



Mr. Virender Kanwar
Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) –
Interim Body

Lausanne, 20.03.2026

Grant of Provisional Recognition to the Volleyball Federation of India Interim Leadership

Dear Mr. Kanwar,

The **Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)** refers to the recent exchanges concerning the governance status of the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) – Interim Body and its participation in forthcoming international competitions.

After due consideration, the FIVB hereby grants **provisional recognition** to the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) – Interim Body for a period of eight (8) months from the date of this letter. Such recognition is granted strictly on a temporary and conditional basis and is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the VFI interim leadership shall cooperate fully and in good faith with the FIVB, the IOA, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), and the Steering Committee duly constituted by the FIVB.
- (b) the VFI interim leadership updates the VFI Statutes in line with the FIVB Constitution and regulations and the IOA Constitution and regulations, annexed as Annex 1.
- (c) the VFI interim leadership shall ensure that the selection of national teams for all FIVB-recognised competitions is undertaken exclusively by a Selection Committee established by the Steering Committee composed of national team coaches and technical experts. The Selection Committee shall operate independently and without any interference either from the VFI interim leadership or any other third parties appointed by VFI interim leadership.
- (d) the VFI interim leadership shall support FIVB and Volleyball World in relation to the hosting and organisation of international volleyball events in India.
- (e) the VFI interim leadership shall ensure that national and state-level election(s) are conducted fairly, transparently, and in compliance with applicable law and principles of good governance. The IOA/FIVB Steering Committee shall nominate an observer for such elections.
- (f) the VFI interim leadership complies with the attached deadlines and roadmap for recognition. (Annex II – full recognition roadmap).

This provisional recognition is granted solely and exclusively to facilitate the release and utilisation of the Government funding due to VFI, for the preparation, training, and participation of Indian national volleyball teams in forthcoming international competitions, both in India and overseas.

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The FIVB provisionally recognises that the VFI interim leadership is mandated with the following specific tasks:

- 1) Create an Athletes' Commission in line with Indian law, the FIVB requirements and the joint FIVB-IOA communication dated 05 July 2025.
- 2) update the VFI Statutes in line with Indian law, the FIVB Constitution and regulations and the IOA Constitution and regulations;
- 3) regularise the governance situation of the state associations and
- 4) Conduct new elections of the VFI, as per the roadmap in Annex 2.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions, including failure to meet the prescribed timelines, or the issuance of any adverse judicial or statutory order affecting the legality or authority of VFI's interim leadership, shall entitle the FIVB, at its sole discretion and without prejudice to any other rights, to suspend or immediately revoke this provisional recognition.

The FIVB expects VFI to treat this opportunity with utmost seriousness and to ensure full compliance within the stipulated timelines in the interest of Indian volleyball and its athletes.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm your acceptance of the above conditions in writing within seven (7) days.

Best regards,



Fabio Azevedo
FIVB President



Hugh McCutcheon
FIVB Secretary General

Copy to:

- President, Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Government of India





Annex 1- FIVB and IOA Constitutions

- FIVB Constitution- <https://www.fivb.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/FIVB-2025-Constitution.pdf>
- IOA Constitution- <https://olympic.ind.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/IOA-Constitution.pdf>

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Annex 2- Full Recognition Roadmap

Timeline for compliance:

Athletes' Commission

- VFI interim leadership shall, establish and formally notify an Athletes' Commission strictly in compliance with the FIVB requirements and the joint FIVB–IOA communication dated 05 July 2025. The composition, election/selection process, eligibility criteria, and independence of the Athletes' Commission must fully comply with any directions issued by the FIVB and the IOA.

Amended VFI Constitution

- Within 7 days of provisional recognition- VFI interim leadership shall provide a copy of its amended Constitution to the FIVB and IOA.
- Within 45 days of receipt of the Amended VFI Constitution, the FIVB and IOA shall provide its feedback to the amended Constitution related to its compliance with the FIVB Constitution and Regulations, the IOA Constitution and Indian law.
- Within 15 days of receipt of the FIVB and IOA feedback, the VFI interim leadership shall provide any amendments required by the FIVB and IOA for final approval.
- Within 15 days of receipt of the amendments, the FIVB and IOA shall confirm whether they approve of the amended Constitution or require additional amendments.

Additionally, the Steering Committee shall appoint a Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting the elections of VFI.

- Within 7 days of FIVB and IOA approval of the amended VFI Constitution- The VFI interim leadership shall call for a General Assembly based on the electoral college and validated state units list strictly prepared by a returning officer designated by the Steering Committee to approve the Amended Constitution.

State Member Federations

- Within 30 days of the provisional recognition- The VFI interim leadership shall provide a list of the proposed updates to the electoral college and validated state units list with justifications provided for such amendments. The IOA/Steering Committee reserves the rights to appoint an observer for the each of the state elections.
- Within 30 days of the receipt of the electoral college list- The proposed changes shall be reviewed by the returning officer designated by the Steering Committee, who will issue the final electoral college list to conduct the VFI elections.

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VFI Elections

- Within 15 days of the FIVB and IOA approval of the amended VFI Constitution or in accordance with the timeline defined in the Amended Constitution- The VFI interim leadership shall call a general assembly to conduct new elections. The new VFI Constitution shall define the applicable deadlines for candidatures and the timing of the elections.
- Conduct new elections- The VFI interim leadership shall organise the elections In the presence of the Ministry of Youth Affairs, IOA and the FIVB.

