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## **Action Taken on Govt Circular No. F32-18/2009-SP-III dated Nov. 25, 2009 on Issue of I cards to National Athletes and Prevention of Age Fraud**

In regards to the Action Taken on Govt Circular No. F32-18/2009-SP-III dated Nov. 25, 2009 on Issue of I cards to National Athletes and Prevention of Age Fraud, the AFI would like to submit the following action taken in issuing I Cards to Athletes and fighting the menace of Age Frauds:

1. The AFI has adopted the Govt. of India, MYAS Circular and guidelines in its Competition Manual (Manual Copy and relevant pages attached).
2. The number of athletes participating in athletics in India is huge and the AFI has succeeded in issuing I Cards for some athletes and it is carrying on the process so that all the athletes participating in various age categories, from Under-14 age onwards are covered under the I Cards
3. A sample of the registration process of Athletes at our competitions is also attached for submission
4. As far as fighting Age Fraud is concerned, the AFI has taken the following steps:

AFI is of the opinion that "age fraud" is a menace which needs to be tackled firmly and effectively. The Federation had a tough time to curb

overage participation in the Junior Meets and made consistent and continuous efforts to stop overage participation over the years.

Athletics, in particular, is a discipline in which there are large number of participants in National Junior Meets. There are around 2500-3000 participants in National Junior & National Inter District Meets each. The AFI conducts the following Championships for juniors - National Junior Championships, Federation Cup National Junior Championships, National Youth Championships, National Inter-District Junior Athletics Meet and Zonal Championships and Inter-Zonal Championships being held under the aegis of our State Units.

- Federation has cautioned the state units to ensure that proper screening of athletes is done before sending entries.
- State units are invariably being informed that suitable action including disaffiliation will be taken against such units which encourage overage participation by sending overage athletes.
- The Federation has also issued directive to the state units that entries should be sent at least 15 days, before the championship which will help the federation to check date of birth and compare with the date of birth given by the athletes in the previous years. The Federation has its data bank and every time it is enriched by the confirmation from various sources.
- To check overage participants, AFI has issued directive that the Athletes should bring along the following original certificates for verification by Age Verification Committee and a Team of Doctors:
  - (a) 10<sup>th</sup> Standard/equivalent examination certificate from recognised Central/State Education Board

