

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS**

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S.R.O.1249(I)/2005.-In partial modification of this Ministry's notification No.F.9-(46)/2000-S-I dated 17th August 2002, and in pursuance of the Cabinet decision in case No.99/10/2005 dated 21st July 2005, the Federal Government is pleased to make the following revisions in the National Sports Policy:-

Revised National Sports Policy 2005

1. This policy aims at promoting sports in the country by developing sports at grass root level. The declining standards of sports in the country has deeply concerned the government to take remedial measures and bring about changes which may remove flaws and bottlenecks for smooth functioning of the sports institutions and revive the booming past of sixties. In the present set up Pakistan Sports Board, Pakistan Olympic Association, National Sports Federations, Provincial Sports Boards, Associations, departments and educational institutions are main sports organizing agencies. Sports at tehsil and district levels are mere formalities and at times not held at all. The sporting facilities in the Provinces are also not up to the mark. Very few stadiums or gymnasiums with proper facility exist in the country. Federations have their own constitutions and do not at times abide by the provision, perhaps due to hegemony of influential office bearers who have been occupying positions in the Federations for decades. Departments have played a vital role in recruitment of players, and keeping the sports traditions alive in the country. We salute them. The educational institutions which are supposed to be sports nurseries almost ceased to produce talented sportspersons who could replace our aging stalwarts. All this has necessitated in looking inwards, and finding a solution to our declining standards in sports.

2. **Mission Statement** :- The policy aims at promotion of sports at grass root level, enhancing public affiliation with the teams, ensuring all tournaments originate from inter-club level and culminate at the national level.

3. **Sports Policy** :- The policy envisages initiating sports at grass root level. The people of Pakistan have almost lost interest in games organized at national and provincial levels, due to poor standard of Sports. Besides other measures proper formation of genuine clubs on area basis is essential. The criteria for registration of a club will be enunciated by each sporting National Federation. Clubs in a tehsil/district must also register with the Sports Officer of the Provincial Government deputed in tehsil/district or equivalent administrative area for scrutiny, financial help and utilization of Government sporting facilities, where necessary. This will bring in mass participation and also help improving our sporting abilities. This will also provide an opportunity to our young sports persons to rise upwards and eventually be part of national teams.

4. **Games selected for Club based Tournaments** :- The Policy of holding Club based tournaments will be applicable to all the National Sports Federations, formed on club basis and affiliated with Pakistan Sports Board.

5. **Tournaments to be organized** :- The National Sports Federations affiliated with PSB should organize National Senior, National Junior/Youth and National Women Tournaments (where applicable) every year. Calendar of activities for the next Calendar year will be issued by each Federation latest by 30th November every year. Following sequence of action will be adopted at various tiers:-

a. **Club Tournaments**

(1) These will be held by District and Tehsil Associations where feasible in close

coordination with District and Tehsil Sports Officers and Local Governments Officials.

- (2) Registered Clubs in Districts will participate in the Tournaments.
- (3) After holding these Tournaments, District teams will be formed to participate in Provincial level Tournaments.

b. **Inter District Tournaments**

- (1) On culmination of Club level Tournaments, district teams will be formed which will participate in Inter District Tournaments.
- (2) Inter District Tournaments will be organized by the Provincial Associations of that games in coordination with Provincial Sports Boards and National Sports Federations.
- (3) At the end of these Tournaments, a team will be selected to represent the Province.

c. **National Tournaments**

- (1) On formation of Provincial teams, National Tournaments will be organized by National Federations of respective games. One team each from Provinces, Islamabad, AJK, FATA & Northern Areas and one team each from affiliated departments will participate.
- (2) National Federations will hold these tournaments in coordination with Pakistan Sports Board.
- (3) On culmination of National level Tournaments, National Teams will be selected to participate in International Tournaments.

d. **National Games**:- National Games will continue to be organized as per policy of Pakistan Olympic Association.

6. **Role of Pakistan Sports Board** :- In addition to the tasks already being performed by Pakistan Sports Board, it will undertake the following tasks to assist in implementation of Sports Policy, namely:-

- a. Assist National Federations in holding of national level tournaments by providing sporting facilities free of any charge. Sports facilities under this policy will mean playing fields and grounds only.

- b. Assist National Federations in selection of National Teams.
- c. Adjudicate as representative of the Government of Pakistan on any matter requiring adjudication with respect to "Sports Policy".
- d. Construct Sports Complexes for these games down to every District Headquarters in Phase-I and tehsil Headquarters in Phase-II on availability of funds. However, these complexes on completion will be handed over to local governments and District or Tehsil Sports Organizations for maintenance and use.

7. **Provincial Sports Boards**

- a. All Provinces including AJK, FATA and Northern Areas will appoint Sports Officer down to Tehsil and corresponding level with requisite staff to implement this Sports Policy as soon as possible.
- b. Provincial Sports Boards will assist Provincial Associations of all these games in conduct of Provincial level Tournaments.
- c. Provincial Sports Boards will instruct District and Tehsil Sports Officers to organize local tournaments as enumerated above in coordination with corresponding associations .

8. **Role of Civil Administration**

- a. Civil Administration at district level will play the most important part in implementing this policy.
- b. They will coordinate holding of tournaments at district level and Tehsil level (where possible).
- c. They will ensure maintenance and availability of sports infrastructure to conduct these tournaments.
- d. They will assist Sports Officers and members of local associations in raising funds for tournaments and training of their respective teams.
- e. They will provide all possible assistance for training of teams for their districts or tehsils, as the case may be.
- f. Due recognition will be given to these civil administration officials for meritorious performance in the field of sports.

