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Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports

**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**To**

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| 1. The Secretary,<br>Department of Youth Affairs &<br>Sports, (All States and U.Ts)   | 2. The President/Secretary General,<br>(All recognized National Sports<br>Federations).   |
| 3. The President/Secretary General,<br>Indian Olympic Association,<br>B-29, Olympic Bhawan, Qutub<br>Institutional Area,<br>New Delhi.                                | 4. Secretary<br>All India Police Sports Control Board<br>25, Akbar Road,<br>New Delhi   |
| 5. The Secretary,<br>Army Sports Control Board,<br>Army Sports Institute Cell,<br>Dte. General of Military Trg.,<br>General Staff Branch, DHQPO,<br>New Delhi-110011. | 6. Secretary<br>Railway Sports Promotion Board<br>Room no. 452, 4th Floor,<br>Ministry of Railways,<br>Rail Bhavan,<br>New Delhi - 110001           |
| 7. Secretary,<br>Services Sports Control Board,<br>Room No.97, G Block, Armed Forces,<br>Headquarters, Nirman Bhawan, New<br>Delhi.                                   | 8. The Secretary,<br>Indian Navy Sports Control Board,<br>Room No.330, Naval Headquarters,<br>New Delhi-110011.                                     |
| 9. The Secretary,<br>Air Force Sports Control Board,<br>Air Force Station, Race Course,<br>New Delhi-110003.  | 10. Secretary,<br>Central Civil Services Cultural &<br>Sports Board,<br>361-B Wing, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor,<br>Lok Nayak Bhawan<br>New Delhi-110 003 |
| 11. Director General,<br>Sports Authority of India, New Delhi.  | 12. All Previous Rajiv Gandhi Khel<br>Ratna Awardees  |

**Subject : Nominations for Arjuna Award 2013.**

Sir,

I am directed to invite the nominations for the prestigious Arjuna Awards 2013 for outstanding achievements of sportspersons in the field of sports at international level.

2. To be eligible for the award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance consistently for the previous three years at the international level with excellence for the last year i.e., 2012 but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline. However, sportsperson found positive for use of prohibited / banned drugs shall not be considered for the award.

3. The nominations for the award must be sent in the prescribed proforma (copy enclosed) of the sportspersons/coaches duly signed by Secretary in-charge of Sports of State Governments/U.T.s, President/ Secretary General of National Sports Federation and President/ Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association so as to reach the office of Under Secretary (SP-IV), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Room No. 15 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 **by the last date for receipt of nominations, i.e., 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

4. Applications, which are not in the prescribed proforma, or not signed by the authorized signatory or are incomplete, shall not be considered for the award.

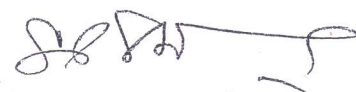
5. In addition to the existing sponsoring authorities/agencies, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible sportsperson each for Arjuna Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto three eligible sportspersons for this award.

6. It should be noted by all and all concerned should be informed that canvassing in any respect by an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

7. A copy of the scheme is enclosed for necessary information.

8. It is needless to emphasize that this is a national level award in recognition of the service rendered by an outstanding sportsperson in bringing pride and glory to the country. Therefore, it is expected that the concerned authorities will make meticulous efforts to recommend the best among many outstanding available.

Yours faithfully,



(S.P.S Tomar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Room No. 15 – 'C' wing, Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi.

## PROFORMA FOR NOMINATION FOR ARJUNA AWARD

Affix a recent  
passport  
size photograph of the  
nominee

1. Name of the State/UT Government/National Sports Federation/Association/Sports Control Board making recommendation
2. Name of the person recommended (in block letter) in English and Hindi:
3. Particulars of the sportsperson in brief
  - (a) Date of Birth
  - (b) Father's Name
  - (c) Permanent Address (with pin code)
  - (d) Tele. No. and Fax No.
4. Name, Address, Telephone No/and Fax No. of Employer
5. Details of achievements at the international level for the previous three calendar years and for the calendar year for which award is recommended:-

Name	Discipline	Achievements in international events during the year for which-award is recommended	Achievements in international events during the last three years	Remarks, if any
1	2	3	4	5

Supporting documents in respect of sports achievements duly attested may be enclosed.



