

STEERING COMMITTEE
VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION: 19.7.2026

**DATA COLLECTON FOR THE ROSTER OF
SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT**

In accordance with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 (Chapter II, Sections 4(1)(b)(i) and 4(1)(b)(ii)) and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 (Chapter II, Rule 6), the Steering Committee announces to begin preparing the Roster of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit. Through this notice, the Steering Committee also invites volleyball players (male and female – indoor volleyball and beach volleyball) to submit their data for inclusion in this Roster.

All eligible players who are interested are requested to support the Steering Committee, VFI, by filling out the online form created to collect this data. The link and QR code for the form are provided at the end of this notification. For the convenience to familiarize with the eligibility criteria relevant pages are extracted from the NSGA 2025 Guidelines and attached with this notification. (Annex page 1 to page 5)

Please read ANNEX PAGE 4 (General Eligibility Criteria and Tier Eligibility Criteria) before filling up form.

The form must be submitted by 31st July 2026, 11:59 PM. Submissions received after this date and time will not be accepted, whether online or offline. Players are also advised not to send applications by speed post or courier.

Achievement data will be reviewed according to the guidelines set out in Chapter II, Rule 6(3) of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 (at Annex Page 1). Candidates selected for inclusion in the SOM Roster will be notified separately and asked to submit copies of the required documents for verification.

Application Form Link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8919276/VFI-2026-Steering-Committee-Form>

With best regards,

With Regards



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You can also scan QR code
to get the link



CHAPTER 2

SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT

3. Representation of sportspersons of outstanding merit in the General Body. — (1) The General Body of each National Sports Body shall include, as voting members, at least four, or any other higher even number, of sportspersons of outstanding merit, of which fifty per cent. shall be male sportspersons of outstanding merit and fifty per cent. shall be female sportspersons of outstanding merit.

(2) The manner of election or nomination of sportspersons of outstanding merit under sub-rule (1) may be specified in the bye-laws of the relevant National Sports Body.

4. Representation of sportspersons of outstanding merit in the Executive Committee. — The sportspersons of outstanding merit to be included in the Executive Committee pursuant to sub-clause (i) of clause (b) to sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Act, shall be elected to the Executive Committee in accordance with rule 9.

5. Eligibility criteria and application. — (1) The National Sports Body shall call for applications for persons to be considered as sportspersons of outstanding merit and such call for applications shall specify the General Eligibility Criteria and Tiered Eligibility Criteria as specified in Schedule I, pursuant to which the sportspersons of outstanding merit rosters shall be populated.

(2) Any person seeking to submit an application to be a sportsperson of outstanding merit shall satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria as specified in the Sportspersons of outstanding merit Eligibility Rules under Schedule I, and submit an application within a period of sixty days from the issuance of the call for applications, to the relevant National Sports Body, in such form and containing such information as may be specified by the relevant Executive Committee or in the bye-laws of such National Sports Body.

6. Roster of sportspersons of outstanding merit. — (1) On consideration of applications made under sub-rule (2) of rule 5, every National Sports Body shall prepare a roster of male sportspersons of outstanding merit and a roster of female sportspersons of outstanding merit, in respect of the designated sport concerning such body at least ninety days prior to the expiry of the term of such National Sports Body's incumbent Executive Committee.

(2) The roster of male sportspersons of outstanding merit and roster of female sportspersons of outstanding merit shall each include ten times the number of male sportspersons of outstanding merit or female sportspersons of outstanding merit, as the case may be, in the General Body of such National Sports Body.

(3) The National Sports Body shall adhere to the following procedure while populating the relevant sportspersons of outstanding merit roster, as applicable for male sportspersons of outstanding merit and female sportspersons of outstanding merit, namely :-

- (a) in the first instance, all applicants who satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria and Tier 1 of the Tiered Eligibility Criteria set forth in Schedule I, shall be included in the relevant sportspersons of outstanding merit roster;
- (b) in the event that the sportspersons of outstanding merit roster, pursuant to clause (a), cannot be populated to meet the threshold specified in sub-rule (2), the National Sports Body shall include such applicants who satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria and the Tiered Eligibility Criteria in the Tier level immediately following the level last considered, in a sequential manner, until the number of applicants included in the relevant sportspersons of outstanding merit roster satisfies such threshold;

- (c) where the number of sportspersons of outstanding merit, pursuant to the use of a particular Tier, exceeds the threshold specified in sub-rule (2), then the eldest applicant by age shall receive preference and priority in selection from among the group of candidates qualifying under such Tier; and
 - (d) where the National Sports Body is unable to populate the relevant sportspersons of outstanding merit roster to meet the threshold specified under sub-rule (2) based on the steps under clauses (a) to (c), it may issue another call for applications in accordance with sub-rule (1) of rule 5 or frame and adopt additional tiered criteria for such sportspersons of outstanding merit roster, which shall be based on the principles used in Schedule I.
- (4) The sportspersons of outstanding merit rosters, as finalised in accordance with this rule, shall be published on the official website of the relevant National Sports Body and submitted to the National Sports Board.
- (5) Any person appearing on a sportspersons of outstanding merit roster shall be considered a sportsperson of outstanding merit in respect of such National Sports Body for the purposes of the Act and the rules thereunder.

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL BODY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7. Composition of the General Body. — (1) The General Body of every National Sports Body shall have the following categories of members, namely:-

- (a) at least four sportspersons of outstanding merit;
 - (b) *ex officio* members as specified in the bye-laws of the National Olympic Committee in the case of the National Olympic Committee;
 - (c) in the case of the National Olympic Committee, representatives of each National Sports Federation registered as an affiliate unit with the National Sports Board;
 - (d) in case of a National Sports Body other than the National Olympic Committee, representatives of each State level affiliate unit registered with the National Sports Board; and
 - (e) any other category of persons as may be provided by the bye-laws of a National Sports Body, in accordance with the relevant International Charters and Statutes as issued by the International Olympic Committee, or as required by the relevant International Sports Body.
- (2) The election or nomination of sportspersons of outstanding merit to the General Body, as specified under clause (a) of sub-rule (1), shall be undertaken at least seventy-five days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee of the relevant National Sports Body.

