

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER,
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION ASSOCIATION (IRFU)
IRFU Election, 30 December 2020
Election Report**

IRFU ELECTION – RETURNING OFFICER’S REPORT

1. Introduction

This report (“**Report**”) provides an overview of the activities undertaken by Shri Arvind Kamath, Senior Advocate, High Court of Karnataka, and Returning Officer, Indian Rugby Football Union (“**IRFU**”) with respect to the conduct of the 2020 IRFU Election for the posts of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer (“**Election**”).

2. Appointment of Returning Officer

The Returning Officer, IRFU was appointed by the Hon. Secretary, IRFU *vide* letter dated 8 December 2020 to oversee and supervise the election process for the posts of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the IRFU to be conducted on 30 December 2020, as scheduled and notified in the notice of Annual General Meeting dated 9 December 2020. The Returning Officer, IRFU was appointed in accordance with Section 5 of the Model Election Guidelines to be followed by all National Sports Federations as prescribed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (“**MYAS**”) under Annexure XXXVII of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (“**Guidelines**”).

3. Role of Returning Officer

The Returning Officer, IRFU’s remit included the following:

- i) Scrutiny of electoral rolls, including all nominations and candidatures in the Election;
- ii) Adjudicating or deciding on any dispute or objection as to the candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote, or the admission or rejection of a vote with respect to the Election; and
- iii) Overseeing the voting, counting and declaration of results of the Election.

The Returning Officer, IRFU used his professional email id akamath@almtlegal.com for all inward and outward official communication relating to the Election. A dedicated page of the official IRFU website was created for all notifications and announcements in relation to the Election. The law firm LawNK was engaged by IRFU to provide legal assistance and also to provide secretarial support to the Returning Officer, IRFU until the completion of the Election. The Returning Officer, IRFU was also assisted by Mr. Souvik Paul Mazumdar, Partner, ALMT Legal.

4. Background to Election

The Election was conducted on the directions of the MYAS in its letter F. No. 33-1 / 2020- SP-III, dated – 26.11.2020, Subject – ‘*Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg*’ (“**Renewal Letter**”) whereby the IRFU was advised to conduct its election in accordance with the Guidelines to maintain IRFU’s annual recognition as a ‘National Sports Federation’ by MYAS. Accordingly, the IRFU Board, at its Meeting on 28 November 2020 and continued on 1 December 2020, resolved to conduct fresh election of office bearers of the IRFU.

The Election was overseen and supervised by the Returning Officer, IRFU in accordance with: (a) relevant provisions of the IRFU Memorandum of Association, IRFU Articles of Association, National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (incl. the Guidelines), and notifications/directions issued by MYAS or the Indian Olympic Association, as and to the extent applicable to the Election, as consolidated in **Annexure 1** hereto; and (b) the requirements

specified under the IRFU Elections Rules of Procedure, as issued by the Returning Officer, IRFU (“**Election Rules**”) and as specified in **Annexure 2** hereto;

On 9 December 2020, the Hon. Secretary, IRFU notified IRFU’s members that the Election for the posts of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer would be conducted on 30 December 2020, during the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”) of the IRFU. As per the Guidelines, the members were requested to provide in writing a list of their respective Member Representatives (as defined herein) who would constitute the Electoral College List and be eligible to vote and contest in the Election.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, IRFU was granted leave by the MYAS with reference to Circular – ‘*Sub – Holding of General Body Meetings and Elections of NSFs in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Ref. – F. No. 8-32 / 2020 / SP-III, Dated – 06.11.2020*’, reproduced under **Annexure 2** hereto, to conduct the Election through digital / virtual platforms. Accordingly, the Returning Officer, IRFU conducted the Election in virtual format in accordance with the following schedule:

Table 1 – 2020 IRFU Election Schedule

Event	Date/Deadline
Release of Election Schedule and Call to File Nomination Applications	14 December 2020 11:00 AM
Filing of Nominations	15 December 2020 to 17 December 2020 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on each day
Notification of List of Nominations	18 December 2020 1:00 PM
Scrutiny of Nomination Applications	19 December 2020 11:00 AM
Withdrawal of Nominations	20 December 2020 to 22 December 2020 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on each day
Final List of Nominations and Contesting Candidates	23 December 2020 11:00 AM
Voting, Counting & Declaration of Results	30 December 2020 11:00 AM onwards

5. Nomination of Representatives

The Electoral College List specified under **Annexure 2** hereto includes the names of the representatives of the Permanent Members and Patron Members (“**Member Representatives**”) nominated by the following Members to participate in the Election:

1. Article 7 of the IRFU Articles of Association which provides that the IRFU shall have only two (2) Patron Members - The Bombay Gymkhana Limited, Mumbai and The Calcutta Cricket and Football Club Limited, Kolkata (Calcutta);

2. Article 8 (i) of the IRFU Articles of Association which provides that the IRFU shall have five (5) Permanent Members, i.e., from each of the following zones and which are currently represented by –

- North Zone: North Zone Rugby Association (NZRA);
- South Zone: South India Rugby Football Association (SIRFA);
- East Zone: East India Rugby Football Union (EIRFU);
- West Zone: West India Rugby Football Union (WIRFU),
- Central Zone: Central India Rugby Football Association (CIRFA)

The Returning Officer was informed and was satisfied that the aforesaid 2 (two) Patron Members and 5 (five) Permanent Members constituted the entire membership of the IRFU as of date.

In accordance with the guidance provided under Paragraph 4 of the Guidelines, (i) each Permanent Member of the IRFU was invited to nominate 2 (two) Member Representatives, with 1 (one) vote granted to each such Member Representative, to participate in the Election and (ii) each Patron Member of the IRFU, as an institutional member, was invited to nominate 1 (one) Member Representative with 1 (one) vote granted to each such Member Representative.

A total of 12 (twelve) Member Representatives were duly included in the Electoral College List for the Election *vide* letter dated 11 December 2020 received by the Returning Officer, IRFU from the Hon. Secretary, IRFU. The Electoral College List was published on the IRFU website and no objections were raised with respect to the same.

6. Nomination Applications for Contesting Candidates

Pursuant to the release of the Electoral College List, the Returning Officer, IRFU invited any interested candidates to file nominations for a maximum of one (1) post each in the Election. Only individuals included in the Electoral College List were permitted to file nomination applications in accordance with the Election Rules and each nomination application was to be supported by a proposer and seconder from among those in the Electoral College List.

Upon the completion of the last date for submitting nomination applications, the Returning Officer, IRFU had received nomination applications from a total of 3 (three) candidates. There was 1 (one) nomination for each post that was in contention during the Election, i.e, President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Upon scrutiny of the nomination applications, which was conducted via video call with each candidate and their proposer and seconder at 12 pm on Sunday, 20 December 2020, all 3 (three) candidates were deemed eligible by the Returning Officer, IRFU to contest for the post for which they had filed nomination applications and the names of all 3 (three) candidates were included and published in the initial Nomination list.

The Returning Officer, IRFU did not receive any withdrawal application pursuant to the release of the initial Nomination List, and the names of all 3 (three) candidates were consequently included in the Final Nomination List for the Election, as reproduced in **Annexure 2**.

7. Observers and Invitees

The following persons attended the AGM in respect of the Election.

- a) Mr. Arvind Kamath, Returning Officer, IRFU.

- b) Mr. Ridzal Saat, Independent Observer, World Rugby.
- c) Dr. Malav Shroff, Independent Observer, Indian Olympic Association (appointed by Indian Olympic Association vide letter dated 22 December, 2020).
- d) Mr. Nandan Kamath, Mr. Roshan Gopalakrishna and Mr. Seshank Shekar Rayaprolu from LawNK, Legal Counsel to IRFU.

8. Election Results

As only 1 (one) candidate was contesting for each post that was up for election, the Returning Officer, IRFU, relying upon the guidance provided in Clause 9(1) of the Guidelines with respect to 'Uncontested Returns', determined that it would be unnecessary to conduct polling on 30 December 2020, the designated election day. Accordingly, during the IRFU AGM conducted on 30 December 2020, the Returning Officer, IRFU declared the results of the Election and issued the List of Elected Candidates to the 3 (three) posts.

The following candidates were thereby declared duly elected at the IRFU Elections 2020 as of 30 December 2020:

- a) President: Mr. Vikram Ahuja
- b) Hon. Secretary: Mr. Gerald Prabhu
- c) Hon. Treasurer: Ms. Sanaya Mehta

As per the resolution of the IRFU Board and the resolution passed by the members at the AGM and subject to applicable law, the Returning Officer, IRFU was informed that the successful candidates as aforementioned shall hold office for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Election or until the amendment of the IRFU's Constitution comes into effect and fresh elections are held thereunder, whichever is earlier.

