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**ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION OF NOMINATION OF COUNCILLORS**  
**PUNJAB AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION**

As per the Special General Body Meeting conducted by Rowing Federation of India dated 25.01.2020 AT SATS Water Sports Academy, Hyderabad it had been unanimously agreed by the SGM to give voting right to Punjab Amateur Rowing Association headed by its president Ms.Maninder Kaur. Hence, I being the Returning officer of RFI, is bound by the decision taken by SGM. Hence Councilor Nomination sent by PARA headed by its president Ms.Maninder Kaur is accepted.

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF HARYANA**

As Regards acceptance of councilors from Rowing Association of Haryana, as per the Special General Body Meeting conducted by Rowing Federation of India dated 25.01.2020 AT SATS Water Sports Academy, Hyderabad (HRA) was directed to give a letter of assurance to restore their voting right. On the very same day HRA had given a letter of assurance and a copy of the same was also scanned and sent to my Email ID. The same had also been accepted by the Secretary General RFI and the voting right of HRA was also restored. Hence Councilor Nomination sent by HRA is accepted.

**NOMINATION OF COUNCILORS OF DELHI ROWING ASSOCIATION**

With respect to nomination of councilors in respect of Delhi Rowing Association is concerned, I am in receipt of two sets of councilors, one sent by Mr.Rajpal Singh (Delhi Rowing Association) at 4.33 PM on 31.01.2019 giving the following names viz.,

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1. Mr.Rajpal Singh.
2. Mr.Praveen Tyagi.

The second set of nomination is one supposed to be given by the secretary General of DRA Col(Retd) R.S.Bhanwala at 10:24 PM on 31.01.2019 giving the following names viz.,

1. Sh Rajpal Singh
2. Col RS Bhanwala (Retd)

Comments were also received from both the president and Secretary General. In this regard it is useful to refer to Clause 2.6 of the Election notification which reads thus:

**"2.6 The list of nominated councillors shall be sent to the President/Secretary general RFI on or before 31/01/2020 by 5.00 pm and the same shall be verified by the President/ Secretary General of RFI and the final list shall thereafter be forwarded to the returning officer on the same day without any unnecessary delay"**

As per the Election meeting notice dated 27.01.2020 issued by the President of the Rowing Federation of India and the election notification dated 30.01.2020, the last date for submission of councilors was 31.01.2020 by 5:00 PM. The first List of councilor sent by the President MR.Rajpal Singh was sent on 31.01.2019 at 4:33 PM and a second list was sent by Mr.Bhanwala at 10:24 PM on 31.01.2019, well beyond the time specified in the notification. Hence the second list of councilor cannot be accepted.

It is also useful to refer Clause 2.5 of the Election notification reads thus:

**2.5 Only one set of two councillors shall be nominated by each affiliated association. If there is a difference of opinion between the president and the secretary of the association, the two councillors shall be nominated by the general body meeting of the association. The same shall be signed and sent to the president/secretary of the RFI. Scanned copy of the list of two councillors shall also be sent by email to the election officer"**



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As per the above clause if there are two sets of councillors, then the association ought to have conducted a meeting and send a copy of the agreed approved list. The above procedure has also not been followed by DRA. I could have rejected both the list, but being an important election for RFI, to give an opportunity to DRA, the first list of councillor given by Mr.Rajpal Singh (president of DRA) dated 31.01.2020 is accepted. That apart as per clause 4.1 of the Model election guidelines of National Sports Federation found under Annexure 37 of the National sports Development Code, 2011, issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the nomination given by the president shall alone have to be taken in to account. Accordingly Mr.Rajpal Singh and Mr.Praveen Tyagi is permitted to vote on behalf of DRA and list sent by Mr.Bhanwala is rejected.

