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**BAI/CIRCULAR/VARS/2023-193**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

## CIRCULAR

### **ALL AFFILIATED STATE ASSOCIATIONS**

#### **BAI**

#### **Subject: Voluntary Age Rectification Scheme (VARS) for discrepancy in age records of registered players.**

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) is committed to maintaining fairness and integrity within the sport. The Association 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 and the Annual General meeting (AGM) of BAI held on May 21, 2023 at Guwahati.

To facilitate a transparent and accurate age verification process, BAI is pleased to announce a one-time Voluntary Age Rectification Scheme (VARS). This scheme is for registered players who have an existing BAI id, but have an incorrect date of birth and / or discrepancy in their Date of Birth / Age.

This scheme allows players to rectify their correct date of birth within a specified window of 20 days starting from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 till 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Key points of the Voluntary Age Rectification Scheme:

1. This scheme is applicable for all players who have an existing registered BAI ID.
2. The period of this scheme is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 till 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This scheme will end on 25<sup>th</sup> June - 2023.
3. **Age Rectification Procedure:**

Step 1 : Please send email with the following

- Specify active BAI ID
- Specify Player Name
- Specify State
- Specify current registered D-O-B
- Specify new corrected D-O-B
- Scan copy of correct birth certificate attested by parent(s) and player
- Scan copy of hospital discharge card record.
- Scan copy (ies) of age proof document(s) to be relied upon for correct entry of the Date of Birth.



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Email with the following documents to be sent to

1. [vars@badmintonindia.org](mailto:vars@badmintonindia.org)
2. Cc – to BAI General Secretary (srsanjaymishra@gmail.com)
4. BAI will maintain confidentiality with the documents furnished which shall not be published in public domain.
5. Players who successfully rectify will have their age records updated in the BAI database / BAI website and such corrected Date of Birth will be used for all purposes related to BAI recognized tournaments. The corrected Date of Birth shall be furnished to the respective State Association Secretaries for correction in State records.
6. Players who successfully rectify during the VARS grace period will not attract any penalty in terms of ban from playing a BAI sanctioned tournament.
7. This is a one-time opportunity to rectify age discrepancies. Players who do not avail themselves of this scheme and are later found guilty of age fraud will face severe penalties, including disqualification from BAI sanctioned tournaments, 2 year Ban, FIR against Parents and potential other disciplinary actions (for details of penal actions please refer to NEW SOP announced by BAI).

We encourage all players to avail this opportunity to rectify any discrepancies and ensure their eligibility aligns with the BAI guidelines.

Note:

In order to combat the age fraud and bring honesty and integrity into the Sport, all suspected players in future will be subjected to TW3 or any approved medical Tests at BAI authorized centres in order to verify their ages. These tests are designed to assess and determine the accuracy of the players' declared ages.

Players applying under this scheme must accurately register their correct date of birth. Any provision of false or misleading information will result in severe disciplinary action being taken against the player in question.



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

BAI reserves the right to accept or reject any request for rectification / correction of age. However, same will be done by passing a reasoned speaking order.

For any further inquiries or assistance, please reach out to us at:

[vars@badmintonindia.org](mailto:vars@badmintonindia.org)

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.

Regards,

**(Sanjay Mishra)**  
**Secretary General, BAI**



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