9. **Provincial Governments** :- All Provincial Governments and the Government of Islamabad, AJK, FATA and Northern Areas will issue their own instructions in line with this policy for its implementation. All the Provincial Governments will promote the popular games of their Provinces.

10. **National Sports Federations** :- National Federations will be restructured on the following lines, within one year, namely:-

a. **Applicable to National Federations**

(1) Their voting members, and executive bodies will comprise Provincial Associations and corresponding Associations of Islamabad, AJK, FATA and Northern Areas with Punjab, Sindh, NWFP, Balochistan with two votes each. Islamabad, AJK, FATA and NA and affiliated departments will have one vote each.

(2) They will raise and organize Provincial Associations, where not in existence presently, within one year of issue of this policy.

(3) Provincial Associations will be elected directly by District Associations. Islamabad Associations will be elected by the Clubs.

(4) District/Tehsil Associations will be elected by member clubs.

(5) **Tenure restriction of Office-Bearers.**

(a) One tenure of any member of Federation or Association will be of four years only.

(b) President, Honorary Secretary and the Treasurer will be allowed a maximum of two tenures, in any office of the Federation or Association, after which they will become ineligible for holding the same posts of that particular Federation or Association. However, they will be allowed to contest for next higher Post/Association at any time.

(c) Tenure restrictions will not be applicable on the office-bearers of the Federations holding posts of President or Secretary of World/Asian Federation.

(d) An office bearer of one Federation or Association, except the representatives of departments, will not be allowed to be a member of any other Federation or Association within the country. He will however be allowed to hold office in International Federations or Associations without any bar.

b. **Women Sports** :- All Sports Federations will organize appropriate sports for women. Women Wings(where feasible) will be created in Federations/Associations.

c. **Elections as per this Policy**

1) All Federations will organize themselves in line with this policy by holding elections from club level upwards in all Tehsils/Districts or Corresponding administrative units of the country.

2) Representatives of Pakistan Sports Board and Provincial Sports Boards will be invited as under:-

a) Election of National Sports Federations Rep. of PSB

b) Election of Provincial Associations Rep. of Provincial Sports Board

c) Election of District Associations District Sports Officer

d) Election of Club Tehsil Sports Officer/District Sports Officer

3) Federations may ask for any assistance from Provincial and Pakistan Sports Board as deemed necessary for conduct of smooth elections to form sporting bodies from District upwards in line with this policy.

d. One individual will be allowed to represent one club, or district only. Violator will be liable to disciplinary action by the Provincial or Pakistan Sports Board, as the case may be.

e. The implementation of these instructions will be completed within one year of issue of this policy.

11. **National and Provincial Olympic Committees**

a. These will be elected by constituent National Sports Federations/Departments and Provincial Sports Associations.

b. One tenure of any office bearer of these committees will be of four years.

- c. President, Secretary and Treasurer will be allowed two tenures only. They will become ineligible for any office after two tenures and must vacate their position for new incumbents. However, an individual will be allowed to contest for next higher Association at any time.

12. **Sports Policy for educational institutions**

- a. Ministry of Education will create a Sports Cell to monitor all sports activities of Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education in implementing instructions pertaining to educational institutions. Higher Education Commission will monitor all the activities at University level.
- b. Every School to participate in minimum of 4 games including Martial Arts. Each College must have at least 6 teams including Athletics.
- c. The choice of selecting Games will be of the concerned Education Institution.
- d. All schools to organize proper games in games period, a minimum of two periods per week.
- e. All schools, colleges and equivalent institutions and above, to create sports facilities or get affiliated with sports grounds within one year. Failure to do so will make these schools and colleges liable for action against them as considered appropriate by the Ministry of Education.
- f. The Ministry of Education to establish a separate directorate to handle and monitor sports affairs preferably headed by an officer in Basic Pay Scale 20.

13. **Sports academies** :- On availability of funds, Pakistan Sports Board will create an academy (Residential) in selected games at Islamabad. Minimum of one academy each will be created by each Province based on local talent:-

- a. Boys of 12 years of age in class 7th, will be selected and put in these academies.
- b. These academies will hire the services of the best coaches, and International level sporting infrastructure will be created for their use.
- c. Students, besides going through normal academic pursuits, will be trained on most modern lines in various sporting disciplines.
- d. Students who will complete F.A./F.Sc in these academies by the age of 18 years, will have undergone enough training to be part of National Teams.

- e. These will be residential academies run on the lines of Cadet Colleges.
- f. The main stress in these academies will be on sports.

14. **Financial donors** :- The donations to any Sports Board or institution recognized by the Federal Government for the purposes of promoting, controlling or regulating any sport or game, are exempt under clause (61) (i) of Part-I of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance 2001, up to the following extent:-

- a. In case of a company fifteen percent of the taxable income of the person for the year, and
- b. In other cases upto thirty percent of the taxable income of person for the year.

Note: Apart from above, exemption is available under Clause (98) Part-1 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 in respect of any income derived by any Board or other organization established in Pakistan for the purpose of controlling, regulating or encouraging major games and Sports recognized by Government.

15. **Conclusion** :- This policy will "Insha Allah" give opportunity to our sportspersons to excel beyond the frontiers of our beloved country and achieve laurels at International Level in the coming years. The Government of Pakistan, however, reserves the right to modify any of the above, staying within the main parameter of this policy. May "Allah Almighty" help us to achieve glory in the field of sports and make our future generations the proudest Pakistanis. Ameen!