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To
The Secretaries
All Affiliated Units
Badminton Association of India

CIRCULAR FOR VOLUNTARY AGE RECTIFICATION SCHEME (VARS) FOR DISCREPANCY IN AGE RECORDS OF JUNIOR REGISTERED AGE GROUP PLAYERS.

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) is committed to maintaining fairness and integrity within the sport. BAI has taken serious note of recent age fraud complaints and instances of purported age frauds. To combat this issue and ensure a level playing field for all participants, BAI is implementing stringent measures against players found guilty of age fraud in BAI sanctioned tournaments. These measures are listed in the BAI's New Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Age Verification and Penal Code which has been approved in the Executive Committee Meeting (EXCO) and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BAI held on May 31st, 2025 at Hotel Grand, New Delhi.

To facilitate transparency, BAI announces a **one-time Voluntary Age Rectification Scheme (VARS)** for registered Junior Age Group players with an existing BAI ID but incorrect or disputed Date of Birth (DOB).

The 60-day window for this scheme will run from **7th July 2025 to 06th September 2025.** A penalty of ₹5000 is applicable.

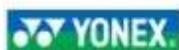
Eligibility:

All Junior Registered Age Group Players with a valid BAI ID.

Procedure:

Players must email/post the following to the respective State Secretary/vars@badmintonindia.org (CC:srsanjaymishra@gmail.com):

- Active BAI ID, Player Name, State/district
- DOB as per BAI ID and DOB to be corrected
- Scanned copy of attested birth certificate, hospital discharge or Vaccination report
- Other valid age-proof documents
- Penalty ₹5000 (DD in favour of “Badminton Association of India” OR Bank transfer to BAI Account)





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BAI assures confidentiality of submitted documents. Successfully verified DOBs will be updated in the BAI database and shared with State Associations. No bans or penalties will apply to players who rectify during this window.

Important:

All players who apply under VARS, including those who are currently banned, shall not be allowed to participate in any tournament until a final decision is made by the BAI Age Verification Committee.

This is a one-time opportunity. Players found guilty of age fraud after the closure of the VARS window will face severe penalties, including disqualification, a two-years ban, and possible FIRs against the parents/guardians of the players.

Note:

The Badminton Association of India reserves the right to request additional documents from players if deemed necessary to verify their age bona-fides. Players are obligated to comply with such requests and provide the required documentation within the specified timeframe.

We request all players who have any issue relating to their recorded Date of Birth/ Age to comply with this Voluntary Age Rectification Scheme and demonstrate their commitment to fair play and sportsmanship.

Thanking you



Yours sincerely

(Sanjay Mishra)
Hony. General Secretary

