



Abhinav Bindra Foundation and GoSports Foundation Shooting Development Programmes 2014

Abhinav Bindra Foundation (ABF) and GoSports Foundation (GSF) will conduct joint programmes for the development of junior Indian shooters during 2014. The programmes will include scholarships for selected shooters, development workshops for shooters, equipment support, as well as an opportunity for select junior shooters to receive one-on-one mentorship from Abhinav Bindra. This document summarises each of these programmes.

Scholarships for Shooters (3 Scholarships available)

What are the ABF-GSF Shooting Scholarships?

The ABF-GSF Shooting Scholarships are awarded to talented, high performing, young athletes to further the mission of empowering the next generation of sportsmen and women in India.

The ABF-GSF Shooting Scholarships offer timely and meaningful intervention and encouragement for junior athletes in their run up to becoming world class performers.

In the last few years, the athletes supported in various Olympic and Paralympic disciplines have represented India with distinction, winning medals at the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Youth Olympics, among other tournaments. Some of the Scholars of the 2012 batch represented India at the London Olympics and Paralympics 2012.

Who is eligible for the Scholarships?

- ABF-GSF Scholars are chosen based on a combination of merit, potential and need
- Applicants must be in the top-10 in the country (in their age group) and have demonstrated the potential to represent India at the senior level
- Only Indian citizens are eligible for the scholarship

Age category: 13 -21 years

Disciplines (for both men and women):

- **Rifle** (50m Rifle 3 Positions, 50m Rifle Prone*, 10m Air Rifle) and
- **Pistol** (50m Pistol*, 25m Rapid Fire Pistol, 10m Air Pistol)

** For men only*

What are the benefits received by a Scholar?

The support and financial assistance made available to the selected athletes through the ABF-GSF Scholarships have proved to be of prime importance at critical junctures in their careers. As part of the scholarships, the Scholars receive:



- Financial grant of up to INR 1.5 lakh to cover certain pre-approved training, equipment and participation expenses
- Access to nutritionist, physical and mental fitness coach and other empanelled experts
- Scholarship merchandise and apparel from partners
- Profile maintenance and performance tracking

Equipment Support to Shooters (6 weapons available)

What is the Equipment Support Programme?

Through this programme, ABF and GSF shall select up to 10 meritorious shooters who will be provided with high quality shooting equipment. The shooting equipment shall be procured by ABF and awarded to the selected shooters free of cost.

Who is eligible to receive the equipment through this programme?

Equipment will be offered to select shooters based on established financial need.

- Equipment will be offered to shooters based on merit and potential, with need being given primary importance
- Applicants must be in the top-10 in the country (in their age group) and have demonstrated the potential to represent India at the senior level
- Only Indian citizens are eligible for the scholarship

Age category: 13 -21 years

Disciplines (for both men and women):

- Rifle and
- Pistol

What is the kind of equipment that will be offered through this programme?

Weapons, sourced from vendors in Germany (Walther Arms), shall be offered to the selected shooters.

Development Programme for Shooters

What is the Development Workshop for Shooters?

A 5-day workshop/clinic will be conducted for 20 national level shooters. Abhinav Bindra and his support staff will conduct the workshop, and cover various aspects of shooting training and competition.



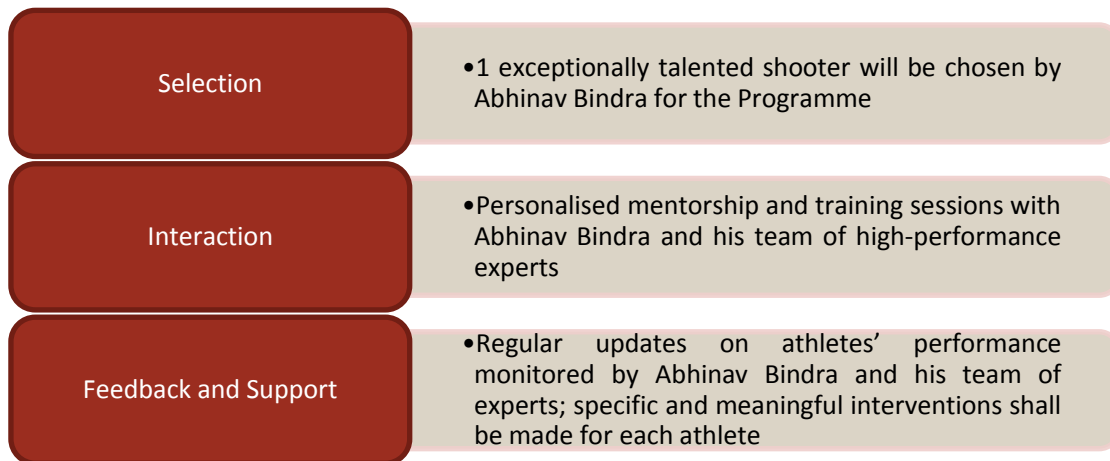
Who is eligible to attend the Development Workshop for Shooters?

All applicants to the Scholarships and Equipment Support programmes will be considered to participate at the workshop. However, due to limited slots, applications will be screened and shooters will be selected based on merit and potential.

Abhinav Bindra Mentorship Programme

What is the Abhinav Bindra Mentorship Programme?

Abhinav Bindra will personally advise select shooters through the year and mentor them through their sporting journeys. He will provide them access to the best experts from the fields of nutrition, physical and mental fitness, and all allied sports sciences. One shooter may be selected by Abhinav Bindra



Who is eligible for the Abhinav Bindra Mentorship Programme?

