

F. No.I-12013-3/2018-SP-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
22nd February, 2018

To

As per list attached

Sub: Inviting nominations for Dronacharya Award for 2018.

Sir,

I am directed to invite the nominations for Dronacharya Awards 2018 for outstanding coaches in sports and games.

2. To be eligible for the award, coach, whether he/she works full time or part time as coach, he/she should have produced outstanding achievement over a period of four years immediately preceding the year in which the award is to be given. Accordingly, achievements for the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2017 of the sportspersons imparted coaching by the coach will be taken into consideration. For 2 awards earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching, achievements of the coach in producing outstanding sportspersons over a period of 20 years or more will be taken into account.

3. A coach found encouraging the use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, by a sportsperson whom he/she is coaching, will not be eligible for the Dronacharya Award. A coach against whom enquiry is going on/pending in this regard will also be ineligible.

4. The nominations of the eligible coaches for the award must be sent in the prescribed proforma to Under Secretary (SP-IV), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Room No. 15 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. Last date for receipt of nominations **27th April 2018 at 5.30 PM (28th & 29th being Saturday, Sunday & 30th April Gazetted Holiday). Nominations received after last date will not be entertained.**

5. Organizations, authorized signatories from whom nominations will be considered and number of nominations they can make are as follows:

- i) Indian Olympic Association – President/Secretary General (upto two nominations)
- ii) National Sports Federations – President/Secretary General (upto two nominations)
- iii) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI): President/ Secretary (upto two nominations)
- iv) State/ UT Governments/ Sports Control/ Promotion Boards – An officer of not less than the rank of Secretary or Director (Sports) of the organization after taking due approval of the competent authority ((upto two nominations)

v) Sports Authority of India- Director General/Secretary (upto two nominations), in addition to the quota to be exercised by it in respect of de-recognized/suspended NSFs.

6. For the NSFs de-recognized or under suspension, Sports Authority of India (SAI) will exercise the quota of nominations and make nominations upto a maximum of two eligible coaches for each sports discipline with the approval of Director General, SAI

7. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees/Dronacharya Awardees/Arjuna Awardees/Dhyan Chand Awardees of previous years can also nominate one eligible coach each for Dronacharya Award in their respective disciplines.

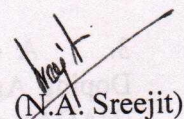
8. The concerned agencies should send the application in one lot only and should restrict the number of nominations as per the above guidelines. In case more nominations are made, first two/one nominations (as the case may be) will be considered.

9. Applications, which are not in the prescribed proforma, or not signed by the authorized signatory or are incomplete, or have been received after last date, that is, 27th April 2018, shall not be considered.

10. It should be noted by all that canvassing in any form for/by an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

11. A copy of the scheme, alongwith prescribed proforma in which nominations of eligible coaches are to be sent, is enclosed for necessary information.

Yours faithfully,


(N.A. Sreejit)

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1. PS to MOS(I/C) YA&S
2. PPS to Secretary (Sports)
3. PPS to Joint Secretary (Sports)

To: ~~To~~:

