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National Sports Development Policy
This was brought out by
the government to import good
governance in sports bodies without
interfering in their autonomy.
Certain individuals, especially politicians
hold term for long time affecting
governance.

Violation.

Sports bodies that violate are
put under COA, which was the
case recently in AIFF, Hockey, and
table tennis federations. In some cases, funding
might be cut off, derecognition by sports ministry.

Issues.

- Veiled interest in the governance of
sports bodies
- Different conceptions of democracy.
- Issues regarding members of
council, right to vote, who
to stand in elections.

Autonomy

For both national and International bodies
autonomy is the key so that they
can focus on their primary
interest i.e. sports, to give
opportunities for everyone to fulfil their
potential.

Way ahead

→ CoA was of the view that
only if athletes are given representation
it will function democratically. But
are athletes equipped with skills to

administer federations.

→ District level and state level athletes
commission should be set up with
retired and experienced athletes and trained
adequately.

→ Sufficient representation than can be
imparted at the national level.

→ Transparent election mechanism and
independent authority with different
stakeholders can be set up to
look into matters of internal functioning.

→ International federation should function
effectively, to avoid governance issue.