



# भारतीय तीरंदाजी संघ

## ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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To,

The Presidents / Secretaries

All Affiliated State Archery Associations &amp; Associate Members of AAI

**Subject:** Reiteration of Existing Guidelines and Procedure for Participation in International Archery Events / Tournaments / Seminars / Courses Abroad (As Player / Coach / Judge) not covered under ACTC & NTPC DPR

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Archery Association of India (AAI) has observed in recent times that the established procedures governing international participation are not being followed uniformly, resulting in administrative and regulatory issues. In this context, the matter was reviewed and discussed in detail during the recent Executive Council (EC) and Annual General Council (AGC) meetings, wherein the members unanimously emphasized the need to strictly adhere to and reinforce the existing policy framework governing international participation.

For over a decade, AAI has maintained a robust, transparent, and well-defined system for regulating international participation. As per the existing policy, any archer intending to participate in an international event must first fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria, which mandatorily includes participation in recognized national-level events. Eligible applicants are thereafter required to submit a Participation / Approval Application Form, which has been available on the official AAI website ([www.indianarchery.info](http://www.indianarchery.info)) for several years. Submission and approval of this form is mandatory for obtaining AAI clearance prior to participation in any international engagement.

It is further clarified that this approval process applies to all international events not covered under the ACTC and NTPC DPR. In the case of self-funded international participation, only national participants and medallists are eligible to apply, subject to fulfilment of all prescribed conditions and prior approval from AAI.

**Eligibility Criteria (For Players)**

Only those players who have participated in one or more of the following national-level competitions shall be eligible to seek permission for international participation:

1. National Archery Championships (Senior, Junior, Sub-Junior, U-15 & Para)
2. NRAT (National Ranking Archery Tournament)
3. National Games
4. National-level Khelo India Events

Prior Permission from the Archery Association of India is mandatory for any individual intending to participate in an international event as a Player, Coach or Judge.

**Submission Through State Association / Associate Member**

As per the long-standing existing procedure, the Participation Application Form must be routed only through the concerned State Archery Association or Associate Member.



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The concerned State Association / Associate Member shall:

- Scrutinize and verify all details furnished in the application
- Confirm that the prescribed eligibility criteria have been fulfilled
- Sign and affix the official seal/stamp on the application form as required

Only applications that are duly verified, signed, stamped, and forwarded by the concerned State Association / Associate Member shall be considered by AAI. Applications submitted directly by individuals shall not be entertained.

**Mandatory Details (Eligibility Event)**

The application must clearly mention details of the national-level event(s) under which eligibility is claimed, including:

- Name of the National Event participated in
- Year and venue of the event
- Category / discipline competed in
- Capacity of participation in the international event (Player / Coach / Judge)

Applications with incomplete, incorrect, or unverifiable details are liable to be rejected.

**Responsibility & Disclaimer**

In cases where any Player / Coach / Judge participates in an International Tournament / Event without obtaining prior written approval from AAI, the Archery Association of India shall not be responsible if the individual's name is vetoed, rejected, or removed by the concerned authority. Further, AAI shall not bear any responsibility for financial loss, including registration fees, travel expenses, accommodation, or any other costs already incurred.

**Communication with World Archery (WA)**

It has been observed that some archers/coaches, upon rejection of entries by AAI, are directly contacting World Archery (WA), World Archer Asia (WAA) & LOC for registrations, appeals, or related matters, while others are bypassing AAI altogether. Such actions undermine the authority of AAI as the sole governing body for archery in India.

It is hereby reiterated that all communication with World Archery (WA), World Archer Asia (WAA) & LOC must be routed strictly through the Archery Association of India, without exception. In the event of any denial or non-approval by AAI, any direct communication with World Archery shall be treated as a serious violation and shall invite appropriate action as deemed fit by AAI.

All affiliated State Associations and Associate Members are requested to circulate this circular among their registered players, coaches, and judges and ensure strict compliance.

This circular is issued with the approval of the competent authority and shall come into effect immediately.

Yours sincerely,

**(GUNJAN ABROL)****Administrative Officer, AAI**