9. Election Documentation

Over the course of the election process, several notifications, documents and guidelines were issued in relation to the Election. Such documentation in **Annexure 2** is listed below along with a brief summary of each document:

a. Notification of Election to the MYAS and Request for Permission to conduct the AGM via virtual/digital platforms – Issued by Hon. Secy., IRFU on 8 December 2020

The Hon. Secretary notified the MYAS of the conduct of the Election in pursuance of the MYAS directions in the Renewal Letter and requested MYAS to appoint an observer for the Election as well as requested permission to conduct the Annual General Meeting for the Election via virtual/digital platforms in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

b. Notification of AGM – Issued by Hon. Secy., IRFU on 9 December 2020

The Hon. Secretary notified IRFU's members of the organisation of IRFU's eighteenth AGM and of the conduct of the Election at such AGM in pursuance of the MYAS directions.

c. Letter to Permanent Members and Patron Members – Issued by Hon. Secy., IRFU on 10 December 2020

The Hon. Secretary notified IRFU's members to nominate their member representatives who would form part of the Electoral College List and vote at the Election.

d. Electoral College List - Issued by Hon. Secy., IRFU and approved by Returning Officer, IRFU on 11 December 2020

The Hon. Secretary notified the Returning Officer of the Electoral College List containing all IRFU Member Representatives entitled to participate in the Election. The Electoral College List as approved by the Returning Officer was also made available on the IRFU website.

e. Letter of Notification of Election Schedule and Call to File Nomination Applications – Issued by Returning Officer, IRFU on 14 December 2020

The Returning Officer, IRFU issued a letter notifying all IRFU Members of his appointment in pursuance of IRFU conducting election of its office bearers in compliance with the MYAS directions. The letter also included the Election Schedule and Rules of Procedure issued by the Returning Officer, IRFU for the conduct of the virtual Election.

f. List of Nominated Candidates - Issued by Returning Officer, IRFU on 18 December 2020

This notification listed out the names of all candidates who filed nomination applications for candidature in the Election, prior to scrutiny by the Returning Officer, IRFU.

g. Election Scrutiny Communication – Issued by the Returning Officer, IRFU on 19 December 2020

The Returning Officer, IRFU issued a corrigendum notification concerning the scrutiny of the Nominated Candidates for the Election which was scheduled to take place on 19 December 2020 but due to unavoidable circumstances was postponed to 20 December 2020.

h. List of Validly Nominated Candidates to Contest in the Election – Issued by the Returning Officer, IRFU on 24 December 2020

The Returning Officer, IRFU scrutinised the nomination applications for candidature and issued this final list which specified the names of validly nominated candidates in the Election.

i. Declaration of Results of the Election – Issued by the Returning Officer, IRFU on 30 December 2020

This notification declared the results of the Election and was issued by the Returning Officer, IRFU pursuant to the completion of IRFU Annual General Meeting held on 30 December 2020.

10. Conclusion

The Returning Officer, IRFU would like to conclude by placing on record his thanks and appreciation to the IRFU CEO, and to the legal advisors of the IRFU for assistance and support to the Returning Officer, IRFU in the course of carrying out his duties and responsibilities for the Election.



Shri Arvind Kamath
Returning Officer, IRFU
30 December 2020

ANNEXURE 1

PROVISIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS RELEVANT TO IRFU ELECTIONS

I. Provisions from IRFU Articles of Association Dealing with Elections

MEMBERSHIP OF IRFU :

5 Membership of IRFU shall be confined to the following three (3) classes of Members only :-

- (a) Founder Members;
- (b) Patron Members; and,
- (c) Permanent Members.

6 The Founder Members shall the subscribers to this Memorandum and Articles of Association and shall automatically retire at the first annual general meeting as specified in Article 66 herein subject to compliance of the provisions of Companies Act, 1956.

7. The Patron Members shall always be The Bombay Gymkhana Limited, Mumbai and The Calcutta Cricket and Football Club Limited, Kolkata (Calcutta).

* 8. **The following shall be Permanent Members :-**

(a) one from each of the following Zones, who shall, on prior written permission and direction of IRFU, form and register/incorporate (as soon as possible after the incorporation of IRFU), a legal body/ entity (by whatever name called), each whereof shall be the sole controlling authority (subject to Article 3 herein) for its Zone (save and except for the Patron Members and the Indian Army), in respect of the conduct of Rugby- Football :-

- (i) North Zone;
- (ii) South Zone;
- (iii) East Zone;
- (iv) West Zone; and,
- (v) Central Zone.

VOTING RIGHTS, ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS :

23. Every Member shall have one vote.
24. All Members shall be eligible to attend, participate and vote in the meetings of IRFU through one Representative only.
25. No Member shall have the right to vote at the Annual or any other meeting of IRFU or to be elected to the Board, the Managing Committee or any Sub-Committee unless such Member 's annual subscription and other dues (specified in Articles 18 to 22 herein) have been received by IRFU 15 (fifteen) days prior to such meeting/s and/or election/s provided that a notice in writing has been given to such member before 31st July to pay the Annual Subscription and the other dues.

*** ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS :**

33. Subject to the provisions of Articles 34 and 35, the Board shall be elected every 4 years at an annual general meeting of IRFU.
34. The President, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary shall be elected every 4 years at a meeting of the Board (in accordance with Article 35), from amongst the Members and/or from amongst the persons specified in Article 38 herein.

** Altered pursuant to special resolution passed by the share holders of the company at their meeting held on 4th April,2008.*

35. No individual shall be eligible for re - election as President, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary for more than two consecutive terms (of 4 years each). Provided that :-

(a) an individual seeking re- election as President, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary for any further term which is not immediately following such individual's earlier two consecutive terms (of 4 years each), shall only be deemed to have been re - elected if he/ she secures a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes of the Board, failing which such individual shall be deemed to have lost the election, and the office shall be filled by election under the normal procedure from amongst individuals other than the individual seeking re - election;

(b) no individual who has already held the office of President or Honorary Secretary or both for two consecutive terms (of 4 years each) shall be eligible to seek re- election as either President, Secretary, Vice President or Honorary Treasurer till the expiry of a period of at least four years from the date on which such individual last vacated the office of President or Honorary Secretary; and,

(c) no individual who has been the President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer shall be eligible to be the President, Secretary /Secretary- General (or any corresponding office) or Treasurer, simultaneously, of any other National Sports Federation / Association, excepting the Indian Olympic Association.

36. All Directors (other than the President, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary) shall be elected :-

- (a) from amongst the Members and/ or from amongst the persons specified in Article 38 herein; and,
- (b) every 4 years at a meeting of the Board and shall be eligible for re - election

37. All other Directors shall hold office from the date of election till the following meeting of the Board preceding the termination of their term.

38. The President and all other Directors may also be elected from any one or more of the following types of persons having the following qualifications :-

- (a) all such persons shall be Indian nationals; and,
 - (b) such persons shall have at least one of the following qualifications :-
 - (i) a past President of IRFU;
 - (ii) a Player who has played the game for at least ten (10) years at the national level;
 - (iii) a person, who, in the opinion of the Board can contribute to the promotion and development of Rugby in India;
 - (iv) a practicing Solicitor and/or Advocate; or,
 - (v) a practicing Chartered Accountant.
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II. MYAS Notifications/Instructions Relevant to IRFU Elections

a. National Sports Code of India, 2011

Organization (NSPO). AIU shall be eligible to receive government assistance at par with NSFs in “priority” category. Government has the right of recognizing other bodies doing commendable work in sports development at the national level as NSPOs.

