

Press Release

SAI resumes sports activities in two stadia in Delhi

New Delhi, May 26, 2020: In keeping with the Ministry of Home Affairs' direction to open up sports complexes and stadia and the subsequent approval of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Sports Authority of India has decided to start sports activities in all stadia in the National Capital, except for Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Complex as the swimming pools are to remain closed as per the order of Ministry of Home Affairs. The sports activities will start in a phased manner.

Initially sporting activities are being started in those disciplines where no contact is required among players and minimal sharing of equipment is needed. Accordingly, Archery, Table tennis, Badminton and Lawn tennis will be started in JLN Stadium and Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium depending on facilities available. In keeping with the guidelines of the Government on social distancing and hygiene, it has been decided a maximum of only 50 percent of sports facilities in various stadia will be made operational to ensure social distancing.

The sporting activities in JNS and National Stadium has resumed from Tuesday afternoon, in slots of one hour which needs to be pre-booked online. Detailed guidelines have been made available to the stadia administrator and they have been briefed comprehensively to ensure adherence to government guidelines of Health and Hygiene. Sports activities at IG Stadium and Karni Singh is expected to resume in a week's time as logistics are being worked out.

All stadia have been disinfected and deep sanitized, in keeping with guidelines. Thermal checks and hand sanitization of every athlete and accompanying parents is being done at entry gates. The wearing of mask has been made mandatory and nobody will be allowed without mask. Athletes can take off mask only while performing the sports activities.

As per Government guidelines only athletes above the age of 10 years can resume sporting activities.

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