**NOTE ON EFFORTS FOR HAVING DOPE FREE SPORTS**

**AND COMPLIANCE TO WADA / NADA**

Doping in sport is an important global issue for all athletes and their families, coaches, managers, sports organizations, and sports fans.

Athletes who dope to enhance their performance and gain an advantage over their fellow competitors have been treated as cheats. They devalue the honest efforts of clean athletes; deny others the ability to compete on a level playing field; fail to compete in the true spirit of sport; and undermine the integrity of competitive sport.

Indian Weightlifting Federation is constantly striving for Drug Free Sport and works to ensure that athletes compete in a drug free environment. The aim is to ensure that our athletes achieve as a result of hard-work, skill and talent.

Many of the weightlifting athletes under our banner in National camps have offered their support to Drug Free Sport education and outreach initiatives. In doing so, they validate a culture of clean sport and become role models for aspiring athletes to be drug-free.

While much of our work is about catching cheats, we also focus on working with athletes and their support personnel to help them understand the importance of clean sport and their role in it.

For educating the athletes, coaches, officials and support staff, Indian Weightlifting Federation have been regularly organizing Educational Seminars during National camps and National Championships. The WADA and NADA code along with List of Prohibited Substances published every year have also been widely circulated amongst the affiliated units and practicing athletes of weightlifting.

Dope positive cases found in the year 2016 are attached separately.

The decisions of some cases are still pending with NADA and will be notified in due course of time.