9.3 Further in order to be eligible for assistance and continuing the recognition of Government the national sporting organizations must meet the following criteria/provisions:

- i. Follow proper, democratic and healthy management practices which provide for greater accountability and transparency at all levels.
- ii. Maintain the recognition of the International Federation, Asian Federation, and IOA wherever applicable.
- iii. Adhere to Limits on duration of tenure of office bearers of Indian Olympic Association and all recognized National Sports Federations as notified vide letter No.F.8-17/2009-SP-III dated 01.05.2010. (Annexure-XIII)
- iv. Follow Guidelines on Good governance in the context of ‘Basic Universal Principle of Good Governance of Olympic and Sports Movement’ as issued vide Letter No.8-17/2009-SP-III dated 17.05.2010. (Annexure-XIV)
- v. Adopt proper accounting procedures at all levels and produce annual financial statements,
- vi. Adopt impartial and transparent selection procedures.
- vii. Provide a positive exposure to the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports as a major sponsor of sport in India.
- viii. Ensure that the dope tests of all its players are conducted regularly as per norms/ standards laid by the International Federation of the concerned discipline, National Anti-Doping Code notified vide gazette notification no 21-4/2008-ID dated 5th Feb, 2010 and detailed guidelines issued in this regard vide No.F.49-3-/2008-SP-II dated 18.09.2008 and letter No.9.19/2009-SP-II dated 30.10.2009. (Annexure-XX)
- ix. Take measures against age fraud in Sports as indicated in letter No.F.32-18/209-SP-III dated 25.11.2009. (Annexure-XVI)
- x. Comply with the provisions of Right to Information Act and orders issued vide letter No.36-2/2010-SP-II dated 21.04.2010 and 30.3.2010. (Annexure XVIII)
- xi. Hold of regular national championships in all categories both

for men and women.

xii. Include of sportspersons (say 25%) with voting rights in the management of NSFs

xiii. Hold the elections as per Model election guidelines.
(Annexure-XXXVII)

Annexure-xxxvii

MODEL ELECTION GUIDELIENS TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

Name of the Federation _____
Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee, _____
Election Bye-laws

1. Short Title & Definitions

- (1) These Bye-laws shall be called the 'Election Bye-laws' and shall govern the conduct of Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee of _____
- (2) In these Bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires, -
- (a) 'clause' and 'sub-clause' mean the clause and sub-clause of these Bye-laws;
 - (b) 'Managing members' means Member of Managing Committee of _____
 - (c) 'Form' means the Form appended to these Bye-laws;
 - (d) _____ means Name of the Federation ;
 - (e) 'Post' includes the office of President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Vice President, Joint Secretary and Member of Managing Committee of _____
 - (f) 'Rule' means the rule of Rules and Regulations of _____

2. Managing Committee:

- (1) The 7 (Seven) Officer Bearers (in addition to 5 executive members) shall be as follows:-

1	<u>President</u>	<u>1 (one)</u>
2	<u>Vice-Presidents</u>	<u>2 (2)</u>
3	<u>General Secretary</u>	<u>1 (one)</u>
4	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>1 (one)</u>
5	<u>Joint Secretaries</u>	<u>2 (four)</u>

(Note the above number may be changed according to the Constitution of the concerned Federation)

3. Manner of Election:

- (1) Office Bearers and members of Managing Committee of _____ shall be elected by secret ballot.
- (2) Election shall be held at the Annual General Council Meeting (AGM) in accordance with the procedure prescribed hereinafter, from amongst the

representatives of the Permanent Member States/Union Territories/Boards/Institutions.

4. Electoral College:

(1) Each Permanent Member State/Union Territory duly affiliated by _____ (abbreviation of Federation) as its Permanent Member shall have two votes at the elections of the Office Bearers and Managing Committee Members.

(2) For the purposes of sub-clause (1), each Permanent Member State/Union Territory shall be represented by **two members** authorised by the President or Secretary General/Secretary of the affiliated Permanent Member State/Union Territory; however, in case President/Secretary General / Secretary nominates different person(s), the person(s) authorised by the President shall be deemed to be the duly authorised person(s). Irrespective of the date.

(3) Each Board or Institution duly affiliated by as its Permanent member under shall be represented by only one representative.

(4) Each Permanent Member State/Union Territory and each Permanent Member Board/Institution shall intimate the name(s) of their representative(s) mentioned in sub-clauses (2) and (3), latest by _____ (Day - 1 - e.g. 13th December, 2010); and such intimation shall be addressed to the President / Secretary General of _____ on their letter head duly signed by President / Secretary General / Secretary of that member unit, so as to reach him on or before the aforesaid date; any change in the name of any authorized representative after _____ (Day - 1 e.g. 13th December, 2010) or any intimation received thereafter shall be permitted only with the approval of the President of _____

(5) The President / Secretary General of _____ shall prepare the list of the authorised representatives of the Member States/Union Territories /Boards/ Institutions in **Form 1**, and circulate a copy of the list so prepared by him to all Member States/Union Territories/Boards/Institutions, latest by _____ (Day - 2 - e.g. 14th December, 2010), by display, on the website of _____.

(6) The President / Secretary General shall also furnish a duly authenticated copy of the list mentioned in sub-clause (5) to the Returning Officer as soon as may be after his appointment by the President of _____ under clause (5) below.

5. Returning Officer:

As soon as may be before/after the issue of the Notice for the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the President of _____ shall nominate a person as Returning Officer for conduct of Election of Office Bearers and members of

Managing Committee _____, in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws.

6. Nomination of Candidates:

(1) The nomination of a candidate for election as Office Bearer or Member of the Managing Committee shall be made in **Form 2**.

(2) The nomination of a candidate for election as Office Bearer or a Member of Managing Committee shall be proposed by one of the representatives of Member States/Union Territories/Boards/Institutions whose name is included in the Electoral College list in **Form 1**, and also subscribed by 1 (one) such representative as seconder.

(3) Each candidate shall be entitled to be nominated by not more than 2 (two) nomination papers.

(4) Each Nomination Paper Shall be Delivered Personally to the Returning Officer in Person by the candidate himself/herself from _____ (Day – 3 e.g. **15th December, 2010**) to _____ (Day-5 e.g. **17th December, 2010**) between **11.00 AM** and **1.00 PM**.

(5) No person shall be eligible to nominate more than one candidate for the same post, either as proposer or seconder; and, if he so does, his/her signature on the nomination papers delivered second in point of time to the Returning Officer shall be deemed to be inoperative.

(6) No person shall be permitted to withdraw his/her name as proposer/seconder, once the nomination paper subscribed by him/her has been delivered to Returning Officer.

(7) As soon as may be after **1:00 P.M.** on _____ (Day – 7 e.g. **19th December, 2010**), the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of all nominations received by him, post wise, in **Form 3**; and publish the same in a conspicuous place in his office.,

7. Scrutiny of Nominations:

(1) On _____ (Day-8 e.g. **20th December, 2010**), at **11:00 A.M.**, The Returning Officer in his Office shall scrutinize each nomination paper, one by one, received by him, and determine its validity or otherwise.

(2) At the scrutiny of nominations, each candidate or one of his/her authorised representative shall have the right to be present and raise any objection in relation to nomination of a candidate for the post for which he/she has filed his/her nomination.

(3) As soon as may be after the scrutiny of all nomination papers has been completed by him, the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of validly nominated candidates in **Form 4**. And the Contesting Candidates can take a copy from the Returning Officer.

8. Withdrawal of candidatures:

(1) Each candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature, from _____ (Day -8 e.g. 20th December, 2010) to upto 1:00 P.M. of _____ (Day-10 e.g. 22nd December, 2010).

(2) Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be submitted in **Form 5**, either by the candidate himself/herself or by a person duly authorised by him/her in writing.

(3) Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.

(4) The Returning Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of the notice.

(5) As soon as may be after 11:00 AM on the _____ (Day 11 e.g. 23rd December, 2010), the Returning Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates in **Form 6**, display a copy of the said list in conspicuous place in his office and on Federation's Website. And also furnish a copy of the same to each of the candidates/their authorised representatives, if they so demand.

(6) The names of the contesting candidates in **Form 6** shall be arranged, for each post, in alphabetical order according to English alphabets.

9. Uncontested Returns; and Contested Elections

(1) Where the number of contesting candidates for any post or category of post, in **Form 6** is equal to the number of posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those posts, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such post.

(2) Where the number of contesting candidates for any post or category of post, in **Form 6** is more than the number of posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those posts remaining unfilled.

(3) The ballot papers for these posts remaining unfilled shall be in **Form 7** to **Form 13** to be made individually for each post.

(4) The names of contesting candidates on the ballot papers shall appear in the same order as in **Form 6**.

10. Poll:

(1) The Poll for the Posts Remaining Unfilled under clause 9(2) above shall be taken post-wise, on _____ (Day 16 – e.g. 28th December, 2010) and shall commence at **During The AGM at the Agenda Item Elections**, in _____ (Venue of the elections)

(2) Each contesting candidate can nominate one person, (If he/ she so desires) , Only from amongst the Authorised Representatives list of PCI, to be present at the Poll (Polling station).

(3) At the poll, each authorised representative of Member States/Union Territories/Boards/Institutions, whose name is included in the Electoral College list in **Form 1**, shall be entitled to –

- (i) cast one vote for each of the posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled;
- (ii) cast as many votes as are the no. of seats to be filled for any post, where more than one seat is to be filled.

