SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(TEAMS Division)

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Minutes of the Meeting for Finalization of Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) for the discipline of Bridge for the year 2025–26

A meeting to finalize the Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC) for Bridge for the year 2025–26 was held on 07.04.2025, at 12:15 PM under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), at the Conference Hall, Sports Authority of India (SAI) Headquarters, New Delhi. The list of participants is attached at **Annexure-I**.

1. Presentation by NSF

The president of the Bridge Federation of India (BFI) presented the proposed plan for the National Coaching Camps and Foreign Exposure trips, along with components requiring financial support, to prepare for various international competitions during 2025-26. The list of events is attached at **Annexure-II.**

2. Commitments by Bridge Federation of India (BFI)

The President of the Bridge Federation of India made the following commitments, which were adopted as binding decisions and included in the approved ACTC calendar and budget:

2.1 Strengthening of systems and capacity building initiatives within the Federation.

2.2 Strategic partnerships for various development and high-performance programs.

3. Approval of ACTC Proposal

The calendar and detailed proposal submitted by Bridge Federation of India (BFI) were reviewed and approved. The total approved budget for Bridge Federation of India (BFI) for FY 2025–26 is **INR 3.00 Crores**, as per the latest Assistance to National Sports Federations norms issued by MYAS on 28th February 2022. The proposals will be accepted only in ACTC Portal.

4. Performance Review:

The fund allocation and utilization will be reviewed in the month of October, 2025 on the basis of performance, governance, and execution of planning and based on the same further funds may be allocated to meet the requirement of the NSF, if any.

5. Compliance with Court Directions

The disbursement of funds under the Annual National Sports Federations (ANSFs) scheme will be subject to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in WP (C) No. 8691/2020, Rahul Mehra vs Union of India.

6. Code of Conduct for Good Governance

6.1 Strict adherence to the selection guidelines issued by MYAS vide letter no. 12-2/2025-SP-III, dated 5 March 2025.

6.2 Utilisation certificates and Competition reports are to be submitted no later than 15 days following the conclusion of the event.

6.3 The proposal should be submitted on ACTC portal 45 days before the commencement of the event.

7. Key Directives from Secretary (Sports)

The chair emphasized the following strategic priorities:

a. Long-Term Roadmap:

The Bridge Federation of India (BFI) must develop a comprehensive roadmap for positioning India as a developed sporting nation. This plan should include:

- A robust domestic competition structure aligned with global best practices
- Coach Development Plan
- Referees' and Judges' development strategies
- Athlete education programs
- Grassroots development plans

The complete roadmap should be submitted by 30th May 2025, post which a detailed discussion will be scheduled.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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ANNEXURE-I

The list of Attendees of the meeting are as under:

MYAS

1. Mr. Bangararaju V.V.K.K. Thatavarthi, Director (SP-1), MYAS

SAI

2. Ms. Ritu Pathik, ED TEAMS, SAI
3. Mr. Devesh Yadav, OSD to DG, SAI
4. Mr. Nitin Kundu, SDO TEAMS, SAI
5. Mr. Santhosh G., PO TEAMS, SAI
6. Mrs. Ashima, SRO TEAMS, SAI

BFI

7. Mr. Prasad Keni, President, BFI
8. Mr. Srinivasan Iyengar, BFI

ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF PROPOSALS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF BRIDGE APPROVAL UNDER ACTC-2025-26 ON DATED: 07.04.2025

1. National Coaching Camp:

Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Category	Dates	Venue
1.	Men's Coaching Camp for preparation of **Asia Cup 2026** (Asia Cup in June 2026)	Senior	05th to 12th March 2026	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad
2.	Mixed Coaching Camp for preparation of **Asia Cup 2026** (Asia Cup in June 2026)	Senior	13th to 17th March 2026	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad
3.	Women's Coaching Camp for preparation of Asia Cup 2026 (Asia Cup in June 2026)	Senior	18th to 20th March 2026	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad
4.	Senior Coaching Camp for preparation of Asia Cup 2026 (Asia Cup in June 2026)	Senior	18th to 20th March 2026	Ellisbridge Gymkhana, Ahmedabad
5.	Junior/Sub Junior National Coaching Camp (Phase 1)	Junior	01st June to 04th June 2025	Nashik
6.	Junior/Sub Junior National Coaching Camp (Final Phase)	Junior	01st to 04th July, 2025	Nashik

2. Foreign Training/Competition:

Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Category	Dates	Venue
1.	23rd BFAME Championships Dubai	Senior	10th to 18th April, 2025	Dubai
2.	Asia Pacific Bridge Championships,	Senior	17th to 25th May 2025	Henfei, China
3.	47th World Bridge Teams Championships, Denmark	Senior	19th to 31st August 2025	Denmark
4.	19th World Youth Teams Championships, Italy	Junior	12th to 17th July 2025	Italy

3. National Championship:

Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Category	Dates	Venue
1.	Senior National Championship	Senior	01st to 05th August 2025	Mysore Club, Mysore
2.	Junior/Sub Junior National Championship	Junior/ Sub-Junior	28th to 31st May 2025	Nashik, Maharashtra

4. Equipment (Non-Consumables):

Sl. No.	Items	Quantity
1.	Laptops	5
2.	LED TV	3
	Total	**8**