligibility, officiating, technical irregularity, misconduct, procedural violation, or any other matter affecting the conduct or outcome of an AIU competition shall be submitted in writing within the prescribed time limit.

A match- or event-related protest shall ordinarily be submitted within two (2) hours of the conclusion of the concerned match or event. A late protest shall ordinarily not be entertained unless the competent authority is satisfied that exceptional circumstances prevented timely submission.

11.6.2 Right to File a Protest

A protest may be filed by the accredited Team Manager, Head of Delegation, or an authorized representative of the participating university. The AIU Observer may also initiate or report a matter suo motu in exceptional circumstances where a serious violation affecting eligibility, fairness, safety, or integrity comes to notice.

An athlete shall not ordinarily lodge a protest directly and shall submit any grievance through the accredited Team Manager, Head of Delegation, or authorized university representative.

11.6.3 Form and Mode of Protest

Every protest shall be submitted in the prescribed written format and shall clearly state the nature of the grievance, the relevant provision or rule alleged to have been violated, the material facts and supporting evidence available to the protesting party, and the relief or remedy sought.

A protest may be submitted physically to the designated tournament authority or through the official AIU digital platform, wherever such facility is operational.

11.6.4 Time Limit for Filing Protest

A protest relating to the result, officiating, or conduct of a particular match or event shall be submitted within two (2) hours of completion of the concerned match or event.

A protest relating to eligibility shall be submitted before commencement of the next stage or match, wherever practicable, and preferably within twenty-four (24) hours of the protesting party becoming aware of the alleged violation.

A protest relating to a Selection Trial shall ordinarily be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of publication or official communication of the results.

A protest relating to administrative, accreditation, or procedural matters shall ordinarily be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence of the matter giving rise to the grievance or from the date on which the concerned party becomes aware of it.

11.6.5 Protest Fee

Every protest shall be accompanied by a protest fee of ₹5,000/-, or such other amount as may be prescribed by AIU from time to time.

Where a protest is upheld, the prescribed protest fee shall be refunded to the protesting university. Where a protest is rejected, the fee shall ordinarily stand forfeited to AIU.

A protest found to be frivolous, vexatious, malicious, or deliberately misleading may attract additional disciplinary action under the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

11.6.3 Constitution of Jury of Appeal

A Jury of Appeal shall be constituted for each AIU tournament or event to adjudicate protests, disputes, and appeals arising during the competition. The Jury shall function independently, impartially, and in accordance with the principles of natural justice.

The Jury of Appeal shall ordinarily consist of:

- (i) AIU Observer – Chairperson;
 - (ii) Organizing Secretary – Member;
 - (iii) Chief Technical Official nominated by the concerned National Sports Federation – Member;
- and
- (iv) Two senior and eminent technical experts, international athletes, former players, or distinguished sports professionals nominated by AIU – Members.

The composition of the Jury may be modified by AIU where the nature or technical requirements of a particular sport or competition so warrant.

A person having a direct or indirect conflict of interest in the matter under consideration shall not participate in the adjudication of that matter.

11.6.4 Powers and Functions of the Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal shall have the authority to hear and determine protests and disputes arising during the tournament in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and the technical rules applicable to the concerned sport.

The Jury may examine relevant documents, records, video evidence, official reports, statements of witnesses, and other material evidence and may seek clarification from referees, umpires, technical officials, team representatives, athletes, or other concerned persons.

The Jury may issue interim directions where necessary to protect the integrity and continuity of the competition and may pass a reasoned written decision on the matter placed before it.

The Jury shall provide the concerned parties with a reasonable opportunity to present their case and shall conduct its proceedings in a fair, transparent, and impartial manner.

11.6.5 Decision-Making Procedure and Timelines

The Jury shall hear the concerned parties, examine the available evidence and documents, consult the relevant technical officials where necessary, and determine the matter in accordance with the applicable rules.

In urgent match-related matters, the Jury shall ordinarily endeavour to dispose of the protest within six (6) hours of its submission. Other tournament-level protests shall ordinarily be decided within twenty-four (24) hours, subject to the complexity of the matter and availability of relevant evidence.

Where a dispute relates to selection, eligibility, or qualification for the next stage of a competition, the matter shall, wherever practicable, be decided before the concerned team, athlete, or university proceeds to the next stage.

The decision shall ordinarily be communicated on the same day and, wherever possible, before commencement of the next round or stage of the competition, so that the tournament is not unnecessarily delayed.

11.6.6 Limitations on Review of Technical Decisions

The Jury shall not ordinarily review the discretionary decisions of referees, umpires, judges, or other technical officials made during the actual course of play.

However, a matter may be reviewed where there is an allegation or prima facie evidence of misapplication or misinterpretation of the applicable rules, fraud, manipulation, identity fraud, ineligible participation, or any other serious procedural irregularity affecting the integrity or outcome of the competition.

11.6.7 Reasoned Decision

Every decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be recorded in writing and shall state the material facts considered, the applicable provisions or technical rules, the findings of the Jury, and the reasons for the decision.

The decision shall be duly authenticated or signed by the Chairperson and members of the Jury as prescribed by AIU.

11.6.8 Communication of Decision

The decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be communicated promptly to the concerned university, Team Manager or authorized representative, AIU, and the Organizing Committee.

Where the decision affects the result, eligibility, qualification, participation, or conduct of the tournament, the Organizing Committee and concerned technical officials shall implement the decision in accordance with the directions of the Jury and AIU.

11.6.9 Right to Appeal

Any university, athlete, team, or other authorized party aggrieved by a decision of the Jury of Appeal may prefer an appeal before the competent appellate authority of AIU, subject to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. The appeal fee is ₹5,000/.

Appeals relating to Inter-Zonal, All India, international university competitions, major disciplinary matters, or matters having significant implications for the AIU Sports System shall lie before the AIU Appeals Committee or the Head, Sports division, AIU as may be prescribed by the competent authority.

11.6.10 Time Limit for Appeal

An appeal shall ordinarily be filed within seven (7) days from the date of communication of the decision against which the appeal is preferred.

In exceptional circumstances, the competent appellate authority may condone a delay where sufficient and reasonable grounds for such delay are established and the reasons for condonation are recorded in writing.

11.6.11 Contents of Appeal

Every appeal shall contain a copy of the original protest, the decision or order under challenge, the specific grounds of appeal, relevant supporting documents or evidence, and the prescribed appeal fee, if any.

The appellate authority may call for additional documents, records, reports, or evidence where necessary for proper adjudication of the appeal.

11.6.12 Finality of Decision

The decision of the competent appellate authority of AIU shall, subject to the applicable AIU Rules and Regulations and law, constitute the final decision within the AIU Sports System.

11.7 AIU Appeals Committee

11.7.1 Constitution

The AIU may constitute an AIU Appeals Committee for consideration and adjudication of appeals arising from decisions of the Jury of Appeal or other competent authorities under the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

The Appeals Committee shall ordinarily comprise:

- (i) Head of the Sports Division , AIU – Chairperson;
- (ii) Senior Sports Administrator – Member;
- (iii) Legal Expert – Member;
- (iv) Technical Expert of the concerned sport – Member; and
- (v) AIU Nominee – Member.

The composition of the Committee may be modified by AIU depending upon the nature and complexity of the matter under consideration.

11.7.2 Powers and Functions

The AIU Appeals Committee shall have the authority to uphold, modify, or set aside the order under appeal and may direct re-verification, review, or inquiry where considered necessary.

The Committee may direct reconsideration of a matter, including replay or re-conduct of a competition, only where such action is technically and administratively feasible and is necessary to protect sporting integrity and the interests of justice.

The Committee may recommend appropriate disciplinary action and may issue such consequential directions as may be necessary for the proper implementation of its decision.

11.7.3 Arbitration Mechanism

In exceptional cases involving substantial financial implications, institutional disputes, international participation, or serious and long-term disciplinary matters, AIU may refer the dispute to an independent Arbitration Panel in accordance with applicable law and the procedure prescribed by AIU.

11.7.4 Constitution of Arbitration Panel

The Arbitration Panel may comprise:

- (i) a retired Judge or eminent Legal Expert;
- (ii) a senior Sports Administrator; and
- (iii) a Technical Expert or distinguished sports professional.

The members shall be selected having regard to their competence, experience, independence, and absence of any conflict of interest in the matter.

11.7.5 Arbitration Procedure

Arbitration proceedings shall ordinarily be summary in nature, subject to the applicable law and the terms of reference issued by AIU.

The parties shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to present their submissions, documents, evidence, and explanations.

The proceedings may be conducted physically, virtually, or through a hybrid mode, as determined by the Arbitration Panel.

The Arbitration Panel shall issue a reasoned award in accordance with the applicable law and terms of reference, and the award shall be binding to the extent permitted by law.

11.7.6 Interim Measures

Pending final disposal of a protest, appeal, inquiry, or dispute, the AIU, Jury of Appeal, or competent appellate authority may issue appropriate interim directions.

Such measures may include permitting provisional participation, temporarily suspending accreditation, withholding declaration of results, keeping medals or certificates in abeyance, or directing temporary compliance measures where necessary to protect the integrity of the competition.

11.7.7 False Complaints and Abuse of Process

Any person or university that knowingly submits a false, fabricated, malicious, or deliberately misleading complaint, protest, or appeal may be subject to disciplinary action under these Regulations.

Depending upon the gravity of the violation, such action may include monetary penalty, suspension, debarment for a period of up to three years, withdrawal of hosting rights, or any other appropriate disciplinary measure.

11.7.8 Suppression or Destruction of Evidence

Any deliberate concealment, alteration, fabrication, suppression, or destruction of material evidence relevant to a protest, inquiry, investigation, or appeal shall constitute serious misconduct and may attract appropriate disciplinary action.

11.7.9 Digital Grievance Management

AIU may establish and maintain a Digital Grievance and Dispute Management System for the electronic submission and management of protests, appeals, grievances, supporting documents, evidence, and related communications.

The system may facilitate online filing of protests and appeals, uploading of evidence, tracking of proceedings, recording of decisions, and communication of orders to concerned stakeholders.

11.7.10 Preservation of Records

AIU shall maintain an official record of protests, appeals, decisions, orders, evidence, and related proceedings.

Such records may be preserved in digital or physical form for a minimum period of five (5) years, or for such longer period as may be required under applicable law or AIU policy.

11.7.11 Final Sports Appellate Authority

The Head, Sports division, AIU shall exercise the final administrative appellate authority in sports-related disputes arising from AIU Inter-University competitions, selection trials, coaching camps, and international university sports participation, subject to the jurisdiction of any higher authority expressly provided under the AIU Constitution, applicable law, or a specific AIU regulation.

11.7.12 Binding Nature of Decisions

Decisions and directions issued by the competent authorities under this Chapter shall be binding upon all universities, student-athletes, coaches, team managers, technical officials, organizing institutions, and other stakeholders participating in or associated with AIU sports activities, subject to the applicable right of appeal and legal remedies.

11.7.13 Exhaustion of Internal Remedies

All participating universities, athletes, officials, and other stakeholders shall ordinarily exhaust the remedies available under the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations before initiating further proceedings in relation to an AIU sports dispute, subject to their rights and remedies available under applicable law.

No provision of these Regulations shall prevent any person from exercising a legal remedy that cannot lawfully be excluded.

11.7.14 Communication Through Official Channels

All complaints, protests, appeals, and representations relating to AIU sports matters shall ordinarily be submitted through the prescribed AIU channels.

Public statements, media communications, or social media publications shall not be used to interfere with, prejudice, or improperly influence a pending disciplinary, protest, or appeal proceeding.

11.7.15 Jurisdiction

Subject to applicable law and the jurisdiction of competent courts, legal proceedings arising out of matters administered by AIU shall ordinarily be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts at Delhi, National Capital Territory of Delhi, where the AIU Secretariat is situated.

CHAPTER XII

HOST UNIVERSITY OBLIGATIONS, TECHNICAL GOVERNANCE, DISPUTE REDRESSAL, AND TRANSPARENCY MECHANISMS

12. Objective

The objective of this Chapter is to prescribe uniform standards, duties, responsibilities, accountability mechanisms, and governance procedures for Host Universities, Organizing Committees, Technical Officials, AIU Observers, and participating institutions during the conduct of Inter-University Tournaments organized under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

This Chapter aims to ensure—

1. Fair, transparent, and professional conduct of tournaments;
2. Strict compliance with AIU Rules, Regulations, SOP's, and NSF technical standards;
3. Protection of athlete welfare, safety, and rights;
4. Efficient tournament administration and operational management;
5. Accountability of host institutions and officials;
6. Transparent dispute resolution mechanisms;
7. Integrity and credibility of university sports competitions;
8. Adherence to principles of fair play, discipline, and ethical sports governance;
9. Effective coordination between AIU, host institutions, technical officials, and participating universities;
10. Adoption of best practices in sports administration, safety, and digital governance.

The provisions contained in this Chapter shall be binding upon all Host Universities, Organizing Committees, participating institutions, athletes, officials, technical personnel, and stakeholders associated with AIU sports competitions.

Duties, Responsibilities and Accountability of Host Universities

12.1 Duties, Responsibilities and Accountability of Host Universities

12.1.1 General Responsibility of Host Universities

Every university or institution entrusted by AIU with the organization of an Inter-University Tournament shall be responsible for the proper planning, administration, supervision, management, and conduct of the tournament in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

The Host University shall ensure that the tournament is conducted efficiently, professionally, fairly, impartially, and transparently and in conformity with the applicable AIU Rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and technical rules of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF).

The Host University shall ensure the safety, welfare, dignity, and safeguarding of all participating athletes, coaches, team managers, officials, and other stakeholders.

The Host University shall act as a custodian of the integrity, credibility, and reputation of AIU Inter-University sports competitions.

12.1.2 Compliance with AIU Rules and NSF Regulations

Every tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the latest applicable rules of the concerned National Sports Federation recognized by the Government of India, the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, AIU Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), AIU eligibility norms, applicable anti-doping regulations, safeguarding and athlete welfare policies, and technical and officiating standards prescribed by AIU.

Where any inconsistency arises between the rules of the concerned NSF and the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, the provisions prescribed by AIU shall prevail in matters relating to tournament administration, eligibility, participation, governance, and other matters falling within the regulatory jurisdiction of AIU.

12.1.3 Minimum Standards to be Maintained by Host Universities

The Host University shall provide sports infrastructure and competition venues of the standard prescribed by AIU and the concerned NSF, together with appropriate playing surfaces, approved equipment, practice and warm-up facilities, lighting, scoreboards, public announcement systems, spectator management arrangements, and other technical facilities necessary for the proper conduct of the competition.

The Host University shall provide safe, hygienic, and suitable accommodation for participating athletes and officials, with appropriate arrangements for women athletes, sanitation, safe drinking water, dining and nutrition facilities, secure storage, safeguarding, and grievance support.

The Host University shall establish adequate logistical and administrative arrangements, including transportation, accreditation, digital registration support, scheduling, fixture management, emergency communication, and deployment of trained manpower and volunteers.

The Host University shall maintain appropriate safety and security arrangements, including security personnel, emergency evacuation procedures, fire safety systems, crowd management, medical support, and disaster management protocols.

The Host University shall ensure that all facilities and services remain operational throughout the tournament period and comply with the standards prescribed by AIU.

12.2 Adherence to AIU Sports Calendar and Tournament Schedule

12.2.1 Compliance with Tournament Dates

The Host University shall strictly adhere to the tournament dates and venue allotted by AIU and incorporated in the official AIU Sports Calendar.

No Host University shall alter the approved tournament dates, postpone or curtail the competition, change the approved venue, reduce the prescribed duration, or modify the approved competition structure without the prior written approval of AIU.

Any unauthorized alteration of the approved tournament schedule or venue shall constitute a violation of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and may attract appropriate disciplinary action.

12.2.2 Zonal Tournament Responsibilities

A Host University conducting a Zonal Tournament shall ensure that the competition is completed within the period prescribed by AIU and that qualified teams and athletes are provided sufficient time to proceed to the subsequent Inter-Zonal or All India Inter-University competition.

