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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
14th January 2013

To

- 1. The Secretary,
Department of Youth Affairs & Sports,
(All States and U.Ts)**
- 2. The President/Secretary General,
(All recognized National Sports Federations).**
- 3. The President/Secretary General,
Indian Olympic Association,
B-29, Qutub Institutional Area,
New Delhi.**
- 4. Director General,
Sports Authority of India,
New Delhi.**
- 5. All Previous Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees**

Subject : Nominations for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2013.

Sir,

I am directed to invite the nominations for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards 2013 for recognizing the spectacular and most outstanding performance of a sportsperson in the field of sports at international level in the year 2012.

2. To be eligible for the award, a sportsperson should have had spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports during the year 2012 in sports and games at international level i.e. Olympic/Asian/Commonwealth/World Games/Championships/ World Cup or any equivalent recognized international tournament. 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) 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., 30th 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. The National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association and the State/UT Governments may nominate more than one and upto three eligible sportspersons in a particular sport/discipline. In case more nominations are made, only first 3 nominations will be considered.
6. 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 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto three eligible sportspersons for this award.
7. 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.
8. A copy of the scheme is enclosed for necessary information.
9. 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
Tel No. 23073206
Room No. 15 – ‘C’ wing,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD

Affix a recent
passport
size photograph

1. Name of the applicant/sportsperson :
(*In capital letters*)
2. Father's name:
3. Address alongwith Phone No.:

4. Date of birth:
5. Year of Award:

6. Brief bio-data:
(*Enclose a separate Sheet*)
7. Sports Achievements in the year of consideration

S. No.	Name of the Event	Venue	Date(s) & Year	Achievement
	At national level			
	At international level			

8. Other achievements:
9. Other awards received:
from the State/Government/
Central Govt./Other agencies, if any

DECLARATION

I do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the particulars mentioned above are correct.

Signature of the Applicant _____

Date : _____

Place : _____

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
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna 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

Date _____

Place _____

**SCHEME FOR THE RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD
(Amended as on 15th March 2010)**

1. DEFINITION OF RULES

The Scheme may be called the “Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games”.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the award is to recognize the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson in a year.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Scheme , unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) “Scheme” means the scheme for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in Sports and Games.

(b) “Committee” means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.

(c) “Award” means the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

(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 The spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson in a year shall be honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for excellence in Sports & Games at international level i.e. Olympic/Asian/Commonwealth/World Games/Championships/World Cup or any equivalent recognized international tournament.

4.2 Sports persons 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 the Award.

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1 The nominations for the Award will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from all recognized 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 30th April of the same year. The National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India, the Indian Olympic Association and the State/UT Governments may nominate more than one and upto three names in a particular discipline/sport in a particular year.

5.2 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 Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto three eligible sportspersons for this award.

5.3 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.

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

5.5 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma attached with the application form giving the past performance of the nominated sportspersons in International competitions.

5.6 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. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION

All nominations received from the organizations mentioned in para 5.1 and 5.2 will be sent to the Executive Director (Teams), Sports Authority of India and concerned National Sports Federations by 15th June who will verify and confirm from official records the achievements/performance of all nominated sportspersons within a maximum period of one month of the receipt of the nominations from the Ministry.

7. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

7.1 The Award will be decided by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India. The Selection Committee will be constituted every year by the Government. The Committee will be comprised of a Chairperson and twelve members distinguished in the field of sports as indicated below. The Chairperson must be a sportsperson of eminence. The Director/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports will be the Member –Secretary of the Selection Committee.

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| 1. Sportsperson of eminence | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Olympians of eminence from different disciplines | - | 5 Members |

3 Arjuna Awardees from different disciplines	- 4 Members
4. Sports Administrators	- 2 Members
5. Director General, Sports Authority of India	- Member (Ex-officio)
6. Joint Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	- Member (Ex-officio)
7. Director/Deputy Secretary (Sports) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Government of India	-Member-Secretary (Ex-officio)

7.2 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.

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

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

7.5 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.

7.6 The Committee will determine its own work procedure.

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

7.8 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.

7.9 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.

7.10 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.

8. NUMBER OF RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR

8.1 There will be only one award every year to be given to an individual sportsperson. This condition will be relaxed only in exceptional circumstances viz., winning of an Olympic medal.

9. GENERAL

9.1 The award will consist of the following:

(a) A cash amount of Rs. 7.5 lakh exempt from Income Tax and Wealth Tax in the year in which it is disbursed. This award will be only for the individual players who had excelled in performance and not for team events or a team). The Award 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 determined by the Government.

(ii) A scroll of honour to each sportsperson.

(iii) One medal to each sportsperson.

10. This Award will be in addition to any other award of the Department or otherwise, which may be available to sportspersons for same achievements.

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

12. The Award may be given posthumously, if such an occasion arises.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. The Government of India may cancel, annul the Award to any recipient for specific reasons and thereupon the recipient shall be required to surrender the medal 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.

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

17. A person who is nominated for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the scheme.

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