6. Special justification for the recommendation made, if any.
7. Qualities of sportsmanship and leadership exhibited by the persons recommended, on and off the field.
8. Sense of discipline
9. Any other information relevant to the proposal.
10. Overall assessment of the persons recommended
11. Remarks, if any

**Recommendation from State Government/National Sports Federation/India Olympic Association etc**

1. We recommend that Shri/Km/Smt. \_\_\_\_\_  
son/daughter/wife of Shri \_\_\_\_\_ may be  
awarded the Arjuna Award of the year \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Certified that the particulars mentioned above are correct.

3. Certified that nominee is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and is not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, a requisite report has been obtained from the concerned employer before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature.

Signature of recommending authority  
(Giving name and designation of the signing authority)

Official Seal

**Undertaking:-**

That I have carefully read the provisions of the Scheme for the Arjuna Awards for the Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games and hereby accept all its provisions.

(Signatures of the sportsperson)  
Name and discipline

Note: The undertaking should be signed by the applicant.

# **SCHEME FOR THE ARJUNA AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS AND GAMES (Amended as on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010)**

## **1. PREAMBLE**

The Scheme may be called the "Scheme for Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games".

## **2. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the Awards is to recognize outstanding achievements of sportspersons in the field of sports at international level.

## **3. DEFINITIONS**

In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Scheme" means the scheme for the Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games.
- (b) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
- (c) "Award" means the Arjuna Awards.
- (d) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
- (e) "Government" means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (f) "Sports Administrator" means a person who is engaged in management/administration of national/international sports events, sports organizations including private sports academies, sports programmes and delivery of sports services.
- (g) "Arjuna Awardee" means a person who has been awarded an Arjuna Award by the Government of India.
- (h) "Olympian" means a sports person who participated in the Olympic Games as a member of the Indian contingent approved by the Government of India.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 To be eligible for the Award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance consistently for the previous three years at the International level with excellence for the year for which the Award is recommended but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.

4.2 However, sportspersons found positive for use of drugs banned by the International Olympic Committee in any laboratory accredited by International Olympic Committee will not be eligible for Arjuna Award.

4.3 The Government will only consider conferring Arjuna Award in the disciplines falling under following categories:-

- a) Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/World Cup/World Championship disciplines and cricket or any equivalent recognized international tournament.
- b) Indigenous Games.
- c) Sports for Physically challenged.



## **5. NOMINATION**

5.1 The nominations for the Awards will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from all National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association and State/UT Governments in the month of January each year. Last date for the receipt of nominations will be 30<sup>th</sup> April of the same year. These agencies will be allowed to make nominations upto a maximum of three eligible sportspersons.

5.2 In addition, nominations will also be invited from Sports Control/Promotion Boards of various Government Organizations such as the All India Police Sports Control Board, Army Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, Indian Navy Sports Control Board and Air Force Sports Control Board etc. These agencies will be allowed to make nominations upto a maximum of five sportspersons.

5.3 In addition to the existing sponsoring authorities/agencies, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible sportsperson each for Arjuna Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto three eligible sportspersons for this award.

5.4 The concerned agencies should send the application in one lot only and should restrict the number of nominations as per the above guidelines. In case more nominations are made, any first three/five nominations (as the case may be) will be considered.

5.5 Notwithstanding the above, Government reserves the right to make nomination of sportspersons in deserving cases where no such nominations have been received from the agencies mentioned under the Scheme.

5.6 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year for which the applications are invited.

5.7 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma giving the performance of the nominated sportspersons in international competitions for the previous three years including for the year of the Award.

5.8 The nominating authorities are required to certify in the nomination form itself that the nominees are clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and are not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, nominating authorities should obtain a requisite report from the concerned employers before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature.

## **6. RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE NOMINATIONS:**

6.1 The applications for nomination should be addressed to Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports only and date of receipt in his office will be the date of receipt of nomination by the government.

6.2 Received applications are to be duly stamped and recorded in a register. In addition, all application received within time will be duly acknowledged to the recommending authority.