Explanation: It is hereby clarified that for the purpose of filling four seats of Vice-Presidents, each voter can cast upto four votes, and, like-wise, for four seats of Joint Secretaries, and five seats of Members of Managing Committee, he/she can cast four and five votes respectively for the above mentioned four seats of Joint Secretaries and five seats of Members of Managing Committee.

(4) In case any voter casts his/her vote for more than one candidate, or for more than four or five candidates, as the case may be, his/her vote for that post shall be invalid.

(5) Each voter shall be required, before he is supplied with a Ballot paper, to give his/her signature on the authenticated copy of the Electoral College list in **Form 1** used by the Returning Officer for taking the poll.

(6) 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.

(7) The voter shall record his/her vote on the ballot paper by placing a tick mark (✓) against the name of the candidate of his/her choice, and any other mark, like (x) etc. or word, placed on the ballot paper by him/her shall render the ballot paper liable to rejection.

(8) The tick mark (✓) to indicate the vote shall be placed by the voter only by means of article specifically provided for the purpose by the Returning Officer, and a ballot paper marked otherwise by means of any pen, ball point pen, etc. by the voter shall render the ballot paper liable to rejection.

(9) The ballot paper marked by a voter shall be deposited by him/her in a ballot box specially prepared and sealed by the Returning Officer and placed at such a conspicuous place in the polling station that it shall be constantly visible to all present in the polling station.

(10) The Returning Officer shall close the poll at the appointed hour; however, all those voters who are present at the polling station at the appointed closing hour shall be entitled to vote even if the poll proceedings have to be continued for some more time.

(11) After all the voters referred to in sub-clause (9) have voted, the Returning Officer shall close the ballot box and shall not permit thereafter any person to vote.

(12) Polling will be done in below order:

- (1) President
- (2) Secretary General/General Secretary
- (3) Treasurer
- (4) Vice-Presidents
- (5) Joint-Secretaries

11. Counting of Votes:

(1) The Returning Officer shall take up the counting of votes as soon as may be after the polling for any post is complete.

(2) Each contesting candidate can nominate one authorised representative (as clarified in S. No. 10 (2)) and He/She shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes.

(3) The Returning Officer shall take up the counting of votes, post-wise and category wise, where applicable.

(4) Each ballot paper on which a vote has been recorded in accordance with sub-clauses (3) to (8) of clause (10) shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly marked; and if any ballot paper has been marked in violation of any of the aforesaid provisions of sub-clauses (3) to (8) of clause (10) shall be rejected by the Returning Officer.

(5) The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise, and category-wise where applicable, and recorded in the descending order of the votes so cast for each candidate in **Form 14**.

(6) The Returning Officer shall thereafter ascertain the result of counting and, subject to the provisions of Rule 4 (a) (II) of the Rules, the candidates who have secured the maximum no. of votes in the said descending order, post-wise and category wise, where applicable, equal to the no. of seats to be filled for each post or category of posts, where applicable, shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those posts.

12. Declaration of Results:

The names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected at the election in accordance with sub-clause (6) of clause (11) shall be declared as having been duly elected to their respective posts, by the Returning Officer at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the **Form 15**.

Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee _____

FORM 1

LIST OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE

S.No	Name of the Affiliated Member State/Union Territory/	Name of Representatives		Authorised
		Name	Name	

Place : _____ President/Secretary General
Date : _____ **Name of the Federation**

Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee, _____

FORM 2

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF Managing Committee

NOMINATION PAPER FOR

ELECTION AS _____ (NAME OF THE POST)

To

(Name and address of returning officer).
The Returning Officer for above Election

We nominate Shri/Smt./Ms. _____

(name & address), whose name is entered at Sl. No. _____ in the Electoral College list for the above mentioned post.

2. Our particulars are given below:-

	Name of Candidate	Name of Member State/Union Territory/ Board/ Institution	Sl. No. in the electoral College list	Signature
Proposer				
Secunder				

I, the candidate above named, do hereby give my assent to my nomination for the above post.

Name of the Candidate _____
Name of Member State/Union Territory/ Board/ Institution _____
Sl. No. in the electoral College list _____
Signature _____

Place :

Date :

Name of the Federation

FORM 3

LIST OF NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Name of the Post	Name, Sl. No in Electoral College list and address of Candidate	Name & Sl. No. in Electoral College list of proposer	Name & Sl. No. in Electoral College list of Seconder

Returning Officer,

Place :
Date :

Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee, _____

FORM 4

LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Name of the Post	Name of Candidate	Name of Member State/Union Territory/ Board/ Institution	Sl. No in Electoral College list

Returning Officer,

Place :
Date :

Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee, _____

FORM 5

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF MANAGING
COMMITTEE _____**

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE FOR
ELECTION AS _____ (NAME OF THE POST)**

To

The Returning Officer for above Election

I, the validly nominated candidate, do hereby give my notice of withdrawal
of candidature for the above post.

Name of the Candidate _____
Name of Member State/Union Territory/ Board/ Institution _____
Sl. No. in the electoral College list _____

Signature _____

Place :

Date :

Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee, _____

FORM 6

LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES

Name of the Post	Name of Candidate	Name of Member State/Union Territory/ Board/ Institution	Sl. No in Electoral College list

Returning Officer,

Place :
Date :

Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee _____

FORM 7 BALLOT PAPER

Name of Post	Names of candidates	Mark vote here by placing tick (✓) mark.
President (1)	1	
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- N.B.** (1) Place tick mark (✓) against the name of only One candidate for the post of President.
- (2) DO NOT place any other mark like (x), or word, etc. against the name of any candidate as that shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.
- (3) Place tick mark (✓) on the ballot paper only with the article specially provided for the purpose. Any ballot paper marked with any other pen, ball point pen, etc. shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.

(Returning Officer)

Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee, _____

FORM 8 BALLOT PAPER

Name of Post	Names of candidates	Mark vote here by placing tick (✓) mark.
Secretary General (1)	1	
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- N.B.(1)** Place tick mark(✓) against the name of only One candidate for the post of Secretary General.
- (2) DO NOT place any other mark like (x), or word, etc. against the name of any candidate as that shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.
- (3) Place tick mark (✓) on the ballot paper only with the article specially provided for the purpose. Any ballot paper marked with any other pen, ball point pen, etc. shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.

(Returning Officer)

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Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee _____

**FORM 9
BALLOT PAPER**

Name of Post	Names of candidates	Mark vote here by placing tick (✓) mark.
Treasurer (1)	1	
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- N.B.** (1) Place tick mark(✓) against the name of only One candidate for the post of Treasurer.
- (2) DO NOT place any other mark like (x), or word, etc. against the name of any candidate as that shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.
- (3) Place tick mark (✓) on the ballot paper only with the article specially provided for the purpose. Any ballot paper marked with any other pen, ball point pen, etc. shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.

(Returning Officer)

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Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee _____

FORM 11
BALLOT PAPER

Name of Post	Names of candidates	Mark vote here by placing tick (✓) mark.
<i>Vice-Presidents (2)</i>	1	
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	14	

- N.B.** (1) For the purpose of filling two seats of Vice-Presidents, each voter can cast upto four votes by placing tick marks(✓) for the above mentioned four seats of Vice President, out of which 2 votes in favour of Males and 2 Votes in favour of Females.
- (2) DO NOT place any other mark like (x), or word, etc. against the name of any candidate as that shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.
- (3) Place tick mark (✓) on the ballot paper only with the article specially provided for the purpose. Any ballot paper marked with any other pen, ball point pen, etc. shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.

(Returning Officer)

Name of the Federation
Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee _____

FORM 12
BALLOT PAPER

Name of Post	Names of candidates	Mark vote here by placing tick (✓) mark.
Joint Secretaries (2)	1	
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- N.B.** (1) For the purpose of filling two seats of Joint - Secretary, each voter can cast upto four votes by placing tick marks(✓) for the above mentioned four seats of Joint Secretaries, out of which 2 votes in favour of Males and 2 votes in favour of Females.
- (2) DO NOT place any other mark like (x), or word, etc. against the name of any candidate as that shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.
- (3) Place tick mark (✓) on the ballot paper only with the article specially provided for the purpose. Any ballot paper marked with any other pen, ball point pen, etc. shall render your ballot paper liable to rejection.

