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### Physical training made compulsory subject

State Minister for Youth and Sports HMA Gaffar said in Dhaka yesterday that physical training and sports would be included in the academic curricula upto class eight as a compulsory subject of 100 marks, reports BSS.

Announcing the long-awaited country's first-ever national sports policy at a press conference, the State Minister expressed government's firm determination to implement the movement of sports for all in Bangladesh.

Youth and Sports Secretary M Asafuddowllah, Vice-Chairman of the National Sports Council Col. Obaidullah Khan were present on the occasion.

Stressing the need for training the budding athletes, the State Minister said it could

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make a sportsman more disciplined and a good athlete. He also said that physical training and sports would also be included in the curricula of secondary, higher secondary madrasa and university level as optional subject of 100 marks.

Disclosing the policy Mr Gaffar said the planned sports training infrastructure has been made to grow the sporting interest in all section of people in the country.

He said khas land would be allocated to educational institutions for using them as sports grounds.

Explaining the salient features of the policy, the State Minister said one sports-field and one pond would be made available in each village. One sports complex in each upazila and a complete stadium, gymnasium and swimming pool in each district headquarters would be completed by the end of sixth five-year plan.

Besides, sporting facilities would also be provided in the offices of government semi-government and autonomous bodies including private and public mills for ensuring mass participation.

The government, has given special importance in taking schemes of training to raise the standard of games and sports in the country. Bangladesh Kriya Shikha Pratisthan BKS and National Sports Council would play a pioneer role in this context with short-term, mid-term and long-term schemes the Minister said.