

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SPORTS AND RECREATION**



**ATHLETES WELFARE SCHEME**



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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Athletes Welfare Scheme has been established to provide financial assistance to licensed athletes who are encountering challenges and in need of support. This initiative aims to ensure that athletes have the resources to face temporary difficulties.

**2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The scheme provides financial assistance in the following areas during a sports season :

- refund of medical expenses up to Rs 250,000 for costs incurred locally, in connection with surgery, medication and medical aids/equipment, particularly when treatments are not available at public health institutions.
- refund up to Rs 50,000, covering 50% of the costs for the purchase or rental of specific sports equipment necessary for training and competition.
- financial support up to Rs 120,000, distributed in equal monthly instalments, covering a maximum of 50% of the athlete's monthly salary/revenue for up to six months. This applies if the athlete experiences a loss of income due to an injury sustained during training or competition that prevents the latter from resuming employment, provided the athlete is not on paid leave.

**3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To qualify for assistance under the Athletes Welfare Scheme, applicants must :

- a. be licensed members of a National Sports Federation;
- b. be aged between 14 and 35 years; and
- c. provide proof of training and upcoming competition, endorsed by the National Sports Federation concerned, for a minimum of one sports season.

**4. MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHEME**

The Athletes Welfare Scheme will be administered by the Board of the High-Level Sports Unit (HLSU). The Board retains the right to evaluate each request for assistance on a case-by-case basis, ensuring fair consideration for all applicants.

**5. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

Athletes seeking financial assistance must submit a duly filled Application Form to the HLSU Board, accompanied by essential documentation, where applicable, including:

- quotations;
- medical reports;
- receipts;
- performance records;
- a copy of their licensing document; and
- any other documents as may be required.

Effective Date of the Scheme : 01 September 2024.