

Minutes of the meeting of the Athlete's Commission of NRAI held at the NRAI office on the 13th June 2018 at 11.00am

Present

1. Mr. Moraad Ali Khan – Chairman
2. Ms. Anuja Jung
3. Ms. Sonia Rai
4. Mr. Vikram Bhatnagar – (On phone from Kerala)
5. Mr. Ashok Mittal

The following items as per agenda were discussed:

1) This item was discussed with specific reference to the case of Ms. Soumya Gupta who was selected to represent India at a Junior World Cup but withdrew from the team as she wanted to make herself available for the selection trials for seniors in the same event. After considerable deliberations it was decided that when a shooter has qualified to get selected to represent India at an international championship and in view of certain circumstances the concerned shooter is unlikely to take part in such international competition then he/she should inform the NRAI in writing before the scheduled selection committee meeting for selection of the Indian team for such competitions. If the shooter fails to inform NRAI in writing to reclude him/her from selection and he/she gets selected to represent India then the shooter has to compulsorily represent India at such international competitions. In case the selected shooter does not represent India and skips the international competition after getting selected then he/she should be fined the equivalent of the entry fee plus other expenses incurred by the NRAI for such competition and the concerned shooter should also be debarred from getting selected for the next (One) international competition.

2) As per the existing selection policy, 85% attendance is compulsory of the coaching camps for the shooters in the national squad. This rule should be followed for Rifle, pistol as well as shotgun national camps. In case a shooter is not able to attend a coaching camp, prior permission before such National Camp from NRAI should be made compulsory (even if the shooters attendance is within 85% as per policy), however, in case the NRAI does not accord permission to the shooter to skip the National Camp then it is compulsory for the shooter to attend such National coaching camp. In case a shooter still skips the National Camp then the concerned shooter should be debarred from the national camp for remaining of the shooting calendar year and the shooter next in line should be asked to join the national squad.

3) The case in point of private coaching and their relation to the National squad was discussed in details. The committee came to the following recommendations and conclusions.

- a. In a large country like India, we need a substantial number of private coaches and private clubs for the sports to grow and have a larger reach.

b. Once a shooter is selected for the National Squad then such shooter will be under the guidance of the coaches appointed by the NRAI for the National Squad and the National team.

c. We also recommend that no private coaching should be permitted during the National Camp as well as the National team's preparation for an international competition.

d. If a shooter is not willing to submit to the guidance of the National Coach in that particular event than it is for NRAI to take suitable action which may include debarring the shooter from the next international competition.

4) The athlete commission also felt a bit neglected as there is no mention of the existence of such commission on the website of the NRAI. In our considered opinion the NRAI should follow the same principals as followed by its parent organization the ISSF and give due representation and due recognition by suitably modifying the NRAI website to incorporate such changes. It should also indicate an athlete's commission email which can be accessed by the shooters to communicate with the athlete's commission.

5) We also recommend that the athlete's commission recommendation once approved by the President (NRAI) should be put on the website and also in case any action is taken pursuant to the athlete's commission recommendation the same should also be put on the website of the NRAI.

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(Moraad Ali Khan)  
Chairman