



## **SFA CHAMPIONSHIP, 2017 INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**It is with great regret that SFA Events Pvt. Ltd ("SFA") wishes to inform you that the SFA Championship, 2017 to be held during December 6th to 17th at DY Patil Stadium and University Sports Pavilion has been postponed, indefinitely due to the effects of Cyclone 'Ockhi'.**

It has always been our goal to provide young athletes the best sporting experience no matter what the hurdles are but putting the athletes through discomfort is against our principles. Our team has spent the last 1 year to ensure every athlete gets the best possible sporting experience.

For the last 48 hours we have been relentlessly trying our best to get the Championship going despite the constant rain at the venue and prevailing weather conditions over the city of Mumbai.

The following factors have been taken into consideration while arriving at this decision:

1. Safety of the athletes on and off the field, which is of prime importance to us.
2. Unsuitable playing conditions make it impossible to conduct sports with the highest standards of professionalism.
3. SFA prides itself for ensuring a level playing field. Hence, we have to consider various factors for a family and a school that has to commute to the SFA Championship. In the current conditions these factors become a problem, not just to an athlete but to all others that support them.

Keeping in mind the nature and scale of the Championship, which involves 31,000+ athletes playing 10,804 matches across 26 disciplines along with event staff of over 1200 persons including technical sporting officials for conducting the Championship during a slot that is suitable to school calendars, we sincerely request you to provide the team at SFA with adequate amount of time to further update you. However, we can confirm that the Championship shall not take place in the year 2017 due to the challenges involved in re-scheduling the dates that suit all athletes, schools and technical officials.

Kindly note, weather forecasts for the upcoming week from various official forecasting agencies have been consulted including the India Meteorological Department before taking this decision.

Your registration fee is safe with us (in accordance with our force majeure policy available on [www.sfanow.in](http://www.sfanow.in)) and we shall formally communicate the same to you.

For further queries kindly call us on 7045684365/ 7045684366 / 7045684367 or email us at [info@sfanow.in](mailto:info@sfanow.in) . The SFA team will be available at all times to address any of your queries regarding the same.

Yours sincerely,  
Team SFA.

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