The tournament schedule shall be prepared in a manner that minimizes unnecessary delays, travel hardship, excessive expenditure, and conflict with subsequent AIU competitions.

The Host University shall coordinate with the concerned Zonal Coordinator, AIU Sports Division, participating universities, and technical officials to ensure timely completion and reporting of the competition.

12.2.3 Inter-Zonal and All India Inter-University Championships

The Host University entrusted with an Inter-Zonal or All India Inter-University Championship shall strictly comply with the dates, duration, venue, competition format, and technical requirements approved by AIU.

The Host University shall ensure that all arrangements are completed sufficiently in advance to enable the competition to commence and conclude according to the approved schedule.

Any deviation from the approved schedule, venue, competition format, or prescribed arrangements without prior authorization from AIU shall constitute a serious violation of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and may result in withdrawal of hosting rights, financial liability, disciplinary action, or debarment from future tournament allotments.

12.3 Appointment, Accreditation and Regulation of Technical Officials

12.3.1 Appointment of Technical Officials

The Organizing Secretary of the Host University shall, on the advice and direction of AIU, mandatorily request the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF), in writing, to provide a panel

of qualified, accredited, and technically competent officials within the prescribed time limit and ordinarily at least one (1) month before the commencement of the tournament.

The panel shall, as applicable to the concerned sport, include referees, umpires, judges, technical delegates, scorers, timekeepers, match commissioners, and other technical officials required for the proper conduct of the competition.

The officials proposed by the NSF shall possess the qualifications, accreditation, experience, and certification prescribed for the concerned sport and level of competition.

12.3.2 Confirmation and Circulation of Officials

The Organizing Secretary shall finalize the appointment of technical officials from the panel recommended by the concerned NSF, subject to the approval or directions of AIU wherever prescribed.

The finalized list of technical officials, along with their names, qualifications, accreditation level, experience, and official identification details, shall be submitted to AIU and provided to the AIU Observer before commencement of the tournament.

No person who does not possess the prescribed qualification or accreditation shall be appointed as a technical official unless specifically permitted by AIU under exceptional circumstances.

12.3.3 Duties and Responsibilities of Technical Officials

Technical Officials shall perform their duties independently, impartially, professionally, and in accordance with the applicable AIU Rules, NSF rules, and technical regulations of the concerned sport.

They shall ensure fair and unbiased officiating, enforce the applicable technical rules, maintain discipline during competitions, record and certify results accurately, and submit technical reports wherever required.

Technical Officials shall disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest and shall not participate in any matter where their independence or impartiality may reasonably be questioned.

Any Technical Official found, after due inquiry, to have engaged in misconduct, favoritism, deliberate manipulation, biased officiating, abuse of authority, or unethical conduct may be removed from the tournament and reported to AIU and the concerned NSF for appropriate action.

12.3.4 Independence and Accountability of Technical Officials

Technical Officials shall exercise their technical functions independently and shall not be subjected to improper influence by the Host University, participating universities, athletes, coaches, team managers, sponsors, or any other person.

No Host University or participating institution shall interfere with the technical decisions of duly appointed officials.

Complaints concerning technical officiating shall be dealt with through the prescribed protest, review, and appeal mechanism under these Regulations.

12.3.5 Non-Compliance in Appointment of Technical Officials

Failure by the Host University to provide qualified and duly accredited technical officials in accordance with AIU and NSF requirements shall constitute non-compliance with the conditions of hosting.

Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the violation, AIU may direct corrective measures, postpone or suspend the concerned competition, withdraw hosting rights, initiate disciplinary proceedings, deny future tournament allotments, or impose financial liability in accordance with the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

12.4 Medical, Emergency and Athlete Welfare Arrangements

12.4.1 Mandatory Medical Infrastructure

The Host University shall establish adequate medical and emergency arrangements at all competition and, wherever required, practice venues throughout the tournament.

A qualified medical doctor or authorized medical professional shall be available during competition hours. An appropriately equipped ambulance shall remain stationed at or in immediate proximity to the principal competition venue, and a first-aid facility with trained personnel and essential emergency equipment shall be maintained.

Physiotherapy, injury-management, recovery, and sports rehabilitation support shall be provided wherever required by the nature and level of the competition.

12.4.2 Hospital Tie-Up and Emergency Response

The Host University shall establish a formal arrangement with at least one Government hospital or reputed private hospital capable of providing emergency and specialized medical treatment.

The Host University shall maintain an effective emergency referral and evacuation system, emergency contact mechanism, access to paramedical personnel, and availability of essential emergency medicines and equipment.

Details of the designated hospital, emergency contact numbers, ambulance arrangements, and emergency response mechanism shall be submitted to AIU within the prescribed period before commencement of the tournament.

12.4.3 Preventive and Athlete Support Measures

The Host University shall provide adequate drinking water and hydration facilities, safe playing conditions, injury-prevention measures, recovery and physiotherapy support, and appropriate arrangements for weather and environmental conditions.

Where climatic conditions present a foreseeable health risk, the Host University shall implement appropriate heat, humidity, extreme-weather, or other environmental risk-management measures.

Appropriate welfare and support facilities shall be provided for women athletes, Divyangjan athletes, and other participants requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance.

12.5 Financial Transparency and Officiating Charges

12.5.1 Officiating Charges

Officiating charges shall be levied and paid strictly in accordance with the norms, rates, and financial guidelines prescribed or approved by AIU and, where applicable, the concerned NSF.

The Host University shall maintain complete transparency in the collection and utilization of officiating charges and shall issue appropriate official receipts for all amounts collected.

No unauthorized fee, commission, charge, or payment shall be demanded from participating universities, athletes, officials, or other stakeholders.

12.5.2 Financial Accountability

The Host University shall maintain complete and verifiable financial records relating to tournament expenditure, officiating payments, accommodation, transportation, sponsorships, grants, receipts, recoveries, and other tournament-related financial transactions.

All financial transactions shall be supported by appropriate documentary evidence and shall be maintained in accordance with applicable institutional financial rules.

AIU may require the Host University to submit financial statements, utilization certificates, supporting documents, or audited accounts and may conduct or direct financial inspection or audit wherever considered necessary.

12.6 Compliance, Violations and Consequences

12.6.1 Duty to Ensure Compliance

The Host University, Organizing Committee, and concerned officials shall ensure strict implementation of the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations, applicable SOPs, eligibility procedures, safeguarding policies, anti-doping requirements, technical standards, and other directions issued by AIU.

The Host University shall remain responsible for ensuring that all participating institutions and stakeholders are informed of the applicable requirements.

12.6.2 Material Irregularities

Where serious irregularities are established after due inquiry, including manipulation of fixtures or results, fraudulent or ineligible participation, deliberate officiating bias, serious governance failure,

compromise of athlete safety, financial irregularity, or other conduct materially affecting the integrity of the competition, AIU may take appropriate corrective or disciplinary action.

Depending upon the gravity of the violation, AIU may declare a particular match, event, result, or tournament invalid or may direct re-conduct, re-verification, withholding of results, withdrawal of medals or certificates, or such other consequential action as may be permissible under the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

No tournament or result shall be declared null and void without providing the concerned parties a reasonable opportunity to explain their position, except where immediate interim measures are necessary to protect athlete safety or the integrity of the competition.

12.7 Official Communication, Notifications and Information Systems

12.7.1 Official Communication

All official communications relating to AIU sports competitions shall be issued through authorized AIU communication channels.

Such communications may include tournament allotments, schedules, fixtures, circulars, eligibility notifications, amendments, SOPs, results, standings, disciplinary directions, and other instructions relating to the administration of competitions. The Host University shall submit the proposed fixtures to AIU at least one week prior to the commencement of the tournament. The fixtures shall be subject to approval by AIU before their finalisation and implementation.

12.7.2 Digital and Physical Communication

AIU may use its official website, AIU Digital Sports Management System, official email, notifications, circulars, or other authorized digital or physical communication mechanisms for issuing and disseminating official information.

Where a digital system is operational, universities shall use the prescribed system for registration, submission of documents, compliance reporting, communication, and other sports-administration requirements.

12.7.3 Responsibility of Member Universities

Every participating and host university shall remain responsible for regularly monitoring official AIU communications and for ensuring timely compliance with all duly notified instructions, schedules, deadlines, amendments, and regulatory requirements.

Failure to receive or monitor a communication issued through an officially prescribed channel shall not ordinarily constitute a valid ground for non-compliance where the communication has been duly issued in accordance with AIU procedures.

CHAPTER XIII

TROPHIES, MEDALS, CERTIFICATES AND HONOURS

13.0 Objective and Purpose

This Chapter shall regulate the custody, transfer, maintenance, award, protection, authentication, and administration of trophies, medals, certificates, citations, and other official honours awarded in Inter-University Sports Tournaments conducted under the authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The provisions of this Chapter shall ensure the preservation of the prestige and integrity of AIU championships and awards, establish uniform procedures for the issuance and management of trophies, medals, and certificates, ensure proper custody and maintenance of AIU properties, maintain authenticity and transparency in the recognition of sporting achievements, and prevent misuse, duplication, alteration, or unauthorized issuance of AIU honours.

The AIU shall maintain a standardized national system for recognizing sporting excellence, fair play, outstanding performance, and other achievements in university sports.

All trophies, medals, certificates, citations, and championship honours awarded under AIU competitions shall remain subject to the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and directions issued by AIU from time to time.

13.1 Custody, Ownership and Transfer of Running (Rolling) Trophies

13.1.1 Ownership of Trophies

All official AIU Running or Rolling Trophies shall remain the property of AIU unless otherwise specifically determined by AIU in writing.

The award of a Running Trophy to a winning university shall confer only temporary custody and shall not transfer ownership of the trophy to that university.

13.1.2 Responsibility of Holding University

The university winning a Running Trophy shall be responsible for its safe custody, preservation, maintenance, and protection until it is required to be transferred to the next designated host university or returned to AIU.

The Holding University shall not alter, engrave, modify, repaint, transfer, pledge, sell, lend, or otherwise dispose of the trophy without prior written approval of AIU.

13.1.3 Transfer of Trophy to Next Host University

The Holding University shall transfer the Running Trophy to the next Host University within the period and through the procedure prescribed by AIU.

The transfer shall be properly documented through an acknowledgment specifying the condition of the trophy, date of transfer, and details of the authorized representatives handing over and receiving the trophy.

13.1.4 Delay or Failure in Transfer

Failure to transfer a Running Trophy within the prescribed period without valid justification may constitute non-compliance with AIU Regulations.

AIU may direct immediate return of the trophy and may recover any expenses incurred for its retrieval, transportation, repair, or restoration.

Repeated failure may result in withdrawal of hosting or participation privileges and other disciplinary action as prescribed under these Regulations.

13.1.5 Tournament Not Conducted in Any Year

Where the concerned tournament is not conducted in a particular year, AIU may direct the Holding University to retain the trophy in safe custody or return it to AIU until further directions are issued.

No university shall retain a Running Trophy beyond the period authorized by AIU.

13.1.6 AIU Trophy Register

AIU shall maintain an official Trophy Register containing, wherever applicable, the name and description of the trophy, concerned sport and tournament, year of institution, donor details, winning universities, date of transfer, present custodian, and condition of the trophy.

The Trophy Register may be maintained in physical or digital form.

13.1.7 Loss or Damage of Trophy

Any loss, theft, destruction, or material damage to an AIU trophy while in the custody of a university shall be reported immediately to AIU.

Where loss or damage is attributable to negligence, misconduct, unauthorized handling, or failure to maintain reasonable security, AIU may require the concerned university to bear the cost of repair, restoration, or replacement, after providing an opportunity to explain the circumstances.

13.2 Certificates of Merit, Participation and Recognition

13.2.1 Official AIU Certificates

Certificates issued for AIU Inter-University competitions shall be issued in the prescribed format and shall carry such authentication, signatures, serial numbers, QR codes, digital verification features, or other security mechanisms as may be prescribed by AIU.

No university or individual shall independently create, reproduce, alter, or issue a certificate purporting to be an official AIU certificate.

13.2.2 Team Games

Certificates of participation, merit, or achievement in team games shall be issued to eligible athletes and officials in accordance with the participation and result records officially approved by AIU.

Certificates for winning teams shall accurately reflect the championship position and the name of the concerned university.

13.2.3 Individual Sports

In individual sports, certificates shall be issued to athletes on the basis of officially verified participation and results.

Where an event consists of multiple individual disciplines, certificates may specify the relevant event, position, performance, or achievement in accordance with the prescribed AIU format.

13.2.4 Digital Verification and Authentication

AIU may introduce digital verification systems for certificates, including unique certificate numbers, QR codes, digital signatures, online verification portals, or other authentication mechanisms.

Any certificate found to have been fabricated, altered, duplicated, or fraudulently represented as an AIU certificate may be treated as invalid and may attract disciplinary action.

13.2.5 Relieving Certificates

Where prescribed by AIU, a participating university may issue a Relieving Certificate or equivalent participation document confirming the athlete's participation in an AIU competition.

Such certificate shall not replace an official AIU certificate of merit, participation, or achievement unless specifically authorized by AIU.

13.3 Medals and Championship Awards

13.3.1 Official Medals

AIU shall prescribe or approve the medals to be awarded in recognized Inter-University competitions.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals shall ordinarily be awarded to the first, second, and third position holders or teams, subject to the competition format and applicable technical rules.

13.3.2 Medal Standards

Official AIU medals shall conform to the design, specifications, inscriptions, quality standards, and authentication requirements prescribed or approved by AIU.

The Host University shall not materially alter the approved design or represent independently produced medals as official AIU medals without authorization.

13.3.3 Additional Awards

AIU or the Host University, with prior approval wherever required, may institute additional awards recognizing outstanding sporting performance, fair play, best player, best athlete, emerging talent, technical excellence, or other special achievements.

Such awards shall not conflict with or diminish the status of official AIU championship awards.

13.4 Host Souvenirs and Mementos

13.4.1 Souvenirs by Host Universities

Host Universities may present souvenirs, mementos, certificates of appreciation, or other commemorative items to participating universities, athletes, officials, guests, and dignitaries.

Such items shall be clearly distinguishable from official AIU trophies, medals, certificates, and championship awards.

13.4.2 Restriction on Independent Championship Trophies

A Host University shall not create or award any trophy representing itself as an official AIU Championship Trophy without prior approval of AIU.

Any independently instituted award shall clearly indicate its status as a Host University award and shall not create ambiguity regarding its official AIU status.

13.5 Donated Rolling Trophies

13.5.1 Acceptance of Donated Trophies

AIU may accept Running or Rolling Trophies donated by universities, institutions, organizations, individuals, sponsors, or other eligible entities for recognized AIU competitions.

Acceptance shall be subject to approval by the competent authority of AIU.

13.5.2 Naming of Donated Trophies

A donated trophy may carry the name of the donor or such other approved designation as determined by AIU.

The naming of a trophy shall not affect its status as an official AIU award once formally accepted and recognized by AIU.

13.5.3 Standards for Acceptance

AIU may prescribe minimum standards relating to the design, material, size, inscription, durability, cost, and other specifications of donated trophies.

AIU may decline any proposed trophy that is inconsistent with the dignity, standards, or objectives of the AIU Sports System.

13.6 Tie in Championships

13.6.1 Tie-Breaking Procedure

Where two or more universities or athletes are tied for a championship position, the tie shall be resolved in accordance with the applicable technical rules of the concerned sport and the competition regulations notified by AIU.

Where the applicable sport rules do not provide an adequate mechanism, AIU may prescribe an appropriate tie-breaking procedure.

13.6.2 Final Resolution of Tie

Where a tie cannot reasonably be resolved through the applicable technical procedure, the result may be declared jointly or otherwise determined by the competent technical authority in accordance with AIU Regulations.

The final result shall be properly recorded in the official tournament records.

13.7 Preservation of Prestige and Integrity of AIU Awards

13.7.1 Misuse of AIU Honours

No person, university, institution, or organization shall misuse, reproduce, alter, commercially exploit, falsely represent, or otherwise misappropriate any AIU trophy, medal, certificate, citation, championship title, or other official honour.