## **7. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS**

7.1 All nominations received from the organizations mentioned in para 5.1 to 5.3 will be sent to the Executive Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India who will verify and confirm from official records the achievements/performance of all nominated sportspersons within a maximum period of one month of receipt of the nominations from the Ministry.

## **8. SCREENING COMMITTEE TO SCRUTINIZE ALL THE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED**

The following Committee will scrutinize all the nominations and will place only the valid nominations before the Selection Committee for its consideration.

1	Joint Secretary (Sports)	Chairperson
2	Director/DS (Sports)	Members
3	ED (Teams), SAI	Member Secretary
4	Government Observer	Member for the concerned discipline

## **9. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION**

9.1 The Award will be decided by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India as under :-

1	Sportsperson of eminence	Chairman
2	Director General, Sports Authority of India	Member (Ex-officio)
3	Joint Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member (Ex-officio)
4	Olympians of eminence from different disciplines	5 members
5	Arjuna Awardees from different disciplines	4 members
6	Sports Administrators	2 members
7	Director/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Ministry	Member – Secretary



of Youth Affairs and Sports

(Ex-officio)

9.2 There should be a minimum two years gap before a member other than ex-officio is re-nominated as chairperson or member in the Selection Committee.

9.3 The Chairperson, in consultation with the Member Secretary, may constitute panels from amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.

9.4 The Chairperson may seek the advice of experts in specific sports disciplines wherever necessary.

9.5 Any person directly or indirectly related to a sportsperson nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to participate in deliberations of the Selection Committee, concerning that sportsperson.

9.6 The Committee will determine its own work procedure.

9.7 The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

9.8 The Committee shall select the Award winners by consensus failing which by a majority decision and give its report to the Government of India within one month of reference.

9.9 The Executive Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India will be present at the time of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

9.10 All the selection proceedings will be treated as "Confidential". The Chairperson may take necessary steps in consultation with the Member Secretary to maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations and selection made by the Committee.

## **10. NUMBER OF ARJUNA AWARDS TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR**

10.1 Ordinarily not more than one award will be given in each discipline in a particular year subject to deserving sportspersons being available. However, at least one award is to be given exclusively for sports for physically challenged. Further, the principle of one award per discipline will not be applicable in case of team sports and across gender. That is to say that, the Selection Committee may recommend, in deserving cases with proper justification, more than one sportsperson in respect of team sports and sportspersons of both the genders.

10.2 Normally not more than 15 awards could be given in any calendar year. However, keeping in view the performance of Indian sportspersons in the Commonwealth, Asian Games and Olympic Games during a particular year and for the reasons given in para 10.1 above, Arjuna Awards exceeding 15 in number may be allowed with proper justification and approval of Minister-in charge for Youth Affairs & sports.



## 11. GENERAL

11.1 The Award consist of a statuette, a scroll of honour, ceremonial dress, and a cash Award of Rs. 5.00 lakh which will be presented to the winners in a function to be held at a place and on a date to be decided by the Government of India

11.2 No Award will be made for a second time to the same person.

11.3 The Award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises. In such cases, the condition of taking into account performance of previous three years will not apply.

11.4 In order to ensure due diligence in the selection of awardees, the Ministry will make necessary character verification prior to finalizing the names of the awardees. After Selection Committee has made its recommendations, Ministry may ask Sports Authority of India to carry out verification of character and antecedents of the recommended awardees through its regional centres, if need be, by taking help of concerned police authorities.

11.5 At the time of the ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan, the awards will be conferred upon the selected awardees, who are present. No person other than the awardees will collect the award and prize money at the Rashtrapati Bhavan . The awardees who are not able to come to receive the award on the National Sports Day, can later receive the same from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports.

11.6 The Government of India may cancel, annul the Award of any recipient for specific reasons and, thereupon, the recipient shall be required to surrender the statuette and the scroll of honour but it shall be competent for the Government of India to restore the Award once the cancellation and annulment has been withdrawn.

11.7 The decision of the Government of India in respect of matters covered by this Scheme and of the interpretation of the provisions of this scheme shall be final and no appeal shall lie against them.

11.8 Canvassing in any form in respect of an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

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