

National Sports Governance Bill, 2025

Prelims: *Current events of national and international importance | Government policies and implementation.*

Why in News?

Recently, the National Sports Governance Bill, 2025, was introduced in the Lok Sabha.

- **Aim** - To provide for the **recognition of national sports bodies** and regulate their functioning.
- **National Sports Governing Bodies** - The Bill provides for establishing
 1. National Olympic Committee,
 2. National Paralympic Committee, and
 3. National and Regional Sports Federations for each designated sport.
- These bodies will have affiliation with respective international bodies and will have affiliate units at state and district levels.
- **Functions**
 - Establish certain committees for their functioning,
 - Establish a code of ethics to govern conduct of persons such as members, affiliates, athletes, coaches, and sponsors, and
 - A grievance redressal mechanism for complaints from such persons.
- **Administrative structure of national bodies** - Every national sports body will have a general body, consisting of equal number of representatives from each affiliate member and certain ex-officio members.
- It will have an executive committee consisting of up to 15 members, with at least 2 outstanding sportspersons and 4 women.
- **Eligibility for being a member in executive committee**
 - The person must be aged between 25 years and 70 years, and
 - Must comply with international rules on age and term limits.
 - A person aged between 70 and 75 years may become a member if permitted by the international rules, and will serve for a full-term.
- Every national body will have a President, a Secretary General, and a Treasurer.
- **National Sports Board**- The Bill empowers the central government to establish a National Sports Board (NSB).
- NSB will **grant recognition to the national sports bodies** and register their affiliate units.
- NSB will consist of a chairperson, and a prescribed number of members.
- Only recognized bodies will be eligible to receive funds from the central government.
- The Board may suspend or cancel such recognition or registration, subject to specified conditions.
- **Other functions**
 - Issuing guidelines on code of ethics and compliance with international rules,

- Inquiring into matters affecting welfare of sportspersons, sports development, and misuse of funds, and
- Creating ad-hoc administrative body in case of loss of international recognition of a national body.
- **National Sports Tribunal** - To adjudicate sports related disputes.
- It will *not have jurisdiction over specified disputes* such as those in relation to games organized by international bodies and internal disputes of national sports bodies.
- **Members - Chairperson** - Sitting or former Judge of the Supreme Court or the Chief Justice of a High Court, and
- 2 members who are persons of eminence with experience in sports, public administration, and law.
- **Oversight of elections** - The central government will establish a national panel of electoral officers to oversee elections of national sports bodies.
- **Powers of the central government** - The central government may exempt a national body or its affiliates from any or all provisions of the Bill, if necessary, in public interest for promotion of that sport.

Reference

[The Hindu| National Sports Governance Bill](#)

