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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**  
**Department of Sports**

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Dated: 20.04.2026

To,

The President/Secretary General,  
Bowling Federation of India (BFI)  
Patiala Farms, Village-Chandanhula,  
Mehrauli, New Delhi – 110074

**Subject: Recognition of Bowling Federation of India (BFI) as National Sports Federation (NSF) for the sport of Lawn Bowls in the country – reg.**

Sir.

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 25-03-2026 on the subject mentioned above and to convey recognition of the Bowling Federation of India (BFI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) with immediate effect.

2. This recognition to Bowling Federation of India (BFI) means granting a major role to the Bowling Federation of India (BFI) for promotion and development of the sport of Lawn Bowls in India. The recognition has been granted after relaxation of following provisions of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011:

(i) Requirement of affiliation in at least 2/3rd of total States/UTs (para 3.4 of Annexure-II of the Sports Code 2011);

(ii) Requirement of 50% district level associations affiliation to the State/UT unit (para 3.10 and 3.19 of Annexure-II of the Sports Code 2011);

3. The recognition of Government is subject to continued observance of the following terms and conditions:

a) The Office bearers of the Federation shall invariably be appointed by election as per the Model Election Guidelines issued by the Ministry. The various instructions issued by the Ministry, from time to time, including the age and tenure criteria, for holding the elective offices of the Federation shall be scrupulously followed.

b) The Federation must take all necessary steps to align its constitution or bye-laws, institutional processes, and operations with National Sports Governance Act, 2025, as well as the associated Rules within the stipulated timelines.

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c) The Federation shall give at least two months' advance notice to the Government for any change in its Constitution. The copy of the proposed changes should invariably be sent along with the notice.

d) The Federation must maintain its accounts as per the Mercantile System of accounting. The Accounting year should be from 1 April to 31 March. The books of accounts shall always be open to Inspection by authorized representatives of the Government.

e) The accounts of the Federation must be audited by a practicing Chartered Accountant. Audited Statement of account should be sent to the Union Government within six months from the date of expiry of the accounting year.

f) The Federation must scrupulously abide by the guidelines of the Government Issued from time to time, for the conduct of national Championships, drawing of advance calendar for holding National Championships, player's grievance system in the management of the federations, etc.

g) The Federation shall have corresponding State/UT bodies affiliated to it in all the State/UTs in conformity with the extant instructions of the Government.

h) The Federation should also abide by the directions of the Government issued, if any, in the interest of promotion of sport of Lawn Bowls among its players or Public in general.

i) The recognition can be reviewed by the Government in case Memorandum of Association (MOA) of the Federation or its practices come into conflict with the Government Guidelines issued from time to me.

j) The Ministry's Guidelines for selection procedure shall be followed by BFI. The tournaments shall be held for Men & Women at all levels in National, State, District level for Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior categories.

k) The Federation shall scrupulously follow the Ministry's guidelines on RTI applicability and suo-moto disclosure of information on its website and appointment of a Public Information Officer and an Appellate Authority.

l) The Federation shall ensure strict compliance of the Government guidelines relating to age fraud, prevention of sexual harassment of women in sports, formation of Internal Complaint Committee in accordance with the provisions of the POSH Act, 2013, Anti-doping, issuance of identity cards to sportspersons etc.

4. The recognition may be withdrawn if:

a) any of the terms and conditions of the recognition are violated;

b) its own Constitution is violated;

c) directions issued by the Union Government are not complied with as required;

d) in the opinion of the Union Government, the Federation is not functioning properly,

e) the recognition has been obtained by submitting false information or by misrepresentation of facts;

f) the concerned international Federation cancels affiliation or derecognizes or disaffiliates the Federation.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Joginder Singh)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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1. Director General, Sports Authority of India
2. Director Passenger Marketing, Traffic Commercial, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Dir (Gov-I), Dir (KID), Dir (CDN), Dir (OIR), DS (AB), DS (CB)
4. Technical Director, NIC with a request to upload the letter on the website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
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