

JUSTICE L. NAGESWARA RAO
Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Date: 07.11.2022

Dear all,

1. As per the instructions received from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 22.09.2022 in the matter of 'Indian Olympic Association vs. Union of India & Others.' (Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).14533/2022), I was appointed to undertake the following tasks:
 - a. Preparing the amendments to the Constitution of the Indian Olympic Association ("IOA");
 - b. Preparation of the electoral college;
 - c. Conducting the elections of the IOA; and
 - d. To prepare a road map for the amendment of the IOA Constitution and for the conduct of the IOA elections so that the entire process is completed at best, by 15 December 2022.
2. As you are aware the amended Constitution was circulated to all the stakeholders of Indian Olympic Association ("IOA") on 03.11.2022. The general assembly meeting of IOA is scheduled on 10.11.2022 for ratification of the amended Constitution of IOA.
3. The present members of the Athletes Commission were not 'elected' members of the Athletes Commission as required by the IOC. Going forward, it is the endeavor that the Athletes Commission comprises of elected representatives of athletes who are a part of the IOA eco-system. In this regard, amendments have also been carried out to the Athlete Commission Guidelines. A copy of the Amended Athlete Commission Guidelines are attached for your review and record.
4. Each NSF's Athlete's Commission is called upon to nominate 2 members from their Athletes Commission (one male and one female) who will constitute the electoral college for electing 10 (ten) members of the IOA's Athletes Commission. In case the NSF does not have an Athletes Commission, the NSF may nominate 2 athletes (one male and one female) who fulfills the eligibility criteria, to be elected on the Athletes Commission. If an athlete seeks to be elected on the Athletes Commission, he/she should also fill in the candidate form annexed to the Athlete Commission Guidelines.
5. The nominated athletes must have either participated in any of the last three Olympic Games or should have achieved/won at least one (1) medal at National Games/Senior National Championship, Olympic Games, Asian Games or Commonwealth Games, in the last three versions of the relevant games, prior to the date of application.

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6. You are required to communicate the name of the nominees constituting the electoral college of the NSFs along with the duly filled candidate form (for those seeking to contest for Athletes Commission elections), to Mr. Umesh Sinha the returning officer for the Athletes Commission elections at roacelection@gmail.com latest by 5 pm on 13.11.2022. You are also required to provide the phone number and email id of each nominee.
7. The electoral college and list of candidates shall be finalized and published at 10:30 am on 14.11.2022. The voting shall take place on 14.11.2022 (Monday) between 11 am to 2pm at VIP Lounge of Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium Complex, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi-110003. The results would be published on 14.11.2022 itself on the IOA's website. The first meeting of the elected Athletes Commission will take place on 15.11.2022 in which the Athletes Commission shall elect their Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
8. The members of the Athletes Commission would also be required to complete the selection process for 'Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit', between 15.11.2022 to 19.11.2022.

I trust all the NSF's shall endeavor to make an earnest effort in creating a robust Athletes Commission that will work for the welfare of athletes and improvement of sports in India.



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