APPENDIX-A
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Age:

Religion:

Educational Qualification:

Family Income:

Individual Income:

Marital Status:

Number of Children:

1. Where do you live?

2. Do you have any siblings?

3. Do you live with your family?

4. Which sports do you play?

4.1. If yes, at what level?

4.2. When did you start playing?

4.3. What is your ambition in life?

5. Does your family know about your life’s ambition?

5.1. If yes, what was your family’s opinion about your decision to pursue a career in outdoor sports?

5.2. If no, why haven’t you shared you decision with them?

6. What is your family’s opinion about travelling outstation for participating in sporting events?

7. Does your family want you to give marriage a priority?

7.1. What is your position on this?
SCHOOL

1. In which school did you study?

1.1. Was it a government affiliated school?

1.2. Which medium?

1.3. Which board?

1.4. What was your school fee?

1.5. Was your school co-educational?

2. What was your school uniform?

2.1. What was the uniform for boys? (If the school is co-educational)

3. Did your school have provision for sports?

3.1. How many periods were allotted for games/sports in your school?

3.2. What was the duration of your games period?

4. Were you engaged in any sporting activities in school?

4.1. If yes, which sports?

4.2. With whom did you engage in sporting activities?

5. Did you have separate uniform for sports?

5.1. Were you comfortable with your school uniform while playing?

6. Did you play with your male mates in school?

7. How did you spend your recess time at school?

8. Do you think that your school gave priority to sports?

9. Do you think that your school encouraged its students to engage in sports?

10. Do you think that your school has proper infrastructure for sports?
SOCIAL CLASS

1. Tell me about your daily diet.

1.1. How much do you have to spend for your diet alone?

2. What is your overall monthly expense?

2.1. Can you afford your monthly expenditure?

3. Do you receive any financial assistance as an athlete?

3.1. How much?

3.2. Where from?

3.3. Do you get adequate financial assistance?

4. State the importance of financial condition for pursuing sports as a career.

4.1. Do you think that financial condition influences the choice of sports for women athletes?

5. Do you go for regular medical check up?

5.1. Where do you go?

5.2. How often?

5.3. Who bears the medical expense?

6. Have you faced any fund crunch till date?

6.1. Can you please share your experience?

7. Do you feel that women athletes coming from an affluent background face fund crunch in their sporting career?

8. What facilities do women athletes coming from an affluent background avail?

8.1. What difficulties do you think women athletes coming from a low economic background face while pursuing a career in sports?

9. Do you think women athletes are given sufficient financial support to pursue their athletic career?
ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION and GENDER

1. How does playing sports make you feel?

2. How many national and international events have you participated till date?
   2.1. Please share your experience.

3. How much time do you give for training?

4. What is your opinion about women playing sports compulsorily?

5. Is there a difference between men and women playing sports?

6. Do you play any indoor sports?
   6.1. If yes, which sport?

7. Is there any specific genre of sports that women are more likely to be associated with?
   7.1. What kind of sports is it?
   7.2. Why?

8. How would you describe the nature of outdoor sports in West Bengal?
   8.1. Who do you think commonly pursue outdoor sports?

9. Do you feel that gender influences ones participation in outdoor sports?
   9.1. How?
   9.2. Why?

10. Who is your coach?

11. Are you comfortable with your coach?

12. In your low days where do you go for comfort?

13. Have you ever felt uncomfortable with any behaviour of your coach or any administrative person?

14. Have you ever been wrongfully approached by your coach?
15. Do you feel that women athletes face the danger of being sexually exploited?

15.1 Why?

16. Do you know anybody facing such situation?

17. Do you think that male athletes face sexual harassments by their seniors?

17.1. Why?

18. Do you think women athletes coming from an affluent background face sexual harassments by their coach/senior staff?

19. How would you describe the nature of the sport you are associated with?

20. Can you tell me about the administrative body of the sport in West Bengal you are associated with?

21. Do you feel that your involvement in sports makes you different from non-athlete females?

21.1. If yes, why?

21.2. If no, Why?

22. Would you consider ‘sports’ can be a career option for women?

22.1. If yes, why?

22.2. If no, why?

23. What do you think are the future career prospects for women athletes in West Bengal after retirement from their athletic career?

24. Do you think physical appearance of women athletes matter?

25. Have you ever faced any comment on your physical appearance?

25.1 Why do you think you have been said so?

26. What is your opinion about your own physical appearance?

27. How do you feel about your body?
28. Do you feel different compared to non athlete women in relation to your physical appearance?

28.1. If yes, tell me why?

29. How do you identify yourself in this society?

30. Describe your appearance when you train and compete in athletics.

31. How do you dress when you are not participating in sports?

32. Do you think that sexuality of women athletes matter?

33. Have you faced any incident in relation to your sexuality?

33.1. Can you share the incident?

33.2. Do you know any other women athlete facing a situation in relation to her sexuality?

34. How do you think your society conceive sexuality of women athletes?

35. Do you think that homosexual women athletes share same experience compared to heterosexual women athletes in West Bengal?

35.1. If yes, how?

35.2. If no, why?

36. What do you think is the present situation of women athletes in West Bengal?

37. What is your opinion about the existing infrastructure provided for women athletes in West Bengal?

**RELIGION**

1. Do you think religious principles are important in women’s participation in sports?

2. Have you faced any obstacle pursuing sports for your religion?

2.1. If yes, describe the obstacles.

2.2. How did you overcome the obstacles?
3. Do you think barriers based on religion are same for all women athletes?

4. What do you think about the role of religious principles influencing women athletes’ participation in outdoor sports?

MEDIA: NEWS (Print & Visual)

1. What kind of sports do you think interests print media? Please give some examples.

2. What kind of sports do you think interests visual media? Please give some examples.

3. Do you think that women’s sports get adequate coverage in both print and visual media?

3.1. If no, why is it so?

4. According to you what kind of news do the media usually portray about women athletes?

5. Do you think that sports channels telecast women’s sports as frequently compared to men’s sports?

5.1. If no, why?

6. What do you think about the language media uses to describe women athletes?

6.1. Can you give us some examples?

7. According to you which women’s sports event are frequently covered by media?

7.1. Can you explain why?

MEDIA

1. What according to you interests sports media?

1.1. Which sports according to you interest sports media?

1.2. What do you think about hiring sportspersons for commercial advertisements?

1.3. Have you witnessed any advertisement by any sportsperson in visual media?
1.4. Have you witnessed any advertisement by any sportsperson in print media?
1.5. Which sportsperson did you see in the advertisement?
1.6. Which genre of sports is the sportsperson associated with?
1.7. Have you seen any women athlete endorsing products in any advertisement?
1.8. Who?
1.9. Which advertisement?

2. Do you think that women athletes are hired for endorsing commercial products?
2.1. Which sports women do you think are hired for commercial advertisements? Please give reasons.

3. What kind of advertisements do you think sports women are mainly hired for?

4. Do you think that women athletes are seen more in the television advertisements compared to sports women belonging to other genre of sports?
4.1. If No, why?
4.2 If yes, why?