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**Sub: Guidelines for selection/admission and retention criteria of sports trainees for admission to Hostels (Residential trainees) under SAI Training Centres (STCs) and Special Area Games (SAG) Centres**

The residential sports trainees in the STCs and SAGs are the mainstay of Sports Authority of India's (SAI) sports training programme. It caters to the age group between 14 to 21 years. The residential trainees of Sports Hostels in the STCs and SAGs are provided scientific training, board, lodging, education, insurance, sports kit, competition exposure, etc., as per approved financial norms.

2.0 To increase the effectiveness of the scheme for realizing the aim of achieving excellence in various sports disciplines and for the trainees to be the dominant pool of sports persons, it is crucial that they are selected on the most scientific basis, which is both transparent and objective. Such a selection has to be purely based on merit and performance with the selection based on achievements in various levels of recognized competitions.


3.0 The matter was also discussed during the 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of SAI held on August 24, 2012 wherein the following decision was taken :-

**"The Chairman further directed that all the SAI training schemes should lay emphasis on performance so that SAI's contribution to sports persons representing India is increased from the present levels and maximized. Thus, performance leading to excellence should be the corner-stone of the schemes."**

4.0 Accordingly, the admission/selection/retention norms for STCs/SAGs are revised and the following guidelines are now fixed for selection/admission/retention of sports trainees for Hostels in STCs and SAGs (Residential trainees) :-

### **4.1 AGE OF ADMISSION:**

The trainees would be admitted and retained in the age group of 12 to 18 years.

  
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## 4.2 AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS

### For INDIVIDUAL Events:

- (i) Sports persons who obtain first 04 (four) positions in individual events at the:

- National Games;
- National Championships (relevant age groups) held by National Sports Federations (NSFs) yearly (once a year);

shall be given automatic admission in the concerned sports discipline in any of the STCs/SAGs in the Region/State.

OR

- (ii) Sports persons who obtain First and Second position in individual events at the:

- All India School Games Federation competitions;
- Inter-State competitions organized by NSFs (yearly);
- Inter-Zonal competitions held by NSFs (yearly); and
- All India Circuit Meet/Permit Meet organized by NSFs

shall be given automatic admission in the concerned sports discipline in any of the STCs/SAGs in the Region/State.

OR

- (iii) Sports persons who obtain first 02 (Two) positions in individual events at the State Championships organized by State Sports Associations shall be given automatic admission in the concerned sports discipline in any of the STCs/SAGs only in the State where the STC/SAG is located.

- (iv) The admission may be made after proper age verification and medical examination.

### For TEAM Events:

- (i) Any of the team members of the team who are placed First, Second and Third in the following competitions :

- National Games;
- National Championships (relevant age groups) held by NSFs yearly (once a year);

  
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would be provided automatic admission in the concerned sports discipline in any of the STCs/SAGs in the Region/State.

OR

(ii) Sportspersons who are members of the team winning First and Second position at the:

- All India School Games Federation competitions;
- Inter-Zonal competitions organized by NSFs; and
- All India Federation Cup organized by NSFs

would be provided automatic admission in the concerned sports discipline in any of the STCs/SAGs in the Region/State.

OR

(iii) Sports persons who obtain first 02 (Two) positions at the State Championships organized by State Sports Associations (once a year) would be provided automatic admission in the concerned sports discipline in any of the STCs/SAGs only in the State where the STC/SAG is located.

OR

(iv) Sports persons who have represented State in the National Championships organized once a year by the concerned NSF would be provided automatic admission in the concerned sports discipline in any of the STCs/SAGs only in the State where the STC/SAG is located.

(v) The admission would be provided after age verification and medical examination.

4.2.1 All the Regional Centres should track the calendar of competitions in various age categories relevant to the age group 12-18, i.e., Sub-Junior, Junior, Youth Cadets, etc. and identify the sports trainees for automatic entry.

#### **4.3 ADMISSIONS AFTER HOLDING COMPETITIONS / SELECTION TRIALS**

In this category, the sports persons would be chosen after holding competitions / selection trials amongst the position-holders of different compe-

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titions in the relevant age groups:-

**For INDIVIDUAL Events:**

- (i) The first three (03) position-holders of District Championships, Inter-Education District level competitions, Championships held by Confederations of Public Schools, CBSE, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, PYKKA, etc., would be eligible to participate in the selection through competitions to be organized by the SAI Regional Centres/STCs/SAGs.

**For TEAM Events:**

- (i) All the members of first two (02) position-holding teams, i.e., First and Second position teams, in District level championships, Inter Educational District level competitions, Championships held by Confederations of Public Schools, CBSE, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, PYKKA, etc., would be eligible to participate in trials.

4.3.1 Selection would be made based on vacancies remaining after admitting trainees under automatic admission category (para 4.2 above).

4.3.2 The trainees would be selected for admission based on the performance in the competitions/trials for individual and team events. For Team events, the trial/competitions would be held by forming suitable teams and then holding competitions. The performance of the player in the respective position opted by him will be the key area of observation.

