

# DISPUTES COMMISSION RULES OF THE INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Amended up to 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018

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# RULES OF THE DISPUTES COMMISSION OF THE INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The following Rules (as amended from time to time by the IOA) ("the Rules") shall apply to all the members of the IOA including but not limited to the National Sports Federations, State Olympic Associations, Athletes Commission and any other members of the IOA. The Rules shall be followed in letter and spirit by the Disputes Commission of the IOA as well as the members referring their dispute to IOA Disputes Commission.
- 1.2 In relation to the proceedings under these Rules, the role of the IOA is:
- (a) to establish and constitute the commission with power to resolve disputes in accordance with these Rules; and
- (b) to assist in the smooth running of the associated proceedings.

# 2. <u>DISPUTES WHICH CAN BE REFERRED TO THE</u> COMMISSION:-

Following disputes will be referred to the disputes commission of the Indian Olympic Association: -

- i. Disputes within a member association of the IOA.
- Disputes relating to selection of teams made by a member association with respect to any International Olympic Committee or the Olympic Council of Asia event.
- iii. Disputes relating to affiliation to IOA.
- iv. Disputes related to elections of any member of the IOA.
- v. Any other Dispute referred by the President IOA to the Disputes Commission.

# 3. PROCEDURE FOR REFERRING DISPUTES TO THE COMMISSION: -

- Any dispute referred to Indian Olympic Association has to be communicated in writing to President of Indian Olympic Association by any party to the dispute.
- ii. Notwithstanding above, the President IOA can itself also refer any Dispute before the Dispute Commission.

- iii. The Chairman of the Dispute Commission will constitute a panel from amongst the members or can take up the case individually also, which will also be called panel.
- iv. Both parties shall be notified about the constitution of the panel.
- v. Parties will be required to send their written complaints/
  justification along with documents which the parties wish
  to rely upon to the panel so constituted within 15 days of
  the receipt of the communication about constitution of
  panel.
- vi. Panel will decide the date and time for the hearing of the parties. Panel at its discretion may call upon any other party/person to help them in resolution of the dispute.
- vii. Panel shall decide the dispute in a most expeditious manner, preferably within 90 days from the receipt of written complaint/justification.

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#### 4. PLACE FOR THE COMMISSION'S HEARINGS:

Place of Commission's proceedings shall be Indian Olympic Association Headquarters at New Delhi or any other place in Delhi as decided by the Chairman of Dispute Commission with approval of President of IOA.

#### 5. COST OF THE PROCEEDINGS:

- i. Cost of the proceedings shall be borne equally by the parties to the dispute.
- ii. However, the entire cost of the proceedings can be imposed on either party to the dispute if the Commission so decides.
- iii. The Cost of the Proceedings shall be as mentioned in Schedule B.

#### 6. Party Representation

The Party/ Parties/ may be represented before the Dispute Commission in person or through a duly authorised representative with prior intimation given to the Commission.

#### 7. Retrospective Effect

This rules and regulations will have retrospective effect on any on going dispute proceedings, from the date it is in effect.

### 8. Decisions and Powers of the Commission

- i. The decision and/or award of the Commission shall be in writing and shall be dated and signed by the Panel members, and shall state the reasons on which it is based.
- ii. Commission shall decide on any issue by a majority and if the Commission fails to reach a majority decision on any issue, the decision of the Chairperson of the Commission shall be final.
- iii. All decisions and/or awards of the Commission shall be final and binding on the parties. Any Appeal arising out of the decision of this Commission shall lie exclusively to the Arbitration Commission of the IOA.
- iv. In addition, the Commission shall have the power:
  - (a) to allow any party to amend its written case and/or to submit further evidence;



- (b) to extend or abbreviate any time-limit provided by these Rules;
- (c) to conduct enquiries;
- (d) to order any party to make any document under its control available for inspection by the Commission;
- (e) to order the production to the Commission and the other party/parties for inspection, copies of any documents in a party's control which the Commission considers relevant;
- v. A copy of the Decision will be sent by the Chairman of the

  Dispute Commission to President of IOA for
  implementation.

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### Schedule – A

## MEMBERS OF THE DISPUTES COMMISSION:

i.	Mr. Rakesh Sharma, IAS (Retd).	(Chairman)
ii.	Mr. Adille J. Sumariwala.	(Member)
iii.	Mr. B. K. Sinha, IPS	(Member)
iv.	Mr. L. P Nathani	(Member)
v.	Ms. Sudarshan Pathak	(Member)

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### Schedule - B

#### **COST OF THE PROCEEDINGS:**

(i) Rs.50,000/- per hearing will be paid by each party to the case, in favour of Indian Olympic Association on Account of Dispute Commission.

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