



All athletes and staff at SAI NCOEs to be tested weekly to curb Covid surge; No disruption of Olympic training

April 7, 2021; New Delhi: Following the second wave of Covid-19 cases across India, the Sports Authority of India has released a new set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to curb its spread on SAI campuses and National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs).

Weekly testing of all athletes, support staff and administration will be conducted and strict quarantine norms have been set up. However all precautions and norms will be implemented keeping Olympic probable athletes in mind, so that their training does not suffer, with special schedules and staggered timings being drawn up, so that there is no interruption in their training.

The new SOP states that the athlete should take an RT-PCR test within 72 hours before arrival and should be allowed in the centre only if the report is negative.

For national campers who are Olympic probables, they will have to follow a 7-day quarantine with training being allowed with Covid appropriate protocols, which will be conducted in staggered timings with supervision by the coach.

Further, an RT-PCR test will be conducted for national campers on the 6th day of quarantine and thereafter, every week. They will be allowed to train if negative, and will be treated according to state government protocol, if tested positive.

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