**JHARKHAND ROWING ASSOCIATION (JRA)**

With respect to nomination of councillors given by Jharkhand Rowing Association is concerned, I am in receipt of two Sets of councillors, one given jointly by the president and the secretary on 30.01.2020 at 2:36 PM, giving the following names:

1. Mr.B.C.Thakur (president)
2. Mr.Krishna Kumar Singh (General Secretary)

The second set of nomination was received from an email id titled 'Mona digital studio' [monadigitalranchi@gmail.com](mailto:monadigitalranchi@gmail.com) on 31.01.2020 at 4:02 PM, giving the following names:

1. Mr.B.C.Thakur
2. Mr.Ranvijay Singh.



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The Secretary General has approved the names given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> list without any comments. Whereas the President of the RFI has given strong objection to the 2<sup>nd</sup> list being taken on record, on the following grounds:

- That the first list has been given jointly by the president and the secretary on the official letter head and email id. So the same has to be taken in to account.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> list of councillors said to have been given by Mr.thakur (President of JRA) has been received from an unknown email id 'Mona digital studio' [monadigitalranchi@gmail.com](mailto:monadigitalranchi@gmail.com) in a fabricated letter head which does not conform to the official letter head and email ID of JRA available with RFI.

I have given a deep consideration to the aforestated objection and there seems to be merit in the objection raised by the President, RFI. I have serious doubts over the authenticity of the second set of nomination, which has been sent through an Unknown Email Id and not even without seal of the Association.

That apart even assuming for a moment that the same was actually given by the president of JRA, the same is liable to be rejected for the following reasons.

Clause 2.5 of the Election notification reads thus:

**2.5 Only one set of two councillors shall be nominated by each affiliated association. If there is a difference of opinion between the president and the secretary of the association, the two councillors shall be nominated by the general body meeting of the association. The same**

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**shall be signed and sent to the president/secretary of the RFI. Scanned copy of the list of two councillors shall also be sent by email to the election officer"**

As per the above clause if there are two sets of councillors, then the association ought to have conducted a meeting and send a copy of the agreed approved list. The above procedure has not been followed by JRA. I could have rejected both the list, but being an important election for RFI, to give an opportunity to JRA and taking in to account the dubious second list of councillors which does not inspire any confidence, the first list of councillor given jointly by the president Mr.B.C.thakur and Mr.Krishna Kumar Singh (General Secretary) dated 29.01.2020, received on 30.01.2020 is accepted as per clause 4.1 of the Model election guidelines of National Sports Federation found under Annexure 37 of the National sports Development Code, 2011, issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. As per the said clause in case of conflict the nomination given by the president has to be taken in to account. In the present case the nomination has been given jointly by the president and the general secretary and hence Mr.B.C.thakur (president) and Mr.Krishna Kumar Singh (General Secretary) are permitted to vote on behalf of JRA.

#### **ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ROWING ASSOCIATION**

As regard Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association is concerned, I have received a councillor nomination from Mr.G.Bhasker (president) giving the following names viz.,

1. Shri G.Bhasker
2. Srinivasa Prabhu



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I have been put on notice about a claim made by one Mr.Sudarshan of certain Rowing Association of Andaman Nicobar. According to the said Mr.Sudarshan the Rowing in Andaman is being run only by Ad hoc committee in 2016 and that SAI centre of Port Blair is running a day boarding scheme for other sports including rowing. It is also alleged that Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association is not affiliated to Andaman Olympic Association.

It is pertinent to state that in the RFI election conducted in 2019, the afore-stated Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association alone participated and voted in the election and none of them objected to the same. Neither the president nor the Secretary General have objected to the fact that Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association's affiliation to RFI. With regard to various other allegation raised by Mr.Sudarshan, there is not a single document to prove any of the allegation stated by him. It is also not known who this Mr.Sudarshan. The veracity of the allegation raised by the said Mr.Sudarshan cannot be take into account, as I do not have any power to decide the veracity of the claims putforth by Mr.Sudarshan, as no documents have been produced to various allegations and objections raised by the said Mr.Sudarshan.

