

ARMY BOYS SPORTS COMPANY SCHEME(ABSC)

The main concept of the scheme is to achieve excellence at international level. Whether use of excellent infrastructure and efficient administrative and disciplined environment of the Army. The scheme is a joint venture of the Army Authorities and Sports Authority of India. Boys In the age group of 8-16 years of age are inducted under the scheme. After attaining the required age, the trainees are also offered job in the Army once they attain a required age of 17½ years.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria based on battery of tests prevailing since 1989 has also been modified during 1999-2000 so as to give more emphasis on performance. At present The selection of trainees under the above scheme is done on potential basis and performance basis.

- 1) Trainees who are medal winners in State/National Level Competitions are automatically admitted into the Scheme subject to their age verifications and being found medically fit.
- 2) Trainees who are medal winners at District Level Competition or have participation in State Level Competitions are admitted subject to their age verifications and being found fit medically and physically and also have the required potential which is assessed by battery of test.
- 3) And for deep selection from the remote, tribal & coastal areas the trainees are also selected by organizing competitions among participants. Under this criterion for team games as well as individual events, the participant are made to play and selection done by a Selection Committee consisting of representatives of SAI, Army, SMC and SAI coaches. The sports persons identified on this basis are offered admission after age verification, medical examination and assessing their potential by applying battery of tests in the following manner.
 - a) Application of specific games/Skill tests. For this the participants could be made to play and the short listing be done by the Committee
 - b) Age verification of the short listed participants for this the age should be between 8 to 16 years.
 - c) Application of Battery of tests on sports persons qualifying the specific games/skill tests & age-verification to assess their potential.
 - d) Medical examination of the sports persons qualifying the above tests.

DISCIPLINES COVERED

Athletics, Archery, Basketball, Boxing, Diving, Equestrian, Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Kayaking & Canoeing, Swimming, Shooting, Rowing, Volleyball, Wrestling & Weightlifting.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ARMY

- 1) Living accommodation
- 2) Class-room accommodation
- 3) Furniture
- 4) Instructional and administrative staff
- 5) Playing field facilities
- 6) Physical training/Military training equipment
- 7) Local transport
- 8) Any other item not covered under SAI responsibilities

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

- 1) Boarding & lodging charges per head per day for 10 months
- 2) School admission, tuition fees, books & stationery, uniform etc.
- 3) Sports kit
- 4) Insurance charges
- 5) Medical expenses
- 6) Competition exposure
- 7) Coaches of the allotted disciplines
- 8) Annual grant for maintenance of infrastructure & purchase of sports equipment.
- 9) One time grant for purchase of linen & blanket
- 10) One time financial assistance for creation /development of sports infrastructure.
- 11) One time financial assistance for purchase of non-consumable sports equipment.

FACILITIES PROVIDED

Under the Scheme the inmates are provided Boarding & lodging, Educational Expenses, Sports kit, Insurance, Medical cover, Competition exposure & scientific coaching from experienced coaches.

Norms of Assistance to the Trainees :-

SN	Particulars	Amount
1.	Boarding/loading 300 days (per head)	125.00
2.	Educational expenses (per head p.a.)	1000.00
3.	Sports Equipment (p.a.)	27500.00
	Maintenance of Playfield and	20000.00
	Magazine/Periodical (p.a.) per unit	2500.00
4.	Sports Kit (p.a.)	2000.00
5.	Competition exposure	2000.00
6.	Medical	300.00
7.	Insurance	30.00
8.	One time grant of linen and Blankets etc.	2000.00
9	One time financial assistance for creation /development of Sports Infrastructure	3,00,000.00
10	One time financial assistance for purchase of non-consumable sports equipment	1,00,000.00