



Ref. No.: IOA/ VI-55/3322

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To,

Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, IAS (Retd.)

AGMUT – 1980

Former Election Commissioner, Delhi and Chandigarh

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Subject: Appointment as Electoral Officer (Returning Officer) for the IOA Elections, 2026

Dear Shri Srivastava,

1. I write further to my email dated 3rd October 2026, and your gracious acceptance to serve as the Electoral Officer /Returning Officer for the IOA elections scheduled to be held in October, November and December 2026, on the same date.

2. It is brought to your attention that the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 (the "Act") was enforced on 1st January 2026, and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 (the "NSGB Rules") were notified thereunder on [10th January 2026]. In compliance with the Act and the NSGB Rules, the IOA amended its Constitution and framed the IOA Election Bye-Laws, 2026, the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026 and the IOA Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules, 2026, which were ratified by the General Assembly of the IOA at its Special General Meeting held on 08.09.2026, after receipt of confirmation from the International Olympic Committee vide its email dated 31.08.2026 (annexed hereto as Annexure A).

3. Since the Elections are required to be conducted in compliance with the Act, the NSGB Rules and the amended IOA statutes, and the timelines prescribed therein could not be adhered to for the present election cycle, the IOA submitted a request to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India ("MYAS") seeking relaxation of the applicable timelines, in accordance with the Act and the NSGB Rules, which has been so granted.

4. Accordingly, pursuant to Bye-Law 2.1 of the IOA Election Bye-Laws, 2026 and Rule 11.1 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026, and in terms of the meeting of the IOA Executive Council dated 08.09.2026, and in compliance with the National Sports Election Panel constituted under section 16 of the National Sports Governance



Act, 2025, you are hereby appointed as the Electoral Officer/ Returning Officer to conduct, monitor and supervise the following elections of the IOA (together, the "Elections"):

- (a) the election to constitute the elected members of the IOA Athletes' Commission, including its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and two (2) representatives to the General Assembly;
- (b) the election of the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit to the General Assembly; and
- (c) the election of the Office-Bearers and members of the Executive Council of the IOA.

5. As Electoral Officer/ Returning Officer, you shall be required, among other things,

- (a) to ensure the correct application of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026; set and strictly enforce deadlines for each stage of the Elections; determine and distribute the requisite forms and ballot papers; prepare the electoral rolls; receive and scrutinise nominations; conduct polling and counting; declare the results; and cause the publication of all notifications and forms on the official websites of the IOA.
- (b) to decide all administrative matters relating to the Elections not expressly provided for and may issue such directions as may be necessary for their conduct. Any complaint or grievance regarding the conduct of the Elections shall be decided by you, and your decisions shall be final and binding, subject only to the remedy available before the National Sports Tribunal.
- (c) to remain independent and impartial, and shall not be a candidate for any position, a voting member, or have any interest in the election process.

6. The IOA, through its Chief Executive Officer, Shri Raghuram Iyer, shall extend all requisite secretarial, logistical and technical support, including copies of the IOA Constitution, the IOA Election Bye-Laws, 2026, the Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026,



the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules, 2026, the applicable statutory framework and relevant court rulings, as requested in your email.

7. We thank you for reposing your faith in the IOA and look forward to your guidance in ensuring free, fair and transparent Elections.

(Dr. P.T. Usha)

Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
President, Indian Olympic
Association

Copy to:

- 1) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Sports, Government of India;

Internal:

- 1) Members of the IOA Executive Council;
- 2) Shri Raghuram Iyer, Chief Executive Officer, IOA;
- 3) Directors, IOA and staff;
- 4) Legal Team, IOA.