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All Affiliated Units – AFI

Subject: 58th National Cross Country Athletics Championships 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that **58th National Cross Country Athletics Championships 2024** shall be held at **Gaya, Bihar** on **15 January 2024**. The Championships will be organized by **Bihar Athletics Association** under the aegis of Athletics Federation of India.

The Championships and events shall be organized in accordance with the Rules of Athletics Federation of India and Competition & Technical Rules 2022 Edition of World Athletics & Indian Athletics Manual (updated as on 01.10.2020).

The SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) issued by Athletics Federation of India & Government of Bihar and Government of India should be followed for hosting this National Athletics Championships.

The details of the Championships are as follows:

1. The competition will be organized in Men, Women, Under 20 Years (Boys and Girls), Under 18 Years (Boys and Girls) and Under 16 Years (Boys and Girls) categories.
2. The teams representing the “Affiliated States/UT Athletics Associations” and “Affiliated Sports Boards/Institutions” will enter in this competition.
3. The Affiliated Sports Boards/Institutions should enter Teams only in Men & Women categories.

4. CROSS-COUNTRY RACES & DISTANCES:

MEN	10 KM	WOMEN	10 KM
U-20 BOYS	8 KM	U-20 GIRLS	6 KM
U-18 BOYS	6 KM	U-18 GIRLS	4 KM
U-16 BOYS	2 KM	U-16 GIRLS	2 KM

5. Composition of Teams:

- Men, Women, U20 Boys, U20 Girls - Each Affiliated Unit can enter **SIX** Athletes to run & **FOUR** will score for team championships.
- Boys & Girls U18 & U16 - Each Affiliated Unit can enter maximum of **TWO** Athletes in each group.

Rules:

- Every finisher will score points equal to his/her finishing order i.e. the athlete who finish first will score one point, second will score two points, fifth - five points....fortieth - forty points and so on.
- The team championships will be decided by the aggregate points recorded by the scoring athletes of each team. The team with lowest aggregate points will be the winner.
- If a team fails to finish with a complete scoring team (i.e. four finishers), the runners finishing shall be counted as individuals in the race result and be eligible for the individual awards only and will not be considered for team championships.
- In assessing the aggregate for team championship, no adjustment to the scoring of the finishing teams shall be made in respect of non-scoring team runners or of the individual entries.
- **TIE:** In the event of a Tie of a team championships, it should be resolved in favour of the team whose last scoring member finishes nearer to the first place.

6. Prizes & Trophies:

- The First, Second & Third place winners of all the Races will be awarded Medals and Bouquets. The Merit certificates will be issued only after receiving the Report of "Age Verification Committee" & "Dope Test" from NADA. The best FOUR scoring members of each winning team who secure scoring points will be eligible for the same Awards.
- Participation certificates will be issued ONLINE.
- No team championships will be awarded in U18 Boys and Girls and U16 Boys and Girls categories.

7. Procedure for Sending Entries:

The entries should be submitted "**ONLINE**" on AFI Website by the Affiliated States/UT/Sports Boards from **01 January 2024**. Entries sent by the mode other than "**ONLINE**" will not be accepted. Last date for receipt of **Entries is 09 January 2024**.

8. Competition Fees:

The details of Competition fees to be paid as under: -

Junior Athletes	-	INR 250/- per head
Senior Athlete	-	INR 500/- per head

9. Eligibility Criteria for Junior Athlete:

- The date of reckoning the age for Junior Athletes will be as on **15 January 2024**.
- An athlete can participate in his/her age group only.
- **Entry of Athletes below 14 years of age as on 15 January 2024 will not be accepted.**
Only the following Date of Birth certificates will be valid for Age Verification, which have been obtained within One Year of the birth of an athlete –
Athletes above 16 Years:
- Certificate of Matriculation/High School/Higher Secondary class issued by a recognized Board of State Government or Central Government.
- Birth Certificate from the Birth & Death Registration Office of Municipal Corporation/Nagar Mahapalika/Village or Gram Panchayat & School Leaving Certificate, if he or she is drop out.
- Birth Certificate from the Municipal Corporation/Nagar Mahapalika/Village or Gram Panchayat, if he or she has not gone to school at all.

Age Brackets

- I. U20 Boys & Girls - Born between 16.01.2004 & 15.01.2006
- II. U18 Boys & Girls - Born between 16.01.2006 & 15.01.2008
- III. U16 Boys & Girls - Born between 16.01.2008 & 15.01.2010

10. Age Verification:

The members of AFI Age Verification Committee will verify the Age of Junior athletes on 14 January 2024 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at venue of Competition.

Junior Athletes, who do not produce the proof of date of birth as mentioned above, **will not be allowed to participate.**

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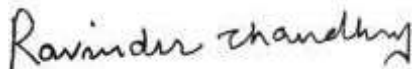
Disclaimer:

AFI or Organizing State Unit will not be held responsible directly or indirectly for any loss of life/damage/illness/injury in connection with participation in 58th National Cross Country Athletics Championships 2024. All Athletes/officials/vendors have to participate on their own risk.

Your cooperation in this regard is solicited.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,



Ravinder Chaudhry
Secretary, AFI