

NOTIFICATION

Publication of Sportspersons of Merit ("SOMs") Application Form

1. The Indian Olympic Association through this notification dated 18th September 2026 officially publishes the application forms for Sportspersons of Merit (SOMs) ("Application Form"). The application form is to be filled and submitted to the Indian Olympic Association via email (elections@olympic.ind.in) on or before 18th October 2026 i.e., within a period of one month.
2. The Application Form is to be filed by persons who satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria as stated in Schedule 1 of the National Sports Governance Rules 2026 including but not limited to the applicant being:
 - a. an Indian citizen;
 - b. of sound mind;
 - c. not less than 25 years of age;
 - d. retired from active sports and have not participated in any competitive events which leads to selection to represent a district, State or India for at least one (1) year prior to date of application.
3. The Roster of SOMS will then be prepared from the submitted applications in accordance with Rule 6 and the Tier Eligibility Criteria described in Schedule 1 of the National Sports Governance Rules 2026.
4. The Application Form is attached herewith as Annexure 1.

ANNEXURE 1

Application for inclusion in the Roster of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Under Rule 5 read with Schedule I of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1. All sections must be completed in BLOCK LETTERS or typed electronically.
2. Any incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
3. Applicants may append additional sheets where necessary.
4. Submission of this Application Form does not, of itself, guarantee inclusion in the Rosters of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit.
5. The Indian Olympic Association reserves the right to verify all information and supporting documents submitted and seek additional information or documentation.

PART I

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND DECLARATIONS

1. Acknowledgment of Declarations and Annexures

I hereby confirm that I have carefully read, understood and accepted all declarations, undertakings and annexures forming part of this Application Form. I further confirm that the said annexures shall be treated as an integral part of this Application Form and shall be binding upon me.

2. Right to Modify or Cancel Process

The Indian Olympic Association reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to amend, modify, supplement, extend, defer, suspend, cancel or withdraw the present process or any part thereof, including this Application Form, at any stage. The Indian Olympic Association may also call for fresh applications or initiate a fresh process, in line with Article 7.3.10 of the IOA - Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules 2026.

3. Incomplete, Incorrect or False Applications

Any Application Form which is incomplete, unsigned, unsupported by the required documents, submitted after the prescribed time, or found at any stage to contain false, incorrect, misleading information or any material suppression of facts, may be rejected without any further notice. Where any election, appointment or inclusion has already been made on the basis of such application, declaration or document, the Indian Olympic Association shall be entitled to cancel the same forthwith, without prejudice to any other action available under applicable law.

4. Mode of Submission

The duly completed Application Form, along with all required annexures and supporting documents, shall be submitted to the IOA on elections@olympic.ind.in.

Signature of the Applicant: _____

PART II
PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT

A. Applicant Details



Full Name of Applicant (As per Government ID):	
Date of Birth [DD/MM/YYYY]:	
Age as on date of application:	
Gender:	
Father's Name:	
Mother's Name:	
Gender: Male / Female	
Nationality:	
Permanent Address:	
Correspondence Address:	
Mobile Number:	
Email ID:	
Government-issued photo ID proof submitted: Passport / Voter ID / PAN / Other:	
Sport:	
Discipline:	

Note: The date of birth must match the details mentioned in the Government ID, failing which the same application will not be taken into consideration.

Part III
SPORTING CAREER DETAILS

B. Achievements

For the purpose of this section, the term “sanctioned” shall mean:

- a. a competitive international event or match conducted under the aegis, approval or sanction of the relevant International Sports Body.*
- b. a competitive national event or match conducted under the aegis, approval or sanction of the relevant National Sports Federation/ national sports body.*

Details of Achievements (Insert all applicable achievements for all tiers, highest achievement to lowest)

S. No.	Event / Competition	Year & Date	Discipline	Country / State Represented	Medal / Position / Participation	Organising / Sanctioning Body	Proof Attached
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

C. Please select the eligibility tier based on your achievements

The applicant shall tick the highest applicable tier and provide documentary proof, for each claim separately

Tier	Eligibility Claimed	Tick
Tier 1	Won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal in the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games.	
Tier 2	Participated in two or more editions of the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games.	
Tier 3	Participated in at least one edition of the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games.	
Tier 4	Awarded a Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award or Arjuna Award by the Central Government.	

Tier 5	Won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal, or equivalent placing, in a World Championship or equivalent competition.
Tier 6	Won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal, or equivalent placing, in the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games or Asian Winter Games.
Tier 7	Won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal, or equivalent placing, in an Asian Championship or equivalent competition.
Tier 8	Participated in at least five sanctioned international events, in case of an individual sport, or five sanctioned international matches, in case of a team sport.
Tier 9	Participated in at least one sanctioned international event, in case of an individual sport, or one sanctioned international match, in case of a team sport.
Tier 10	Won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal, or equivalent position, in the National Games, National Championship or equivalent competition.

NOTE: Please attach

- ☐ Award Certificate, where Tier 4 is claimed
- ☐ Proof that the event was sanctioned by the relevant International Sports Body, where Tier 5,7,8, 9 and/or 10 is claimed.

