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ELECTION NOTICE : ATHLETE COMMISSION OF EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA

Dear Athletes,

1. The election for members of Athlete Commission (03 x Posts) of Equestrian Federation of India will be held on **07th Apr 2019** during Delhi Horse Show 2019 at **Army Equestrian Centre, C/o 'B' Squadron, 61 Cavalry, Brar Square, Delhi Cantt-110010**.
2. —Based on the Guidelines (copy enclosed) issued by Indian Olympic Association (IOA), the list of eligible sportspersons to contest the election is annexed as **Appendix 'A'**. The Athletes (in the list) who are keen to contest in the election of member of Athlete Commission of Equestrian Federation of India are requested to kindly forward their nominations on the prescribed format so as to reach this office by **1000 hrs on 29th Mar 2019**, in a sealed envelope, addressed to **Election Commission, Equestrian Federation of India, C/o 'B' Squadron, 61 Cavalry, Cariappa Marg, Delhi Cantt-110010**.
3. The following documents are enclosed herewith:-
 - (a) Nomination Form - Appendix 'B'
 - (b) Election BYE LAW - Appendix 'C'
 - (c) Consent Letter - Appendix 'D'
4. Nomination received latter than the stipulated date and time as mentioned above will not considered.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,

(MM Rahman)
Lieutenant Colonel
Joint Secretary

LIST OF ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

Medalist of Asian Games (last 03 Asian Games):-

1.	Mr Fouaad Mirza	}	-	2018
2.	Maj Ashish Malik			
3.	Swr Jitender Singh			
4.	Swr Rakesh Kumar			

Asian Games Participants:-

5.	Mr Chetan Reddy	}	-	2018
6.	Mr Kaevan Setalvad			
7.	Mr Zahan Setalvad			

8.	Mr MS Rathore	}	-	2014
9.	Mr Ajay Appachu			
10.	Lt Col Sangram Singh			
11.	Mr Ashray Bhutta			
12.	Mr Sehaj Singh Virk			
13.	Mr Yashaan Khambatta			
14.	Ms Shruti Vora			
15.	Ms Nadia Haridass			
16.	Ms Shubhshri Rajendra			
17.	Ms Vanita Malhotra			

18.	Mr Kapilesh Bhate	-	2010
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Tent Pegging World Cup Participants:-

19. Ris Ajay Sawant
20. HC Suresh
21. ASI Jaswinder Singh
22. HC Pradeep
23. L/NK W Lammatty
24. LD Pravin Jagtap
25. L/Dfr Jangsher Ali
26. Sep Ranjodh Singh

LAST DATE OF NOMINATION: 29 MAR 2019 (1000 HRS)

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA

NOMINATION FORM

To,

The Election Commission
Equestrian Federation of India,
C/o 'B' Squadron, 61 Cavalry,
Cariappa Marg,
Delhi Cantt-110010

Dear Sir,

I, (name), of Equestrian Federation of India,
EFI Rider Registration Number, wish to contest for the post of
ATHLETE COMMISSION MEMBER, election to which is to be held during Delhi Horse Show
2019 at **Army Equestrian Centre, C/o 'B' Squadron, 61 Cavalry, Brar Square, Delhi Cantt-
110010** on **07 Apr 2019 at 1000 hrs.**

Yours Sincerely,

Signature (-----)

ELECTIONS BYE LAW**GENERAL**

1. Athletes are placed at the heart of the Olympic Movement and Athletes Commission has an important function in strengthening the role of athletes in sports governance. As per the instructions and guidelines issued by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), all the affiliated National Sports Federations with Indian Olympic Association (IOA) are required to constitute an Athlete Commission, which:-

- (a) Represent the athletes within the Federation
- (b) Liaise between active athletes and Federation
- (c) Uphold the rights and obligations of the athletes

The Athlete Commission will serve a four years term.

ELECTION COMMISSION (EC)

2. The Secretary General in consultation with the Vice President (Administration), will detail the Election Commission. The responsibility for the entire conduct of elections will be that of the Election Commission. The Secretariat will extend all necessary help to the Commission. The composition of the Election Commission will be as under:-

- (a) Presiding Officer and members of the Election Commission.
- (b) Staff for supervision of stamping of Ballot Papers and submitting of Ballots as required to be detailed by the EC.

3. In case the Election Commission so desires, a meeting shall be arranged with the candidates.

4. The Nomination Forms will be opened and examined for correctness/ fulfilling the required QR, and accepted/rejected. The same will be signed by the Election commission (Presiding Officer/Member) and handed over to the Secretary General for preparing the check sheet. A list of accepted contestants is to be displayed on the Notice Board in EFI and website within **24 hours** of opening of the Nomination forms.

