

Memorandum of Understanding

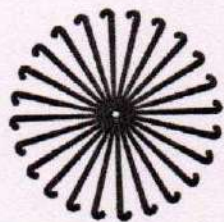
Between

**The Sports Authority of India**



And

**Hockey India**



**HOCKEY INDIA**

On

**Cooperation in the Field of Hockey Coach Education,  
Hockey Talent Identification, Talent Nurturing and  
Hockey Infrastructure**



This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") is made on 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015 at Delhi. 7

**BY AND BETWEEN**

**Sports Authority of India ("SAI")**, having its office at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, East Gate, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003 (hereinafter referred to as the "SAI" which term or expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context be deemed to mean and include its successor and / or successors in office/ nominees/ interest and assigns) of the **FIRST PART**;

**AND**

**Hockey India ('HI')**, having its office at B1/E3, Ground Floor, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, (1 km Ahead of Metro Station) New Delhi- 110044 (hereinafter referred to as the "HI" which term or expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context be deemed to mean and include its successor and / or successors in office/ nominees/ interest and assigns) of the **SECOND PART**.

Hereinafter SAI and HI shall be referred to individually as a "Party" and together as "Parties".

**Introduction**

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Hockey India (HI) (hereinafter referred to as 'The Parties'):

Taking into consideration the importance of Hockey as a medium for the development and promotion of values in the youth of the Nation;

Recalling that SAI is desirous of promoting Hockey which is amongst the world's most popular sports, as a tool of youth development and excellence in sports;

Recognizing that SAI aims to create a lasting legacy with the development of its Hockey coaching system, talent identification and infrastructure for promoting hockey, education, health and other allied areas;

Highlighting that SAI is committed to investing in innovative programmes for developing the country as world-class Hockey Nation;

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Taking into account that HI, as the apex Hockey body in the Country, has many experienced individuals who can assist in, among other fields, Hockey Coaching Education, Hockey Talent Identification, Hockey Talent Nurturing and development of Hockey Infrastructure ; and

Acknowledging that the Parties are actively looking at establishing a strategic partnership for the improvement of the status of Hockey in India.

**HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:**

**ARTICLE 1: Objectives and Principles**

The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to strengthen the development of Hockey in the country by converging the resources and outreach of Sports Authority of India and the expertise and international exposure of Hockey India.

**ARTICLE 2: Executives Bodies**

The executive bodies implementing the provision of the MoU shall be:

Sports Authority of India

Hockey India

**ARTICLE 3: Areas of cooperation**

Broad areas of mutual cooperation between the parties shall be:

Improvement of technical knowhow of Hockey coaches to match international standards;

Improvement of the Hockey talent identification system in India;

Nurturing/Development,of Hockey talent; and

Creation of world-class Hockey infrastructure and training systems in the country.

**ARTICLE 4: Modes of Collaboration**

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the areas covered under this MoU and shall also facilitate the development of cooperation and partnership in other areas as may be deemed fit in the future.

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The Parties propose to collaborate through:

**Coach Education:**

Provide internationally recognized Hockey coaching courses and license certification to the National Institute of Sports (NIS) students;

Implementation of Coaching certification at various internationally recognized levels at NIS;

Make time in the NIS schedule to conduct the Hockey coaching license certification;

Allow a gradual enhancement of the Hockey coaching curriculum for NIS students;

Increase internship opportunities for Hockey coaches from SAI NIS and Centres;

Open internship opportunities at HI Member Academies;

Provide SAI, its Coaches, athletes and Centres with free access to the Hockey India Online Academy Platform of Hockey India,

Sponsor Observer positions at FIH Technical and Coaches Training at events of FIH happening in India and Abroad.

**Talent Identification:**

Identify areas with historical record of providing Hockey talent;

Provide dedicated SAI coaches to become Hockey scouts in the identified areas;

Organize courses on 'Hockey scouting methods' for the appointed SAI scouts by the HI Technical Team;

Execute scouting trials by the HI National Team Coaches for Youth Age Groups in selected SAI Centers;

Increase Hockey scouting opportunities by utilizing existing domestic competition structure at School/College/University/Block/District/State/National level;

Use the National Sports Talent Search Schemes (NSTSS) to identify the Hockey skills required at a broad level;

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Create Hockey-specific exercises for the National Sports Talent Search Scheme and liaising with different entities for its implementation.