Unauthorized duplication or fraudulent representation of AIU awards shall constitute misconduct and may attract disciplinary and legal action, as applicable.

13.7.2 Record Preservation

AIU shall maintain appropriate records of championship winners, medalists, certificate recipients, trophy custodians, and other recognized achievements.

Such records may be maintained through physical registers or digital systems and shall constitute the official record of AIU sports achievements.

13.8 Accountability and Compliance

All Host Universities, participating universities, Organizing Committees, athletes, officials, and other concerned stakeholders shall comply with the provisions of this Chapter.

Non-compliance may result in withdrawal of hosting rights, cancellation or withdrawal of improperly awarded honours, recovery of financial losses, disciplinary proceedings, suspension from future competitions, or such other action as may be prescribed under the AIU Sports Rules and Regulations.

The decision of AIU regarding the interpretation, authentication, custody, administration, and implementation of trophies, medals, certificates, and other official honours under this Chapter shall be final and binding, subject to the appeal and dispute-resolution provisions contained in these Regulations.

CHAPTER XIV

UNIVERSITY SPORTS LEAGUES AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION FRAMEWORK

14.1 OBJECTIVE AND VISION

14.1.1

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall promote, develop, regulate, and facilitate University Sports Leagues with the objective of strengthening competitive exposure for university athletes, developing a structured university sports ecosystem, creating progressive competition pathways, improving athlete performance and visibility, and promoting professional sports administration within universities.

14.1.2

University Sports Leagues shall promote sustainable sports development, talent identification, scientific athlete development, performance analysis, sports entrepreneurship, industry participation, institutional branding, and wider audience engagement.

14.1.3

University Sports Leagues shall provide a structured pathway between Inter-University competitions and elite or professional sports while preserving the educational, ethical, developmental, and welfare-oriented character of university sports.

14.2 AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSITY SPORTS LEAGUES

14.2.1

AIU shall have the authority to establish, recognize, regulate, coordinate, and facilitate University Sports Leagues in selected sports disciplines.

14.2.2

AIU may establish or conduct such leagues independently or in collaboration with universities, State Governments, National Sports Federations (NSFs), Sports Authorities, corporate sponsors, broadcasters, media agencies, professional sports organizations, educational institutions, sports academies, public sector undertakings, private entities, and approved international sports development partners.

14.2.3

AIU may prescribe separate regulations, league structures, franchise models, participation frameworks, operational guidelines, commercial arrangements, and disciplinary mechanisms for University Sports Leagues.

14.3 INVITATION AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

14.3.1

AIU may invite proposals from universities, institutions, sports bodies, commercial entities, and other eligible stakeholders for the establishment, organization, management, or participation in University Sports Leagues.

14.3.2

Proposals shall contain adequate details relating to league structure, competition format, financial and commercial arrangements, venues and infrastructure, athlete welfare, safeguarding, broadcasting and digital media, sponsorship, governance, anti-doping, integrity, security, sustainability, medical preparedness, and technological capabilities.

14.3.3

AIU may conduct inspections, technical evaluations, presentations, financial assessments, background verification, or other due-diligence processes before approving any proposal.

14.3.4

Approval of a proposal shall be subject to compliance with AIU Rules and Regulations and such additional conditions as may be prescribed by AIU.

14.4 PILOT UNIVERSITY SPORTS LEAGUES

14.4.1

AIU may initially establish pilot University Sports Leagues in selected sports disciplines to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of the league framework.

14.4.2

Pilot leagues shall be evaluated on the basis of operational feasibility, athlete participation and welfare, governance, financial sustainability, audience engagement, commercial viability, media and broadcasting performance, technological integration, institutional participation, and sporting integrity.

14.4.3

Following successful evaluation, AIU may expand the University Sports League framework to additional sports disciplines, institutions, and geographical regions.

14.5 GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY

14.5.1

Every University Sports League recognized or conducted by AIU shall function under the regulatory authority and supervision of AIU.

14.5.2

University Sports Leagues shall comply with AIU Rules and Regulations, the applicable rules of the concerned National Sports Federation, anti-doping regulations, athlete safeguarding standards, integrity and anti-corruption requirements, ethical sports governance principles, and applicable laws and policies of the Government of India.

14.5.3

AIU may issue separate operational regulations, integrity codes, franchise regulations, commercial policies, safeguarding protocols, and disciplinary frameworks for University Sports Leagues.

14.6 LEAGUE STRUCTURE AND COMPETITION FORMAT

14.6.1 Competition Models

14.6.1.1

University Sports Leagues may be conducted through institutional participation, franchise-based participation, zonal leagues, conference systems, promotion and relegation systems, league-cum-knockout systems, or such other competition formats as may be approved by AIU.

14.6.1.2

The competition format shall be determined according to the nature of the sport, number of participating universities or teams, athlete participation, geographical requirements, infrastructure availability, financial viability, academic considerations, and operational feasibility.

14.6.2 Duration and Scheduling

14.6.2.1

League competitions shall be scheduled in a manner that minimizes disruption to academic activities, aligns with the AIU Sports Calendar, provides adequate recovery periods for athletes, avoids unnecessary conflict with national and international competitions, and facilitates appropriate media and public engagement.

14.6.3 Fixtures and Seeding

14.6.3.1

Fixtures, draws, and seeding shall be conducted through a transparent procedure prescribed by AIU and shall, wherever applicable, be supervised by the AIU Sports Division and the concerned Technical Committee.

14.6.3.2

Seeding may take into consideration AIU championship performance, previous league standings, recognized NSF rankings where collaboration with the concerned NSF exists, and other objective performance indicators prescribed by AIU.

14.7 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

14.7.1 Eligibility of Athletes

14.7.1.1

Only athletes satisfying the eligibility requirements prescribed by AIU shall be permitted to participate in University Sports Leagues.

14.7.1.2

Participation shall remain subject to applicable academic eligibility, age criteria, identity verification, anti-doping requirements, accreditation, registration, and sport-specific technical regulations.

14.7.2 Registration and Contractual Participation

14.7.2.1

AIU may prescribe systems for athlete registration, player drafts, player selection, institutional transfers, contractual participation, scholarships, stipends, insurance, and other athlete welfare arrangements.

14.7.2.2

An athlete shall not represent more than one team in the same league season except where transfer or participation is specifically permitted under the applicable AIU regulations.

14.7.3 Protection of Academic Interests

14.7.3.1

Participation in University Sports Leagues shall not adversely affect the academic progress, examination rights, or educational status of student-athletes.

14.7.3.2

Participating universities shall provide reasonable academic support and permissible academic accommodations to student-athletes participating in approved league competitions in accordance with applicable institutional rules.

14.8 COMMERCIAL RIGHTS, SPONSORSHIP AND BROADCASTING

14.8.1 Commercial Rights

14.8.1.1

Commercial rights relating to University Sports Leagues, including title sponsorship, broadcasting, digital streaming, merchandising, advertising, branding, licensing, and promotional rights, shall vest in AIU or such authorized entity as may be determined by AIU.

14.8.2 Sponsorship Regulations

14.8.2.1

AIU may approve sponsorship arrangements that are consistent with the dignity, educational character, ethical standards, and sporting integrity of university sports.

14.8.2.2

Sponsorship arrangements involving prohibited, unlawful, or otherwise inappropriate activities shall not be permitted.

14.8.3 Revenue Sharing

14.8.3.1

AIU may prescribe revenue-sharing arrangements among participating universities, organizing institutions, athletes and teams, operational partners, broadcasters, sponsors, and other authorized stakeholders.

14.8.3.2

Such arrangements shall prioritize athlete development, institutional participation, financial transparency, and the long-term sustainability of university sports.

14.9 ATHLETE WELFARE, SAFETY AND MEDICAL STANDARDS

14.9.1

The organizing authority shall ensure safe playing conditions, appropriate medical and physiotherapy support, emergency response systems, insurance coverage wherever prescribed, safeguarding mechanisms, and protection against harassment, abuse, discrimination, and exploitation.

14.9.2

Appropriate arrangements shall be made for mental well-being, counselling, recovery, nutrition, gender-sensitive facilities, and athlete support.

14.9.3

Special provisions shall be made, wherever required, for women athletes and Divyangjan athletes to ensure accessibility, safety, dignity, and equal opportunity.

14.10 DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AND TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

14.10.1

AIU may establish and implement digital systems for athlete registration and accreditation, fixtures and scheduling, live scoring, performance analytics, disciplinary monitoring, anti-fraud verification, video review, broadcasting, fan engagement, data management, and competition reporting.

14.10.2

All participating universities, teams, athletes, officials, and other stakeholders shall comply with the digital governance and technology requirements prescribed by AIU.

14.11 DISCIPLINE, ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

14.11.1 Code of Conduct

14.11.1.1

All athletes, coaches, officials, universities, teams, franchises, sponsors, and other stakeholders shall maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, institutional integrity, fair play, and professional behaviour.

14.11.2 Prohibited Conduct

14.11.2.1

Match-fixing, competition manipulation, betting-related corruption, doping violations, impersonation, document forgery, harassment, abuse, violence, intimidation, financial irregularities, and unauthorized use of AIU league branding or commercial rights shall constitute serious misconduct.

14.11.2.2

Serious misconduct may attract suspension, debarment, financial penalties, cancellation of results, withdrawal of accreditation, termination of participation rights, and legal action wherever applicable.

14.12 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND APPEALS

14.12.1

AIU may constitute League Disciplinary Committees, Ethics and Integrity Units, Appeals or Arbitration Panels, Technical Grievance Committees, or other appropriate bodies for resolution of disputes arising from University Sports Leagues.

14.12.2

Disputes relating to eligibility, league governance, officiating, competition administration, commercial matters, disciplinary action, or athlete participation shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures prescribed by AIU.

14.12.3

Decisions rendered under the prescribed AIU dispute-resolution mechanism shall be binding upon the concerned parties, subject to the applicable appeal provisions.

14.13 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

14.13.1

All organizing entities and participating stakeholders shall maintain transparent and verifiable financial records relating to sponsorships, grants, operational expenditure, athlete payments and benefits, broadcasting revenue, commercial transactions, infrastructure expenditure, and other league-related financial activities.

14.13.2

AIU shall have the authority to conduct or cause to be conducted financial audits, inspections, compliance reviews, or other verification processes wherever considered necessary.

14.13.3

Any financial irregularity, misappropriation, concealment of financial information, or unauthorized commercial transaction may attract disciplinary and financial action under the applicable AIU regulations.

14.14 POWER TO ISSUE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

14.14.1

AIU may issue, amend, or revise league operational manuals, franchise regulations, commercial guidelines, athlete participation policies, integrity and anti-corruption codes, safeguarding protocols, disciplinary procedures, media and broadcasting guidelines, and financial and audit regulations from time to time.

14.14.2

All regulations, guidelines, directions, notifications, and operational instructions issued by AIU under this Chapter shall be binding upon all participating universities, athletes, teams, officials, franchises, sponsors, broadcasters, organizing institutions, and other stakeholders.

14.15 RESIDUAL POWERS AND INTERPRETATION

14.15.1

AIU shall have the authority to determine matters relating to league governance, athlete eligibility, competition administration, commercial rights, integrity, disciplinary proceedings, operational disputes, and interpretation of regulations where such matters are not expressly provided for in these Regulations.

14.15.2

AIU may issue appropriate directions, guidelines, or decisions to address unforeseen circumstances and ensure the orderly, transparent, fair, and efficient conduct of University Sports Leagues.

14.15.3

The decisions of the competent authority of AIU under this Chapter shall be binding upon all universities, athletes, officials, teams, franchises, sponsors, broadcasters, and other stakeholders associated with University Sports Leagues, subject to the applicable appeal and dispute-resolution provisions of these Regulations.

CHAPTER XV

FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES, CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS PARTICIPATION

15.1 Fundamental Principles

Participation of Indian university athletes and teams in the FISU World University Games, FISU World University Championships, Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF) competitions, and other recognized international university sports competitions shall be governed by the applicable regulations of the International University Sports Federation (FISU), AUSF, AIU Rules and Regulations, the concerned International Federation (IF), and the directives, policies, and applicable laws of the Government of India and other competent authorities.

In matters relating to international university sports competitions, the applicable FISU and AUSF regulations shall prevail to the extent prescribed by those organizations. Participation in domestic Inter-University competitions shall continue to be governed by the AIU Rules and Regulations.

AIU shall function as the nodal organization for the coordination, administration, selection, and facilitation of international university sports participation by Indian Universities, subject to applicable Government of India policies and international regulations.

15.2 Eligibility for FISU, AUSF and International University Competitions

15.2.1 Eligible Athletes

Students officially enrolled in recognized degree, diploma, postgraduate, doctoral, or equivalent academic programmes in eligible universities or institutions shall ordinarily be eligible to participate in international university sports competitions, subject to fulfillment of the academic, nationality, age, sporting, and other eligibility requirements prescribed by FISU, AUSF, AIU, and the concerned International Federation.

A former student who has completed the relevant degree or diploma during the calendar year immediately preceding the year of competition may also be considered eligible where permitted by the applicable FISU or competition regulations.

15.2.2 Nationality and Passport Requirements

An athlete shall represent the nationality of the country whose valid passport the athlete holds and shall comply with all applicable nationality, visa, immigration, travel, and sporting eligibility requirements prescribed by FISU, AUSF, the concerned International Federation, and the Government of India.

Cases involving dual nationality or any change in sporting nationality shall be governed by the applicable regulations of FISU and the concerned International Federation.

15.2.3 Age Eligibility

Unless otherwise prescribed by FISU or the regulations of the concerned competition, an athlete shall ordinarily be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years of age as on 31 December of the year in which the competition is conducted.

15.2.4 Exceptional Age Provisions

Where FISU or the concerned international competition provides different age limits or special provisions for specific disciplines, including para-sports and wheelchair sports, such provisions shall apply.

15.2.5 Change of Sporting Nationality

Any change of sporting nationality shall comply with the regulations of the concerned International Federation, FISU, the Government of India, and the verification and approval procedures prescribed by AIU.

An athlete shall disclose all previous international representation and any change of sporting nationality during the registration and selection process.

15.2.6 Employed Athletes

Athletes employed by Government departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Armed Forces, Police, Railways, corporate organizations, or under sports quota schemes shall remain eligible to participate provided they satisfy the applicable FISU, academic, age, nationality, and AIU eligibility requirements.

15.2.7 Indian Students Studying Abroad

Indian nationals pursuing recognized academic programmes in accredited foreign educational institutions may be considered for participation subject to possession of a valid Indian passport, fulfillment of applicable FISU eligibility requirements, and verification by AIU and other competent authorities.

AIU may prescribe additional documentation and verification requirements for such athletes.

15.2.8 Verification and Documentation

Every athlete selected for international university competition shall submit the passport, academic enrollment or qualification documents, age proof, eligibility documents, medical fitness certificate, anti-doping declarations, and such other documents as may be prescribed by AIU, FISU, AUSF, the concerned International Federation, or the Government of India.

Submission of forged, fabricated, misleading, or materially incomplete documents shall constitute serious misconduct and may result in disqualification and disciplinary action.

15.3 Selection Trials for International University Competitions

15.3.1 Invitation for Hosting Selection Trials

AIU may invite willingness applications or hosting proposals from eligible member universities for conducting Selection Trials for FISU, AUSEF, and other recognized international university sports competitions.

15.3.2 Selection of Host University

The host university for Selection Trials shall be determined by the competent authority of AIU in accordance with the applicable AIU governance framework.

The selection shall take into consideration the availability and quality of infrastructure, technical facilities, accessibility, organizational capability, athlete welfare arrangements, safety standards, and previous experience in conducting recognized competitions.

15.3.3 Conduct and Transparency of Selection Trials

Selection Trials shall be conducted through a fair, transparent, merit-based, and professionally supervised process.

The Host University shall ensure athlete identity verification, qualified technical officiating, appropriate digital documentation, videography or other reliable recording mechanisms wherever prescribed, publication of results and selected athletes, anti-doping compliance, safeguarding measures, and preservation of all relevant selection records.