Election Programme:-

S/No	Programme	Date/Time
(a)	Last date for submission of nomination	29 th March 2019 by 1000 hrs
(b)	Opening of the Nomination Forms by the Election Commission (at EFI Office)	29 Mar 2019 at 1100 hrs
(c)	Scrutiny of Nomination by the Election Commission (at EFI Office)	29 Mar 2019 at 1130 hrs
(d)	Publication of list of valid nominations	30 Mar 2019 by 1700 hrs
(e)	Withdrawal of Nominations	04 Apr 2019 by 1800 hrs
(f)	Publication of final list of contesting Candidates	05 Apr 2019 by 1200 hrs
(g)	Polling, if required (at Army Equestrian Centre)	07 Apr 2019 at 1000 hrs

ELIGIBILITY TO CONTEST

5. As per guidelines issued by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) (copy enclosed):-
 - (a) Olympians (Summer - 1996 onwards & Winter 1998 onwards).
 - (b) Asian Games Medalists (maximum last 3 games)
 - (c) International Players (participated in Official World Championship & Official World Cup).
 - (d) Asian & Commonwealth Games Participants (maximum last 3 games)
6. **Age Limit** :- Above 16 years of age with a valid Rider Registration Number with EFI.

NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

7. The notification of election will be posted on the Federation Website, Social Media and Notice Board in the Federation Office. The eligible candidates will be given an open invitation through facebook and the EFI Website to submit their candidature for contesting the election for the post of member of the Athlete Commission.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS

8. The eligible athletes (listed at Appendix 'A') desirous of contesting the election are required to submit their nomination on the prescribed form, as attached. It can also be collected from the office of the EFI. The same shall be filled and forwarded as under:-

- (a) The form will be forwarded in a sealed envelope super scribed in block letters, '**NOMINATION FORM**' indicating name and EFI Rider Registration Number.
- (b) Nomination forms should reach, either by hand or registered post by not later than the **nominated date**. In case of delivery by hand, it will be responsibility of the members to obtain a receipt. Forms received after the due date and time will not be considered.
- (c) **Each candidate will deposit Rs 1000/- as a deposit alongwith the Nomination form.**
- (d) The names of contestants will be filled in the Nomination form as they want it to appear on the Ballot Paper.
- (e) All government officials filling the nomination form for the post are required to submit an NOC from their respective departments.
- (f) Every candidate contesting the election should send a letter of consent (format attached). No nomination is valid without letter of consent.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION

9. Each candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature by **1800 hrs on 04 Apr 2019** (nomination fee will not be refunded after 04 Apr 2019). Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be submitted, either by the candidate himself/herself or by a person duly authorized by him/her in writing. Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled. The Returning Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of the notice. As soon as may be after 1000 hrs on 05 Apr 2019, the Returning Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates and hand over the same to the Secretary General of Equestrian Federation of India.

REJECTION OF NOMINATION PAPERS

10. Nomination papers will be opened by the Election Commission on 29 Mar 2019 at 1100 hrs. The Nomination forms duly signed by the Election Commission will be handed over to the EFI Secretariat for preparing check sheet.

11. The nomination forms are liable to be rejected for any of the following reasons: -

- (a) Late receipt of nomination papers.
- (b) Incorrect EFI Rider Registration Number.
- (c) Form is not in consonance with the guidelines.

VOTING RIGHTS & ELIGIBILITY

12. All riders (As per birth ID - 16 years of age and above) with a valid EFI rider registration are eligible to vote.

13. Riders under suspension are **NOT** eligible to vote.

BALLOT PAPERS

14. Where the number of contesting candidates for the post of Athlete Commission is only three (03), the contesting candidate shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed. Where the number of contesting candidates for the post of Athlete Commission is more than three (03) a poll shall be taken by secret ballot.

15. On finalisation of the list of contestants, the draft for printing of Ballot Paper is to be approved by Vice President (Administration). The names of the contesting candidates shall be printed in alphabetical order according to English alphabets.

16. The Ballot Papers, on receipt, are to be checked for correctness. Each Ballot Paper is to be stamped with the EFI round rubber stamp and initialed by the President/Member of the Election Commission.

CANVASSING

17. No canvassing is permitted on the day of elections within the complete area of the venue of elections. The candidate or their supporters are prohibited from canvassing in any manner and issuing any posters, pamphlets, hand bills or any other election material in support of their candidature within the premises of the venue of elections. This will be supervised by the Election Commission on the day of the polling. Violation of this will result in disqualification of the candidate.