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(Returning Officer)

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Election of Office Bearers and Members of Managing Committee _____

FORM 14

RESULT OF COUNTING OF VOTES

Name of Post	Total Votes Polled	Total Rejected Votes	Names of candidates	Valid Votes Polled
President (1)			1	
			2	
			3 Etc,	
			TOTAL	
<u>Vice-Presidents (2)</u>			Males	
			1	
			2	
			3 Etc,	
			Female	
			1	
			2	
			3 Etc.	
			TOTAL	
			1	
			2	
General Secretary (1)			3 Etc,	
			TOTAL	
			Male	
			1	
<u>Joint Secretaries (2)</u>			2	
			3 Etc,	
			TOTAL	
			Female	
			1	
			2	
			3 Etc,	
			TOTAL	
Treasurer (1)			1	
			2 Etc.	
			TOTAL	

Place :

Date :

(Returning Officer)

Observer _____

GOI MYAS Observer

IOA Observer

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Name of the Federation

Election of Office Bearers and Members of Executive Board, 2010

FORM 15

DECLARATION OF RESULTS

I, the Returning Officer for the above elections, hereby declare, subject to the provisions of Rule(4)(a)(II) of the Rules and Regulations of Paralympic Committee of India, the following candidates as duly elected to the post(s) mentioned against their names :-

Name of Post	Name(s) of Elected candidate(s)
President (1)	
Sr. Vice President (1)	
Vice-Presidents (4) (Two Males Two Females)	
General Secretary (1)	
Joint Secretaries (4) (Two Males Two Females)	
Treasurer (1)	
Excutive Members (6)	

Place :

Date :

(Returning Officer)

Observer _____

GOI MYAS Observer

IOA Observer

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b. Letter from MYAS on Recognition of IRFU

F. No. 33-1/2020-SP-III
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: 26 / 11 / 2020

To

The President / Secretary General
Indian Rugby Football Union,
Nawab House, 2nd Floor,
63, M.Karve Road, Marine Lines, Mumbai-400002,

Subject: Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union - reg.

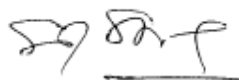
Sir,

The matter regarding renewal of recognition to Indian Rugby Football Union has been examined. Indian Rugby Football Union's letter dated 25/10/2019 has been examined vide which Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) has informed that IRFU has nominated new Office Bearers in the AGM/BOD meeting held on 28/09/2019, Kolkata to hold the office till next election. It is informed that the nominated Office Bearers cannot be taken on record as they are not in accordance with the Model Election Guidelines under National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 hence IRFU is advised to conduct fresh election for the office bearers as per Model Election Guidelines under National Sports Development Code of India, 2011.

2. The matter regarding elections of NSFs which have not been conducted during the country-wide lockdown imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic have been looked into by the Ministry. The restrictions imposed are being relaxed in phased manner by re-opening of activities outside the containment zone. Also under the latest guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs social/academic/sports/entertainment/cultural/religious/political functions and other congregations have been permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons. However, directives for COVID-19 management are to be followed mandatorily. In the circumstances, it has been decided that Indian Rugby Football Union shall conduct election of its executive body by 31.12.2020, following the Model Elections guidelines prescribed in the National Sports Development Code 2011.

3. Upon consideration of the entire matter, it has also been decided to renew the recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union up to 31.12.2020.

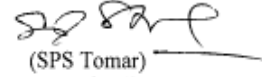
4. It has been noticed that constitution / MoA of the Indian Rugby Football Union needs to be aligned with the provisions of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (Sports Code). Accordingly, the Indian Rugby Football Union is required to make categorical affirmation of the provisions of the Sports Code in its constitution **within 6 months** so as to bring the same fully in line with the Sports Code. The Federation is also required to take necessary steps for uploading of the information in compliance to the instructions as



contained in this Ministry's letter no. 9-7/2014-SP.I dated 26.02.2015 on suo-moto disclosure within 3 months' time (copy enclosed).

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(SPS Tomar)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to:

1. Director General, Sports Authority of India
2. Director, Passenger Marketing, Traffic Commercial, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Director (MDSD), Department of Sports.
4. Director (CDN), Department of Sports
5. Executive Director (Teams), Sports Authority of India, JN Stadium, New Delhi - 110003.
6. US (SP-I) / US (SP.II) / US(SP-III) / US (SP-IV) / US (SP-V)/ US (SP-VI)/ US (CDN).

Copy for information:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Sports)
2. PS to JS(Development)



F.No.9-7/2014-SP-I
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 26th February, 2015.

To

1. President/Secretary General,
Indian Olympic Association (IOA),
Olympic Bhawan, Qutub Institutional Area,
New Delhi.
2. President / Secretary of
All the National Sports Federations (NSFs)

Sub: Information to be hosted mandatorily by IOA & NSFs on their website – reg.

Sir,

Reference is invited to this Ministry's letter No. 9-69/2009-SP.I dated 29th November, 2010 and letter No. 8-20/2014-SP-III dated 15th October, 2014 wherein IOA and NSFs were asked to furnish the information to this office and to suo-moto disclose their various activities carried out by them. All these instructions have also been made part of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (copies enclosed)

2. It has been noticed that although some of the NSFs are furnishing the required information to this office, it is not available on the websites of many NSFs and hence is not available to general public and stake holders.

3. In a recent case of Badminton Association of India vs. Union of India, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has taken a serious view about non furnishing of information under RTI Act by the NSFs. Hence the court has passed an order dated 24th December, 2014 in W.P.(C) No.9318/2014 stating, inter-alia, that this would be an appropriate case where Government of India should examine the manner in which the NSF is functioning.

4. Therefore, in order to reduce the paper work of NSFs while making the information available to stakeholders regarding the functioning of NSFs and IOA it has been decided that henceforth the information as per the enclosed list shall be uploaded on the website of IOA and the respective NSFs.

5. All these information should be made available on the website latest by 1.4.2015. Further, the website must be updated by IOA & NSFs as frequently as possible and atleast once in a fortnight.

6. Vide order No.8-20/2014-SP-III dated 15.10.2014 it was informed that the NSFs shall post their audited accounts and the Balance Sheet of the previous year by 30th June of the current year. It was brought to the notice of this Ministry that finalisation of audited

accounts and balance sheet takes time and it is not possible to post the same on the website by 30th June. In view of this, it has been decided that the annual accounts of the previous financial year should be posted by the IOA & NSFs during the current year as soon as it is finalised but latest by 31st December of the current year.

7. Consolidated list of information to be uploaded on the website of IOA & NSFs is enclosed.

8. It is also informed that annual recognition for the year 2015 may be reviewed in case the above instructions are not complied with by 1.4. 2015.

9. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Sports).

Yours faithfully,



(A.K. Patro)

Encl: As above.

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tele/Fax: 2338 2560.

Copy to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble MOS (I/C) YA&S.
2. PPS to Secretary (Sports)
3. JS (Sports) / JS (Development)
4. Director (Sports) / Deputy Secretary (Sports)
5. Under Secretary (SP-II & IV) / Under Secretary (SP-V)
6. Section Officer (SP-I)/SP-II/SP-III/SP-IV/SP-V/SP-VI
7. Under Secretary (Gen.) with the request to kindly place it on the Ministry's website.

(Information to be hoisted by IOA & NSF's on their website)

1	Name of the NSF/organization			
2	Date of last election held alongwith the details of the electoral college of the said election			
3	Details of recognition of International/Asian body. (Copy of letter to be posted)			
4	Name & contact details of office bearers	President	Secretary	Treasurer
	Name			
	Address			
	Tel No.			
	Mail id			
	Tenure till (specify date)			
5	Details of ACTC for the year			
6	Annual Audited Accounts for last 3 financial years along balance sheet (As audited by C.A. in CAG's Panel) Note: Annual report for preceding year to be uploaded by 1 st October of the current year.			
7	Name and contact details of the firm which audited accounts.			
8	Copy of Valid registration certificate of the federation			
9	i) Constitution of the organization/NSFs. ii) Copy of Memorandum/Articles of the association.			
10	Affiliation criteria of State/UT/Clubs units alongwith details of voting rights of each unit			
11	Name of the affiliated units with their registration numbers.			
12	Name and Contact details of President & Secretary of affiliated units.			
13	Details of National Championships conducted during the current calendar year.			
14	Calendar for National & Zonal championship to be held during current/next calendar year along with venue.			
15	Details in respect of international events abroad & held in India:- (i) List of core probables and basis of their selection. (ii) Details of coaching camps organized including venue, dates and list of participants.			

N.S.F.