All selection records shall be submitted to AIU within the prescribed period.

15.3.4 Selection Committee

AIU may constitute a Selection Committee for each sport comprising appropriately qualified technical experts, former international athletes, nominees of the concerned National Sports Federation, coaches, performance analysts, and selectors or observers approved or appointed by AIU.

The composition of the Selection Committee shall be determined according to the requirements of the concerned sport and international competition.

The recommendations of the Selection Committee shall be subject to approval by the competent authority of AIU.

15.3.5 Selection Criteria

Selection shall ordinarily be based upon performance in the Selection Trials, AIU Inter-University Championship performance, national rankings and recognized performance records, fitness and medical status, technical suitability, discipline, anti-doping compliance, and the athlete's ability to compete effectively at the international level.

AIU may prescribe sport-specific qualification benchmarks or Minimum Qualification Standards (MQS).

15.4 Coaching Camps and Pre-Departure Preparation

15.4.1 Coaching and Preparatory Camps

AIU may organize National Coaching Camps, preparatory camps, acclimatization camps, orientation programmes, and other performance-development programmes before participation in international competitions.

Such programmes may be conducted in collaboration with National Sports Federations, the Sports Authority of India, universities, sports institutions, and other competent sports organizations.

15.4.2 Mandatory Participation

Selected athletes may be required to attend prescribed coaching camps, fitness assessments, orientation programmes, media briefings, anti-doping education programmes, and other preparatory activities.

An athlete who fails to attend a mandatory programme without a valid and accepted reason may be replaced or withdrawn from the final contingent.

15.4.3 Medical and Fitness Evaluation

Selected athletes shall undergo prescribed medical examination, fitness assessment, injury evaluation, and anti-doping education and compliance procedures.

AIU may replace an athlete who is medically unfit or otherwise unable to participate safely and effectively in the international competition.

15.5 Registration Fees, Boarding and Lodging Charges and Financial Assistance

15.5.1 Selection Trial Charges

For Selection Trials, AIU may prescribe registration, boarding, lodging, and other applicable charges payable by the university represented by the athlete or by the athlete, as specifically notified for the concerned trial.

Where prescribed, the registration fee may be ₹1,000 per participant and boarding and lodging charges may be ₹200 per participant per day.

15.5.2 Coaching Camp Charges

For Coaching Camps, the host university may collect boarding and lodging charges from the university represented by the athlete or from the athlete, as prescribed by AIU.

Where notified, the boarding and lodging charge may be ₹500 per participant per day.

15.5.3 Revision of Charges

Any revision of prescribed fees or charges shall require approval of the competent authority of AIU and shall be notified to the concerned universities and participants before implementation.

15.5.4 Financial Assistance and Sponsorship

AIU may seek financial assistance, sponsorship, grants, institutional support, or other lawful financial assistance from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India, State Governments, corporate sponsors, Public Sector Undertakings, universities, educational institutions, sports bodies, and other approved sources.

Such assistance may be utilized for travel, uniforms and sports kits, coaching and support staff, accommodation and boarding, insurance, medical support, and other approved expenses relating to international participation.

15.6 Conduct and Discipline During International Participation

All athletes, coaches, managers, officials, support staff, and delegates representing Indian Universities in international university sports competitions shall maintain discipline, sportsmanship, professional conduct, and respect for the dignity of India, AIU, their universities, and the concerned international sporting bodies.

All members of the official contingent shall comply with the applicable regulations of FISU, AUSEF, the concerned International Federation, AIU, and the Government of India.

Any act of misconduct, indiscipline, harassment, violence, abuse, unauthorized activity, or conduct prejudicial to the reputation of India, AIU, or university sports may attract disciplinary action under the applicable AIU Rules and Regulations.

15.6.1 Anti-Doping Compliance

All athletes and officials participating in international university sports competitions shall comply with the applicable anti-doping regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), FISU, AUSEF, and the concerned International Federation.

Any anti-doping violation may result in disqualification, suspension, debarment, cancellation of results or medals, and disciplinary action under applicable AIU regulations and law.

15.7 Official Indian University Delegation and Accreditation

AIU shall determine and approve the composition of the official Indian University contingent for international university sports competitions.

The official contingent may comprise athletes, coaches, managers, medical personnel, technical officials, support staff, and authorized administrative representatives.

Only persons duly approved and accredited by AIU and accepted under the regulations of the concerned international competition shall be recognized as members of the official delegation.

15.8 Digital Governance and Documentation

AIU may establish and implement digital systems for athlete registration, eligibility verification, accreditation, travel documentation, selection records, performance monitoring, anti-doping compliance, contingent management, communication, and post-event reporting.

All selected athletes, universities, officials, coaches, managers, and other stakeholders shall comply with the digital governance and documentation requirements prescribed by AIU.

15.9 International Representation and Contingent Management

AIU shall coordinate the preparation, registration, accreditation, travel documentation, contingent management, participation, and post-event reporting of Indian University teams and athletes participating in FISU, AUSF, and other recognized international university sports competitions.

The composition of the contingent, including the number of athletes, coaches, officials, medical personnel, and support staff, shall be determined in accordance with the applicable international regulations, qualification requirements, financial resources, and decisions of the competent authority of AIU.

15.10 Final Authority and Compliance

AIU shall remain the nodal authority for the coordination, administration, selection procedures, contingent management, and international representation of Indian Universities in FISU, AUSF, and other recognized international university sports competitions, subject to the applicable regulations of the Government of India, FISU, AUSF, and the concerned International Federations.

The competent authority of AIU shall have the authority to interpret and implement the provisions of this Chapter and to issue necessary notifications, guidelines, selection criteria, operational instructions, and sport-specific procedures.

All universities, athletes, coaches, managers, officials, and other stakeholders participating in international university sports through AIU shall comply with the provisions of this Chapter and the applicable international regulations.

Decisions of AIU on eligibility, selection, participation, contingent management, discipline, and interpretation of these Regulations shall be binding, subject to the applicable appeal and dispute-resolution mechanisms prescribed under the AIU Rules and Regulations and applicable law.

CHAPTER XVI

ANTI-DOPING, SPORTS INTEGRITY, ETHICS AND FAIR PLAY REGULATIONS

16.1 Preamble and Objective

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) recognizes clean sport, integrity, fairness, transparency, athlete welfare, safeguarding, and ethical conduct as fundamental principles governing university sports.

This Chapter shall regulate anti-doping compliance, sports ethics, fair play, prevention of cheating and competition manipulation, athlete safeguarding, prevention of corruption and undue influence, integrity education, and disciplinary action arising from violations in AIU competitions.

These provisions shall apply to all athletes, coaches, managers, technical officials, administrators, organizing committees, universities, support personnel, and other stakeholders participating in or associated with AIU sports competitions.

The provisions of this Chapter shall operate in conformity with and subject to the applicable provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code, National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) Rules, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports regulations, National Sports Federation regulations, FISU regulations, and applicable laws of India.

16.2 Fundamental Principles of Clean Sport and Integrity

All participants in AIU sports competitions shall uphold the principles of fair competition, equal opportunity, respect for rules and officials, clean and doping-free sport, athlete dignity, safeguarding, ethical conduct, transparency, accountability, gender equality, inclusion, and protection of the reputation and credibility of university sports.

No participant shall engage in any act that compromises the integrity, fairness, credibility, or orderly conduct of an AIU competition.

Age fraud, impersonation, bogus participation, document forgery, bribery, corruption, betting, match-fixing, competition manipulation, harassment, violence, discrimination, intimidation, and other acts prejudicial to the integrity of university sports shall constitute misconduct under these Regulations.

16.3 Mandatory Anti-Doping Education and Certification

16.3.1 Annual Anti-Doping and Sports Integrity Education

Every participating university shall ensure that its athletes, coaches, managers, trainers, physiotherapists, and team officials undergo an approved Anti-Doping and Sports Integrity Education Programme annually and before participation in AIU competitions.

The programme may be conducted by NADA, Sports Authority of India (SAI), AIU Sports Division, concerned National Sports Federations, or any other sports education agency approved by AIU.

16.3.2 Mandatory Certification

Completion of the prescribed anti-doping education shall form part of the mandatory eligibility requirements notified by AIU.

AIU may require athletes and officials to submit valid certificates or digital proof of completion before accreditation.

AIU may establish a digital verification mechanism for anti-doping education and certification through its Sports Management System.

16.3.3 Self-Declaration and Undertaking

Every athlete participating in an AIU competition shall submit a prescribed self-declaration and undertaking confirming awareness of anti-doping and sports integrity obligations.

The athlete shall acknowledge responsibility for compliance with applicable anti-doping regulations and shall accept the consequences prescribed under applicable rules in the event of a proven violation.

Where legally permissible, AIU may require an undertaking regarding responsibility for penalties, recovery of losses, or other consequences arising from a proven violation attributable to the athlete.

16.3.4 Educational Content

The Anti-Doping and Sports Integrity Education Programme shall ordinarily cover prohibited substances and methods, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE), supplement risks, testing and sample-collection procedures, athlete rights and responsibilities, consequences of violations, whistleblower protection, sports ethics, match-manipulation prevention, and responsible use of social media.

16.4 Compliance with WADA, NADA, FISU and AIU Regulations

16.4.1 Binding Anti-Doping Framework

All athletes and officials participating in AIU competitions shall comply with the applicable provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code, NADA Anti-Doping Rules, FISU Anti-Doping Regulations, AIU Regulations, and applicable International Federation regulations.

Where a specific matter falls within the jurisdiction of an anti-doping organization or International Federation, the applicable anti-doping rules and prescribed adjudicatory mechanism shall prevail.

16.4.2 Doping Control

Athletes participating in AIU competitions may be subjected to in-competition, out-of-competition, random, or targeted testing by NADA, WADA-authorized organizations, FISU-authorized organizations, or other competent authorities authorized under applicable regulations.

16.4.3 Obligations of Host Universities

The Host University shall provide appropriate facilities and logistical support for doping control, including a secure and hygienic doping control station, athlete waiting area, sample-collection facilities, necessary storage arrangements, privacy and confidentiality measures, and reasonable assistance to authorized doping control personnel.

Failure to provide mandatory doping-control facilities or to comply with lawful directions of authorized anti-doping personnel may constitute a violation of AIU regulations.

16.5 Prohibited Conduct and Integrity Violations

The following acts shall constitute serious integrity violations under these Regulations, subject to the applicable laws and regulations governing the particular violation.

16.5.1 Doping Violations

The following shall constitute anti-doping violations where established under applicable anti-doping rules:

- a) presence or use of a prohibited substance or method;
- b) attempted use of a prohibited substance or method;
- c) refusal, failure, or evasion of sample collection;
- d) tampering or attempted tampering with doping-control procedures;
- e) possession, trafficking, administration, or attempted administration of prohibited substances or methods; and
- f) assisting, encouraging, concealing, or facilitating an anti-doping rule violation.

16.5.2 Match Manipulation and Corruption

The following shall be prohibited:

- a) match-fixing or competition manipulation;
- b) spot-fixing;
- c) deliberate manipulation of results or performance;
- d) deliberate underperformance for an improper purpose;
- e) betting on AIU competitions in violation of applicable rules;
- f) misuse or disclosure of inside information for betting or manipulation;

- g) bribery, inducement, or improper influence upon athletes or officials; and
- h) unauthorized approaches by betting or other corrupt entities.

16.5.3 Fraudulent Participation

The following shall constitute fraudulent participation:

- a) participation of bogus or ineligible athletes;
- b) impersonation;
- c) submission or use of forged documents;
- d) fabrication of admission or enrollment records;
- e) age or identity fraud;
- f) manipulation of institutional or athlete records;
- g) unauthorized player substitution or swapping; and
- h) any other deliberate attempt to circumvent AIU eligibility requirements.

16.5.4 Abuse and Misconduct

Physical assault, verbal abuse, discriminatory or derogatory conduct, sexual harassment, intimidation of officials, cyber harassment, threats, violence, or incitement of crowd violence shall be prohibited and shall constitute misconduct under these Regulations.

16.6 Athlete Safeguarding and Welfare

16.6.1 Protection of Athletes

Every university and organizing authority shall take reasonable and appropriate measures to protect athletes from abuse, harassment, exploitation, discrimination, unsafe sporting conditions, intimidation, and other conduct that may adversely affect their safety, dignity, or welfare.

16.6.2 Protection of Women Athletes

Host Universities shall provide appropriate safeguarding arrangements for women athletes, including secure accommodation, suitable support facilities, accessible complaint mechanisms, and reasonable measures for protection from harassment, abuse, and misconduct.

AIU may prescribe additional safeguarding standards for women athletes, minors where applicable, para-athletes, and other vulnerable participants.

16.7 Reporting and Whistleblower Protection

16.7.1 Reporting Mechanism

AIU may establish confidential reporting mechanisms for receiving information relating to doping, corruption, match-fixing, harassment, fraudulent participation, safeguarding violations, and other serious integrity concerns.

Reports may be submitted through designated AIU officials, digital platforms, or such other mechanisms as may be notified by AIU.

16.7.2 Protection of Informants

Any athlete, coach, official, university, or other stakeholder who reports a suspected violation in good faith shall be protected, to the extent permissible under applicable law and regulations, from retaliation, victimization, intimidation, or adverse action arising solely from such bona fide reporting.

Knowingly false, malicious, or fabricated complaints may attract disciplinary action.

16.8 Investigation and Integrity Proceedings

AIU may conduct preliminary examination or investigation into alleged violations arising from AIU competitions.

AIU may require universities, athletes, officials, coaches, and other concerned persons to provide documents, records, digital evidence, statements, or other information relevant to an investigation.

Where a matter falls within the exclusive jurisdiction of NADA, WADA, FISU, an International Federation, or any statutory or governmental authority, AIU shall refer or coordinate the matter with the competent authority, as applicable.

No disciplinary action shall be imposed by AIU without providing the concerned person or institution a reasonable opportunity to respond, except for interim measures permitted under these Regulations or applicable rules.

16.9 Sanctions and Disciplinary Action

16.9.1 Sanctions Against Athletes

An athlete found responsible for an integrity violation, subject to applicable rules and due process, may be liable to one or more of the following:

- a) warning or reprimand;
- b) suspension from participation;
- c) disqualification;
- d) cancellation of results;
- e) forfeiture of medals, trophies, certificates, or other honours;
- f) withdrawal of accreditation;
- g) prohibition from representing AIU in university sports; and
- h) such further sanction as may be prescribed under the applicable anti-doping, FISU, NSF, or AIU regulations.

Repeated or serious integrity violations may result in enhanced suspension, including long-term or lifetime ineligibility where authorized by the applicable regulations.

16.9.2 Team and Institutional Sanctions

Where a violation is attributable to institutional negligence, connivance, or misconduct, AIU may impose:

- a) cancellation of team results;
- b) forfeiture of championship titles or awards;
- c) suspension from AIU competitions;
- d) withdrawal or suspension of hosting rights;
- e) financial penalties or recovery of losses, where authorized;
- f) mandatory compliance or sports-program audit; and
- g) publication of disciplinary action in accordance with AIU policy.

16.9.3 Sanctions Against Officials and Coaches

Officials, coaches, managers, administrators, or support personnel involved in an integrity violation may be subjected to:

- a) warning or reprimand;
- b) suspension;
- c) removal from tournament duties;
- d) withdrawal of accreditation;
- e) debarment from future AIU assignments;
- f) recommendation for disciplinary action to the concerned institution or authority; and
- g) such other action as may be permissible under applicable regulations.

16.10 AIU Integrity and Monitoring Mechanism

AIU may establish an institutional mechanism for monitoring sports integrity, including an Integrity Monitoring Cell, digital verification systems, athlete databases, biometric or KYC verification systems, Competition Integrity Units, and Ethics and Safeguarding Committees.

The AIU Observer shall specifically report on anti-doping arrangements, integrity compliance, athlete welfare, safeguarding measures, and significant incidents observed during the tournament.

