

NEXT PHASE OF UNIVERSITY GAMES IN THE PANDEMIC ERA

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University sports can be described as another playing field that opens the door to new dimensions that have taken on a new face in the field of sports. Undoubtedly, university sports are a matter of special concern throughout the world. University sports also have a special place in Sri Lanka

But in the face of the situation, the whole world is facing at present, Sri Lankan university sports have also had to make some stops. It's a huge loss for the university as well as the players. But in the current situation, everyone has to face that situation. If Sri Lankan university sports resume in the face of these obstacles, there are a few key points to consider. Primarily, it was stated that many competitors at the Olympics were university-level competitors. Thus, it seems that there is no need for further facts to show how special university sports are. But in Sri Lanka, university sports are limited to inter-university. Only a few of them qualify for world university competitions. It's only a handful of people. It seems essential to have a plan in place as a strategy for this. It will also lay a foundation for the direction of our sport. With that in mind, when resuming university sports, plans should be made to start under the relevant basic health guidelines. That is, one stadium should be selected for sports as a team and arrangements should be made to hold sports under these safety bubbles under special health counselling. Otherwise, it is very important to make strategic plans for holding such competitions at home and away under health guidance.

It is also important that when all university athletes are involved in sports, they are referred to preliminary tests, and future plans are drawn up based on those test reports to initiate university sports. Furthermore, the University needs to develop an appropriate guideline not only for sports at the inter-university level but also for universities as a way to develop national-level athletes.

This is because many people at the university level participated in the last South Asian Games. But Sri Lankan sports often seem to be limited to the South Asian level. To break those boundaries, the university must begin to open up new avenues for sports. Also, university athletes need to be successful in their sporting as well as academic activities. The activities should be adjusted or modified to facilitate the players to balance those activities.





Building new sports concepts is also important. That is, concepts such as online methods can be used for certain actions. And I think if I could come up with a new concept called timing gaming for track and field events it would take on a new face in the current situation. That is, at track and field events, the relevant judges use the biosafety bubble system to record the times, distances, and heights that athletes record for competitive events in which relevant university players participate, and use that record time, height, and distance for best performance. It is more successful if the organizing competitions based on this concept. But since this is a new idea, it is necessary to make plans and pay some attention to its success. We look forward to organizing the University Athletes as University National Teams and paving the way for them to be able to conquer the field of sports in the future with the right training system, and with the new objectives of the University Sports Field until the reopening of the field of sports with new steps that will be of some help to the field as well.

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