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Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

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New Delhi 110003.
Date: 22nd December, 2025

To,

1. President, Indian Olympic Association
2. President/Secretary General of recognized NSFs

Subject: Deferment of upcoming elections of National Sports Federations upto 31st December, 2026 - as a transitional measure -reg

Sir / Madam,

The National Sports Governance Act, 2025 received the assent of Hon'ble President of India on 18.08.2025, and the Ministry is in the process of notifying the same in terms of Section 1(2) of the Act. The Act introduces a comprehensive framework for transparent, accountable and athlete-centric governance of National Sports Federations (NSFs) and requires significant statutory, structural and procedural changes to be undertaken by all the recognised NSFs for effective adoption under the Act. The Act and the Rules thereunder, once notified, would govern all aspects of sports administration.

2. Compliance requirements under NSG Act, 2025 necessitate adequate preparation time for NSFs to establish robust electoral structure and procedures, and alignment of the Constitution / Bye-laws of NSFs with the NSG Act.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the NSG Act, 2025, every NSF will be required to undertake appropriate measures to restructure its General Body and to ensure that all their voting members and affiliate units are fully aligned with the provisions of the NSG Act, 2025.
4. The Ministry has reviewed the election schedules of NSFs and found that implementation of changes is foundational in nature and it may be difficult to complete these changes effectively within the limited timeframe available to NSFs whose elections are due in the coming months.
5. In order to facilitate the smooth transition under the new governance framework as also to allow adequate time for implementation of the statutory requirements under the NSG Act, 2025 by the NSFs, it has been decided that those NSFs, whose elections are scheduled to be held in the coming months, except the cases where there are specific directions by Courts of Law, are allowed to defer the elections upto 31st December, 2026 - as a transitional measure.

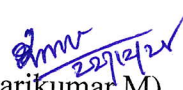
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6. During this extended period, the existing Executive Committee of the concerned NSF shall continue by extending the tenure of the current office-bearers of the respective NSFs for the duration of the deferment period, subject to approval of its General Body. The incumbent office-bearers / members shall continue to perform their duties and responsibilities as prescribed in the bye-laws and under the Sports Code or the applicable legislation.

7. This one-time extension is solely for the purpose of transitioning to the new electoral framework established under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Harikumar M)
Director (Sports)

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