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## **BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA (BFI) AGE FRAUD POLICY**

### **1. OBJECTIVE**

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) is committed to ensuring fair play and integrity in the sport of boxing. This Age Fraud Policy aims to prevent, detect, and address age fraud in all levels of boxing competitions conducted under the aegis of BFI.

### **2. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all boxers, coaches, officials, and affiliated units participating in any BFI-sanctioned event, competition, or selection trial at the national, zonal, or state level.

### **3. DEFINITION OF AGE FRAUD**

Age fraud refers to the act of misrepresenting one's age through false documentation or other deceptive means in order to gain an unfair advantage or qualify for an age-specific competition category.

### **4. SUBMISSION OF AGE PROOF**

All participants must submit authentic and verifiable proof of age at the time of registration. Acceptable documents include:

- Birth Certificate issued by a Municipal Authority or equivalent government body (Registered within 2 years of birth of the Athlete)
- Aadhar Card along with Aadhar History
- Passport
- Certificate from a recognized school (only as secondary evidence).

If any discrepancies are found in the documents, the Athlete shall be required to provide additional documents including:

- Entry record details of the birth from the hospital or Primary Health Centre (PHC). If recorded in an official register, an attested copy must be provided, including the



preceding, current, and following pages to demonstrate the authenticity and continuity of the records.

- COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates issued by the Government of India.
- School Report Cards from Nursery to 5th Standard (with clearly mentioned date of birth).
- Ration Card (with clearly mentioned date of birth).

## 5. VERIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION

- The BFI reserves the right to verify the authenticity of age documents submitted by any participant.
- Any suspicion or complaint regarding age fraud shall be investigated by a designated **Age Verification Committee** constituted by BFI.
- Upon receipt of a complaint or on its own motion, the Age Verification Committee shall initiate an inquiry into any suspected case of age fraud.
- Before taking a final decision, the Committee shall give the concerned participant/athlete an opportunity to be heard and to present his/her case, including submission of supporting documents or explanations.

## 6. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If a boxer is found guilty of age fraud:

- The boxer shall be disqualified from the competition and may face a ban of up to **three (3) years** from all BFI competitions.
- The coach, manager, or any official found complicit may also be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension.
- The concerned affiliated unit may face penalties, including monetary fines or suspension, if found negligent or complicit.
- The boxer may be eligible for a reduction of up to 1.5 years in the period of ineligibility if they provide credible information implicating any coach or official involved in, or assisting with, the commission of age fraud.

## 7. APPEAL MECHANISM

Any person aggrieved by a decision made under this policy may file an appeal to the **Youth and Age Fraud Commission** within 15 days from the date of the order, by submitting a written request via email to the official email address: [info@boxingfederation.in](mailto:info@boxingfederation.in). The



decision of the Youth and Age Fraud Commission shall be final and binding on all parties.

## 8. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- All affiliated units shall conduct awareness programs on age fraud for athletes and stakeholders.
- All affiliated units are directed to verify the age documents of their boxers diligently before sending entries.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Arun Malik", is positioned to the left of the official stamp.



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