All applications will be considered for this programme. Abhinav Bindra may personally select one or more shooters if he/she has demonstrated exceptional talent and merit.



Selection Process

How are the shooters selected for each of the programmes?

Applications forms are available with ABF and GSF. Completely filled in applications will be verified for facts, and screened by senior coaches and experts. Comprehensive selection trials will be conducted for each of the programmes based on the selection criteria. Shortlisted shooters will undergo an interview process, based on which the final list of selected athletes will be announced.

The table below describes the primary selection criteria for each of the ABF-GSF programmes:

Programme	Primary Selection Criteria
Scholarships for shooters	Merit and need based
Equipment support to shooters	Need based
Development workshop for shooters	Merit based
Mentorship programme by Abhinav Bindra	Merit based

The Abhinav Bindra Foundation, founded in 2009, has been working towards grassroots level development of sports in India and the promotion of Olympism in the country. The foundation encourages young boys and girls to participate in sports, which will instill the spirit of sportsmanship in them, teach them life lessons and break down social and cultural barriers.

The GoSports Foundation is a non-profit venture primarily focused on the development of India's best and most promising junior Olympic and Paralympic athletes. Started in 2008 with the purpose of injecting positivity and professionalism in the Indian sports ecosystem, the GoSports Foundation has supported more than 50 high-performing junior athletes, helping them further their sporting careers. Abhinav Bindra is one of the members of GoSports Foundation's Board of Advisors.



Scholarship Application Form – 2014

Application Category (you may apply to both the programmes):

Scholarship for Shooting
(Merit and need based)

Equipment Support
(Need based)

Shooting discipline: Rifle
Category:

Pistol

Please attach 1 full-size picture of yourself while Shooting, 1
passport size picture and a copy of your passport

A. PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name:	Gender:
Age:	Date of Birth: / /
Sport:	Email:
Current address:	Permanent address:
Tel : (+91)	Mobile:
Educational Details:	

B. PHYSICAL DETAILS

Height (cm):	Weight (kg):
Medical history (describe briefly your medical history if any)	
If differently abled, please answer the following questions:	
Nature of Disability (Attach Disability Certificate):	
Indicate percentage of disability and since when:	
Aids utilised for everyday living:	



Please describe the shooting equipment you currently use:

Type/Model Number:

Since when have you been using the gun?

When was the gun first purchased?

C. PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Started playing my sport in Year:	Current coach details: Name: Designation: Phone Number: Email Id:
Highest level achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State• National• International	Training details (training center/ city/ number of hours a day): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training centre: • No of training hours a day:
Number of medals/tournaments won in the year 2012-2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State:• National:• International:	Current Ranking as of January 2014 (also specify age group): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State:• National:• International:
Number of competitions you participate in every year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State level:• National level:• International Level:• Other:	<i>If you have attended any additional training camps, briefly describe the camp details including the center, place, coach, duration and year:</i>



Explain below the most notable tournaments you competed in over the last 2 years¹

Name of the tournament	Venue and Date	Age group	Performance (Winner, semi-finalist etc.)	Score

D. FAMILY DETAILS

Father's name:	Age:	
Occupation:	Height (cms):	Weight (kgs):
Sport background (<i>briefly describe your father's background in sports, if any</i>)	Medical details (<i>describe your father's medical history</i>)	
Mother's name:	Age:	
Occupation:	Height (cms):	Weight (kgs):
Sport background(<i>briefly describe your mother's background in sports, if any</i>)	Medical details (<i>describe your mother's medical history</i>)	
Number of siblings:	Age of siblings: 1) 2) 3)	

¹ Use this space to describe your best performances in the last 2 years. You may also attach a separate sheet with details of all your performances if you feel this space is insufficient to highlight your achievements.



E. FINANCIAL DETAILS

Total annual household income (*please include your own income if any; kindly attach income certificate/salary slip*):

- less than 1 lakh
- between 1 and 2 lakh
- between 2 and 5 lakh
- between 5 and 10 lakh
- between 10 and 25 lakh
- 25 lakh and above

Do you currently have any private or government support in terms of equipment and/or funds? If yes, please provide details and amounts:

Did you have any private or government support in terms of equipment and/or funds in the past? If yes, please provide details including reasons for why the funding was stopped:

F. REFERENCES:

Provide the contact details of two coaches (apart from your personal coach) who are aware of your performance:

Name:	Name:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Email address:	Email address:



H. DISCLAIMER

I hereby agree and acknowledge that the submission of this form does not in any manner guarantee my admission to the ABF-GSF Scholarships Programme and/or the Equipment Support Programme, and that the GoSports Foundation reserves the right to accept or reject my application for any reason whatsoever. Further I hereby certify that the information provided by me herein is complete, accurate and true in all respects and the GoSports Foundation is free to verify such information directly or through third parties.

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant _____

I. RETURN ADDRESS

Completed application forms should be mailed to the following address:

***GoSports Foundation
'Felicity', 79/C, 1st Cross,
G. Ramaiya Reddy Layout,
Nandidurga Road,
Benson Town,
Bangalore – 560046
Ph: 080 – 42048046/ 9986979667***

You can also email the scanned copy of the application form to: foundation@gosports.in

The application form should reach us on or before 23rd May, 2014.