D. Retirement and Last Participation Details

1. Date of retirement from active sport:
2. Whether any formal retirement communication was issued: Yes / No
3. Details of last competitive event participated in:

(a) Name of the Competition:

(b) Venue of the Competition:

(c) Date:

(d) Position Secured, if any:

(e) Organised By:

4. Confirmation that you have not participated in any competitive sporting event leading to selection to represent a district, state or India for at least one year before the date of application: Yes / No

Details:

E. Documents to be Attached

The applicant shall attach self-attested copies of the following:

- ☐ Proof of date of birth

(Aadhar Card/ Voter ID/ Passport/ Others): _____

- ☐ Proof of Citizenship*

(birth certificate/ certificate of registration/ certification of naturalisation):

- ☐ Proof of retirement from active sport, if available.

- ☐ Certificates / official results / participation records for the achievement claimed.

- ☐ Additional supporting documents

Document details: _____

*Note: *For Applicants born after 01 July 1987, the registered birth certificate MUST be accompanied by the parents' birth certificate. Should the parents not have a registered birth certificate, only then, the following documents may be submitted for each of the parent of the Applicant:*

- ✓ Any identity card/Pension Payment Order issued to a regular employee/pensioner of any Central Government/State Government/Public Sector Undertaking (PSU); or
- ✓ Any identity card/certificate/document issued in India by the Government/local authorities/Banks/Post Office/LIC/PSUs prior to 01.07.1987; or
- ✓ Passport; or
- ✓ Matriculation/Educational certificate issued by recognized Boards/Universities; or
- ✓ Permanent Residence certificate issued by the competent State authority; or
- ✓ Forest Right Certificate; or

- ✓ *OBC/SC/ST or any caste certificate issued by the competent authority; or*
- ✓ *National Register of Citizens (wherever it exists); or*
- ✓ *Family Register, prepared by State/local authorities; or*
- ✓ *Any land/house allotment certificate by the Government.*

SCHEDULE A - GENERAL ELIGIBILITY DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

- (i) I am an Indian citizen.
- (ii) I am of sound mind and capable of discharging responsibilities connected with sports governance.
- (iii) I am not less than 25 years of age on the date of this application.
- (iv) I have not participated, for at least one (1) year prior to the date of this application, in any competitive sporting event for which selection is made to represent a district, State or India.
- (v) I confirm that I satisfy the Tier Eligibility Criteria under Tier(s) _____ and have furnished relevant details and documents in proof of the same.
- (vi) My last competitive sporting event was:
 - (a) Name of event:
 - (b) Date:
 - (c) Level: District / State / National / International
 - (d) Organising body:
- (vii) The information provided in this Application Form, and in all accompanying documents, is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: _____

Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Name: _____

SCHEDULE B - DISQUALIFICATION AND INTEGRITY DISCLOSURE

I hereby declare that:

- (i) I have not been adjudged insolvent under any applicable law.
- (ii) I have not been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction in India for an offence resulting in a sentence of imprisonment, or, where such conviction existed, the period of disqualification as per Rule 11 (c) (ii) of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 has expired.
- (iii) I have not been barred from holding office by an order of the Ethics Committee of the concerned National Sports Federation/ national sports body, or, where such a bar existed, the period of such a bar has expired.
- (iv) No medal, position or award relied upon by me for this application has been withdrawn, cancelled or returned.
- (v) I am not otherwise disqualified under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026, or the bye-laws of the concerned National Sports Federation/ national sports body or Indian Olympic Association.
- (vi) I shall inform the Indian Olympic Association of any change in the information provided with this application, within a period of three (3) days from such change.
- (vii) I have not been declared ineligible, suspended, or disqualified under the applicable anti-doping rules of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and /or National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

Additional disclosure:

- ☐ Whether presently a member of the General Body or any committee of respective National Sports Federation/ national sports body: Yes / No

Details:

- ☐ Whether presently holding or previously held the office of President / Secretary General / Treasurer in any National Sports Federation/ national sports body: Yes / No

Details:

- ☐ Whether the applicant is presently a member of the General Body or any committee of the Indian Olympic Association, or is presently holding / has previously held the office of President, Secretary General or Treasurer in the Indian Olympic Association: Yes / No

If yes, provide details including date of election/appointment and tenure of the term thereof:

Details:

Place:

Date:

Signature of Applicant:

Name:

SCHEDULE C- APPLICANT'S SELF DECLARATION

- (i) I, _____, understand that submission of this application does not automatically confer the status of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit, nor does it create any automatic right to be elected to the General Body or Executive Committee of the Indian Olympic Association.
- (ii) I further understand that the Indian Olympic Association may verify the information submitted by me from the relevant authorities, including Government departments, the concerned National Sports Federation/ national sports body, State associations, International Sports Bodies, event organisers, or any other competent body, as deemed fit and appropriate.
- (iii) I hereby declare and confirm that all information, documents, records, certificates and particulars furnished by me to the Indian Olympic Association are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that no information, document, record or certificate submitted by me is forged, fabricated, false, misleading or fraudulent.
- (iv) I understand and agree that if any information, document, record or certificate furnished by me is found to be false, incorrect, forged, fabricated, misleading or fraudulent at any stage, my inclusion in the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit roster and/or any election to the General Body or Executive Committee of the Indian Olympic Association shall be liable to be cancelled forthwith, without assigning any further reasons.
- (v) I further understand that in such circumstances, the Indian Olympic Association shall be at liberty to initiate appropriate legal action, including filing of a First Information Report and/or criminal complaint under applicable laws. I also understand that I may be debarred from future participation, election conducted by the Indian Olympic Association as applicable under these Rules and applicable law.
- (vi) I consent to the use of my information for the purpose of verification, preparation of the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit roster, and publication of the final roster on the

official website of the Indian Olympic Association, as required under the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Applicant:

Name: