OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER

INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS - 2026

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION (IOA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES) AND TWO (2) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

NOTIFICATION No. 12 /2026/EO-IOA AC Elections **Date: 3rd November 2026**

Whereas, the Declaration of Results under Form 9 for the Indian Olympic Association Athletes' Commission ("AC") has been issued on 03.11.2026 and published on the website of IOA. Further, following the constitution of the Athletes' Commission, the processes for election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (IOA Executive Council Representatives) and election of two (2) representatives of the Athletes' Commission to the IOA General Assembly is hereby notified as follows:

1. The names of the ten (10) elected members of the Athletes' Commission, as declared in Form 9 on 3rd November 2026, together with two (2) ex-officio member(s), under Rule 8.1.1 of the Athletes' Commission Rules 2026, are set out in Annexure 1 (Form AC-1 – **Electoral Roll**), specifying for each elected member the category under Rule 8.2 (Olympic category) or Rule 8.5 (medalist category) in which such member has been elected.

A. **ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON (IOA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES) AND ELECTION OF TWO (2) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION TO THE IOA**

2. Both elections shall be held on **Saturday, 7th November 2026**, concurrently, as per the following schedule. Unless otherwise stated, all filings and submissions shall be made by email on **elections@olympic.ind.in** and all publications shall be made on **https://olympic.ind.in/**.

S. No.	SCHEDULE	DATE / DAY / TIME
	Notification of election and invitation for nominations; publication of the Electoral Roll (Form AC-1)	**3rd November 2026 (Tuesday)**
	Filing of Nominations – Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson (Form AC-2) and General Assembly representatives (Form AC-3)	**4th November 2026 (Wednesday)** to **5th November 2026 (Thursday)** till 17:00 hrs
	Scrutiny of Nominations and publication of Final list of eligible candidates	**6th November 2026 (Friday)**
	Polling, Counting of Votes and Declaration of Results – (i) Chairperson; (ii) Vice-Chairperson; (iii) Male (one) and Female (one) General Assembly representatives	**7th November 2026 (Saturday)** Commencing **10:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs**, thereafter Counting of Votes and Declaration of Results.

B. ELECTION 1: CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION

B.1. Posts and electorate

3. One (1) post of Chairperson and one (1) post of Vice-Chairperson shall be filled. Both such post holders shall be voting members of the IOA Executive Council in accordance with the provisions of the Athletes' Commission Rules 2026.

4. The electorate shall consist of all members of the Athletes' Commission entitled to vote, namely the ten (10) elected members (5 male & 5 female) two ex-officio member(s), under Rule 8.1.1 of the Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026 as listed in Form AC-1 (Electoral Roll). **Each voter shall have one (1) vote per post**; voting by proxy is not permitted.

5. A member may contest only for one of the two elections i.e., Election 1 (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) or Election 2 (representative to the IOA General Assembly).

B.2. Eligibility of candidates

6. Only elected members of the Athletes' Commission may be candidates.

In addition:

(a) The **Chairperson** shall be elected from amongst the six (6) members in the Olympic category under Rule 8.2 of the Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026 (as mentioned in Rule 10.8);

(b) If the person so elected as Chairperson is Male, the Vice-Chairperson must be elected from among the remaining Female members of the Athletes' Commission. If the person so elected as a chairperson is Female, then the Vice Chairperson must be elected from among the remaining male members of the Athletes' Commission (Rule **10.9** of the Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026);

(c) Each candidate shall have attained at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of nomination, and shall satisfy the other eligibility criteria prescribed under the Act, the NSGB Rules, and the applicable IOA Elections Bye-Laws for election as a member of the Executive Council. (Rule **10.10** of the Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026)

(d) Each candidate shall be a citizen of India, be in full possession of civil rights, be less than seventy (70) years old on the election on the last date of nomination, and shall not have been convicted, had a negative opinion rendered by the Ethics Commission or any other disqualification as specified in the National Sports Governance (Bodies) Rules, 2026; and

(e) No person who has held office as a member, Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson for three (3) consecutive Terms, separately or in combination thereof, shall be eligible for re-election to any such office without a mandatory cooling-off period of one (1) Term. (Rule **12.3** of the Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026)

(f) All terms and conditions shall be applicable as contained in Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026.

B.3. Nominations (4th to 5th November 2026, till 17:00 hrs)

7. Nominations shall be made in **Form AC-2** (Nomination Form for Election as Chairperson/ Vice Chairperson), separately for each post, subject to the following:

(a) The nomination shall be proposed by one voter and seconded by another voter, each of whose name appears in Form AC-1 (Electoral Roll) (Bye-Law 6.2);

(b) No voter shall propose or second more than one (1) candidate for the same post; where a voter does so, only the first valid nomination shall be accepted, and all others shall be void and inoperative (Bye-Law **6.4**);

(c) No proposer or seconder may withdraw once the nomination has been delivered (Bye-Law **6.5**);

(d) The candidate shall sign the assent and declarations in Form AC-2 (Nomination Form for Election as Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson), attaching a copy of a government-issued photo identity document with proof of date of birth; and

(e) Each duly signed Nomination Form (Form AC-2) shall be delivered by the candidate to the undersigned by email on elections@olympic.ind.in from the candidate's registered email address between 4th - 5th November 2026, by 17.00 hrs. The nominations received thereafter shall not be entertained.