4.3.3 The competition and selection would be made STC/SAG Centre-wise. Sports persons from anywhere in the country are eligible for participation in the competition and selection. The competition and selection schedule should be given wide publicity.

4.3.4 The selection would be made and supervised by a Selection Committee.

4.3.5 A Selection Committee for each STC/SAG Centre, comprising the following, would oversee the performance of the sports persons and make selections:-

a) Head of Academic Institution/Regional  
Director/In-charge of the region  
or his/her representative

- Chairperson

b) Representative of the State Government/  
State Sports Association/National Sports  
Federation

  
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c) 02 Coaches of the concerned discipline(s)  
[One Coach outside of the STC/SAG for  
which selection is to be made (nominated  
by Institutional Head/Regional Head]

d) Eminent sports persons of the sports  
discipline in the Region/State, preferably  
an Arjuna Awardee  
(nominated by Institutional/Regional Head)

e) In-charge of the STCs/SAGs - **Convenor**

4.3.6 All the selected sports persons, whether in individual or team events, would be admitted after age verification, medical examination and clearing of Battery of Tests. An authentic character and conduct certificate of the selection sports persons has to be produced prior to induction.

#### **4.4 ADMISSION OF TRAINEES WITH EXTRA-ORDINARY HEIGHT**

4.4.1 Special consideration may be given to trainees with extra-ordinary/ exceptional height for various games and sports where height / specific anthropometric requirement plays a vital role to achieve higher level of performance. The sports include Volleyball, Basketball, Rowing and Kayaking & Canoeing. In such cases, a hunt may be made to locate trainees with the following height considerations :-

<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Boys</u></b>	<b><u>Girls</u></b>
Under 14	above 165 cms.	above 160 cms.
Under 16	above 175 cms.	above 165 cms.
Above 16	above 182 cms.	above 170 cms.

and they may be admitted directly, limited to 10% of the strength of respective STCs/SAGs. The admission would be made after age verification, medical examination and thorough assessment of potential during assessment coaching camps. Amongst the shortlisted trainees with required height, the first screening will take place during first phase of three weeks and final selection during subsequent three weeks assessment coaching camp.

4.4.2 They will be admitted after approval of the Selection Committee as per para 4.3.5 of the concerned Region/STC/SAG.

#### **5.0 ADMISSION AND RETENTION**

5.1 The admission and retention would be a dynamic process and take place every year. As already indicated, the admission and retention would

  
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take place in the age group of 12 to 18 only. Relaxation in the retention of trainees beyond the age of 18 years would be made by the Heads of Academic Institutions/Regions in special cases only where there is strong justification based on performance and future prospects. The trainees would be retained beyond 18 years of age and upto 21 years only if the sports person achieves (i) first 08 (Eight) positions in the junior/senior National Championships organized by the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF) once a year (for individual events), or, is a member of the Team securing first 04 (Four) positions in Junior/Senior National Championships organized once a year by the concerned NSF (for Team events), OR, (ii) achieves First Position in the State Championships organized by the State Sports Association (for individual events), or, is a member of the State team (for Team events). These exceptional cases would be limited to 20% of the sanctioned strength of STCs/SAGs.

6.0 The Heads of Academic Institutions/Regions should give wide publicity and intimation to the various State Governments/District/Block/Local authorities, members of Educational Institutions, print & electronic media, etc., indicating the dates for holding selection trials/competitions and for hunt in the various disciplines at the Regional Centre / STC/SAG Centres and organize competitions/selection trials in the disciplines concerned and complete the same before the start of the academic session. The publicity by the Heads of academic institutes/regions in print media should be through information in at least 2 widely read daily newspapers (preferably vernacular language) and one national newspaper (vernacular language).

7.0 It shall also be the responsibility of the Heads of Academic Institutions/Regions and In-charges of the STCs/SAGs :-

- (a) Trainees are admitted for each discipline strictly as per the total strength approved by the SAI Head Office, for optimum utilization of the infrastructure and facilities available.
- (b) To ensure that strict monitoring of the performance of each trainees is carried out every year and those not coming up to the targeted level of performance are weeded out to make place for a new trainee (out of the waiting list of the selection carried out as prescribed above). The candidates to be weeded out on the basis of performance could, however, be allowed to continue till the completion of the academic session.
- (c) To ensure a healthy environment to be inducted trainees, keeping in mind the basic living conditions and proper diet as prescribed by SAI.

  
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8.0 These guidelines will come into force with immediate effect.

9.0 These guidelines are in supersession and cancellation of all earlier orders on the subject.

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To

- (1) Heads of all the SAI Regional Centres/Academic Institutions - with a request to bring these guidelines to the notice of all COEs/STCs/SAGs in their jurisdiction
- (2) Assistant Directors/In-charges of Centres of Excellence (COEs)
- (3) Assistant Directors/In-charges of STC / SAG Centres

Copy to:-

1. All Executive Directors / RD(Teams) / Directors in SAI HQs
2. RD (LTDP) - with a request to bring these guidelines to the notice of all the National Sports Federations (NSFs). They may also be requested to inform about these guidelines to their affiliated State Sports Associations
3. DDO (HQs)
4. AD to DG, SAI