1. The Secretary,
Department of Youth Affairs &
Sports, (All States and UTs)
2. The President/Secretary General,
(All recognized National Sports
Federations).
3. The President/Secretary General,
Indian Olympic Association,
B-29, Olympic Bhawan, Qutub
Institutional Area,
New Delhi.
4. President/Secretary,
Board of Control for Cricket in India
(BCCI)
4th Floor, Cricket Centre
Wankhede Stadium
'D' Road, Churchgate
Mumbai- 400020
5. Secretary,
Services Sports Control Board,
Room No.97, G Block, Armed Forces,
Headquarters, Nirman Bhawan,
New Delhi.
6. Secretary
Railway Sports Promotion Board
Room no. 452, 4th Floor,
Ministry of Railways,
Rail Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110001
7. Secretary
All India Police Sports Control Board
25, Akbar Road,
New Delhi
8. Secretary, Petroleum Sports
Promotion Board,
1012, Surya Kiran Building,
19, Kasturba Gandhi Marg,
New Delhi-110001
9. Secretary,
Air India Sports Promotion Board
1st Floor, Vayudoot Building,
Safdarjung Airport,
New Delhi.
10. Secretary,
SAIL Sports Promotion Board
Steel Authority of India Limited
(SAIL),
Corporate Office, Ispat Bhawan,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110003
11. Secretary,
Central Civil Services Cultural &
Sports Board,
361-B Wing, 3rd Floor,
Lok Nayak Bhawan
New Delhi-110 003
12. Director General,
Sports Authority of India,
East Gate, JLN Stadium,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Scheme for Dronacharya Award For Outstanding Coaches In Sports And Games
(Amended as on 03.02.2016)

1. PREAMBLE

The scheme may be called the "Scheme for Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games".

2. OBJECTIVES

The Award is intended to:

- (i) Honour coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabled sportspersons to excel in international events; and
- (ii) Motivate coaches to dedicate themselves with a singularity of purpose of raising the standard of sportspersons to highest performance in international events and thus bring glory to the country.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Scheme" means the Scheme for the Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in sports and games.
- (b) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
- (c) "Award" means the Dronacharya Award.
- (d) "Chairperson" means chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
- (e) "Government" means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (f) "Olympian" means a sportsperson who participated in the Olympic Games as a Member of Indian Contingent approved by the Government of India.
- (g) "Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee" means a person who has been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna by the Government of India.
- (h) "Arjuna Awardee" means a person who has been awarded an Arjuna Award by Government of India.
- (i) "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.
- (j) "Sports journalist/expert/commentator" means a person who is associated with sports journalism including freelancing in print or electronic media, or a person who writes extensively on sports issues or has written books on sports, or a person who gives live commentary during sports events

4. SPORTS DISCIPLINES COVERED BY DRONACHARYA AWARD

The Dronacharya Awards shall be given to eligible coaches who produce outstanding results in:

- a) different Olympic sports disciplines;
- b) Such non-Olympic sports disciplines as are recognized by the Government of India in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and
- c) Such indigenous sports as are recognized by Government under extant rules.

- 6.4 The authorized signatory for sending nominations will be as follows:-
- (i) Indian Olympic Association – President/Secretary General.
 - (ii) National Sports Federations – President/Secretary General. [In the case of Cricket, there is no federation recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Nominations for cricket will need to be sent by President/ Secretary General of the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI)].
 - (iii) State/UT Governments/Sports Control/Promotion Boards – An officer of not less than the rank of Secretary or Director (Sports) of the organization after taking due approval of the competent authority.
- 6.5 Nominations forwarded by any office bearer other than those mentioned in para 6.4 above will not be considered.
- 6.6 Nomination agencies are expected to send nominations of most deserving coach(es) irrespective of whether coaches have applied to them for awards.
- 6.7 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. While seeking report from the employer, details of charge sheet/disciplinary action taken/pending, if any, should also be obtained. Copy of the report/certificate obtained from the employer of the coach should be enclosed with the application of the coach being nominated.
- 6.8 Copies of the nominations received from organizations other than the National Sports Federations (NSFs) will be sent to the concerned NSF for verification of the details and the achievements and for checking if the nominated coach has ever been warned/penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud/sexual harassment, doping etc. All details in this regard, if any, alongwith verification report should be sent by the concerned NSF within a week of the receipt of letter from the Ministry.
- 6.9 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year during which the application is invited.
- 6.10 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma giving the achievements of the coaches in international competitions for the previous three years and for the year of the Award.
- 6.11 The applications for nomination should be addressed to Director (Sports)/Deputy Secretary (Sports)/Under Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports only and date of receipt in his/her office will be the date of receipt of nomination by the government.
- 6.12 Received applications are to be duly stamped and recorded in a register. In addition, all applications received within time will be duly acknowledged to the recommending authority.