B.4 Uncontested return

8. Where only one (1) contesting candidate remains for the post of Chairperson, he or she shall be deemed duly elected unopposed. Where, after the result for Chairperson, only one (1) contesting candidate of the opposite gender remains for Vice-Chairperson, he or she shall likewise be deemed duly elected unopposed. *[Refer B.2. 6 (b) hereinabove]*

9. Formal declaration of results shall be made in Form 9 on 7th November 2026.

B.5. Polling and result

10. Polling shall be held first for the post of Chairperson, and thereafter for the post of Vice-Chairperson among the contesting candidates.

11. A candidate shall be declared elected on obtaining the highest number of valid votes cast. Any equality of votes shall be decided by lot (Bye-Law **14.3**), as per the procedure laid down below.

C. **ELECTION 2**

TWO (2) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION TO THE IOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

C.1. Posts and electorate

12. Two (2) posts shall be filled, namely one (1) male representative and one (1) female representative, each of whom shall be eligible as per Rule 7.4 of the IOA AC Rules. The electorate shall be the same as for Election 1 hereinabove, each voter having one (1) vote for the male post and one (1) vote for the female post (Rule 11.2 of the Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026).

13. A member may contest only for one of the two elections i.e., **Election 1** (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) or **Election 2** (representative to the IOA General Assembly).

C.2. Eligibility of candidates

14. A candidate shall:

(a) Be an elected member of the Athletes' Commission (Rules **7.3** and **10.7** of the Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026);

(b) Have participated in at least one of the last three (3) editions of the Olympic Games, and / or shall satisfied such other eligibility requirements as may be prescribe under the IOA AC Rules (Rule **7.4** of the Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026);

(c) Continue to satisfy the eligibility criteria under Rule **9.2** of the Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026, namely Indian citizenship, at least eighteen (18) years of age, soundness of mind, no sanction under the World Anti-Doping Code, the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 or any integrity regulation, and no sanction for breach of the IOA Constitution (subject to Rule **9.3**);

(d) Not be disqualified under Rule 11 of the NSGB Rules; and

(e) Not be subject to the cooling-off restriction in Rule **12.3** of the IOA AC Rules.

(f) All terms and conditions shall be applicable as contained in Athletes' Commission Rule, 2026.

C.3. Nominations, scrutiny and uncontested return

15. Nominations shall be made in **Form AC-3** (Nomination Form for Election as Representative of the Athletes' Commission to the IOA General Assembly), separately for the male post and the female post, and shall be accompanied by documentary proof as prescribed therein, subject to the following:

(a) The nomination shall be proposed by one voter and seconded by another voter, each of whose name appears in **Form AC-1 – (Electoral Roll)** (Bye-Law 6.2);

(b) No voter shall propose or second more than one (1) candidate for the same post; where a voter does so, only the first valid nomination shall be accepted, and all others shall be void (Bye-Law 6.4);

(c) No proposer or seconder may withdraw once the nomination has been delivered (Bye-Law **6.5**);

(d) The candidate shall sign the assent and declarations in **Form AC-3** (Nomination Form for Election as Representative of the Athletes' Commission to the IOA General Assembly), attaching a copy of a government-issued photo identity document with proof of date of birth; and

(e) Each duly signed Nomination Form (Form AC-2) shall be delivered by the candidate to the undersigned by email on elections@olympic.ind.in from the candidate's registered email address between 4th - 5th November 2026, by 17.00 hrs., nominations received thereafter shall not be entertained.

16. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post is equal to number of post to be filed, such candidate shall be deemed to be elected unopposed and it shall not be necessary to conduct polling for such post (Bye-Laws **9.1** and **9.5**).

C.4. Polling and Result

17. Polling for the male post and the female post under Election 2 Two (2) Representatives of the Athletes' Commission to the IOA General Assembly) shall be held after the declaration of results of Election 1 (Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission)

18. For each post, the candidate securing the highest number of valid votes cast shall be declared elected (Bye-Law 3.4), and any equality of votes shall be decided by lot (Bye-Law 14.3).

19. The term of office of the representatives shall be co-terminus with their term as members of the Athletes' Commission (Rule 12.2 of the Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026).