	<p>(iii) Notification of selection criteria for such events at least 6 months in advance along with the details of time and venue for selection.</p> <p>(iv) List of the athletes selected.</p> <p>(v) Details of athletes, support personnel and other officials sent to the event along with the amount paid to them towards air fare, boarding and lodging, local transportation, daily allowance etc. This is required to be placed on the website within 15 days of conclusion of the event.</p> <p>(vi) Performance criteria which formed the basis of selection, actual performance in terms of timing, distance, etc. and the position obtained by each athlete/team.</p>	
16	List of I cards issued to National Athletes with Name of athlete, I card N. & validity date.	
17	The details of certificates issued by the NSFs to the participants such as the name of the athlete, date of event, position obtained by the athlete, etc.	
18	Action taken by the NSF for prevention of age fraud.	
19	Notifying/updating the present selection Committee for national athletes.	
20	Note on efforts for having dope free sports and compliance to WADA/NADA Code along with details of cases found positive during the last calendar year and action taken thereon.	
21	Details (amount & source) of funds received from other sources, including private sponsors, public sector undertakings, State Governments, etc.	
22	Revenue generated by the NSF on its own.	
23	Date on which the website was last updated.	

See

ANNEXURE 2

Election Documentation

A. Notification of Election to the MYAS and Request for Permission to conduct the AGM via virtual/digital platforms – Issued on 8 December 2020



Member
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8th December 2020

To,
Shri. S P S Tomar
Deputy Secretary,
Department of Sports, (SP- III)
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India,
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Sub: Notification of Election of IRFU Officer Bearers and Request for Permission to conduct the Indian Rugby Football Union AGM & Elections by using virtual / Digital platforms (Video Conferencing -VC | Audio Visuals - OAVM) in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

Ref: Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg. - MYAS letter No. F. No.33-1/ 2020-SP-III, dated – 26.11.2020

Respected Sir,

1. On behalf of Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU), we are grateful to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) for renewing the recognition of IRFU as a National Sports Federation (NSF) until 31st December 2020.
2. Further, with reference to MYAS' letter No. F. No.33-1/ 2020-SP-III, dated – 26.11.2020, Subject – 'Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg' ("Renewal Letter") the contents thereof and the MYAS' directions provided therein were discussed in the IRFU's Board meeting, which was held on Saturday, 28th November 2020 and continued on Tuesday, 1st December 2020.
3. As advised by the MYAS in the Renewal Letter, the Board has decided to conduct the IRFU's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election of Office Bearers on 30th December 2020. The Election to the posts of President, Secretary General and Treasurer will be conducted under the supervision of an independent Returning Officer and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Model Elections Guidelines specified under the National Sports Development Code of India 2011 ("Sports Code") while complying with the IRFU's Constitution (consisting of the IRFU's Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association).
4. In the event that the MYAS wishes to appoint an Observer for the Election, we would welcome such appointment and duly request you to notify us once such appointment is confirmed so that we can keep such Observer notified and updated of the Election and the developments related thereto.
5. We would also like to bring to your attention that, as advised by the MYAS, the IRFU Board has also resolved to update, amend and revise the IRFU Constitution within the six (6) month period provided by the MYAS to align the same with the Sports Code. It is envisaged that a fresh election of Office Bearers of the IRFU will be conducted soon thereafter in accordance with the Sports Code and the revised IRFU Constitution.
6. The IRFU will also take all necessary steps to upload all required information on the IRFU's website, as mentioned in the Ministry's letter no. 9-7/2014 -SP – I, dated 26.02.2015 on suo-moto disclosure within the prescribed timelines.

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7. In light of the current COVID-19 situation and the possibility of lockdowns due to a second wave in a few cities / States and inter State travel restrictions, the IRFU intends to conduct the AGM and Election through virtual / Digital platforms (Video Conferencing -VC | Audio Visuals - OAVM) on 30th December 2020. In this regard, we note that the MYAS has issued the Circular- ' Sub - Holding of General Body Meetings and Elections of NSFs in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Ref. - F. No. 8-32 / 2020 / SP-III, Dated – 06.11.2020' and granted leave to 14 NSFs listed therein to conduct the AGM, SGM and Elections by using Virtual / Digital Platform as an alternative to avoid physical gathering. In the given circumstances, we request you to extend such leave to the IRFU as well.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to your positive response. If you require any further information please feel free to get in touch with us.

Yours Sincerely,

Gerald Prabhu
Secretary General
Indian Rugby Football Union



CC : Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI)
: President / Secretary, Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

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B. Electoral College List - Issued on 11 December 2020



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To,
Mr. Arvind Kamath
Returning Officer, IRFU

11 December, 2020

Sub: List of Representatives Nominated by Members of the IRFU for the Election at the AGM to be held on 30 December, 2020

Dear Mr. Kamath,

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) will be held on Wednesday 30th December, 2020. The list of representatives nominated by Members of the IRFU for the Election at the AGM is as follows...

Permanent 'Zonal' Members

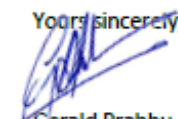
	Member Name	Representative Nominated	State
1	North Zone Rugby Association (NZRA)	Mr. Mohd Iqbal	Jammu & Kashmir
		Mr. Parvinder Kumar	Punjab
2	South India Rugby Football Association (SIRFA)	Mr. Gerald Prabhu	Karnataka
		Mr. Ramu Dosapati	Telangana
3	East India Rugby Football Union (EIRFU)	Mr. Numazar Mehta	West Bengal
		Mr. Santanu Saikia	Assam
4	Western India Rugby Football Union (WIRFU)	Mr. Vikram Ahuja	Maharashtra
		Mr. Ashtad Poonawala	Goa
5	Central India Rugby Football Union (CIRFU)	Mr. Upendra Mohanty	Odisha
		Mr. Pankaj Kumar Jyoti	Bihar

Institutional 'Patron' Members

	Member Name	Representative Nominated	State
1	Bombay Gymkhana (BG)	Mr. Kunal Thakore	Maharashtra
2	Calcutta Cricket & Football Club (CCFC)	Ms. Sanaya Mehta	West Bengal

Enclosed please find a document with other relevant details.

Yours sincerely,


Gerald Prabhu
Hon. Secretary



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C. Letter of Notification of Election Schedule and Call to File Nomination Applications
– Issued on 14 December 2020

Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

Date: 14 December 2020

To,

All Members of Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) (through email)

Authorized representatives of Members included in **Electoral College List** as mentioned in **Annexure 1)**

SUB: NOTICE OF ELECTION OF IRFU OFFICE BEARERS

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The undersigned has been appointed as the Returning Officer, IRFU vide letter dated 8 December 2020 by the Hon. Secretary, IRFU, in respect of the election for the posts of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the IRFU to be conducted on 30 December 2020 (“**IRFU Election**”) as scheduled and notified in the notice of Annual General Body Meeting dated 9 December 2020, issued by the Hon. Secretary, IRFU.
2. The Returning Officer has been informed by the IRFU that the elections are being conducted on the directions of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) in the letter F. No.33-1/ 2020-SP-III, dated – 26.11.2020, Subject – ‘Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg’ whereby the IRFU was advised to conduct the election in accordance with the Model Election Guidelines specified under the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (“**Sports Code**”).
3. Further, the Returning Officer has been informed by the IRFU that the IRFU has been granted leave by the MYAS to rely on Circular- ‘Sub - Holding of General Body Meetings and Elections of NSFs in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Ref. - F. No. 8-32 / 2020 / SP-III, Dated – 06.11.2020’ to conduct the election through virtual / digital platforms.
4. The Returning Officer has been informed by the IRFU that during its Board Meeting held on Saturday, 28 November 2020 and continued on Tuesday, 1 December 2020, the IRFU Board resolved to:
 - a) update, amend and revise the IRFU’s Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association (“**IRFU Constitution**”) within a period of six (6) months as directed by the MYAS in F. No.33-1/ 2020-SP-III, dated – 26.11.2020, Subject – ‘Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg’ to align the IRFU Constitution with the Sports Code; and



Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka

- b) conduct fresh election of office bearers of the IRFU soon thereafter in accordance with the Sports Code and the revised IRFU Constitution; and
- c) that all candidates elected pursuant to this IRFU Election shall hold office for a period of one (1) year from the date of election or until the amendment of the IRFU's Constitution comes into effect and fresh elections are held thereunder, whichever is earlier.

The Returning Officer has been informed that such resolution is being placed before the IRFU General Body for its approval during the AGM.

5. With reference to and on the basis of the information presented to the Returning Officer by the IRFU, as specified in Paragraphs 2 to 4 above, the Returning Officer hereby notifies that the IRFU Election will be held through virtual / digital platforms and e-voting in accordance with the schedule provided as Table 1 ("**Election Schedule**") as per the provisions of the IRFU Constitution read with the provisions of the Sports Code and the Model Election Guidelines prescribed therein.

