

OFFICE ORDER**Constitution of an Ad-hoc Committee for the sport of Table Tennis in India**

1. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has, vide its Order dated 12 August 2026, suspended the recognition of the Table Tennis Federation of India ("TTFI") as the National Sports Federation for the sport of Table Tennis.
2. Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka dated 29.08.2026 in Dr Rajalakshmi Shankar Janardhana Murthy v. The Secretary Republic Union of India and others, the Indian Olympic Association ("IOA"), being the National Olympic Committee of India, proposed to the International Table Tennis Federation ("ITTF"), vide its letter dated 13 August 2026 bearing Ref. No. IOA/VI-55/3171 and its subsequent communication dated 14 September 2026, the constitution of an Ad-hoc Committee for the sport of Table Tennis in India as a limited and time-bound interim sporting mechanism.
3. Pursuant to the directions issued in this regard, various names for potential members were deliberated upon in consultation with the ITTF. The ITTF thereafter conveyed its express approval to the proposed members. Accordingly, the IOA hereby constitutes an Ad-hoc Committee for the sport of Table Tennis in India ("Committee"), comprising, in the first instance, the following members:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Ms. Indu Puri	Domain Expert and Chairperson
2.	Ms. Namrata Chatterjee	Member (Legal)
3.	Dr. Andres Constantin	ITTF Governance Manager and Member

4. The Committee shall provide an interim and time-bound framework for the orderly administration and governance of the sport of Table Tennis in India, with the protection of athletes' interests and the continuity of national and international Table Tennis activities forming part of its mandate.





5. The broad mandate of the Committee shall include the following:
 - a) Interim day-to-day governance and administration of the sport and ensuring compliance with the applicable legal, regulatory and ITTF framework, including but not limited to ensuring athlete participation and undertaking related expenses;
 - b) Reviewing and facilitating the necessary alignment of the Constitution and governance framework of TTFI and its affiliated State Associations/Units with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, the National Sports Governance Rules, 2026, and the applicable ITTF framework;
 - c) Reviewing the existing affiliation, membership and representation framework, including the electoral college, with a view to establishing a transparent and compliant structure;
 - d) Facilitating a transparent, fair and objective process for the selection of teams and athletes for national and international competitions;
 - e) Ensuring the conduct of elections in accordance with the applicable statutory, regulatory and ITTF requirements; and
 - f) Facilitating the transition to a duly elected and compliant governing body, following which the interim arrangement shall conclude.
6. During its tenure, the Committee shall:
 - a) Ensure uninterrupted functioning of TTFI, including athlete registrations, selections, entries, and coordination with national and international bodies, while maintaining neutrality, transparency and adherence to applicable law.
 - b) Not take over or interfere with the corporate, property or other legal affairs of TTFI, except to the extent necessary and permissible in law to bring the sporting affiliation and membership framework into compliance.
 - c) Not create any permanent posts, contractual liabilities, policy commitments, or irreversible financial or administrative decisions, nor shall it alienate any assets of TTFI. All expenditures, including those made through any bank account operated under this Order, shall be need-based, duly recorded, and subject to oversight by the IOA, in consultation with ITTF.
 - d) Ensure that no act, decision or representation of the Committee shall create vested rights, bind the future elected body, or be construed as precedent, equity or legitimate expectation.
 - e) Function strictly as a caretaker and transitional body and shall exercise only such powers as are necessary for compliance with the Ministerial and Judicial mandate. It shall in no case be deemed to be an elected body, permanent authority, or successor-in-interest of TTFI.





- f) Notwithstanding the restriction on taking over or interfering with the corporate, property or other legal affairs of TTFI, and consistently with the caretaker and expenditure limitations set out above, but solely for the limited, need-based and transitional purpose of discharging its mandate, the Committee shall, during its tenure, be entitled to operate and manage the bank account(s) of TTFI and, through one or more members designated and authorised by it, to act as a signatory to such account(s). This authority shall not constitute a taking over of, or interference with, the corporate, property or other legal affairs of TTFI beyond what is necessary and permissible in law, and shall not create any permanent liability, involve any irreversible financial or administrative decision, or alienate any asset of TTFI. All transactions shall be duly recorded and subject to oversight by the IOA, in consultation with the ITTF, and all expenditures shall be need-based. TTFI shall forthwith extend, execute and deliver all necessary paperwork, mandates, board and bank resolutions, KYC documentation and authorisations to the relevant banks to facilitate and give effect to this authority.
- g) Be responsible for coordinating with all relevant government agencies, including but not limited to the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, and such other statutory or regulatory authorities as may be required to discharge its mandate.
- h) Ensure that proper kitting for TTFI athletes, including uniforms, equipment and gear, is arranged and duly taken care of throughout the Committee's tenure, consistent with the athlete-welfare focus of its mandate.
7. The scope and authority of the Committee's mandate set out above may be further elaborated, as necessary, by the IOA in consultation with the ITTF.
8. This Committee has been constituted for an initial period of six (6) months and shall complete the mandate set out herein within that period. Any extension of the term shall be for a specified further period and shall be effected only by a written decision of the IOA, following consultation with and with the prior written approval of the ITTF.
9. Should the need arise, the Committee may subsequently be expanded by the IOA from its initial composition of three (3) members to a maximum of five (5) members, in consultation with the ITTF.
10. The TTFI shall bear any and all costs and expenses incurred by the members of the Committee in connection with the work of the Committee, including but not





limited to travel, accommodation, honorarium, and other incidental meeting expenses.

11. TTFI shall extend full cooperation to the Committee and hand-over all necessary facilities, information and documents to the Committee to enable it to discharge its mandate effectively, forthwith.

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