D. POLLING, COUNTING AND DECLARATION

20. Polling shall be conducted on **7th November 2026** through a secure virtual mode (online) that guarantees secrecy of the ballot, for all or any voters between 10.00 hrs and 15.00 hrs. Upon conclusion of polling, the results shall be declared in Form 9.

E. DUAL ELECTION, VACANCY AND SUCCESSION

21. **Dual election:** Where a person elected as Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or General Assembly representative of the Athletes' Commission is also elected as a SOM to the IOA General Assembly (polling for which is scheduled on 9th November 2026), such person shall, within three (3) days of being elected to both positions, recuse from one of them by written intimation in Form AC-4 [Intimation of Recusal (Dual Election)] by or before three (3) days after 9th November 2026 i.e., 13th November 2026. The resulting vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the Election Bye-Laws, and the election to fill it shall be conducted concurrently with the elections to the IOA Executive Council on 5th December 2026 (Rule 9.4 of the AC Rules; Rule 7.6 of the SOM Rules).

22. **Vacancies:** Any vacancy on the Athletes' Commission through death, removal or resignation shall be filled by the person who received the next highest number of votes in the last election in the corresponding category under Rule 8, for the remainder of the term (Rules 13.1 and 13.8 of the AC Rules). Any vacancy in the office of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or General Assembly representative shall be filled by election from amongst the members in accordance with the AC Rules and the Election Bye-Laws, as may be notified.

By Order,

Sd/- Srivastava 03.11.26

Sanjay K. Srivastava, IAS (Retd.)
Electoral Officer (Returning Officer)
IOA Elections 2026

NOTE:

1. The IOA is hereby directed to ensure that all members of the Athletes' Commission are duly notified of this Notification No. 11/2026/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/.

ANNEXURES

1. Form AC-1 – Electoral Roll of the Athletes' Commission.
2. Form AC-2 – Nomination Form for Election as Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson.
3. Form AC-3 – Nomination Form for Election as Representative of the Athletes' Commission to the IOA General Assembly.
4. Form AC-4 – Intimation of Recusal (Dual Election).

Annexure-1

OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER
INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

FORM AC 1
ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE IOA ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission and of Two (2) Representatives of the **Athletes' Commission** to the General Assembly on 7th November 2026.

Sl. No.	Name	Gender	Sport	Category (Rule 8.2 Olympic / Rule 8.5 Medalist / Ex-officio Rule 8.1.1)	Eligible to contest (Chair / Vice-Chair / GA Rep)
1	**HARMANPREET SINGH**	Male	Hockey	Olympic	(1) Chair (2) Vice-Chair (3) GA Rep
2	**SAJAN PRAKASH**	Male	Swimming	Olympic	(1) Chair (2) Vice-Chair (3) GA Rep
3	**TAJINDERPAL SINGH TOOR**	Male	Athletics	Olympic	(1) Chair (2) Vice-Chair (3) GA Rep
4	**L BOMBAYLA DEVI**	Female	Archery	Olympic	(1) Chair (2) Vice-Chair (3) GA Rep
5	**MIRABAI CHANU SAIKHOM**	Female	Weightlifting	Olympic	(1) Chair (2) Vice-Chair (3) GA Rep
6	**PUSARLA VENKATA SINDHU**	Female	Badminton	Olympic	(1) Chair (2) Vice-Chair (3) GA Rep
7	**MANJEET SINGH**	Male	Kayaking & Canoeing	Medalist	(1) Vice-Chair (2) GA Rep
8	**SWAPNIL SURESH KUSALE**	Male	Shooting	Medalist	(1) Vice-Chair (2) GA Rep
9	**CHANDALAVANDA ANANDHA SUNDARARAMAN BHAVANI DEVI**	Female	Fencing	Medalist	(1) Vice-Chair (2) GA Rep
10	**SALIMA TETE***	Female	Hockey	Medalist	-
11	**SHIVA KESHAVAN**	Male	Luge	Ex-officio	Voter only
12	**RAJESHWARI KUMARI**	Female	Shooting	Ex-officio	Voter only

**(i) The Candidate is below 25 years of age and, therefore, is eligible to vote; however, she is not eligible to contest for the posts of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.*
(ii) She is eligible to contest for representation for the General Assembly of IOA.

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava 03.11.26

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, IAS (Retd.)
Electoral Officer (Returning Officer)
IOA Elections, 2026
Date: 03.11.2026

ANNEXURE 2

FORM AC-2

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION AS CHAIRPERSON & VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION

INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission on 7th November 2026

Instructions for submission:

Submit between 4th November 2026 and 5th November 2026 (17.00 hrs), by email on elections@olympic.ind.in (signed Nomination Form from the candidate's registered email).

Use a separate Form for each post.

Attach a copy of a government photo identity document with proof of date of birth.

Late or incomplete nominations shall not be entertained.

