

To,
All Affiliated Units
Athletics Federation of India

Important Decisions – Annual General Meeting

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

At the outset, I would like to express my gratitude for attending the AGM at the historical city of Kohima, Nagaland. The House took several important decisions concerning the development of Track & Field in the country. AFI also put on record its appreciation for the outstanding arrangements made by the Government of Nagaland and Nagaland Athletics Association led by Mr. Abu Mehta, for the smooth and efficient conduct of two days' AGM held on 14 & 15 April 2026.

The important decisions taken during the two days' AGM are as follows:

1. The minutes of the AGM held at Chandigarh on 7th & 8th January 2025 along with the Action Taken Report, were approved.
2. The House appreciated the report of the Secretary AFI, and the House passed the audited statement of accounts for the financial year 2024-25.
3. The Athletics Competition Calendar for 2026, which was announced earlier, was formally ratified by the House. The qualification standard and guidelines for the Commonwealth Games 2026 and the Asian Games 2026 were also ratified.
4. The House also approved all the national records created during the year 2025.
5. The House discussed in depth about the rising number of doping violations, and the steps to be taken by the State Associations to curb doping were also discussed. The list of athletes against whom sanction imposed by WADA/NADA/AIU were also ratified.
6. The House made it mandatory for its units to implement the online entry system, failing which no result of their athletics meets will be recognized by AFI. It was also decided to take appropriate action against the non-compliant states/UT, as per the Constitution of AFI.
7. As the agenda was very exhaustive, the activity report of the member units could not be

presented due to shortage of time. It was decided that the President, AFI will appoint a three-member committee to evaluate the report of the member units and will offer their comments to the state units. If required, a virtual meeting will be organized for this purpose.

8. The provisional affiliation was given to the Athletics Association of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu as Associate Member for a period of one year. It was decided that their activities will be evaluated for a year and in the next AGM, if found satisfactory, they will be made Affiliated member of AFI.
9. The House expressed concern over the declining performance of athletes from bigger states, particularly Kerala and West Bengal. It was resolved that a detailed report be prepared outlining the observations, identifying the factors contributing to the decline in the performance, and recommending measures to improve the performance for betterment.

The names of Kerala and West Bengal does not indicate the lack of activities, but to highlight that athlete performances from these states have not met the expectations of AFI. This was the reason for raising this issue. There are also several other states that had previously demonstrated strong potential but are currently underperforming due to mismanagement in their association.

10. The reconstitution of districts was approved unanimously by the House, and the details will be circulated separately. The states were advised to implement the process within 6 months after the issuance of details.
11. The House approved the amendments proposed by AFI in the constitution. Details of the amendments were circulated and same will be enclosed along with the minutes.
12. The House approved the introduction of **SRY** Gene test for all female athletes taking part in the World Ranking competitions and any competition organized by the AFI. This will be a one-time test.

It was further decided to approve MedGenome Labs Limited as the designated vendor for conducting SRY Gene testing. The modalities for conducting the test were finalized, along with the applicable charges to be borne by AFI. It was agreed that a fee of ₹3,500 per sample shall be payable where more than five samples are collected at a time. In cases where fewer than five samples are collected, the charge shall be ₹5,000 per sample.

13. The House also approved the proposal of introducing the DNA test of the athletes to enable the Federation to start its Research and Development Programme. The result of the tests will be kept confidential. It was also approved that the findings of the DNA test will not be used

for the identification of the talent.

14. The proposal for signing the Athletes agreement with AFI to safeguard the interest of Athletes, sponsors and AFI was discussed in detail. It was proposed to keep this on hold to have more deliberations with all stakeholders in the next three months.
15. The House made it mandatory for all the qualified/un-qualified coaches and Technical Officials to register with AFI. It was decided not to involve any unregistered coaches and technical officials in any activities of the AFI.
16. The House directed to expedite the renovation of AFI House without further delay.
17. The House also appreciated the decision of AFI of organising the Award Function on 20th June 2026 in Delhi and the related budget was also approved.
18. The House approved the proposals related to the agenda no. 32 and 33 as regards the extension of agreements with Reliance Industries Limited and Infinity Optimal Solutions as well as appointment of Tatva Creations Private Limited for upgradation of social media.
19. The members appreciated the Education Programme of AFI for Coaches, Technical Officials, and State Units. It was also decided to increase the number of education courses in future.
20. The House approved the proposal for the certification for the newly laid Synthetic Surface in the country and decided to have a list of approved vendors, having prior experience.
21. The House also decided to approve the accreditation of Athletics Training Centers/Academies/Institutions etc.
22. The House emphasized the need to conduct athletics events in a cost-effective manner in view of the increased number of competitions. It was further decided to standardize and approve the uniform colour for Technical Officials, thereby reducing costs as uniforms is not required to given to Technical Officials for the athletics competition.
23. It was also approved to bear the cost of TSR and Live Streaming by AFI to reduce the burden on the host. Further, it was discussed that the victory ceremony programme should be redesigned to ensure proper concentration of the athlete in his / her event.
24. The House approved the endeavour to bid for more international meets as well as appreciated the allotment of World Indoor Athletics Championships to be held at Bhubaneswar in the year 2028. The House also approved the levy of a license fee to be collected by AFI from the

Local Organising Committee to meet its operational expenses and developmental of athletics in the country.

25. It was also decided to increase the entry fee for senior athletes to ₹1,500 for participation in the Indian Athletics Series, in order to enable the Federation to meet the rising expenses. It was decided not to charge any entry fees from the athletes in the district meets.
26. The House resolved to suspend:
- Arunachal Pradesh Athletics Association
 - Chhattisgarh Athletics Association

For non-compliance with AFI activities as per the Constitution. It was decided to form an ad hoc committee to oversee the functioning and conduct of elections in these states.

It was also decided to take action against the states for non-compliance with AFI directives and for not taking part in regular athletics activities. The undermentioned states have been brought down to the associate members:

- Manipur Athletics Association
- Tripura Athletics Association

AFI will also constitute a committee to ensure improved governance and functioning of the associations in these four states.

27. AFI adopted the Kohima declaration and affirms its commitment to the advancement of Athletics in India, National Integration through Sport, and Empowerment of Youth and Talent Development. AFI also resolved to have a strategic focus on the North Eastern Region.

The detailed minutes of the meeting will follow shortly:

Regards



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