

Hi All,

During the Melbourne Games Organising Committee meeting yesterday the issue of the banned kabaddi player list that was issued from the India was discussed. The following summary of the discussion and agreement from the meeting:

- 1)The Melbourne Committee was united in a stance to promote the Melbourne Sikh Games as drug free and as a result had a very strong view that allowing the banned players from India would send the wrong message to the wider Australian Sikh community.
- 2)The National Kabaddi Federation President Baljinder Bassi stated that his federation have agreed not to play any banned players at the Melbourne Sikh games.
- 3)The Australian Kabaddi Federation President Mandip Johal stated that in the interest of having a united view his federation will not play any banned players at the Melbourne Sikh games.

In summary the Melbourne Sikh Games Committee, the National Kabaddi Federation and Australian Kabaddi Federation have all agreed to **NOT** play any banned kabaddi player from the banned player list from India. This outcome is an unprecedented display of leadership, commitment and cooperation to ensure an issue free Melbourne Sikh Games.

ANSSACC fully endorses this united stance and thanks all three organisations for their commitment to moving toward a drug free Australian Sikh Games. ANSSACC will work with the 2 Australian Kabaddi Federations to update ANSSACC policies to formalise rules around bans from other organisations.

Regards
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ANSSACC Secretary