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Admission into Sports Hostels is usually made on the basis of Annual Talent Scouting. The Talent Scouting programme takes place at a particular time of the year. However, some promising sporting talents often fail to participate in the Talent Scouting programme and thereby get deprived of admission into sports hostels. Similarly, some talented sportspersons of the State who remain outside the fold of sports hostels till the age of about 15-17 years, become eager to avail government sports hostel facilities thereafter so as to pursue their sporting career further. But since, by then, they are well past the entry age of sports hostels as per Talent Scouting programme, they do not get eligible to participate in the Talent Scouting Programme.

Considering these factors, it has now been decided that though annual talent scouting for relatively younger boys and girls will continue to be the predominant mode of admission into sports hostels; lateral entry of talented sportspersons shall also be made into sports hostels as per the guidelines prescribed below.

Lateral Entry of Talents into sports Hostel scheme of Odisha

1. **Age** – Maximum age will be 20 years for lateral entry into sports hostel. He/she will continue upto age of 25 years subject to his/her annual performance duly assessed.

2. **Earmarked Disciplines** – Lateral entry into sports hostel shall be limited to the disciplines of Archery, Athletics, Basketball, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Volleyball, Swimming and Weight Lifting for the time being.

3. **Eligibility** – For lateral entry into sports hostel, the following sportspersons pertaining to the earmarked disciplines are eligible.

   (A) **Individual Events**
      
   (i) Must have represented India in recognized International event within last 2 years.
   
   (ii) 1st/2nd/3rd position holder in the National/State level competitions within last two years.

   (B) **Team Events**
      
   (i) Must have represented India in any recognized international event within last two years.

   (ii) Must have represented Odisha in any recognized national level event within last two years.
(iii) He/she is a member of a team which secured 1st/2nd/3rd and 4th position in the State Championship within last two years.

**NB:** A Recognized event means an event organized by recognized State Association, National Sports Federations, SGFI and its affiliated State Units, Inter University Tournaments affiliated to AIU, competitions organized by Government of India and Government of Odisha.

4. For lateral entry, the sportsperson need not mandatorily be a student.

5. Number of sportspersons to be admitted in Sports hostels by lateral entry shall be limited to available vacancy in the sports hostels.

6. Eligible sportspersons shall undergo a selection trial to be conducted by a panel of Coaches followed by a medical test for admission into sports hostels.

7. Lateral entry to sports hostels can take place at any time of the year.

8. Interested and eligible sportspersons of Odisha have to apply to the Department for lateral entry.

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