Hence taking into account of the fact that I have received only one set of councillor list and also taking into account of the fact that neither the President nor the Secretary general have raised the issue of the affiliation of Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association, the nomination sent by the Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association comprising of Mr.G.Bhasker and Srinivasa Prabhu is accepted.

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**CHANDIGARH ROWING ASSOCIATION (CRA)**

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As far as CRA is concerned I have received one set of councillor list from the Secretary of CRA giving the following names viz.,

1. Mr.Rajiv Sharma
2. Ms. Yabsoda Dobhal.

Unlike the previous election conducted in 2019, I have not received any contra claim from RASA (rowing and Sweep Association of Chandigarh). I have also received the entire set of civil suit in CS CJ/1250/2019 pending on the file of Civil Judge Junior Division Chandigarh. The secretary general has raised only one objection namely for the production of the copy of the judgment passed in the injunction petition filed by RASA. I have gone through the papers and the order of dismissal of injunction petition filed by RASA against CRA. I am also informed that RASA has also filed appeal in MCA DJ/112/2019 and the same is pending consideration without any interim order. The SGM dated 25.01.2020 has permitted CRA to participate in the elections subject to production of the copy of the order. The same having been produced and there being no other objection against CRA, the councillor nomination given by CRA is allowed and accordingly Mr.Rajiv Sharma and Ms.Yabsoda Dobhal is permitted to vote.

**UTTAR PRADESH ROWING ASSOCIATION**

As regards Uttar Pradesh Rowing Association (UPRA) is concerned I have received three list of councillors. The first of the Councilor Nomination was sent jointly by the Vice-president (Mr.I.D.Sharma) and Secretary Mr.Sudhir Sharma on 30.01.2020 at 8:33 Pm giving the following names:



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1. Mr.Puneet Agarwal.
2. Mr.Sudhir Sharma.

The second list of councillor was sent by Mr.I.D.Sharma the Vice-president alone on 31.01.2020 at 5:13 PM. Giving the following names:

1. Shri Amit K. Ghosh
2. Mr.Sudhir Sharma

The third List of councillor was sent by Secretary Mr.Sudhir Sharma on 31.01.2020 at 6:22 PM giving the following names:

1. Mr.Amit Ghosh
2. Mr.Aditya Mishra.

No specific comments were received from both President and the secretary general. The president approved the second list namely Mr.Amit.K.Ghosh and Mr.sudhir Kumar Sharma, whereas the Secretary General has approved the third list namely Mr.Amit Ghosh and Mr.Aditya Mishra.

I have duly considered all the three different list given by three different people and I have taken into account the list given by both the president and secretary general RFI. In my view the view expressed by both the president and the secretary general cannot be accepted for the following reason:

It is useful to refer to clause Clause 2.6 of the Election notification reads thus:

**"2.6 The list of nominated councillors shall be sent to the President/Secretary general RFI on or before 31/01/2020 by 5.00 pm,**





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**and the same shall be verified by the President/ Secretary General of RFI and the final list shall thereafter be forwarded to the returning officer on the same day without any unnecessary delay"**

As per the Election meeting notice dated 27.01.2020 issued by the President of the Rowing Federation of India and the election notification dated 30.01.2020, the last date for submission of councilors was 31.01.2020 by 5:00 PM. The first list of councilor sent by the Vice president and the secretary of UPRA alone was received within the time. The other two list sent by the Vice president and the Secretary was received beyond the time specified in the notification. Hence the second list as well as the third list of councilors cannot be accepted.

Further it is relevant to quote clause 2.5 of the election notification which reads thus:

**2.5 Only one set of two councillors shall be nominated by each affiliated association. If there is a difference of opinion between the president and the secretary of the association, the two councillors shall be nominated by the general body meeting of the association. The same shall be signed and sent to the president/secretary of the RFI. Scanned copy of the list of two councillors shall also be sent by email to the election officer"**

As per the above clause if there are two sets of councillors, then the association ought to have conducted a meeting and send a copy of the agreed approved list. The above procedure has not been followed by UPRA. I could have rejected all the three list, but in order to ensure due compliance of election Rules to give an opportunity to UPRA, applying Clause 2.5, the first list of councillor given jointly by the vice president Mr.I.D.sahrma and Secretary Mr.Sudhir Kumar Sharma is accepted and hence Mr.Puneet Agarwal and Mr.Sudhir Sharma are permitted to vote and represent UPRA and the other two list of nomination are rejected.