AIU may also introduce risk-based monitoring, digital verification, data analytics, and other technological measures to prevent fraudulent participation and competition manipulation.

16.11 Coordination with Competent Authorities

AIU may coordinate, where necessary, with NADA, WADA, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, SAI, National Sports Federations, FISU, International Federations, law-enforcement agencies, and other competent authorities in matters relating to anti-doping, integrity, safeguarding, corruption, fraud, or other serious violations.

Nothing contained in these Regulations shall prevent or restrict any competent statutory or regulatory authority from exercising its lawful jurisdiction.

16.12 Jurisdiction and Final Authority

AIU shall have authority to examine, investigate, and take appropriate action in respect of integrity-related violations arising from AIU competitions, subject to the jurisdiction of competent anti-doping, governmental, statutory, international, and appellate authorities.

All proceedings under this Chapter shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable AIU Sports Rules and Regulations and the principles of natural justice.

Decisions of AIU shall be subject to the appellate and review mechanisms prescribed under these Regulations and applicable external rules. Upon exhaustion of the applicable remedies, such decisions shall be binding on the concerned universities, athletes, officials, and other stakeholders.

CHAPTER XVII

SAFEGUARDING, SAFE SPORT, AND ATHLETE WELFARE

17.1 Preamble, Objectives and Policy Framework

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall establish and implement a comprehensive Safe Sport and Athlete Welfare Framework to ensure the safety, dignity, equality, physical security, emotional well-being, and welfare of all athletes, coaches, officials, support staff, and stakeholders participating in AIU-recognized tournaments, championships, selection trials, coaching camps, leagues, and international university competitions.

This Chapter shall prevent sexual harassment, abuse, bullying, ragging, intimidation, exploitation, discrimination, neglect, and other misconduct; protect minor athletes; facilitate appropriate welfare and counselling support; and provide effective reporting, inquiry, grievance redressal, and disciplinary mechanisms.

This Chapter shall be implemented in accordance with applicable Indian laws, UGC regulations, Government of India sports policies, FISU safeguarding principles, and other applicable regulations.

17.2 Scope and Applicability

This Chapter shall apply to—

- a) all AIU-recognized Inter-University, Zonal, Inter-Zonal, and All India competitions;
- b) University Sports Leagues, selection trials, coaching camps, and international university competitions;
- c) participating universities, colleges, and recognized institutions;
- d) athletes, coaches, managers, trainers, medical personnel, technical officials, selectors, volunteers, and support staff;
- e) AIU-appointed Observers, Technical Delegates, Selection Committee members, Jury members, and other authorized personnel; and
- f) persons present at official competition venues, accommodation facilities, practice areas, transportation facilities, and designated event zones.

17.3 Fundamental Principles of Safe Sport

17.3.1 Zero Tolerance

AIU shall maintain zero tolerance against—

- a) sexual harassment and abuse;

- b) physical, emotional, or psychological abuse;
- c) bullying, ragging, stalking, and intimidation;
- d) discrimination and victimization;
- e) exploitation and neglect;
- f) cyber harassment;
- g) substance abuse; and
- h) misuse of authority or any conduct compromising athlete safety, dignity, or welfare.

17.3.2 Duty of Care

Host Universities, coaches, managers, officials, and administrators shall have a mandatory duty of care towards athletes under their supervision. Failure to discharge such responsibility shall constitute misconduct.

17.3.3 Confidentiality and Non-Retaliation

The identity and personal information of complainants, victims, and witnesses shall be protected to the extent permitted by law. Retaliation, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, or victimization of any complainant or witness shall constitute a serious violation.

17.3.4 Equality and Inclusion

No participant shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of gender, disability, caste, language, religion, region, nationality, socio-economic background, or educational status, subject to applicable law.

17.4 Mandatory Safeguarding Measures

17.4.1 Prevention of Sexual Harassment

Every Host University shall maintain an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in accordance with applicable law and shall ensure that complaint procedures and contact details are displayed at appropriate tournament locations.

Every tournament shall appoint a Safeguarding Officer. Where women participants are involved, a woman Safeguarding Officer shall, wherever practicable, be designated.

The Safeguarding Officer shall receive complaints, assist affected persons, coordinate emergency support, monitor safeguarding compliance, and liaise with the ICC, AIU Observer, medical authorities, police, and other competent authorities where required.

17.4.2 Awareness and Orientation

The Host University shall provide participants with information regarding safeguarding procedures, complaint mechanisms, emergency contacts, athlete rights, respectful conduct, gender sensitivity, and prevention of harassment and abuse.

17.4.3 Protection of Minor Athletes

For athletes below eighteen (18) years of age—

- a) parental or guardian consent shall be obtained;
- b) safe and appropriately supervised accommodation shall be provided;
- c) attendance and movement records shall be maintained; and
- d) all applicable child-protection laws, including the POCSO Act, shall be strictly complied with.

17.4.4 Accommodation, Security and Transportation

Host Universities shall provide safe and hygienic accommodation, appropriate arrangements for male and female participants, adequate lighting and sanitation, security and restricted access, emergency contact mechanisms, and safe transportation facilities.

Additional safety arrangements shall be made for women athletes and minor athletes, particularly during late-night travel or other potentially vulnerable situations.

17.5 Athlete Welfare and Support

Host Universities and participating institutions shall take reasonable measures to protect the physical and emotional welfare of athletes and shall provide or facilitate, wherever practicable—

- a) medical assistance;
- b) physiotherapy and recovery support;
- c) counselling and psychological support;
- d) adequate nutrition and hydration;
- e) rest and recovery facilities; and
- f) appropriate injury-management and referral services.

AIU may prescribe additional welfare standards for specific sports, competitions, or categories of athletes.

17.6 Reporting and Grievance Redressal

17.6.1 Complaint Mechanism

Complaints may be submitted to the Safeguarding Officer, ICC, AIU Observer, Organizing Secretary, or any other mechanism designated by AIU.

AIU may establish a confidential digital reporting and grievance-management system.

17.6.2 Timelines

Complaints shall ordinarily be acknowledged within twenty-four (24) hours and preliminary action shall commence within seven (7) days.

Complaints involving an immediate threat to life, physical safety, sexual violence, abuse, or other serious harm shall receive immediate intervention.

17.6.3 Confidentiality and Natural Justice

Safeguarding inquiries shall be conducted confidentially and in accordance with the principles of natural justice, fairness, and due process.

17.6.4 Criminal Offences

Where a complaint discloses a possible criminal offence, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate law-enforcement authority in accordance with applicable law. AIU may continue its disciplinary proceedings independently to the extent legally permissible.

17.7 Disciplinary Actions and Penalties

Any athlete, coach, official, volunteer, administrator, or other participant found responsible for a safeguarding violation may be subjected to—

- a) warning or censure;
- b) suspension;
- c) removal from the tournament or event;
- d) cancellation of accreditation;
- e) disqualification;
- f) debarment from AIU activities;
- g) permanent blacklisting in serious cases; and
- h) referral to police or other competent authorities where applicable.

Serious safeguarding violations may ordinarily attract a minimum debarment of two (2) years, subject to the nature and gravity of the violation, due process, and applicable law.

17.8 Institutional Accountability

Where a Host University or participating institution is found to have failed in its safeguarding responsibilities, concealed a serious incident, obstructed an inquiry, or demonstrated institutional negligence, AIU may impose—

- a) warning or censure;
- b) mandatory corrective measures;
- c) safeguarding compliance audit;
- d) financial recovery or penalty where authorized;
- e) withdrawal of hosting rights;
- f) suspension from future tournament allotments; or
- g) other disciplinary measures prescribed under AIU Regulations.

17.9 Monitoring, Compliance and Record Maintenance

Host Universities and AIU shall securely maintain records of safeguarding complaints, inquiries, actions, and disciplinary decisions in accordance with applicable law and prescribed record-retention requirements.

AIU may—

- a) conduct safeguarding audits and inspections;
- b) constitute inquiry or review committees;
- c) examine compliance with safeguarding standards;
- d) issue corrective directions;
- e) require compliance reports; and
- f) take appropriate administrative or disciplinary action.

The AIU Observer shall specifically report on safeguarding arrangements, athlete welfare, safety measures, and significant complaints or incidents in the official tournament report.

17.10 Digital Safeguarding

AIU may establish digital systems for—

- a) confidential complaint reporting;
- b) safeguarding awareness and education;
- c) incident reporting and tracking;
- d) compliance monitoring;
- e) preservation of relevant records; and
- f) communication of safeguarding policies and emergency information.

All participating institutions shall comply with the digital safeguarding requirements prescribed by AIU.

17.11 Protection Against Retaliation

No person shall be subjected to retaliation, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, or adverse treatment for making a complaint or providing information in good faith.

Any person found responsible for retaliation or obstruction of a safeguarding process shall be liable for disciplinary action independent of the underlying complaint.

17.12 Residuary Powers

In matters relating to Safe Sport, safeguarding, and athlete welfare not specifically covered under this Chapter, AIU may issue appropriate guidelines, procedures, standards, clarifications, and directions consistent with applicable law.

Such directions shall be binding upon all Host Universities, participating institutions, athletes, officials, and other stakeholders participating in AIU-recognized events.

CHAPTER XVIII

POWERS, AUTHORITY, AND REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF AIU

18.1 Preamble and Regulatory Mandate

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall exercise supervisory, administrative, technical, disciplinary, and regulatory authority over Inter-University sports competitions, championships, selection trials, coaching camps, leagues, and international university sports participation conducted under its jurisdiction.

AIU shall exercise such authority to ensure uniformity, transparency, competitive integrity, athlete safety and welfare, institutional accountability, discipline, and compliance with applicable national and international sports regulations.

All member universities, athletes, coaches, managers, officials, technical personnel, organizing institutions, and other stakeholders participating in AIU-recognized sports activities shall comply with the Rules, Regulations, SOPs, circulars, notifications, directions, and decisions issued by AIU from time to time.

18.2 General Powers of AIU

AIU shall have the authority to regulate, supervise, administer, monitor, and control all Inter-University sports activities conducted under its aegis. AIU may prescribe standards, procedures, eligibility requirements, competition formats, technical norms, administrative mechanisms, and governance frameworks necessary for the effective conduct of university sports.

AIU may take all measures necessary to protect the integrity, credibility, safety, and orderly administration of Inter-University sports, subject to applicable laws and the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

18.3 Power to Include, Exclude, or Modify Sports Disciplines

AIU shall have the authority to introduce, recognize, include, promote, suspend, discontinue, or exclude any sport or event from the Inter-University Sports Calendar.

In determining the continuation or introduction of a sport, AIU may consider participation levels, national and international recognition, Olympic, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, FISU or AUSF status, infrastructure availability, technical standards, safety requirements, recommendations of the AIU Sports Board or expert committees, and national sporting priorities.

AIU may modify competition structures, qualification criteria, age categories, participation limits, technical regulations, and competition formats whenever considered necessary for effective administration and development of university sports.

18.4 Power to Suspend, Postpone, or Cancel Competitions

AIU shall have the authority to suspend, postpone, reschedule, or cancel any tournament, championship, selection trial, coaching camp, league, or other sports event where circumstances relating to safety, security, public order, natural calamity, epidemic or pandemic, force majeure, infrastructure inadequacy, financial or administrative irregularity, or competitive integrity so require.

AIU may cancel or discontinue a competition where fair competition has been compromised, eligibility fraud has been established, the Host University has failed to comply with prescribed standards, serious misconduct or violence has occurred, essential medical or safety arrangements are inadequate, or prescribed technical standards have not been maintained.

Where a competition is suspended or cancelled, AIU may reschedule the event, reallocate hosting rights, declare results void, direct replay or re-conduct of competitions, or revise the applicable qualification pathway.

18.5 Power to Amend Rules, Regulations, and SOPs

AIU shall have the authority, through its competent bodies, to amend, modify, add to, delete, clarify, or interpret any provision of these Rules and Regulations, SOPs, appendices, guidelines, eligibility conditions, technical standards, or other instruments governing Inter-University sports.

Any amendment, notification, circular, clarification, or direction duly issued by the competent authority of AIU shall take effect from the date specified therein and shall be binding upon all concerned stakeholders.

Where immediate action is required in the interest of sports administration, safety, integrity, or compliance, AIU may issue interim directions pending formal incorporation into the relevant Rules or Regulations.

18.5A Power to Issue Guidelines, SOPs, Manuals, and Directions for Sports and Games Organisation

AIU shall have the authority to issue, revise, amend, and enforce guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manuals, protocols, circulars, advisories, technical instructions, and other regulatory directions relating to the organization, administration, conduct, management, and development of sports and games under its jurisdiction.

Such guidelines and directions may cover, inter alia, the planning and organization of tournaments, championships, leagues, selection trials, coaching camps, sports events, technical officiating, venue

and infrastructure standards, athlete accommodation and welfare, medical and safety arrangements, accreditation, registration, eligibility verification, scheduling, fixtures, transportation, financial procedures, sponsorship, broadcasting, digital systems, safeguarding, anti-doping, sports integrity, awards and ceremonies, and other matters necessary for the effective administration and development of Inter-University sports.

AIU may issue sport-specific or event-specific guidelines wherever the requirements of a particular discipline, competition, tournament, or international participation so require.

All member universities, organizing institutions, athletes, officials, technical personnel, committees, and other stakeholders shall comply with such guidelines, SOPs, manuals, and directions issued by the competent authority of AIU.

Such guidelines and directions shall supplement these Rules and Regulations and, where duly issued under the authority of AIU, shall be binding for the purpose of administration and conduct of AIU-recognized sports and games.

Where any matter is not specifically provided for in these Rules and Regulations, AIU may regulate the matter through appropriate guidelines, SOPs, manuals, or directions in furtherance of the objectives and proper governance of university sports.

18.6 Power to Verify Eligibility and Documents

AIU shall have the authority to verify the eligibility, identity, academic status, age, nationality, institutional affiliation, and other relevant credentials of any athlete, team, official, or participating institution.

For such verification, AIU may use lawful digital, biometric, KYC, academic, institutional, and document-authentication mechanisms and may seek verification from universities, educational boards, statutory authorities, government agencies, National Sports Federations, or other competent bodies.

AIU may require any university, athlete, or stakeholder to produce original or authenticated academic, admission, attendance, examination, migration, identity, or other relevant records for verification.

Where required records are not produced within the prescribed time, AIU may take appropriate adverse administrative action in accordance with these Rules and applicable principles of natural justice.

Submission, concealment, fabrication, manipulation, or use of forged or fraudulent documents shall constitute a serious violation and may result in disqualification, cancellation of results, suspension or debarment, institutional disciplinary action, and referral to competent statutory authorities.

18.7 Power to Conduct Inspections, Audits, and Inquiries

AIU shall have the authority to inspect Host Universities, competition venues, sports infrastructure, accommodation facilities, selection trials, eligibility records, administrative arrangements, and financial records relating to AIU-recognized competitions.

AIU may conduct scheduled or surprise inspections where complaints, safety concerns, eligibility irregularities, integrity issues, or other circumstances warrant such inspection.

AIU may order a Sports Program Audit where repeated eligibility violations, doping or integrity concerns, administrative irregularities, athlete welfare complaints, financial mismanagement, or other material deficiencies are identified.

AIU may constitute Inquiry Committees to examine complaints, allegations of corruption, match manipulation, misconduct, institutional negligence, financial irregularities, safeguarding violations, or any other matter affecting the integrity of university sports.

18.8 Power to Recognize or Regulate Sports Bodies

AIU may coordinate, for technical and competition purposes, with National Sports Federations and other sports bodies recognized by competent national or international authorities.

Where the conduct or functioning of a Federation, Association, or sports body adversely affects AIU competitions or university sports through governance failure, persistent disputes, administrative irregularities, corruption, or lack of requisite recognition, AIU may suspend or discontinue its association with such body to the extent permissible under applicable regulations.

Where necessary, AIU may constitute ad hoc technical arrangements, appoint qualified experts, engage alternative technical personnel, or conduct competitions independently to ensure continuity and integrity of university sports.