Table 1- IRFU Election Schedule

Event	Date/Deadline
Release of Election Schedule and Call to File Nomination Applications	14 December 2020
Filing of Nominations	15 December 2020 to 17 December 2020 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on each day
Notification of List of Nominations	18 December 2020 1:00 PM
Scrutiny of Nomination Applications	19 December 2020 11:00 AM
Withdrawal of Nominations	20 December 2020 to 22 December 2020 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on each day
Final List of Nominations and Contesting Candidates	23 December 2020 11:00 AM
Voting, Counting & Declaration of Results	30 December 2020 11:00 AM onwards

6. All IRFU Member representatives named in the Electoral College List dated 11 December 2020 as notified by the Hon. Secretary, IRFU to the Returning Officer vide the letter dated 11 December 2020 and attached herewith under **Annexure 1**, shall be entitled to participate in the IRFU Election. The Electoral College List shall also be made available on the IRFU website by the Hon. Secretary, IRFU.
7. The Rules of Procedure for the IRFU Election, as framed in accordance with the Sports Code and the Model Election Guidelines prescribed therein, are attached herewith as

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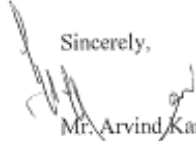


Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka

Annexure 2. Candidates interested in contesting for any of the posts up for election are invited to submit their nomination applications in accordance with the said Rules of Procedure.

All concerned are requested to cooperate and participate in the IRFU Election, as mentioned in the Election Schedule.

Sincerely,



Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate, Karnataka High Court
Returning Officer, Indian Rugby Football Union

ANNEXURE 1

**Electoral College List – Notified by Hon. Secretary, IRFU, vide Letter dated 11
December 2020**



INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
100, Park Road, New Delhi - 110002, India

To,
Mr. Anind Kamath
Returning Officer, IRFU

11 December, 2020

Sub: List of Representatives Nominated by Members of the IRFU for the Election at the AGM to be held on 30 December, 2020

Dear Mr. Kamath,

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) will be held on Wednesday 30th December, 2020. The list of representatives nominated by Members of the IRFU for the Election at the AGM is as follows..

Permanent 'Zonal' Members

Member Name	Representative Nominated	State
1 North Zone Rugby Association (NZRA)	Mr. Mohd Iqbal	Jammu & Kashmir
	Mr. Parinder Kumar	Punjab
2 South India Rugby Football Association (SIRFA)	Mr. Gerald Prabhu	Karnataka
	Mr. Ramu Dasapati	Telangana
3 East India Rugby Football Union (EIRFU)	Mr. Numazar Mehta	West Bengal
	Mr. Santanu Saikia	Assam
4 Western India Rugby Football Union (WIRFU)	Mr. Vikram Ahuja	Maharashtra
	Mr. Ashad Poonawala	Goa
5 Central India Rugby Football Union (CIRFU)	Mr. Upendra Mohanty	Odisha
	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Jyoti	Bihar

Institutional 'Patron' Members

Member Name	Representative Nominated	State
1 Bombay Gymkhana (BG)	Mr. Kunal Thakore	Maharashtra
2 Calcutta Cricket & Football Club (CCFC)	Ms. Sanaya Mehta	West Bengal

Enclosed please find a document with other relevant details.

Yours sincerely,


Gerald Prabhu
Hon. Secretary



Indian Rugby Football Union

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ANNEXURE 2

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE IRFU ELECTION

A. Electoral College List:

1. The Electoral College List provided in Annexure 1 has been notified to the Returning Officer by the Hon. Secretary, IRFU vide the letter dated 11 December 2020.
2. The Electoral College List includes the names of the representatives of the Permanent Members and Patron Members ("**Member Representatives**") nominated by such Members to participate in the IRFU Election,
3. In accordance with the guidance provided under Paragraph 4 of the Model Election Guidelines, each Permanent Member has been invited to nominate two (2) Member Representatives, with one (1) vote granted to each such Member Representative, to participate in the IRFU Election and each Patron Member has been invited to nominate one (1) Member Representative with one (1) vote granted to each such Member Representative.

B. Nomination of Candidates:

1. Only Member Representatives included in the Electoral College List shall be eligible to file nominations for any post for which election is being held. Each Member representative shall be entitled to contest election for a single post only.
2. The nomination application of a candidate for election as President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer, shall be made as follows:
 - a) The nomination of candidate for election shall be proposed by one of the Member Representatives using **Form 1** attached herewith;
 - b) Such nomination shall be seconded by 1 (one) other Member Representative as seconder using **Form 2** attached herewith;
 - c) The candidate so proposed and seconded shall provide a declaration accepting such nomination as per **Form 3** attached herewith.
3. Each of the nomination papers specified in Paragraph 2 above shall be notarized and scanned copies of all such nomination papers are required to be compiled and sent by the candidate via email using the contact details specified hereinbelow, to the Returning Officer before 1:00 PM on 17 December 2020. The candidate is also required to provide email confirmation from the proposer and seconder of their respective nomination papers within the aforementioned deadline. Originals of all nomination papers are required to be sent in sealed envelopes (and proposers and seconders may

send their papers separately from the nominee, if necessary), to the address specified below and are required to reach such address before 5:00 PM on 18 December 2020

Mr. Arvind Kamath
Returning Officer, IRFU
2, Lavelle Road
2nd Floor
Bangalore 560 001
India

Email: akamath@almtlegal.com, with a copy to Mr. Souvik Paul Mazumdar at:
smazumdar@almtlegal.com

4. No person shall be eligible to nominate more than one candidate for the same post, either as proposer or seconder; and, if he so does, his/her signature on the nomination papers delivered second in point of time to the Returning Officer shall be deemed to be inoperative.
5. No person shall be permitted to withdraw his/her name as proposer/seconder, once the nomination paper subscribed by him/her has been delivered to the Returning Officer.
6. On the appointed date as specified in the Election Schedule, the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of all nominations received by him, post wise, in and publish the same on the official website of the IRFU.

C. Scrutiny of Nominations:

1. On the appointed date specified in the Election Schedule, the Returning Officer shall scrutinize each nomination paper, one by one, received by him, and determine its validity or otherwise.
2. At the scrutiny of nominations, each candidate or one of his/her authorized representative shall have the right to be present via video conferencing and raise any objection in relation to nomination of a candidate for the post for which he/she has failed his/her nomination.
3. As soon as may be after the scrutiny of all nomination papers has been completed by him, the Returning Officer shall prepare a List of Validly Nominated Candidates and cause such list to be published on the IRFU website. The contesting candidates can also take a copy of such list from the Returning Officer.

D. Withdrawal of Candidatures:

1. Each candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature in accordance with the timelines prescribed in the Election Schedule.
2. Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be submitted in **Form 4** attached herewith either by the candidate himself/herself by email to the Returning Officer.
3. Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.
4. The Returning Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of the notice.
5. In accordance with the timelines prescribed in the Election Schedule, the Returning Officer shall prepare the Final List of Contesting Candidates and display a copy of the said list on the IRFU's website, and also furnish a copy of the same to each of the candidates/their authorized representatives, if they so demand.

E. Uncontested Returns; and Contested Elections:

1. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post or category of post, in the Final List of Contesting Candidates is equal to the number of posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those posts, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such post.
2. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post or category of post, in the Final List of Contesting Candidates is more than the number of posts to be filled, a poll shall be conducted for those posts remaining unfilled.

F. Poll:

1. The Returning Officer shall cause arrangements to be made for e-voting by the Electoral College List members on the day of the IRFU Election as specified in the Election Schedule and will call the Electoral College List members to exercise their voting right in respect of each of the contested Posts.
2. Polling will be done in below order:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Hon. Secretary
 - (c) Hon. Treasurer

3. The Returning Officer will prescribe all other procedures for the Electoral College List members to cast their vote, including the maintenance of secrecy of votes, the time limit for exercising the voting right, etc

G. Counting of Votes:

1. At the closure of the time prescribed for voting, the Electoral Officer shall cause the counting of the votes cast and announce the results in respect of each of the contested posts. The candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes for each post shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those posts.

H. Declaration of Results:

1. The names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected at the election in accordance with Rule (G) (1) shall be declared as having been duly elected to their respective posts by the Returning Officer at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) dated 30 December, 2020.

I. Disputes:

1. In case of any disputes or objection arising with respect to the IRFU Election, including but not limited to objection to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote or the admission or rejection of a vote, the Returning Officer shall decide the same and such a decision shall be final and conclusive.

FORM 1

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

Election of President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer on 30 December 2020

NOMINATION PAPER FOR

ELECTION AS _____ (NAME OF THE POST)

To

The Returning Officer, IRFU

2, Lavelle Road
2nd Floor
Bangalore 560 001
India

1. I propose the nomination of Shri/Smt./Ms. _____

(name and address), whose name is entered at Sl. No. _____ in
the Electoral College list for the above mentioned post.

