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INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

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Please find enclosed herewith **Guidance for the Voters along with Annexure-1** for the Election of Athletes' Commission to be held on 3rd November 2026 for publication on the official website of IOA for information & guidance of All Contesting Candidates/Voters.

Enclosed: as above

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Election for Athletes' Commission, 2026

GUIDANCE FOR THE VOTERS

Election to the IOA Athletes' Commission – 03 November 2026

The following information is being shared with all eligible voters to provide clarity on the composition and eligibility criteria for membership of the Athletes' Commission, as well as the voting procedure for the forthcoming election on 3rd November 2026, in accordance with the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026.

1. Procedure for Voting

The election shall be conducted **online** on **03 November 2026**, with voting commencing at **9:00 AM and concluding at 5:00 PM**.

Every voter shall cast votes for a total of ten (10) candidates, comprising:

- **Five (5) male candidates; and**
- **Five (5) female candidates.**

Accordingly, all eligible voters shall vote for both male and female candidates.

The composition of the ten (10) elected members shall be as follows:

A. Olympic Games Participants – Six (6) Members

- Three (3) male and three (3) female athletes who, at the time of election, have participated in at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games, as prescribed under Rules 8.2 and 8.3 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026.
- As far as practicable, these six (6) members shall include at least one (1) athlete from an individual sport and one athlete from a team sport, in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026.

B. Other Medal Winners – Four (4) Members

- Two (2) male and two (2) female athletes who, at the time of election, have won at least one (1) medal in any of the last three (3) editions of the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championship/Cup or National Games, as prescribed under Rule 8.5 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026.
- **The particulars of Contesting Candidates for Athletes' Commission as prescribed in (A) and (B) above is enclosed herewith as Annexure-1.**

All candidates and voters must also satisfy the Eligibility Criteria as prescribed under Rule 9 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules 2026, specially ensure under **Rule 9.2.4.** *"Have never*

been sanctioned for violation under the World Anti-Doping Code, The National Anti-Doping Act 2022 or breach of any applicable integrity regulation(s)".

2. Online Voting Instructions

a.) Online Voting Link: The link for online voting shall be provided to each voter in respect of contesting candidates notified vide Form-4 (List of Validly Nominated Candidates) already published on the website of IOA on 29.10.2026. The link for online voting shall be sent to each voter on their mobile number (text message), e-mail address and WhatsApp, as provided by them.

b.) Demo Video Clip: A demo video clip (in English and Hindi) shall also be shared with each voter, through their e-mail, highlighting the procedure of casting online vote.

c.) Live Mock Demo: All the voters shall also be requested to join a live mock demo to be organised by the vendor for which link, date and time shall be informed to each voter through their respective e-mail for their participation.

d.) Proxy voting shall not be allowed.

3. Secrecy and Confidentiality of Voting

The voting process shall be conducted by secret ballot, and all voters are required to maintain secrecy and confidentiality of their votes.

No voter shall take photographs, screenshots, or make video recordings of the voting process or the casting of vote on the day of poll i.e. 3rd November 2026. Accordingly, photographs, screenshots, or recordings shared, circulated, published, or uploaded on any online platform, including WhatsApp, Social Media, or any other platform shall disqualify the candidates voting right.

All eligible voters are requested to strictly adhere to these instructions to ensure the secrecy, integrity, and fairness of the election process.

4. In case of any clarification required, the following persons may be contacted:

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Annexure-1

Particulars of Contesting Candidate for Election to the Athletes' Commission to be held on 3rd November 2026								
S. No.	Name	S. No. in the Electoral Roll	Gender	Name of Sport	Type of Sport	Category	Acheivements in last 3 edition of	
							a.) Olympics	b.) Medalist (Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships/ World Cup, National Games)
1	MANJEET SINGH	9(a)	Male	Kayaking & Canoeing	Team	Medalist	NO	YES
2	SWAPNIL SURESH KUSALE	13(a)	Male	Shooting	Individual	Olympic	YES	YES
3	HARMANPREET SINGH	8(a)	Male	Hockey	Team	Olympic	YES	YES
4	SAJAN PRAKASH	15(a)	Male	Swimming	Individual	Olympic	YES	-
5	SRIKANTH NAMMALWAR KIDAMBI	3(a)	Male	Badminton	Individual	Olympic	YES	YES
6	TAJINDERPAL SINGH TOOR	2(a)	Male	Athletics	Individual	Olympic	YES	YES
7	PUSARLA VENKATA SINDHU	3(b)	Female	Badminton	Individual	Olympic	YES	YES
8	SALIMA TETE	8(b)	Female	Hockey	Team	Olympic	YES	YES
9	MIRABAI CHANU SAIKHOM	16(b)	Female	Weightlifting	Individual	Olympic	YES	YES
10	L BOMBAYLA DEVI	1(b)	Female	Archery	Individual	Olympic	YES	-
11	SUDHA SINGH	2(b)	Female	Athletics	Individual	Olympic	YES	YES
12	CHANDALAVANDA ANANDHA SUNDARARAMAN BHAVANI DEVI	6(b)	Female	Fencing	Individual	Olympic	YES	-