**MANIPUR ROWING ASSOCIATION**

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With respect to Manipur Rowing Association (MRA) is concerned, the president of the MRA has duly sent two councillors on 28.01.2020 giving the names of Mr. TH.Nityai Singh and Mr.L.Gyanendra Singh. Whereas a representation has been received on 02.02.2020 from Secretary of the MRA stating that the president has nominated without the knowledge of the Executive Council. The same is said to be signed by about ten people. The letter states that the same has been addressed by Executive council of MRA. Subsequently an objection has been given by the president Mr.Thoiba Singh to the representation given on 02.02.2020 raising the following objection- That the Secretary has already resigned vide his letter dated 05.01.2020 on medical grounds and he had been granted medical leave on humanitarian ground from 13.01.2020 till 31.03.2020 and therefore Mr.Salam shyamkeshor singh cannot be nominated after the last date.

I have considered the objection and It is relevant to quote clause 2.5 & 2.6 of the election notification which reads thus:

**2.5 Only one set of two councillors shall be nominated by each affiliated association. If there is a difference of opinion between the president and the secretary of the association, the two councillors shall be nominated by the general body meeting of the association. The same shall be signed and sent to the president/secretary of the RFI. Scanned copy of the list of two councillors shall also be sent by email to the election officer"**

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As per the above clause the president or the secretary has to give list of councillors to represent MRA. It is seen that the president has duly sent the nomination list on 28.01.2020, whereas the objections were received only on 02.02.2020 well beyond the period prescribed viz., 31.01.2020.

The president of RFI has given input that EC of MRA has vetoed the president's decision and therefore Mr.Salam shyam kishore singh should be permitted instead of Gyanandra Singh but ultimately requested me to take decision based on the National Sports code and the election notification. The Secretary general of RFI has not given any inputs.

As per the clause 2.5 if there are two sets of councillors, then the association ought to have conducted a meeting and send a copy of the agreed approved list. The above procedure has not been followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> group. From perusal of the letter dated 02.02.2020, it does not disclose the conduct of any executive committee but on the other hand it only discloses that some members of the executive committee had sent the objections. Hence taking in to account the primacy given to the president of the association as per clause 4.1 of the Model election guidelines of National Sports Federation found under Annexure 37 of the National sports Development Code, 2011, issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr.Th Nityai singh and Mr.L.Gyanendra Singh is permitted to vote on behalf of Manipur Rowing Association.

**MAHARASHTRA ROWING ASSOCIATION**

I have received one set of Council nomination from Secretary of Maharashtra Rowing Association (MRA) giving the names of Mr. Girish



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Phadnis and Mr.Sanjay Valvi. With respect to the same the President of RFI has objected to the nomination of Mr.Girish Phadnis on the ground that Mr.Girish Phadnis was nominated as councillor from Andhra Pradesh in 2016 and formed part of the electoral college during the election held on 29.01.2016 and also became the secretary general of RFI, therefore he still continues to be the councillor of Andhra Pradesh and consequently he cannot be nominated as councillor from MRA. MRA has given its reply raising the following points namely:

- That Mr.Girish Phadnis nomination as councillor for the period 2020-2024 in respect of election of office bearers and EC members for the period 2020-2024 conducted in December 2019 was accepted by election officer and none had taken such ground earlier.
- That the present nomination is for the period 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2024 and the election is being held before the completion of term hence there is no question of overlapping, as his term gets over only on 31.03.2020.