18.9 Power to Initiate Disciplinary Proceedings

AIU shall have the authority to initiate disciplinary proceedings against athletes, coaches, managers, technical officials, universities, organizing committees, federations, and other stakeholders for violations of AIU Rules and Regulations, Codes of Conduct, SOPs, or applicable sports regulations.

Disciplinary proceedings may arise from eligibility fraud, misconduct, violence, indiscipline, doping, match manipulation, harassment, safeguarding violations, financial irregularities, suppression of material facts or complaints, or any conduct prejudicial to the integrity and reputation of university sports.

After following the applicable disciplinary procedure, AIU may impose warning, censure, monetary penalty where authorized, disqualification, suspension, debarment, cancellation of results or medals,

withdrawal of hosting rights, institutional de-recognition or blacklisting where applicable, or recommendation for action by the competent statutory or institutional authority.

18.10 Emergency and Interim Powers

In urgent or extraordinary circumstances affecting athlete safety, public order, competitive integrity, security, or international participation, AIU may issue immediate directions necessary to prevent harm or protect the interests of university sports.

Pending final determination of a matter, AIU may adopt appropriate interim measures, including provisional suspension of participation, withholding of accreditation, freezing of results, temporary suspension of competition, removal of officials from duties, or other measures necessary to preserve fairness, safety, and integrity.

Such interim measures shall remain subject to review in accordance with the applicable grievance, appeal, or disciplinary procedures.

18.11 Delegation of Powers

AIU may delegate specified administrative, technical, supervisory, inspection, selection, or disciplinary functions to the Head, Sports division, AIU Observers, Zonal Coordinators, Organizing Committees, Selection Committees, Inquiry Committees, or other authorized bodies or officers.

Any delegation shall operate within the terms and limits prescribed by AIU and shall not affect the overarching regulatory authority of AIU.

18.12 Residual Powers and Interpretation

AIU shall have the authority to decide matters arising in Inter-University sports that are not expressly or adequately provided for in these Rules, Regulations, SOPs, guidelines, or other applicable instruments.

In exercising such residual authority, AIU shall act consistently with the objectives of university sports, applicable laws, principles of fairness and natural justice, and relevant national and international sports regulations.

The interpretation issued by the competent authority of AIU regarding any provision of these Rules and Regulations shall prevail for the purpose of their implementation.

18.13 Final Regulatory Authority of AIU

AIU shall remain the principal regulatory and administrative authority governing Inter-University sports conducted under its aegis, subject to the statutory powers of the Government of India, applicable laws, and the regulations of competent national and international sports bodies.

All directions, orders, interpretations, notifications, circulars, and decisions lawfully issued by AIU under these Rules and Regulations shall be complied with by all member universities, athletes, officials, technical personnel, organizing institutions, and other stakeholders.

Every member university and participant shall have a continuing obligation to comply with AIU Rules, Regulations, SOPs, directions, and decisions in letter and spirit.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall prevent any person from exercising a right or remedy that cannot lawfully be excluded under applicable law.

CHAPTER XIX

IMPORTANT LEGAL AND REGULATORY CLAUSES

19.1 Preamble and Applicability

The provisions of this Chapter shall safeguard the autonomy, integrity, administrative efficiency, and regulatory authority of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in the governance and administration of Inter-University Sports.

This Chapter shall apply to all member universities, participating institutions, athletes, coaches, officials, organizing committees, federations, associations, technical personnel, and other stakeholders associated with AIU-recognized competitions, championships, leagues, selection trials, coaching camps, and international university sports participation.

19.2 No Vested Right to Participation or Recognition

No university, institution, federation, association, college, team, athlete, official, or other stakeholder shall claim any vested, perpetual, automatic, legal, or fundamental right to the inclusion, continuation, recognition, or conduct of any sport, event, category, tournament, or competition under the AIU Sports Programme.

Participation and recognition shall remain subject to the AIU Rules and Regulations, technical requirements, participation levels, infrastructure availability, financial and administrative considerations, athlete safety, and applicable national and international sports regulations.

Recognition or continuation of any sport, event, or competition shall remain subject to periodic review by AIU and its competent authorities.

19.3 Regulatory and Policy Discretion of AIU

AIU shall have the authority to introduce, recognize, include, modify, suspend, exclude, or discontinue sports disciplines, events, categories, tournaments, and competition formats under its jurisdiction.

AIU may review participation criteria, eligibility conditions, technical standards, hosting arrangements, and recognition of sports bodies or federations and may frame, amend, interpret, replace, or withdraw policies, SOPs, guidelines, regulations, and administrative procedures.

Such powers may be exercised having regard to participation trends, technical standards, athlete safety and welfare, infrastructure, governance, financial viability, anti-doping and integrity requirements, national and international sports developments, recommendations of the AIU Sports Board or expert committees, and the long-term development of university sports.

AIU may exercise its regulatory discretion in the interests of fair competition, athlete development, institutional accountability, prevention of fraud and malpractice, and promotion of sporting excellence.

19.4 Finality and Binding Nature of AIU Decisions

Decisions, directions, interpretations, clarifications, approvals, and disciplinary orders issued by AIU or its duly authorized competent authorities in matters relating to Inter-University Sports shall be binding upon all concerned stakeholders, subject to applicable appellate mechanisms and applicable law.

For the purposes of these Rules, competent authorities may include the AIU Sports Board, Secretary General, the Head, Sports division, AIU Appeals Committee, Selection Committee, Grievance Committee, and any other committee, officer, or authority duly constituted or authorized by AIU.

AIU may review or reconsider its decisions where there is discovery of material new evidence, fraud or suppression of material facts, a procedural irregularity affecting principles of natural justice, or a direction from a competent judicial or statutory authority.

19.5 Autonomy and Institutional Integrity of AIU

AIU shall function as an autonomous apex body for the administration and regulation of Inter-University Sports, subject to its Constitution, applicable laws, and relevant national and international sports regulations.

No university, athlete, federation, association, official, or stakeholder shall engage in any act intended to improperly undermine AIU's regulatory authority, disrupt AIU-recognized competitions, improperly influence selection or administrative processes, or adversely affect the reputation, integrity, or credibility of AIU.

Any such conduct may constitute a violation of these Rules and may attract appropriate disciplinary or administrative action.

19.6 Power to Issue Guidelines, Circulars, SOPs, and Directions

AIU shall have the authority to issue, amend, revise, and enforce circulars, notifications, advisories, manuals, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), technical guidelines, administrative instructions, protocols, and other directions necessary for the effective implementation and development of university sports.

Such instruments may regulate the organization and conduct of tournaments, championships, leagues, selection trials, coaching camps, technical officiating, eligibility, accreditation, infrastructure, athlete welfare, medical and safety arrangements, safeguarding, anti-doping, sports integrity, financial

administration, awards, ceremonies, digital governance, broadcasting, sponsorship, and other matters relating to sports and games.

AIU may issue sport-specific, event-specific, or situation-specific guidelines wherever necessary. Such guidelines, SOPs, circulars, and directions shall supplement these Rules and Regulations and shall be binding upon all concerned stakeholders when issued by the competent authority.

19.7 Saving and Residual Powers

In matters not expressly or adequately covered by these Rules, Regulations, SOPs, guidelines, or other applicable instruments, AIU shall have the authority to issue appropriate directions, clarifications, or decisions for the effective governance and administration of Inter-University Sports.

In exercising such residual powers, AIU shall act consistently with the objectives of university sports, applicable law, principles of fairness and natural justice, and relevant national and international sports regulations.

19.8 Severability

If any provision of these Rules, Regulations, SOPs, guidelines, or directions is declared invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable by a competent court or statutory authority, such invalidity shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions, which shall continue to operate to the fullest extent permissible under law.

19.9 Jurisdiction

Subject to applicable law, legal proceedings arising directly from the administration or implementation of these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to the jurisdiction of competent courts at Delhi, where the AIU Secretariat is situated.

Nothing contained in this provision shall restrict any statutory or constitutional remedy that cannot lawfully be excluded.

19.10 Overriding and Consistency with AIU Regulations

The AIU Rules and Regulations, together with duly issued SOPs, guidelines, circulars, notifications, and directions, shall govern the conduct and administration of Inter-University Sports.

Where any institutional rule, tournament practice, or local arrangement is inconsistent with an applicable AIU provision, the concerned university or organizing institution shall take necessary steps to ensure compliance with the AIU framework, subject to applicable law and the regulations of competent national or international sports bodies.

All member universities, participating institutions, athletes, officials, and stakeholders shall have a continuing obligation to comply with the AIU regulatory framework in letter and spirit.

CHAPTER XX

NORMS FOR INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION OF NEW SPORTS DISCIPLINES IN INTER-UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENTS

20.1 Introduction and Regulatory Purpose

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall maintain a transparent, merit-based, technically sound, financially sustainable, and governance-oriented framework for recognition, inclusion, continuation, modification, suspension, and exclusion of sports disciplines in Inter-University Tournaments.

The framework shall ensure that inclusion of any new sport is based on genuine national participation, recognized technical standards, institutional feasibility, athlete welfare, governance credibility, financial sustainability, and its relevance to the development of university sports. No sport shall be included solely on the basis of temporary popularity, external influence, or representation by an individual federation or association.

20.2 Title and Scope

These provisions shall be known as the “AIU Policy and Regulations for Recognition and Inclusion of New Sports Disciplines in Inter-University Tournaments.”

The provisions shall apply to all federations, associations, sports bodies, universities, institutions, and other stakeholders seeking recognition or inclusion of a sport or sports event in the AIU Sports Programme.

20.3 Objectives

The policy shall promote merit-based recognition of sports, wider student participation, grassroots development, Olympic, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, FISU, indigenous and other internationally or nationally relevant sports, gender equality, inclusive participation, technical excellence, transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability of university sports.

AIU shall also consider the contribution of a sport to the development of athletes capable of representing universities, the nation, and India in international university and sporting competitions.

20.4 Eligibility and Legal Status of Applicant Federation

A federation or association seeking recognition shall be legally registered under applicable Indian law and shall maintain a valid registration throughout the recognition period. It shall possess a constitution, bylaws, governance structure, headquarters, valid bank account, PAN and GST registrations wherever applicable, and shall furnish audited financial statements and annual activity reports for the preceding five years.

The applicant shall provide details of its office bearers, elections, tenure, governance structure, state units, affiliated institutions, activities, and compliance record. It shall not be blacklisted, suspended, or de-recognized by a competent authority.

AIU may reject an application where the applicant is found to have submitted false documents, conducted fabricated championships, concealed material facts, engaged in serious governance irregularities, or acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of university sports.

20.5 National and International Recognition

AIU shall give due preference to sports administered by federations recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, affiliated with the Indian Olympic Association, associated with Sports Authority of India, or affiliated with recognized International Federations.

International credibility may be established through valid international affiliation, recognized participation of Indian athletes in international competitions, internationally accepted technical standards, and compliance with applicable anti-doping and officiating requirements.

Preference may be given to sports included in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, FISU World University Games, Paralympic Games, Khelo India Games, recognized World Cups, and other established international multi-sport or sport-specific competitions.

Recognition by any external body shall not, by itself, create an automatic right to inclusion in AIU competitions.

20.6 National Presence and Participation

The applicant federation shall demonstrate substantial and verifiable national activity. Ordinarily, it shall have functioning State or Union Territory units in at least twenty States or Union Territories, a minimum of five years of national championship activity, a functioning district-level structure, and evidence of consecutive national championships for at least five years.

AIU may relax or modify these requirements for emerging, indigenous, specialized, para-sports, or strategically important disciplines where justified by the nature and development stage of the sport.

The federation shall submit authenticated participation statistics, State-wise participation records, separate participation data for men and women, championship reports, result sheets, fixtures, photographs, digital records, and other evidence required by AIU.

False, fabricated, incomplete, or unverifiable participation data shall constitute grounds for rejection or cancellation of recognition.

20.7 Technical Standards and Competition Structure

The applicant shall submit the official rule book, competition regulations, event format, qualification procedures, officiating standards, certification system, protest and appeal procedures, and other technical documents prescribed by AIU.

The federation shall demonstrate the availability of an adequate pool of qualified technical officials, referees, judges, umpires, match controllers, and other technical personnel appropriate to the sport.

AIU shall have the authority to independently assess the adequacy and quality of technical officials and may prescribe sport-specific minimum standards before granting recognition.

The applicant shall also demonstrate the availability of regular technical education, certification, and refresher programmes for officials.

20.8 Digital Competition and Technology Standards

Recognized or applicant federations shall progressively adopt appropriate digital systems for registration, fixtures, scoring, live results, competition management, video recording, statistical records, digital archives, and transparent reporting.

AIU may prescribe mandatory digital systems for sports included in its Inter-University Sports Programme and may give preference to federations demonstrating effective use of technology, live streaming, data management, performance analytics, and digital verification.

20.9 Infrastructure and Hosting Feasibility

AIU shall assess whether the proposed sport is practically and economically feasible for Indian universities.

The assessment shall consider the availability, cost, accessibility, safety, and maintenance requirements of infrastructure and equipment, together with the availability of suitable venues across universities. Ordinarily, the sport should have feasible hosting opportunities in at least twenty-five universities or such number as AIU may prescribe according to the nature of the discipline.

AIU may conduct physical or technical inspections before granting recognition.

20.10 Athlete Safety, Welfare, and Integrity

The applicant federation shall maintain appropriate systems for athlete safety, safeguarding, anti-doping compliance, medical support, insurance, emergency response, grievance redressal, harassment prevention, mental well-being, and athlete welfare.

The sport shall comply with applicable WADA, NADA, FISU, AIU, and relevant International Federation regulations.

AIU may refuse, suspend, or withdraw recognition where serious athlete welfare, safeguarding, anti-doping, safety, or integrity deficiencies are identified.

20.11 Governance, Financial Transparency, and Compliance

The applicant shall furnish audited financial statements, governance and election records, constitution and bylaws, conflict-of-interest provisions, athlete selection policies, grievance mechanisms, office-bearer details, and declarations regarding pending litigation or disputes.

AIU may conduct governance, financial, technical, or administrative due diligence before or after recognition.

Recognition may be refused, suspended, or withdrawn where financial irregularities, fabricated events, non-transparent governance, athlete exploitation, harassment, anti-doping violations, serious safety deficiencies, false documentation, or concealment of material information are established.

20.12 Recognition and Evaluation Fees

AIU may prescribe application processing, technical evaluation, infrastructure inspection, provisional recognition, annual continuation, and refundable security deposit fees for applications under this policy.

The applicable fee structure shall be notified by AIU from time to time and may be revised according to administrative, technical, inspection, digital, monitoring, and operational requirements.

Fees collected under this framework may be utilized for evaluation, inspection, audit, digital management, tournament monitoring, verification, safeguarding, athlete welfare, technical development, and other activities connected with university sports administration.

20.13 Security Deposit and Compliance

Where prescribed, the security deposit may be forfeited wholly or partly in cases of material violation of AIU Rules, submission of false or manipulated information, unauthorized use of AIU recognition, serious governance irregularities, athlete welfare violations, anti-doping or safety violations, or other conduct prejudicial to the integrity of university sports.

AIU shall provide an appropriate opportunity for explanation or representation before final action, wherever required under the applicable procedure.

20.14 Recognition Procedure

The recognition process shall ordinarily consist of application submission, preliminary document verification, technical evaluation, governance and financial assessment, infrastructure inspection, presentation before the competent AIU Committee, approval for trial competition where required, provisional recognition, performance review, and final recognition.

AIU may modify, combine, add, or dispense with any stage depending upon the nature, status, maturity, and requirements of the sport.

Completion of any stage shall not create an automatic right to recognition or inclusion in the AIU Sports Calendar.

20.15 Provisional and Emerging Sport Recognition

AIU may establish an Emerging Sport Category for disciplines that demonstrate potential but do not yet satisfy all requirements for permanent recognition.

Provisional recognition may ordinarily be granted for a period of three years and may permit participation on a trial basis, including limited zonal or designated competitions.