PRESENCE OF CONTESTANTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

18. The members contesting the election or their authorized representative, (only EFI member) duly authenticated and permitted by Election Commission in writing, can be present at the following stages only: -

- (a) Prior to voting to verify that ballot boxes are intact.
- (b) After voting when ballot boxes are opened.
- (c) During counting of votes.

CASTING OF VOTES AND COUNTING

19. Each voter shall be required, before he/she is provided with a Ballot paper, to give his/her signature on the authenticated copy of the list used by the Returning Officer for taking the poll. The voter shall record his/her vote on the ballot paper in secrecy in a voting compartment specially provided for the purpose at the polling station. The Election Commission staff before issuing the ballot paper to the senior riders will ensure that the rider is having a valid rider registration number, is not a defaulter and is not under suspension. Votes will be cast under the supervision of the Election Commission.

20. Marking of Ballot Papers by voters will be by the markers positioned in the voting booth.

21. Ballot boxes with necessary material will be placed at the election venue. These boxes will be sealed and after votes are cast **time for casting of the votes will come to an end immediately after three hours of start time as declared by the election commission** boxes will be opened by the Election Commission in the presence of contestants or their authorized representative, duly authenticated and permitted by Election Commission, to avoid any representation at a later date.

22. On completion of casting of votes, all the contestants or their representatives to be nominated in writing will be called inside the venue and will be allowed to witness the entire process of counting of the votes and compilation of results. Complaints, if any, with regard to the elections will be raised by the contestant on the spot in writing to the Presiding Officer of the Election Commission for appropriate action after deposition of fee Rs 1000/- (non refundable if the complaint is not upheld). After the results are finalised, no representation with regard to Election process and results will be entertained. The decision of the Presiding Officer of the Election Commission will be binding on the contestants.

23. In case of equality of votes, the Election Officer shall determine by lot which candidate shall be declared to have been elected.

24. The decision of the Election Commission is **final**.

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

25. The results of the election, compiled and signed by the Election Commission are to be handed over to the President/Secretary General, EFI, by the Presiding Officer, Election Commission, for announcement. A final list of the elected members is to be displayed on the EFI Notice Board on the next working day by 1300 hrs.

26. Thereafter, the used Ballot Papers alongwith the result sheet duly signed and sealed by the Election Commission shall be handed over to the Secretary General by the Presiding Officer and shall be kept under the safe custody of the Secretary General till the next election.



CONSENT FORM

To,

The Secretary General,
Equestrian Federation of India
C/o 'B' Squadron, 61 Cavalry
Cariappa Marg
Delhi Cantt-110010

Dear Sir,

I hereby give my consent to act as **Member of Athlete Commission of Equestrian Federation of India**, for the period **2019 to 2023**, if so elected and confirm that I am eligible to hold the appointment as per the Guidelines issued by Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

Yours faithfully



Signature :

Name :

EFI Rider Registration Number :

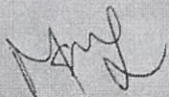
Date : March 2019

Guidelines for National Sports Federations forming Athletes Commission:

Aim: To form a majority elected Athletes Commission in each NSF of IOA

Recommendations:

- 1) Number: Minimum of 5 and maximum of 11 athletes are recommended (each NSF can choose its maximum number depending on the strength of the NSF)
- 2) Tenure: Maximum of 8 years from time of election/appointment
- 3) Composition: Majority should be elected athletes. Rest can be nominated by the President of the Federation
- 4) Athletes:
 - a. First preference for Olympians in all Olympic Sports in both summer and winter NSFs. (Since India has had small contingents in the past, many NSF may not have many Olympians and hence Olympians from last 6 Olympiads each for Summer - 1996 onwards and Winter- 1998 onwards can be incorporated)
 - b. Second preference to all medalists in Asian Games and Commonwealth games (Maximum of last 3 Games)
 - c. Third preference will be to International Players not having above in following preference:
 - i. Official World Championships
 - ii. Official World Cup
 - d. Fourth preference is all Asian and Commonwealth games participants (from last 3 Asian and Commonwealth games as the contingents were large)
 - e. If an NSF does not have sufficient athletes from the above, NSF can have athletes from National Championships.
- 5) Elections:
 - a. Elections should be held every 4 years at the National Championships of the federation
 - b. First elections to form the Athletes commission can be held by a simple gathering of top athletes as above with an election by ballot
- 6) Leadership of Commission
 - a. The elected and nominated athletes will form the commission
 - b. These athletes in turn will elect a chairperson and vice chairperson of the commission who will sit on the executive of the NSF
 - c. All NSF will have 2 athletes on the Executive. One from either gender.
- 7) Gender equality
 - a. Athletes Commission will have gender equality
 - b. If the elected athletes are not in equal proportion, nominated athletes will make up the gender equality



IOA Athletes Commission Chairman