I have given by anxious consideration to the objection and reply given in this regard. In my view the objection raised by the President cannot be accepted in view of the fact that the present councillors are nominated for the election of officer bearers and EC members of RFI for the period 2020-2024 and the explanation given by MRA is acceptable. Thus nomination of Mr.Girish Phadnis is found to be valid.

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**AFFILIATION TO STATE OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION**

I have received few objections regarding certain associations not having recognition or their recognition being withdrawn by concerned state Olympic association and therefore those associations should not be permitted to vote. In my view the said objection has to be raised and decided by the Association in its AGM. As per the Rules of RFI membership of state association is open to such association which has obtained recognition from state Olympic association. There is no rule which provides for automatic cessation of existing affiliation of state associations. On the contrary the rules provide for suspension or removal to be decided by AGM. Hence it is for the AGM of the RFI to decide.

That apart as per the Rules of IOA the affiliation of state sports bodies should be granted by three member committee consisting of IOA, concerned NSF and respective state Olympic association. Hence grant or withdrawal has to be done only by the three member committee. None of the objections given in this regard discloses that any of the affiliated state associations have de-recognised by any such committee as provided by the IOA Rules. Thus all the above issues have to be taken by the AGM on case to case basis. Untill the same is decided, the associations are to be permitted to vote in a democratic process. I have been informed that periodically the list of affiliated state associations have been furnished by RFI to IOA and MYAS; no objection had been taken till date as an affiliated association of RFI either by IOA or MYAS. Hence the objection cannot be taken note of by me as election officer, which would have to be decided in the AGM of RFI.

After taking into account the above facts into consideration I hereby declare the electoral college consisting of following nominated councillors representing their respective state associations.





**ROWING FEDERATION OF INDIA**

Date :

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF MANAGING  
COMMITTEE 2020-2024**

**FORM-1**

**LIST OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

SL.No.	NAME OF THE AFFILIATED MEMBER	NAME COUNCILORS	OF	ELECTORAL COLL No.
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	MR.G.BHASKER		1
		MR.SRINIVASA PRABHU		2
2.	Andhra Pradesh	MRS. RAJLAXMI SINGH DEO		3
		MR.V.VENKATESWARA RAO		4
3.	Assam	MR. CHIRANJIT PHUKAN		5
		MR.NABABUDDIN AHMED		6
4.	Chandigarh	MR. RAJIV SHARMA		7
		MS. YASHODA DOBHAL		8
5.	Delhi	MR. RAJPAL SINGH		9
		MR. PRAVEEN TYAGI		10
6.	Haryana	MR. GURJINDER SINGH CHEEMA		11
		MR.RAMNIK SINGH MANN		12
7.	Jharkhand	MR. KRISHNA KUMAR SINGH		13
		MR. B.C. THAKUR		14
8.	Karnataka	MR. MANJUNATHA S B		15
		MS. SUMITRA G R		16
9.	Kerala	MR. M. JACOB		17
		MR. G. SREEKUMARA KURUP		18
10.	Madhya Pradesh	MR. DEVRAJ SINGH		19
		MR. SANDEEP GUPTA		20
11.	Maharashtra	MR. SANJAY VALVI		21
		MR. GIRISH PHADNIS		22
12.	Manipur	MR. TH NITYAI SINGH		23
		MR.L.GYANENDRA SINGH		24

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13.	Odisha	MR. AMARJYOTI SINGH DEO	25
		MR. BINOD DASH	26
14.	Punjab	MR. JASBIR SINGH GILL	27
		MRS. MANINDER KAUR VIRK	28
15.	Tamil Nadu	MR. BALAJI MARADAPA	29
		MR.M.V.SRIRAM	30
16.	Telangana	MR. FAZAL MOHD KHAN	31
		MR. ISMAIL BAIG	32
17	Uttar Pradesh	MR.PUNEET AGARWAL	33
		MR.SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA	34
18.	Uttarakhand	LT GEN HARPAL SINGH	35
		MR. RAJAN SINGH	36
19.	West Bengal	MR.KALYAN GOPAL SARANGI	37
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