Permanent recognition shall be considered only after satisfactory performance with respect to participation, technical standards, governance, financial sustainability, athlete welfare, organizational capacity, and compliance with AIU requirements.

20.16 AIU Sports Recognition and Evaluation Committee

AIU may constitute a Sports Recognition and Evaluation Committee comprising AIU officials, experienced Directors of Sports, former or international athletes, legal and financial experts, technical experts, and other persons considered appropriate by AIU.

The Committee shall evaluate applications, examine supporting documents, conduct or recommend technical assessments, consider inspection reports, and submit its recommendations to the competent authority of AIU.

AIU may prescribe the composition, tenure, functions, quorum, evaluation methodology, and scoring criteria of the Committee separately.

20.17 Performance Review and Continuation of Recognition

Recognition of a sport shall not be perpetual and may be subject to annual or periodic performance review.

AIU may review participation levels, governance, financial compliance, technical standards, athlete welfare, competition quality, hosting feasibility, anti-doping compliance, and adherence to AIU regulations.

Declining participation, persistent governance disputes, financial irregularities, fabricated events, non-compliance, safety deficiencies, or other material violations may result in corrective directions, suspension, penalty, reduction of competition status, or de-recognition.

20.18 Academic and Administrative Compatibility

AIU shall consider the compatibility of a sport with the academic calendar and overall functioning of universities.

The assessment may include competition duration, team size, travel requirements, financial burden, examination schedules, infrastructure requirements, and administrative feasibility.

AIU may modify the competition format, duration, participation structure, or hosting arrangement to ensure that university sports remain compatible with academic responsibilities.

20.19 Women, Inclusive, and Para-Sports Participation

Recognized sports shall promote equitable and inclusive participation. Where applicable, separate competitions for women shall be provided, and appropriate opportunities shall be created for Divyangjan and para-athletes.

AIU shall encourage participation from rural, tribal, and underrepresented communities and shall promote safe, non-discriminatory sporting environments and equal opportunities for recognition and achievement.

20.20 Classification of Sports

AIU may classify sports within the University Sports Programme as Core Sports, Emerging Sports, Trial Sports, Demonstration Sports, Non-Medal Trial Events, Indigenous or Traditional Indian Sports, Adventure Sports, Para-Sports, or other Specialized Categories.

The classification, status, medal eligibility, competition structure, and continuation of any sport shall be determined by AIU according to the applicable evaluation criteria and periodic review.

20.21 Mandatory Documentation

Every applicant shall submit such registration, constitutional, recognition, affiliation, financial, championship, participation, technical, anti-doping, athlete welfare, infrastructure, officials, litigation, and other documents as prescribed by AIU.

AIU may seek additional documents, clarifications, original records, certifications, undertakings, affidavits, or independent verification whenever considered necessary.

20.22 Exclusion, Suspension, and De-Recognition

AIU shall have the authority to suspend, reduce the status of, exclude, or de-recognize any sport or event where the prescribed standards are no longer satisfied or where continuation is considered contrary to the interests of university sports.

Such action may be taken on grounds including inadequate participation, technical deficiencies, lack of suitable infrastructure, excessive financial burden, safety concerns, governance failure, anti-doping or integrity violations, persistent disputes, non-compliance with AIU regulations, or lack of academic and administrative feasibility.

No sport shall have a vested or perpetual right to remain in the AIU Sports Calendar.

20.23 Final Regulatory Provision

Recognition or inclusion of any sport in AIU Inter-University competitions shall be based on nationwide participation, governance credibility, financial transparency, technical standardization, athlete safety and welfare, academic compatibility, operational feasibility, and long-term sustainability.

AIU shall retain the authority to review, modify, suspend, exclude, or reclassify any recognized sport in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and the interests of university sports.

The decision of the competent authority of AIU regarding recognition, inclusion, continuation, classification, suspension, exclusion, or de-recognition of any sport shall be subject to the applicable review or appeal mechanism under these Rules and Regulations and shall otherwise be binding upon the concerned federation, association, universities, and stakeholders.

CHAPTER XXI

CONSTITUTION OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

21.1 Constitution of Organizing Committee

21.1.1 Mandatory Constitution

Every University entrusted by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with the conduct of any Zonal, Inter-Zonal, All India Inter-University Tournament, Selection Trial, Coaching Camp, Khelo India University Games, FISU/AUSF event, or any other AIU-recognized competition shall constitute an Organizing Committee for the efficient planning, administration, supervision, management, and conduct of such event.

21.1.2 Authority for Constitution

The Organizing Committee shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor of the Host University through a formal office order or notification immediately upon allotment of the tournament or event by AIU.

21.1.3 Legal and Administrative Status

The Organizing Committee shall function as the officially authorized body of the Host University for all matters relating to organization, administration, finance, logistics, technical conduct, discipline, safety, athlete welfare, and coordination of the tournament or event.

21.2 Objectives of the Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee shall ensure the smooth, fair, transparent, safe, and efficient conduct of the tournament or event. It shall ensure compliance with AIU Rules and Regulations, SOPs, applicable National Sports Federation regulations, safety requirements, athlete welfare standards, anti-doping provisions, and directions issued by AIU.

21.3 Composition of Organizing Committee

21.3.1 Chief Patron

The Vice-Chancellor of the Host University shall be the Chief Patron and shall provide overall supervision, policy guidance, institutional support, and approval of major administrative and financial matters.

21.3.2 Patron(s)

The Host University may appoint the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Dean(s), distinguished sports administrators, or other senior authorities as Patron(s).

21.3.3 Chairman

The Vice-Chancellor may appoint a senior university authority as Chairman of the Organizing Committee. The Chairman shall preside over meetings, review preparedness, coordinate with AIU authorities, and ensure timely implementation of assigned responsibilities.

21.3.4 Organizing Secretary

The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an Organizing Secretary, preferably from among the Director of Sports, Deputy Director of Sports, Assistant Director of Sports, Dean or Head of Physical Education, Senior Sports Administrator, or Sports Officer.

The Organizing Secretary shall function as the Chief Executive Officer of the tournament and shall coordinate all organizational arrangements, official communications, meetings, AIU coordination, logistics, fixtures, accommodation, transport, medical and technical arrangements, compliance, and submission of prescribed reports to AIU. The Organizing Secretary shall also function as the Member Secretary of the Organizing Committee.

21.3.5 Joint Organizing Secretary

The Host University may appoint one or more Joint Organizing Secretaries to assist in venue operations, accommodation, technical conduct, media and publicity, finance, administration, and other assigned responsibilities.

21.3.6 Treasurer/Finance Committee Chairperson

A senior finance or accounts officer of the Host University shall be appointed to supervise budget preparation, financial approvals, accounts, utilization certificates, audit compliance, sponsorships, and management of tournament funds.

21.3.7 Technical Committee

The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a Technical Committee comprising qualified technical experts, National Sports Federation-qualified officials, sports specialists, and appropriate representatives of the Sports or Physical Education Department.

The Technical Committee shall ensure technical conduct, verification of equipment and infrastructure, compliance with applicable technical rules, technical scheduling, and consideration of technical matters and disputes.

21.3.8 Tournament Director

The Organizing Committee may appoint a Tournament Director for each sport or event. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for scheduling, coordination with referees and technical officials, result management, and competition control.

21.3.9 AIU Observer

The AIU-appointed Observer shall independently monitor compliance with AIU Rules, transparency, fairness, athlete welfare and safety, technical standards, discipline, and dispute handling and shall submit an official report to AIU.

21.4 Mandatory Sub-Committees

The Organizing Committee shall constitute appropriate Sub-Committees for the effective conduct of the tournament, including the Technical and Fixtures Committee, Accommodation and Hospitality Committee, Transport Committee, Medical and Anti-Doping Committee, Media, Publicity and IT Committee, Security and Discipline Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, and Ceremonial Committee.

Each Sub-Committee shall function under the overall supervision of the Organizing Committee and shall perform responsibilities assigned by the Organizing Secretary or Chairman.

21.5 Meetings of Organizing Committee

21.5.1 Frequency of Meetings

The Organizing Committee shall meet periodically before, during, and after the tournament or event to review preparedness, implementation, emerging issues, and completion of assigned responsibilities.

21.5.2 Quorum

One-third of the total members of the Organizing Committee shall constitute the quorum.

21.5.3 Emergency Meetings

The Vice-Chancellor, Chairman, or Organizing Secretary may convene an emergency meeting whenever circumstances affecting safety, administration, discipline, technical conduct, or integrity require immediate consideration.

21.6 Accountability and Compliance

21.6.1 Responsibility

The Organizing Committee and its respective office bearers shall be responsible for compliance with AIU Rules and Regulations, SOPs, applicable National Sports Federation regulations, safety requirements, anti-doping provisions, safeguarding standards, athlete welfare requirements, and directions issued by AIU.

21.6.2 Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with AIU Rules, Regulations, SOPs, or directions may result in suspension or cancellation of the tournament, withdrawal of hosting rights, financial or administrative action where

authorized, debarment of concerned officials or institutions, and disciplinary proceedings under applicable AIU regulations.

21.7 Transparency and Integrity Measures

The Organizing Committee shall ensure transparent conduct of fixtures and draws, timely publication of schedules and results, proper documentation of decisions, videography of major activities wherever feasible, equal treatment of participating universities, and maintenance of appropriate standards of integrity.

No member of the Organizing Committee or its Sub-Committees shall engage in favoritism, discrimination, conflict of interest, competition manipulation, or any conduct prejudicial to the fair and transparent administration of the tournament.

21.8 Records, Reports, and Financial Accountability

The Organizing Committee shall maintain complete records relating to the tournament, including administrative documents, fixtures, results, accreditation, participant records, financial statements, medical and safety arrangements, disciplinary matters, and other documents prescribed by AIU.

The Organizing Committee shall submit the prescribed final tournament report, audited financial statements, utilization certificates, results, and other required documents to AIU within the period specified by AIU.

21.9 Dissolution of Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee shall stand dissolved upon completion of the tournament or event, submission of the prescribed final report and audited accounts to AIU, and clearance of all financial, administrative, contractual, and other obligations arising from the conduct of the event.

The Host University shall remain responsible for preservation of records and compliance with any post-event audit, inquiry, or other directions issued by AIU.

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Appendix – A

Games / Sports conducted by AIU Sports Board

SR NO	SPORTS EVENT	SECTION
1.	Athletics	Men / Women
2.	Aquatics	Men / Women
3.	Archery	Men / Women
4.	Arm Wrestling	Men / Women
5.	Badminton	Men / Women
6.	Ball Badminton	Men / Women
7.	Baseball	Men / Women
8.	Basketball	Men / Women
9.	Basketball 3 side	Men / Women
10.	Beach Sports	Men / Women
11.	Best Physique	Men
12.	Boxing	Men / Women
13.	Canoeing and Kayaking	Men / Women
14.	Chess	Men / Women
15.	Circle Style Kabaddi	Men / Women
16.	Cricket	Men / Women
17.	Cross Country Races	Men / Women
18.	Cycling Road	Men / Women
19.	Cycling Track	Men / Women
20.	E-Sports	Men / Women
21.	Fencing	Men / Women
22.	Football	Men / Women
23.	Gatka	Men / Women
24.	Gymnastics	Men / Women
25.	Handball	Men / Women
26.	Hockey	Men / Women
27.	Judo	Men / Women
28.	Jiu Jitsu	Men / Women
29.	Kabaddi	Men / Women
30.	Karate	Men / Women
31.	Kho - Kho	Men / Women
32.	Malkhamb	Men / Women
33.	Netball	Men / Women
34.	Pencak Silat	Men / Women
35.	Power Lifting	Men / Women
36.	Rowing	Men / Women
37.	Roller Sports	
38.	Rugby	Men / Women
39.	Sepak Takraw	Men / Women
40.	Shooting	Men / Women

41.	Softball	Men / Women
42.	Squash Rackets	Men / Women
43.	Table - Tennis	Men / Women
44.	Taekwondo	Men / Women
45.	Tennis	Men / Women
46.	Thang - Ta	Men / Women
47.	Tug of War	Men / Women
48.	Volleyball	Men / Women
49.	Water Polo	Men
50.	Wrestling Free Style & Greco Roman	Men / Women
51.	Wt. Lifting	Men / Women
52.	Winter Sports	Men / Women
53.	Wushu	Men / Women
54.	Yogasana	Men / Women



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Appendix – B

Tournament Structure and Specific Rules for Inter-University Tournaments

SN	SPORTS EVENT	SECTION	ZONE/ALL INDIA	FIXTURE/DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM		SPECIFIC RULE	MAXIMUM PLAYERS PER EVENT/TEAM ONE UNIVERSITY	MINIMUM PLAYERS PER TEAM	MAXIMUM PLAYERS PER TEAM
1.	Arm Wrestling	M	All India						
2.	Arm Wrestling	W	All India						
3.	Aquatics	M	All India				Two entries for each Indv. Event and Four entries for Relay events.	NA	NA
4.	Aquatics	W	All India				Two entries for each Indv. Event and Four entries for Relay events.	NA	NA
5.	Archery	M	All India				Four entries for each event (Indian/Compound/Recurve). All four play indv. & team.	NA	NA
6.	Archery	W	All India				Four entries for each event (Indian/Compound/Recurve). All four play indv. & team.	NA	NA
7.	Athletics	M	All India				Two entries for each Indv. Event and Four entries for Relay events. I single athlete can be entered in two indv. events and one relay event only.	NA	NA
8.	Athletics	W	All India				Two entries for each Indv. Event and Four entries for Relay events. I single athlete can be entered in two indv. events and one relay event only.	NA	NA
9.	Badminton	W	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			2	5
10.	Badminton	M	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			4	7
11.	Ball Badminton	M	All India	League cum Knockout	Knockout cum League			5	10
12.	Ball Badminton	W	All India	League cum Knockout	Knockout cum League			5	10

13.	Baseball	M	All India	League cum Knockout	Knockout cum League			9	16
14.	Baseball	W	All India	League cum Knockout	Knockout cum League			9	16
15.	Basketball	M	Four Zone	Zonals: League cum Knockout	Inter-zonal: Knockout cum league			5	12
16.	Basketball	W	Four Zone	Zonals: League cum Knockout	Inter-zonal: Knockout cum league			5	12
17.	Basketball 3*3	M	All India	League cum Knockout				3	4
18.	Basketball 3*3	W	All India	League cum Knockout				3	4
19.	Beach Sports	M	All India	League cum Knockout			Two entries for each event	NA	NA
20.	Beach Sports	W	All India	League cum Knockout			Two entries for each event	NA	NA
21.	Best Physique	M	All India				One entry for each event	NA	NA
22.	Boxing	M	All India				One entry for each weight category	NA	NA
23.	Boxing	W	All India				One entry for each weight category	NA	NA
24.	Canoeing and Kayaking	W	All India				One athlete can participate in maximum two events.	NA	NA
25.	Canoeing and Kayaking	M	All India				One athlete can participate in maximum two events	NA	NA
26.	Chess	M	Four Zone	Swiss League	Swiss League			4	6
27.	Chess	W	Four Zone	Swiss League	Swiss League			4	6
28.	Circle Style Kabaddi	M	All India	League cum Knockout				8	14
29.	Circle Style Kabaddi	W	All India	League cum Knockout				8	14
30.	Cricket	M	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			11	16
31.	Cricket	W	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			11	16
32.	Cross Country Races	W	All India				Maximum 7 and minimum 1	1	7
33.	Cross Country Races	M	All India				Maximum 7 and minimum 1	1	7

