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ELECTION NOTICE : ATHLETE COMMISSION OF EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA

Dear Athletes,

1. The election for member of Athlete Commission (03 x Posts) of Equestrian Federation of India will be held on 28 Apr 2023 alongwith NEC Eventing at **ASC Riding and Polo Academy (ARPA) Bangalore.**
2. On the basis of guidelines (copy enclosed) issued by Indian Olympic Association (IAO), interested athletes who are eligible as per the EFI statutes are requested to kindly forward their nominations on the prescribed format so as to reach **Returning Officer** by 1000 hrs on **19 Apr 2023**, in a sealed envelope addressed to Returning Officer, **Election Commission of Equestrian Federation of India, ARPA, ASC Centre and College, Agram, Bangalore.**
3. The following documents are enclosed herewith :-
 - (a) Nomination Form - Appendix 'A'
 - (b) Election BYE LAW - Appendix 'B'
 - (c) Consent Letter - Appendix 'C'
 - (d) NOC form for government employees - Appendix 'D'
4. Nomination received later than the stipulated date and time as mentioned above will not be considered.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,

(Jaiveer Singh)
Col
Secretary General

LAST DATE OF NOMINATION: 19 APR 2023 (1000 HRS)

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA

NOMINATION FORM

To,

Col GS Yadav
Returning Officer (RO)
For the Election of Athletes Commission
No 1 TB
ASC Centre and College
Agram Post, Bangalore -560007

Dear Sir,

I, (name), of,
bearing EFI Rider Registration Number, wish to contest for the post of
ATHLETES COMMISSION MEMBER at the elections to be held during NEC Eventing 2023 at
ASC Riding and Polo Academy (ARPA) Bangalore on 28 Apr 2023 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 Athletes Commission, which shall :-

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

2. The Athletes Commission members will serve a four years term.

ELECTION COMMISSION (EC)

3. The Secretary General in consultation with the Vice President (Finance), will detail the Returning Officer and 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) Returning 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.

4. In case the Election Commission so desires, a meeting may be arranged with the candidates.

5. 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 (Returning 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	19 Apr 2023 by 1000 hrs
(b)	Opening of the Nomination Forms by the Election Commission (at ARPA, Bangalore)	19 Apr 2023 at 1100 hrs
(c)	Scrutiny of Nomination by the Election Commission (at the Office of ARPA or designate location nominated by ARPA, Bangalore)	19 Apr 2023 at 1130 hrs
(d)	Publication of list of valid nominations	19 Apr 2023 by 1700 hrs
(e)	Withdrawal of Nominations	25 Apr 2023 by 1800 hrs
(f)	Publication of final list of contesting Candidates	26 Apr 2023 by 1200 hrs
(g)	Polling, if required (at ARPA, Bangalore)	28 Apr 2023 at 1000 hrs

6. **Age Limit** :- All athletes above 16 years of age with a valid Rider Registration Number of 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. An open invitation through facebook and the EFI Website will be posted for interested candidates to submit their candidature for contesting the election for the post of member of the Athletes Commission.

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS

8. The eligible athletes desirous of contesting the election are required to submit their nomination on the prescribed form, as attached as Appendix 'A'. It can also be collected from the office of the EFI / downloaded from EFI website. 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 to the Returning Officer, Election Commission of EFI, ARPA, Bangalore 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 fee alongwith the Nomination form with the federation or online at the federation account stated below :-**

Account Name	:	EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA
Bank Name	:	CANARA BANK
Bank Address	:	DHAULA KUAN, NEW DELHI-110010
Account Number	:	9030 2010 0137 40
SWIFT CODE	:	CNRBINBBBFD
BIC Code/Number	:	19030
IFSC Code	:	CNRB0019030
(Indian Financial System Code)		
MICR Code	:	110015363

- (d) The names of contestants will be filled in the Nomination form (Attached as Appendix A) as they want it to appear on the Ballot Paper.
- (e) Every candidate contesting the election should send a letter of consent (format attached as Appendix 'C'). No nomination is valid without letter of consent.

- (f) All government officials filling the nomination form for the post are required to submit an NOC (Attached as Appendix D) from their respective departments.

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 25 Apr 2023** (nomination fee will not be refunded after 25 Apr 2023). 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 26 Apr 2023, the Returning Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates and hand over / mail the same to the Secretary General of Equestrian Federation of India.

REJECTION OF NOMINATION PAPERS

10. Nomination papers will be opened by the Returning Officer, Election Commission on 19 Apr 2023 at 1100 hrs. The Nomination forms shall be signed by the Returning Officer, Election Commission and the Election Commission shall prepare 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 Athletes 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 Athletes Commission is more than three (03) then polling shall take place through secret ballot.

15. On finalisation of the list of contestants, the draft for printing of Ballot Paper is to be approved by Vice President (Finance). 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 initialled by a **Member** of the Election Commission as authorised by Returning Officer.

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 holding valid ID) 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 Returning Officer of the Election Commission for appropriate action after deposition of **Rs 15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only)** which is 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 Returning Officer of the Election Commission will be binding on the contestants.

23. In case of equality of votes, the Returning 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 Returning 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 Returning Officer and shall be kept under the safe custody of the Secretary General till the next election.

CONSENT FORM

To,

Col GS Yadav
Returning Officer (RO)
For the Election of Athletes Commission
No 1 TB
ASC Centre and College
Agram Post, Bangalore -560007

Dear Sir,

I hereby give my consent to act as **Member of Athletes Commission of Equestrian Federation of India**, for the period **2023 to 2027** if elected. I confirm that I am eligible to hold the appointment as per the **EFI Statues**.

Yours faithfully

Signature :

Name :

EFI Rider Registration Number :

Date : 2023

**PERMISSION TO CONTEST (GOVT EMPLOYEES) IN THE ELECTON OF ATHLETES
COMMISSION OF EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA**

To,

Col GS Yadav
Returning Officer (RO)
For the Election of Athletes Commission
No 1 TB
ASC Centre and College
Agram Post, Bangalore -560007

Dear Sir,

Permission is hereby accorded to _____ of _____ for contesting the election for an appointment as member of Athletes Commission of the Equestrian Federation of India to be held on 28 Apr 2023.

Signature
(Commanding Officer
/ Superior Officer)

Date : 2023