To,
The Electoral Officer / Returning Officer,
Indian Olympic Association
Olympic Bhawan, B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110016
elections@olympic.ind.in

POST (tick one):

□ **Chairperson** *(only Olympian category as per Rule 10.8 of the IOA AC Rules)*

□ **Vice-Chairperson**

We nominate Shri / Smt. / Ms. _____ (name and address), Sl. No. ____ in Form AC-1 (Electoral Roll), for the above-mentioned Post. Our particulars are given below:

	Name	**Sl. No. in Form AC-1 (Electoral Roll)**	**Signature**
Proposer			
Seconder			

I, the candidate named below, give my assent to my nomination and certify and confirm that:

(a) I am an elected member of the IOA Athletes' Commission, elected in the _____ [**Olympic category** under Rule 8.2 / **Medalist category** under Rule 8.5] of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026 *(for Chairperson, only Rule 8.2 members are eligible)* as per Rule 10.8 of the IOA AC Rules;

(b) I have attained at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of this nomination, and am less than seventy (70) years of age;

(c) I am a citizen of India in full possession of my civil rights, and I have not been convicted, or disqualified under Rule 11 of the NSGB Rules (insolvency, conviction followed by imprisonment, or a ban by an Ethics Committee);

(d) I have no sanctions under the World Anti-Doping Code, the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 or such other doping related regulations.

(e) I am not undergoing, and am not required to undergo, any cooling-off period under Rule 12.3 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026 or under applicable law;

(f) I understand that, if I am a candidate for Vice-Chairperson, my nomination shall proceed only if I am of the gender opposite to that of the elected Chairperson (Rule 10.9); and

(g) The information provided in this Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of the Candidate	
Gender	
Date of Birth	
Sport	
Sl. No. in Form AC-1	
Mobile Number & Email	
Signature	
Date / Place	

ANNEXURE 3

FORM AC-3

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION TO THE IOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Election Two (2) Representatives of the Athletes' Commission to the General Assembly on 7th November 2026

Instructions for submission:

Submit between 4th November 2026 to 5th November 2026 (17.00 hrs), by email on elections@olympic.ind.in (signed Nomination Form from the candidate's registered email).

Use a separate Form for each post.

Attach a copy of a government photo identity document with proof of date of birth.

Late or incomplete nominations shall not be entertained.

To,
The Electoral Officer / Returning Officer,
Indian Olympic Association
Olympic Bhawan, B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110016
elections@olympic.ind.in

POST (tick one): ☐ **Male Representative** ☐ **Female Representative**

We nominate Shri / Smt. / Ms. _____ (name and address), Sl. No. _____ in Form AC-1 (Electoral Roll), for the above-mentioned Post. Our particulars are given below:

	Name	**Sl. No. in Form AC-1 (Electoral Roll)**	**Signature**
Proposer			
Seconder			

I, the candidate named below, give my assent to my nomination and certify and confirm that:

(h) I am an elected member of the IOA Athletes' Commission of the gender of the post for which I am nominated;

(i) I am less than seventy (70) years of age;

(j) I participated in the Olympic Games held at _____ in the year(s) _____, being one of the last three (3) editions of the Olympic Games (Rule 7.4 of the AC Rules);

(k) I am an [active athlete / retired athlete];

(l) I continue to satisfy the eligibility criteria under Rule 9.2 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026, and I am not disqualified under Rule 11 of the NSGB Rules;

(m) I have no sanctions under the World Anti-Doping Code, the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 or such other doping related regulations;

(n) I am not undergoing, and am not required to undergo, any cooling-off period under Rule 12.3 of the IOA Athletes' Commission Rules, 2026; and

(o) the information provided in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of the Candidate	
Gender	
Date of Birth	
Sport	
Sl. No. in Form AC-1	
Mobile Number / Email	
Signature	
Date / Place	

ANNEXURE 4

FORM AC-4

INTIMATION OF RECUSAL (DUAL ELECTION)

INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Instructions for submission:

To be submitted by email on elections@olympic.ind.in within three (3) days of being elected both as a representative of the Athletes' Commission to the IOA General Assembly or Executive Council and as a SOM to the IOA General Assembly (Rule 9.4 of the AC Rules; Rule 7.6 of the SOM Rules).

To,
The Electoral Officer / Returning Officer,
Indian Olympic Association
Olympic Bhawan, B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110016
elections@olympic.ind.in

I, _____, having been elected as _____ (post in the Athletes' Commission) on 7th November 2026 and as a Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit to the IOA General Assembly on 9th November 2026, hereby recuse myself from the position of _____ and retain the position of _____.

I understand that the vacancy so arising shall be filled in accordance with the IOA Election Bye-Laws, 2026, concurrently with the elections to the IOA Executive Council.

Name	
Sl. No. in Form AC-1	
Signature	
Date / Place	