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							each weight category. In Artistic, as per rule		
66.	Powerlifting	M	All India				One entry for each weight category.	NA	NA
67.	Powerlifting	W	All India				One entry for each weight category.	NA	NA
68.	Roller Sports	M	All India				Two entries for each event	NA	NA
69.	Roller Sports	W	All India				Two entries for each event	NA	NA
70.	Rowing	M	All India				A single player can participate in two events only. The player of Scull events cannot participate in Coxless events and vice versa	NA	NA
71.	Rowing	W	All India				A single player can participate in two events only. The player of Scull events cannot participate in Coxless events and vice versa	NA	NA
72.	Rugby	M	All India	League cum Knockout				7	12
73.	Rugby	W	All India	League cum Knockout				7	12
74.	Sepak Takraw	M	All India				Two entries for each event	NA	NA
75.	Sepak Takraw	W	All India				Two entries for each event	NA	NA
76.	Shooting 10 Mtr. Air Rifle and Air Pistol	M	All India				Maximum four athletes for each event	NA	NA
	Shooting 10 Mtr. Air Rifle and Air Pistol	W							
77.	Shooting Shotgun (All Events)	M	All India				Maximum four athletes for each event	NA	NA
	Shooting Shotgun (All Events)	W							
78.	Shooting .22 (All Events)	M	All India				Maximum four athletes for each event	NA	NA
	Shooting .22 (All Events)	W							

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79.	Softball	M	All India	League cum Knockout				9	16
80.	Softball	W	All India	League cum Knockout				9	16
81.	Squash Rackets	M	All India					3	4
82.	Squash Rackets	W	All India					3	4
83.	Table Tennis	M	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			4	6
84.	Table Tennis	W	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			3	5
85.	Taekwondo	M	All India				only one player from each university in each weight category and that player can also participate in Poomsae Indv. and Poomsae Team events.	NA	NA
86.	Taekwondo	W	All India				only one player from each university in each weight category and that player can also participate in Poomsae Indv. and Poomsae Team events.	NA	NA
87.	Thang Ta	M	All India						
88.	Thang Ta	W	All India						
89.	Tennis	M	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			4	6
90.	Tennis	W	Four Zone	Zonal: Knock out	Inter Zonal: Knockout			4	6
91.	Tug of War	M	All India					6	8
92.	Tug of War	W	All India					6	8
93.	Volleyball	M	Four Zone	Zonals: League cum knockout	inter zonal: Knockout cum league			6	14
94.	Volleyball	W	Four Zone	Zonals: League cum knockout	inter zonal: Knockout cum league			6	14
95.	Water Polo	M	All India					7	13

96.	Weightlifting	M	Two Zone Basis				Two entries for each weight category, but total participants must not exceed 10 from each university.	NA	NA
97.	Weightlifting	F	Two Zone Basis				Two entries for each weight category, but total participants must not exceed 10 from each university.	NA	NA
98.	Winter Sports	M	All India				Two entries for each event	NA	NA
99.	Winter Sports	W	All India				Two entries for each event	NA	NA
100.	Wrestling F/S	W	All India				One entry for each weight category.	NA	NA
101.	Wrestling F/S and G/R	M	All India				One entry for each weight category.	NA	NA
102.	Wushu	M	All India				In Sanda events, One entry from each event from each university. One player from each university can participate in maximum three taolu events.	NA	NA
103.	Wushu	W	All India				In Sanda events, One entry from each event from each university. One player from each university can participate in maximum three taolu events.	NA	NA
104.	Yogasana	M	All India					5	6
105.	Yogasana	W	All India					5	6



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Appendix – C

Proforma for Collecting Information from the Universities while Inviting Offers for Hosting Inter-University Tournaments

A. Basic Details:

1. Name of the University: _____
2. Tournament to Host: _____
_____ (Men / Women)
3. Specify Zone Details: _____ Session: 20____ - 20____
4. Invitation Letter Reference No.: _____

B. Sports Infrastructure:

Sr. No.	Game Name	Nature of Playing Surface	Availability of well-maintained Indoor & Outdoor grounds and other equipment	Attached the latest Geo tag photograph of the Sports facilities available	Details of Special Remark (if any)
1.					
2.					
3.					

If Ground will be hired from any Organization, mention the name:

C. Details of proposed accommodation for participating teams and officials:

If accommodation is hired from other sources, mention the name

Sr No	Participating Teams & Officials	Accommodation Strength	Specification Details
1.	For Men Players		
2.	For Women Players		
3.	For Accompanying Officials		

D. Important Details:

1. Description of Food Arrangements:

2. Details of the Local Transport:

Railway Station / Bus Stand to Lodging Place and Back (distance in Km)	Lodging Place to Venue of the Tournament and Back (distance in Km)

3. Source of Officiating Officials, Umpired Referees, Judges, and Scorers:

4. Specify the monitoring mechanism for the prevention of drug abuse in sports:

5. Use of mass media for giving wider publicity to competitive sports in the university:

6. Details of the Medical and first aid facilities available in the university?

E. Certified that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of the Director of Sports/Secretary – Sports Committee)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Contact No: _____

Email Id: _____

(Signature of the Vice Chancellor)
With seal



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Appendix – D

Proforma for Organizing Secretary's Report on National University Games

Name of the Organizing University: _____

Name of the Tournament: _____ (Men / Women)

Zone/Inter Zone: _____

Name of the Organizing Secretary: _____

1. Tournament Details:

A. Date of the Tournament: _____

B. Date of drawing Fixture: _____

C. Date of publication of fixture: _____

D. Total no of Entries received: _____

E. Actual No of universities Participated: _____

F. No. of Absent / withdrawing universities: _____

G. Any Sponsorship Received: _____

H. Invitation sends to Nada? Yes () / No ()

I. Whether Nada attend the Event? Yes () / No ()

J. Whether Received any Sponsorship? Yes () / No ()

K. If Received Sponsorship please mention the details of that Company/Organization. _____

2. Details of Technical Officials:

A. Name of the National Sports Federation/State Board Federation. _____

B. Total of officials posted for the event _____

3. Details of Observer's

1. Name of the Observer(s):

a. _____

b. _____

2. Observer(s) belong to the Organization/University:

a. _____

3. Period of Stay:

a. From _____ to _____

b. From _____ to _____

4. Results:

Men:	Women:
Winner _____	Winner _____
Runners-up _____	Runners-up _____
3 rd Position _____	3 rd Position _____
4 th Position _____	4 th Position _____

Remaining teams reached quarter finals (Except above-mentioned rankings)	
Men:	Women:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Team Qualifies for pre-quarter finals (except the teams qualified for quarter finals)	
Men:	Women:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Fixture to be attached herewith. However, in case of individual events result may be submitted in a separate sheet event-wise)

5. Certificates:

Details of the Certificates issued by the AIU to the position holders (for Team Games and Individual Events in Inter Zone / All India Inter University).

Sr. No.	Position	Name of the University	Total No of Players	Issued Certificate No	
				From	To
1.	1 st				
2.	2 nd				
3.	3 rd				
4.	4 th				

(For Individual Sports and Team Game player-wise certificate details, along with certificate number, shall be submitted in a separate sheet)

6. Trophy:

Men:

Trophy(ies) awarded to:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Women:

Trophy(ies) awarded to:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(Note: Receipt from Winning Universities be obtained by the Organizing Universities for retention record.)

7. Details of Protest(s), if any:

Sr. No.	Protesting University	Reasons for Protest	Protest Upheld / rejected	Protest Fee Collected (Rs)
i)				
ii)				
iii)				

Note:

1. If rejected, details of remittance of the Protest(s) fee(s) to the AIU
2. Copy (ies) of the Protest(s) and that the decision of the Organizing Committee thereon is to be attached.

8. Specific problems and difficulties faced in organizing the tournament (if any):

9. Certified that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of the Organizing Secretary)

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Contact No: _____

Email Id: _____

Date: _____



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Appendix – E

Proforma for Observer's Report on National University Games

A. General Details:

Name of the Observer: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Email Id: _____

Tournament Name: _____ (Men / Women)

Zone/Interzonal: _____

Duration of Stay at the Competition Venue: From _____ To _____

Name of the Host University: _____

Date of the Competition: From _____ To _____

Total No. of Participating Teams: _____ (Men) _____ (Women)

B. Administrative Details: (Kindly tick the options)

Description	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Boarding & Lodging Arrangements				
Local Transport				
Seating Arrangements				
Arrangements at the Opening & Closing Ceremony				
Circulation of Information Bulletin by the Host University				

C. Brief details of deficiencies as observed under the Head B.

(Attach an extra sheet if required):

D. Technical Details: (Please tick appropriate)

Description	Details		
No. of Grounds/Courts/Pitches available			
Condition of the Surface of Grounds/Courts/Pitches	International Standard	National Standard	Not Up to the Mark
Number of the Technical Officials			

Whether Technical officials are appointed from NSF/SSF. If yes, kindly attach the appointment orders				
General Standards of Technical Officials	International Officials	National Officials	State Officials	Any Other
Invitation sends to Nada?	YES		NO	
Whether Nada attend the Event?	YES		NO	
Whether Received any Sponsorship?	YES		NO	
If Received Sponsorship please mention the details of that Company/Organization.				

E. Details of deficiencies observed under the Head D:

Observation regarding violation of Rules (if any), _____

F. Critical Observation:

Description	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Behaviour of the Host University Officials towards Participating Teams				
Conduct of the participating Teams, including their officials				
Behaviour of the Spectators				

G. Details of deficiencies observed under the Head F:

Details of unruly incident (if any), _____

H. New Records Created, if any, with full details:

I. Detail Result:

1. Name of the Teams Winning Top 4 Positions:

a. Winner:

b. Runners-up:

c. 3rd Position:

d. 4th Position:

2. Enclosed Detail Result of Individual Performance during the
Tournament/Championship:

J. Remarks on Participating Teams (if any),

K. Special Remarks (if any):

Date: _____

(Signature of the Observer)

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Contact No: _____

Email Id: _____



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Appendix – F

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Officiating Charges

S. No.	Games/Sports	Men/Women	Event	Revised Officiating Fee (Rs.)	
1	Athletics	Men	Track & Field	4000	Per University
2	Athletics	Women	Track & Field	4000	Per University
3	Swimming	Men	All Events	3000	Per University
4	Swimming	Women	All Events	3000	Per University
5	Diving	Men	All Events	2000	Per University
6	Diving	Women	All Events	2000	Per University
7	Archery	Men	Recurve	2000	Per University
			Compound	2000	Per University
			Indian	2000	Per University
8	Archery	Women	Recurve	2000	Per University
			Compound	2000	Per University
			Indian	2000	Per University
9	Arm Wrestling	Men	----	2000	Per University
10	Arm Wrestling	Women	----	2000	Per University
11	Badminton	Men	----	2000	Per Match
12	Badminton	Women	----	2000	Per Match
13	Ball Badminton	Women	----	2000	Per Match
14	Ball Badminton	Men	----	2000	Per Match
15	Baseball	Men	----	2000	Per Match
16	Baseball	Women	----	2000	Per Match
17	Basketball	Men	----	2000	Per Match
18	Basketball	Women	----	2000	Per Match
19	Basketball 3 side	Men	----	2000	Per Match
20	Basketball 3 side	Women	----	2000	Per Match
21	Beach Sports	Men	----	2000	Per Match
22	Beach Sports	Women	----	2000	Per Match
23	Best Physique	Men	----	3500	Per University
24	Boxing	Men	All Weights	4000	Per University
25	Boxing	Women	All Weights	4000	Per University
26	Canoeing	Men	All Events	3000	Per University
27	Canoeing	Women	All Events	3000	Per University
28	Chess	Men	----	4000	Per University
29	Chess	Women	----	4000	Per University
30	Circle Style Kabaddi	Men	----	2000	Per Match
31	Circle Style Kabaddi	Women	----	2000	Per Match
32	Cricket	Men	----	2500	Per Match
33	Cricket	Women	----	2500	Per Match
34	Cross Country Races	Men	----	2500	Per University

35	Cross Country Races	Women	----	2500	Per University
36	Cycling Road	Men	All Events	4000	Per University
37	Cycling Road	Women	All Events	4000	Per University
38	Cycling Track	Men	All Events	4000	Per University
39	Cycling Track	Women	All Events	4000	Per University
40	E-Sports	Men	----	2000	Per University
41	E-Sports	Women	----	2000	Per University
42	Fencing	Men	EPEE	2000	Per University
			FOIL	2000	Per University
			SABRE	2000	Per University
43	Fencing	Women	EPEE	2000	Per University
			FOIL	2000	Per University
			SABRE	2000	Per University
44	Football	Men	----	2000	Per Match
45	Football	Women	----	2500	Per Match
46	Gymnastics Artistic	Men	All Events	4000	Per University
47	Gymnastics Artistic	Women	All Events	4000	Per University
48	Gymnastics Rhythmic	Women	All Events	4000	Per University
49	Handball	Men	----	2000	Per Match
50	Handball	Women	----	2000	Per Match
51	Hockey	Men	----	2000	Per Match
52	Hockey	Women	----	2000	Per Match
53	Judo	Men	All Weights	4000	Per University
54	Judo	Women	All Weights	4000	Per University
55	Jiu-Jitsu	Men	All Weights/ Team events	2000	Per University
56	Jiu-Jitsu	Women	All Weights/ Team events	2000	Per University
57	Kabaddi N/S	Men	----	2000	Per Match
58	Kabaddi N/S	Women	----	2000	Per Match
59	Karate	Men	Kumite	2000	Per University
			Kata	1500	Per University
60	Karate	Women	Kumite	2000	Per University
			Kata	1500	Per University
61	Kayaking	Men	All Events	3000	Per University
62	Kayaking	Women	All Events	3000	Per University
63	Kho Kho	Men	----	2000	Per Match
64	Kho Kho	Women	----	2000	Per Match
65	Malkhamb	Men	----	2000	Per University
66	Malkhamb	Women	----	2000	Per University
67	Netball	Men	----	2000	Per Match
68	Netball	Women	----	2000	Per Match
69	Pencak Silat	Men	All Weights & Team events	3000	Per University
70	Pencak Silat	Women	All Weights & Team events	3000	Per University
71	Power Lifting	Men	All Weights	2500	Per University
72	Power Lifting	Women	All Weights	2500	Per University
73	Rowing	Men	All Events	3000	Per University
74	Rowing	Women	All Events	3000	Per University

75	Rugby	Men	----	2000	Per Match
76	Rugby	Women	----	2000	Per Match
77	Sepak Takraw	Men	----	2000	Per University
78	Sepak Takraw	Women	----	2000	Per University
79	Shooting (10 M) No separate charges for Mix Team	Men	All Events	2500	Per University
		Women	All Events	2500	Per University
80	Shooting (.22) No separate charges for Mix Team	Men	All Events	2500	Per University
		Women	All Events	2500	Per University
81	Shooting (Shotgun) No separate charges for Mix Team	Men	All Events	2500	Per University
		Women	All Events	2500	Per University
82	Softball	Men	----	2000	Per Match
83	Softball	Women	----	2000	Per Match
84	Squash Rackets	Men	----	2000	Per Match
85	Squash Rackets	Women	----	2000	Per Match
86	Table Tennis	Men	----	2000	Per Match
87	Table Tennis	Women	----	2000	Per Match
88	Taekwondo	Men	Kyorugi	2000	Per University
			Poomsae	2000	Per University
89	Taekwondo	Women	Kyorugi	2000	Per University
			Poomsae	2000	Per University
90	Tennis	Men	----	3000	Per Match
91	Tennis	Women	----	3000	Per Match
92	Thang - Ta	Men	----	2000	Per University
93	Thang - Ta	Women	----	2000	Per University
94	Tug of War	Men	----	2000	Per University
95	Tug of War	Women	----	2000	Per University
96	Volleyball	Men	----	2500	Per Match
97	Volleyball	Women	----	2500	Per Match
98	Water Polo	Men	----	3000	Per Match
99	Water Polo	Women	----	3000	Per Match
100	Wrestling Free Style	Men	All Weights	4000	Per University
101	Wrestling Greco Roman	Men	All Weights	4000	Per University
102	Wrestling Free Style	Women	All Weights	4000	Per University
103	Wt. Lifting	Men	All Weights	3000	Per University
104	Wt. Lifting	Women	All Weights	3000	Per University
105	Wushu	Men	Taolu	2000	Per University
			Sanda	2000	Per University
106	Wushu	Women	Taolu	2000	Per University
			Sanda	2000	Per University
107	Yoga	Women	----	3000	Per University
108	Yoga	Men	----	3000	Per University