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

9.7 Shortlisted nominations from team games may be sent to experts at least a week in advance for their views. The experts may also be asked to attend Selection Committee meetings to clarify the doubts of members. The evaluation criteria may include international recognition, goals scored, player of the match/player of the tournament award, etc of the trainees of the coach.

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

9.9 The Committee will determine its own work procedure and will keep in view the guidelines/criteria, if any, framed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Members of the Selection Committee will give their recommendations as per the provisions of the scheme and the marks criteria of the scheme.

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

9.11 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.

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

9.13 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 DRONAHARYA AWARDS TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR

Ordinarily not more than 5 awards could be given in any calendar year. Out of these, 2 will be earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching.

11 GENERAL

11.1 The Award shall comprise of a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh) which will be presented to the winners at the function for the presentation of the Award 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.

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 through the regional centres of SAI, if need be, by taking help of concerned police authorities.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DRONACHARYA AWARDS

Affix a recent
passport
size photograph of the
nominee

1.	Name of the National Sports Federation/ Institution/Association/State Government/UTs making recommendation	
2.	Name of the Coach recommended (In capital letters)	
3.	Particulars in brief	
4.	Date of birth	
5.	Father's name	
6.	Address (with Telephone No./mobile No. /E-mail, if any)	
7.	Name of the employer with complete address	
8.	Status of Coach	

15.	Details of sports achievements at international level of the disciple(s)/trainee(s)		
Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Date(s) & Year/Venue	Achievements, during which he/she has been coaching National Team/Sports person
1	2	3	4
16	Recommendation of Federation/Association/Institute		
17.	Professional ability		
18.	Management ability		
19	Outstanding achievements (including Sports Distinction)		
20.	Sense of discipline		
21.	A brief report on the result achieved meriting award		
22.	Please indicate whether this nomination is for category of lifetime contribution in coaching		Yes/No

Undertaking by the coach nominated for the Award:-

That I have carefully read the provisions of the Scheme for the Dronacharya Award for the Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games and hereby accept all its provisions. I have never been penalized for any unfair practice like age fraud etc.

None of my trainees has been penalized or no enquiry is pending / ongoing against any of my trainees for use of drugs / substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other

2. A coach found encouraging the use of drugs/substances banned by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) based on a sample collected by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) or any other agency authorized by WADA and tested by National Dope Testing Laboratory or any other WADA accredited laboratory, by a sportsperson whom he/she is coaching, will not be eligible for the Dronacharya Award. A coach against whom enquiry is going on/pending in this regard will also be ineligible.

Place:

Date:

6. For Cricket and indigenous games, which are not Olympic / Asian games / Commonwealth Games disciplines, the Selection Committee will recommend the coach(es) taking into consideration the performance of the sportspersons, coached by them.
7. Normally not more than 5 awards could be given in any calendar year. Out of these, 2 will be earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching. This condition can be relaxed only in exceptional circumstances to be recorded in writing. Further, not more than 1 award will be given in each discipline in either of the two categories of Dronacharya Award.
8. In a particular sports discipline, names of not more than 2 coaches with the highest marks as per the criteria brought out in the table above will be considered by the Selection Committee.
9. Selection Committee will recommend the final list of coaches for the Awards as per the marks obtained in terms of the criteria indicated above.
10. Selection Committee may not mechanically recommend Dronacharya Award to the recipient of the highest marks across disciplines. But in a particular sports discipline, award will be recommended only for the recipient of the highest aggregate marks.
11. The marking criteria will not apply to coaches to be selected on the basis of lifetime contribution in coaching. Selection Committee will give its recommendations for such two coaches taking into consideration the contribution made by them over a period of 20 years or more in terms of producing outstanding sportspersons.
12. The recommendations of the Selection Committee will be placed before the Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports for the final decision.