

OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER
ELECTION OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION OF THE INDIAN OLYMPIC
ASSOCIATION

NOTIFICATION No. 1/2026/EO-IOA AC Elections

Date: 7th October 2026

Whereas, the Indian Olympic Association (the "IOA") ratified their IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026 (the "Rules"), in compliance with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and National Sports Governance (Bodies) Rules, 2026, through a Special General Meeting held on 08.09.2026.

1. Whereas such ratified Rules provide that the election to constitute the elected members of the Athletes' Commission of the IOA shall be conducted by the duly appointed Electoral Officer appointed, in accordance with the Rules, the IOA Constitution and the applicable IOA Election Byelaws.

2. Whereas, in compliance thereof, the undersigned has been appointed as the Electoral Officer/ Returning Officer vide letter dated 07.10.2026 for the above elections of the IOA Athletes' Commission for the term 2026-2030, and thus, in exercise of the powers vested in the Electoral Officer/Returning officer, I hereby notify that the election of the IOA Athletes' Commission shall be held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2026, as per the following schedule:

S. No.	SCHEDULE	DATE / DAY	TIME
1.	Notification of Athletes Commission Election Date by the Electoral Officer and call for representative nominations from compliant Members (on https://olympic.ind.in/)	7 th October 2026 (Wednesday)	
2.	Period of receipt of representative nominations (via email on elections@olympic.ind.in)	8 th October 2026 (Thursday) – 11 th October 2026 (Sunday)	10.00 hrs each day to 14.00 hrs on 11.10.2026
3.	Publication of draft electoral roll (on https://olympic.ind.in/)	12 th October 2026 (Monday)	16.30 hrs
4.	Period of receipt and disposal of objections to the draft electoral roll (via email on elections@olympic.ind.in)	13 th October 2026 (Tuesday) – 15 th October 2026 (Thursday)	10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs each day
5.	Call for Elections, invitation for nominations and publication of the final electoral roll to all eligible voters	16 th October 2026 (Friday)	
6.	Filing of nominations by eligible candidates (via email on elections@olympic.ind.in)	17 th October 2026 (Saturday) – 21 st October 2026 (Wednesday)	10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs each day

7.	Publication of draft list of nominations received by the Electoral Officer	22 nd October 2026 (Thursday)	
8.	Period for objections to the draft list of nominated candidates (via email on elections@olympic.ind.in)	23 rd October 2026 (Friday) – 26 th October 2026 (Monday)	10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs each day
9.	Scrutiny of nominations and disposal of objections by the Electoral Officer	27 th October 2026 (Tuesday) – 28 th October 2026 (Wednesday)	
10.	Publication of final list of valid nominated candidates	29 th October 2026 (Thursday)	
11.	Period for withdrawal of nominations (via email on elections@olympic.ind.in)	30 th October 2026 (Friday) – 31 st October 2026 (Saturday)	10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs each day
12.	Publication of final list of contesting candidates	2 nd November 2026 (Monday)	
13.	Polling, counting of votes and declaration of results by the Electoral Officer – Athletes Commission constituted	3 rd November 2026 (Tuesday)	

3. Whereas, under Rule 10.2 of the Rules, each NSF Member affiliated to the IOA shall nominate two (2) athletes' representatives who satisfy the eligibility criteria set out in Rule 9.2, namely that the athlete is an Indian citizen; is at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of nomination; is of sound mind; has never been sanctioned under the World Anti-Doping Code, the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 or any applicable integrity regulation; and has never been sanctioned for a breach of the IOA Constitution and its bye-laws, rules and regulations (subject to Rule 9.3).

4. Whereas, Rule 10.3 of the Rules restricts the right to nominate to those NSFs whose own Athletes' Commission has been duly constituted. The relevant portion is extracted below for ease of reference:

“10.3. The nomination under Rule 10.2 shall be made through the Athletes Commission of the NSF Member, from among athletes representing the sport, in respect of which such NSF Member is affiliated with the IOA. Only those NSF Members which have established an Athletes Commission shall be allowed to appoint their athletes' representatives through their respective Athletes Commissions.”

5. It is further clarified that the exception available in the 2022 elections under Rule 2 (II d ii), which permitted nominations by the executive body of an NSF that had not yet established an athletes' commission, applied only to the 2022 elections and is no longer available.

6. In view of the above, all eligible NSFs are hereby called upon to **submit the nominations of their two (2) athlete representatives, made only through their duly constituted Athletes' Commission**, in the prescribed format enclosed as Enclosure 1, by **no later than 2:00 PM on Sunday, 11th October 2026**. Any nomination received after the said date and time, or from an NSF that has not constituted its Athletes' Commission, shall not be considered valid.

7. Nominations must be submitted by email to the undersigned at elections@olympic.ind.in, signed by the President and the Secretary General of the NSF (this may be sent by two (2) separate

emails), together with a copy of the resolution or minutes of the NSF's Athletes' Commission evidencing the nomination and proof of its constitution.

8. Athlete representatives nominated shall constitute the electoral college for the IOA Athletes' Commission election, and any such representative seeking election as a member of the Athletes' Commission shall submit an application through the concerned NSF in the format to be prescribed by the undersigned, in due course. The detailed schedule for filing of candidature, scrutiny, withdrawal and polling shall be notified separately.

9. A copy of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026 is enclosed herewith.

By Order,



Sanjay K. Srivastava, IAS (Retd.)
Former State Election Commissioner, Delhi
Electoral Officer – IOA Elections 2026
Dated: 07.10.2026

NOTE: 1. The IOA is hereby directed to ensure that all its recognized members are duly notified of this Notification No. 1/2026/EO-IOA AC Elections.

2. All the information regarding the IOA Elections 2026 should be made available on the official website of the Indian Olympic Association: <https://olympic.ind.in/>

Encl.:

1. Format of Nomination of Athlete Representatives for the Election of the IOA Athletes' Commission – 2026.
2. A copy of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026.

ENCLOSURE 1
(ON THE OFFICIAL LETTER HEAD OF THE NSF)

Nomination of Athlete Representatives for the Election of the IOA Athletes' Commission – 2026

_____ (Insert name of the NSF), acting through its duly constituted Athletes' Commission (constituted on _____), hereby nominates:

1. Ms. _____ born on _____, sport/discipline _____, with mobile number _____ and email address _____; and

2. Mr. _____ born on _____, sport/discipline _____, with mobile number _____ and email address _____.

The following are attached herewith: (a) a copy of a Photo Identity Card issued by a Governmental Agency bearing photograph and signature (e.g., Passport, PAN Card, Driving License) of each nominee; and (b) a copy of the resolution/minutes of the NSF's Athletes' Commission recording the nomination.

It is further certified that the nominees are athletes representing the sport in respect of which the NSF is affiliated with the IOA and satisfy the eligibility criteria under Rule 9.2 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026.

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Name)

PRESIDENT

(Date)

(Stamp)

(Name)

SECRETARY GENERAL

(Date)

(Stamp)