



## VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA

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The Presidents / General Secretaries,  
All Affiliated State Associations / Units of VFI.

### CIRCULAR

#### **Subject: IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION REGARDING PLAYER PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY**

Dear Sir/Madam,

To ensure the smooth conduct of upcoming tournaments and to maintain the standard of age-group competitions, the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) hereby issues the following clarifications regarding player eligibility and participation rules:

#### **1. General Rules for Age Group Championships**

The following rules shall be strictly enforced for all age-group categories:

- **Category Restriction:** A player who has participated in an Upper category is strictly prohibited from playing in a Lower category (applicable to both Men & Women).
- **Duration of Participation:** Provided the age permits, a player may compete in the same age group for a maximum of two consecutive years.
- **Documentation:** The above exemption is granted only upon the production of an original School / Board Certificate. Please note that no other certificates or documents will be entertained for age verification.

#### **2. Eligibility for the 26th Youth National Championship (Bhubaneswar, Odisha)**

Specific restrictions are in place for the upcoming Youth National Championship:

- **Senior National Participants:** Men and Women players who participated in the 72nd Senior National Volleyball Championship held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, are ineligible to participate in the 26th Youth National Championship.
- **Special Exemption - (37th Federation Cup):** Players who participated in the 37th Federation Cup held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh, are eligible to participate in the 26th Youth National Championship, provided:
  1. Their age falls within the permissible limits.
  2. They have not exceeded the two-consecutive-year participation limit for the Youth National Championship.

#### **Action Required:**

All State Associations and Units are requested to take note of these regulations and ensure that player selections are made in strict compliance with the above rules. Any violation of these eligibility criteria may lead to the disqualification of the player/team.

Kindly act accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General

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