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CIRCULAR FOR NEW GUIDELINES FOR AGE VERIFICATION DURING THE BAI REGISTRATION PROCESS

Dear All,

With reference to our earlier circular No. BAI/GEN/BAI ID/214/2024 dated December 12th, 2024, and the recent update by the Age Verification Committee, the following guidelines are hereby reiterated and updated for strict compliance by all State Associations:

- i. Players who fail to submit documents during BAI registration process in accordance with BAI's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) shall not be registered under their age Category. However, such players may be registered under the Senior/Open Category, subject to their written consent.
- ii. Either a **vaccination certificate** or a **hospital discharge report** along with other supporting documents as per SOP, may be considered during BAI registration. However, all documents will be subject to thorough scrutiny and final approval by BAI.
- iii. BAI will implement a one-time **Voluntary Age Rectification Scheme (VARS)** for a period of 60 days. This scheme will allow players to voluntarily correct their age records upon payment of a penalty of ₹5000, subject to terms and conditions prescribed by BAI.
- iv. After the closure of the Voluntary Age Rectification Scheme (VARS), any player who has applied for age correction will be considered and decided upon by the Age Verification Committee of BAI.
- v. If any complaints or protest during tournaments reveals discrepancies in a player's birth records after closure of the VARS window, BAI will initiate strict disciplinary action against the players. ***An FIR may also be filed against the parents/guardians of the concerned player.***

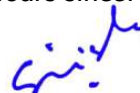
- vi. In case of any protest or complaint raised during a State/District-level tournament, and investigation initiated by the respective State Association and conducts a medical examination independently, BAI shall **not** accept the outcome of such test's reports.
- vii. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) may conduct random Aadhaar history verification during Junior Age Group Tournaments, particularly if a protest is received. If discrepancies are found, the concerned player will not be immediately disqualified or excluded. Instead, the player will be required to submit a consent/affidavit affirming that their date of birth is accurate and must agree to fully cooperate with any further investigation initiated by BAI/State.

All State Associations are directed to strictly adhere to the above guidelines when determining the age of players.

Thanking you



Yours sincerely



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