**Talent Development:**

Create an ecosystem within SAI which will allow for the nurturing of the talented Hockey Athletes.

Provide identified talent with free access to the Hockey India Online Academy Platform of Hockey India,

Allocate residential spots in SAI Centers for the identified Hockey talent in the Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 categories;

Strengthen the internal SAI competition by creating a 16-team SAI Hockey Tournament in the Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 categories for men and women

Appoint FIH or AHF licensed Hockey coaches to be in charge of each of the Under 12, Under 16 SAI Internal Teams;

Provide the SAI Internal Tournament Champions the opportunity of playing in the national tournaments /championships organized by HI in the relevant age groups;

Increase the possibilities of selecting players from SAI centers to the HI National Teams for Youth Age Groups.

**Sports Infrastructure:**

Provide SAI the details to provide facilities for the HI Tournaments in India.

Select the highest possible number of SAI Facilities as Training Centers for HI Tournaments in India.

Apply the FIH, AHF and HI Requirements into selected SAI Facilities as the Training Centers for HI Tournaments in India.

Engage SAI personnel on internationally run programmes in India to enhance local expertise in the maintenance of sports facilities;

Identify a SAI Center for it to be development in-house as the National Training Center for the Indian national Teams for each men and women;

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Establish selected SAI Center as an Elite SAI Facility for Hockey development in compliance with the highest international standards;

Work towards selecting appropriate SAI Facilities for conducting national championships of various age groups:

Achieve self-sustainability of the SAI facilities by increasing its revenue-generation potential.

Increase knowledge management on Hockey facilities maintenance and development;

#### **ARTICLE 5: Implementation**

The Parties or representatives so authorized shall try to meet once every trimester to discuss the progress of the cooperation, actions and execution of specific projects;

The Parties must nominate at least one representative as a Nodal Officer to implements this MoU;

The Parties will enter into separate written agreements, on mutually agreed terms, for implementing specific project in the areas of cooperation covered in this MoU.

The Parties shall decide on a case-to-case basis on the participation of various individuals or institutions in implementing the provisions of this MoU.

The Parties may broaden the scope of cooperation beyond what has been agreed upon by them in future;

The Parties shall actively work together to enhance, broaden and intensify cooperation in all areas covered under this MoU;

The Parties shall keep each other well-informed of their respective programs and the progress made, with respect to activities undertaken in this MoU.

#### **ARTICLE 6: Entry into Force, Renewal and Termination, Amendment and Dispute settlement**

This MoU shall come into effect from the date of its signature by the authorized representatives of the parties;

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The MoU shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years and may be renewed thereafter for successive three-year periods, unless terminated by either party at any time on giving at least a month's advance notice in writing;

The MoU may be amended, at any time, by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such amendments shall come into effect from such date as may be determined by the Parties and shall form an integral part of this MoU;

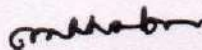
Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

In witness thereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective organizations, have signed this MoU.

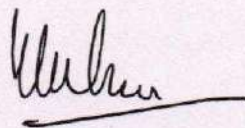
Signed in New Delhi, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, in two originals each, in English.

For Sports Authority of India

For Hockey India



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Corrigendum

It is hereby agreed by both the parties with mutual consent to remove the clause related to National Sports Talent Search Schemes (NSTSS). Hence, the text "Use the National Sports Talent Search Schemes (NSTSS) to identify the Hockey skills required at a broad level; Create Hockey-specific exercise for the National Sports Talent Search Scheme and liaising with different entities for its implementation "in Talent Identification in ARTICLE 4 is deemed deleted.

The revised text in **ARTICLE 4 : Talent Identification** should be read as below :

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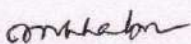
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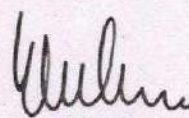
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