8. Term of office and composition of the Executive Committee. — (1) The term of office of an Executive Committee of each National Sports Body as determined by the bye-laws of the relevant body, shall not exceed four years.

(2) The bye-laws of a National Sports Body specifying its composition shall ensure that at least one of the sportspersons of outstanding merit on the Executive Committee and one of the representatives from the Athletes Committee on the Executive Committee, shall be a woman.

(3) Every National Sports Body may, through its bye-laws, reserve specific posts for women in the Executive Committee, to ensure compliance with the first proviso to clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Act.

9. Procedure governing election to Executive Committee. — (1) The election to all Elected Posts in the Executive Committee shall be conducted at least once every four years, in a fair and transparent manner and in accordance with the Election Rules in Schedule II.

16. Affiliation to be maintained by Regional Sports Federations. — (1) Every Regional Sports Federation shall have an international recognition and affiliation of the concerned International Sports Body, unless a designated sport does not have an International Sports Body.

(2) Where there is more than one International Sports Body for the same sport, or where more than one Regional Sports Federation applies for recognition, the National Sports Board may take a decision on the matter of affiliation and recognition, based on reasons to be recorded in writing.

CHAPTER 7 AFFILIATE UNITS

17. Registration of affiliate units. — (1) Every National Sports Body shall facilitate the registration of each of its affiliate units with the National Sports Board subject to submission of the information and documents as set forth below, and in such form and manner as be specified by the National Sports Board from time to time:-

- (a) copy of the certificate of affiliation issued by the National Sports Body in respect of such affiliate unit;
 - (b) copy of certificate of registration as a society, not-for-profit company or trust, as the case may be, under applicable laws;
 - (c) names and designations of all members of the governing body of the affiliate unit, by whatever name called; and
 - (d) any other information, as may be specified by the National Sports Board for the purposes of discharging its functions under the Act.
- (2) Every affiliate unit of a National Sports Body shall ensure compliance with sub-rule (1) and further ensure registration of each of its affiliate units, with the National Sports Board, and the provisions of sub-rule (1) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to each such unit.
- (3) Every affiliate unit registered with the National Sports Board shall communicate any change in the information provided to such Board within a period of thirty days of such change.

CHAPTER 8 MISCELLANEOUS

18. Miscellaneous

- (1) Every National Sports Body shall, within a period of six months, amend its bye-laws in conformity with the provisions of the Act.
- (2) The Central Government may, on receipt of the application from a National Sports Body, relax the provisions of these rules for a period of twelve months from the commencement of these rules and reasons for such relaxation to be recorded in writing.

SCHEDULE I

(See rules 5 and 6)

SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. General Eligibility Criteria. — Any person seeking to be designated as a sportsperson of outstanding merit shall be -

- (a) an Indian citizen;
- (b) of sound mind;
- (c) not less than twenty-five years of age; and
- (d) retired from active sports and should have not participated in any competitive sport event which leads to selection to represent a district, State or India for at least one year prior to date of application under sub-rule (2) of rule 5.

2. Tier Eligibility Criteria. — (1) In case of applicants seeking inclusion to the sportspersons of outstanding merit roster of the National Olympic Committee, such applicant shall have achieved the milestone in the relevant Tier in an Olympic discipline only, while representing India.

(2) In case of applicants seeking inclusion to the sportspersons of outstanding merit roster of the National Paralympic Committee, such applicant shall have achieved the milestone in the relevant Tier in a Para-Olympic discipline only, while representing India.

(3) In case of applicants seeking inclusion to the sportspersons of outstanding merit rosters of any National Sports Body other than the National Olympic Committee or the National Paralympic Committee, such applicant shall have achieved the milestone in the relevant Tier in the designated sport concerning the National Sports Body only, while representing India, except in the case of Tier 10, where such applicant shall have represented a particular State.

(4) For the purposes of this Schedule, —

- (a) References to “Summer Olympic Games”, “Winter Olympic Games”, “Commonwealth Games”, “Asian Games” and “Asian Winter Games” in any of the Tiers below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to “Summer Paralympic Games”, “Winter Paralympic Games”, “Para events that form a part of the Commonwealth Games”, “Para-Asian Games” and “Winter edition of the Para-Asian Games (if any)”;
- (b) References to “sanctioned” refers to any competitive international event or match organised under the auspices, approval and sanctioning power of a relevant International Sports Body.

Tier 1

Applicants who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal in the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.

Tier 2

Applicants who have participated in two or more editions of the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games.

Tier 3

Applicants who have participated in at least one edition of the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games.

Tier 4

Applicants who have been awarded a Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award or an Arjuna Award by the Central Government, provided that any award if rescinded or returned, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.

Tier 5

Applicants who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing, in a World Championship or equivalent competition, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.

Tier 6

Applicants who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing, in the Commonwealth Games or Asian Games or Asian Winter Games, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.

Tier 7

Applicants who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing, in an Asian Championship or equivalent competition, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.

Tier 8

Applicants who have participated in at least five sanctioned international events (if individual sport) or five sanctioned international matches (if team sport).

Tier 9

Applicants who have participated in at least one sanctioned international event (if individual sport) or one sanctioned international match (if team sport).

Tier 10

Applicants who have who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in the National Games or a National Championship or equivalent competition.