2. My particulars are given below:-

Name of Permanent Member/Patron Member Represented	Sl. No in the Electoral College List	Signature

FORM 2

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

Election of President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer on 30 December 2020

NOMINATION PAPER FOR

ELECTION AS _____ (NAME OF THE POST)

To

The Returning Officer, IRFU

2, Lavelle Road

2nd Floor

Bangalore 560 001

India

1. I second the proposed nomination of Shri/Smt./Ms. _____

(name and address), whose name is entered at Sl. No. _____ in
the Electoral College list for the above mentioned post.

2. My particulars are given below:-

Name of Secunder	Name of Permanent Member/Patron Member Represented	Sl. No in the Electoral College List	Signature

Place:

Date:

FORM 3

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

Election of President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer on 30 December 2020

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION FOR

ELECTION AS _____ (NAME OF THE POST)

To

The Returning Officer, IRFU

2, Lavelle Road
2nd Floor
Bangalore 560 001
India

I, the candidate below named, do hereby give my assent to my nomination for the above post.

Further, I certify and confirm that:

- a) I have not attained the age of seventy (70) years;
- b) I am not disqualified from being appointed as a Director of IRFU pursuant to Section 164(1) of the Companies Act, 2013;
- c) I am not required to undergo any cooling off period in relation to the above mentioned post or barred from contesting post, as per the terms prescribed under Article 35 (b) of the IRFU Articles of Association and the guidelines provided in Letter No. F. No.8-27/2009-SP-III dated 1 May 2020, issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports regarding "Restoration of limits on the duration of tenure of office bearers of Indian Olympic Association and all recognized National Sports Federations";
- d) I am not an office bearer of any other National Sports Federation; and
- e) I understand that in the event that I am elected for the above named post pursuant this election, I shall hold office for a period of one (1) year from the date of election or until the amendment of the IRFU's Constitution (comprising of the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association) comes into effect and fresh elections are held thereunder, whichever is earlier.

Name of the Candidate _____

Name of Member _____

Sl. No. in the Electoral College list _____

Signature _____

Place:

Date:

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FORM 4

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

Election of President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer on 30 December 2020

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE FOR ELECTION AS
_____ (NAME OF THE POST)

To

The Returning Officer, IRFU

2, Lavelle Road
2nd Floor
Bangalore 560 001
India

I, the validly nominated candidate, do hereby give my notice of withdrawal of candidature for the above post.

Name of the Candidate _____

Name of Member _____

Sl. No. in the Electoral College list _____

Signature _____

Place:

Date:


D. List of Nominated Candidates - Issued on 18 December 2020

Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka

**LIST OF NOMINATED CANDIDATES
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)**

Election of President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer on 30 December 2020

Sl. No.	Name, Sl.No. in Electoral College List and Address of Candidate	Name and Sl.No. in Electoral College List of Proposer	Name and Sl.No. in Electoral College List of Seconder	Nomination Post
01	Name - Vikram Ahuja Sl. No. - 7 Address - 4, Usha Kiran, Carmichael Road, Mumbai 400026	Name - Numazar Mehta Sl. No. - 5 Address - Kolkata	Name - Upendra Mohanty Sl. No. - 9 Address - Bhubaneswar	President
02	Name - Gerald Prabhu Sl. No. - 3 Address - 27 G, Asset Gardenia, Ramagondanahalli, Varthur Road, Bangalore 560066	Name - Kunal Thakore Sl. No. - 11 Address - Mumbai	Name - Sanaya Mehta Sl. No. - 12 Address - Selvel House, 10/1B, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata 700027	Secretary
03	Name - Sanaya Mehta Sl. No. - 12 Address - Selvel House, 10/1B, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata 700027	Name - Ashtad Poonawalla Sl. No. - 8 Address - Panaji, Goa	Name - Vikram Ahuja Sl. No. - 7 Address - 4, Usha Kiran, Carmichael Road, Mumbai 400026	Treasurer


Returning Officer, IRFU

Place: Bangalore

Date: December 18, 2020

E. Election Scrutiny Communication – Issued on 19 December 2020

From: Arvind Kamath <akamath@almtlegal.com>
Date: Fri, 18 Dec 2020 at 20:47
Subject: Scrutiny of Nominations
To: <nasser.hussain@rugbyindia.in>
Cc: <nandan@lawnk.com>, <roshan@lawnk.com>, <sandeep.mosamkar@rugbyindia.in>, <seshank@lawnk.com>, <smazumdar@almtlegal.com>

Dear Nasser
With the closure of the stage of filing of nominations, we now move on to the stage of scrutiny of nomination, for which I propose to convene a meeting via video conferencing (Zoom) on Sunday. The preferred time band is between 10:30am to 1pm. All those are nominated, and have proposed and seconded, need to attend the meeting. Please advise on the exact time of the meeting, so that I can issue a corrigendum notification (since the originally assigned date was Saturday).
Regards
Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
Returning officer

From: Nasser Hussain <nasser.hussain@rugbyindia.in>
Date: Sat, 19 Dec 2020 at 10:12
Subject: Re: Scrutiny of Nominations
To: Arvind Kamath <akamath@almtlegal.com>
Cc: <anand.godiwala@rugbyindia.in>, <nandan@lawnk.com>, <roshan@lawnk.com>, <seshank@lawnk.com>, <smazumdar@almtlegal.com>, <sandeep.mosamkar@rugbyindia.in>

Dear Arvind,
12noon tomorrow confirmed. Call details below...
Date: Sunday 20 Dec (Time: 12:00pm to 12:15pm)
Zoom Meeting Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/96602690697?pwd=WnNuYnd3V3ppbkt1emxRUjZJN1VvUT09>
Meeting ID: 966 0269 0697
Passcode: 027016
Thanks,
Nasser

From: Arvind Kamath <akamath@almtlegal.com>
Date: Sat, 19 Dec 2020 at 17:23
Subject: Re: Scrutiny of Nominations
To: Nasser Hussain <nasser.hussain@rugbyindia.in>
Cc: <anand.godiwala@rugbyindia.in>, <nandan@lawnk.com>, <roshan@lawnk.com>, <seshank@lawnk.com>, <smazumdar@almtlegal.com>, <sandeep.mosamkar@rugbyindia.in>

Dear Nasser,
As you are aware that as per the actual schedule of events, the scrutiny of the nomination was suppose to take place today (December 19, 2020) at 1100 hrs.
Due to some unavoidable circumstances beyond my reasonable control, the same is postponed by a day (December 20, 2020).
Kindly treat this mail communication issued be me in the capacity of the Returning Officer as a corrigendum to the earlier communicated schedule.
As agreed, the rescheduled timings for the scrutiny of the nomination is hereby fixed for 1200 hrs tomorrow (December 20, 2020).
Kindly take the same on record.
Regards
Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
Returning officer

F. Notification of Annual General Meeting – Issued on 20 December, 2020



Member
International Rugby Board • Asian Rugby Football Union • Indian Olympic Association

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) will be held at 11:30 A.M. on 30th December, 2020 via virtual / digital platforms from the Registered Office of the IRFU (Nawab House, 2nd Floor, 63 Maharshi Karve Road, Marine Lines, Mumbai - 400 002). Members are invited to attend the AGM in person or via Zoom Video Call on the link provided below.

AGM Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94355567204?pwd=RUdNL09NWw03U1J4amErdlZlSW9WUT09>

Meeting ID: 943 5556 7204

Passcode: 710677

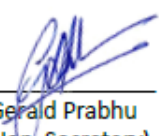
Agenda Points:

1. Notice and Quorum
2. Confirmation of the previous AGM Minutes
3. Confirmation of the Audited Financial Statements
4. Resolution to be passed (Amendment of the IRFU Articles)
5. Resolution to be passed (Term of the Elected Office Bearers)
6. Election of Office Bearers – President, Secretary, Treasurer (in accordance with the procedures set out in the Model Election Guidelines specified under the National Sports Development Code of India 2011)
7. Ratification of the new Directors appointed to the Board
8. Appointment of the Auditors
9. Any Other Business

Special Invitees:

1. Returning Officer, IRFU
2. Independent Observer, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India
3. Independent Observer, Indian Olympic Association
4. Independent Observer, World Rugby
5. Representatives from LawNK - Legal Counsel, IRFU




Gerald Prabhu
(Hdn. Secretary)

Indian Rugby Football Union

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G. Appointment of IOA Observer – Issued on 22 December 2020



22nd December 2020

Shri Gerald Prabhu
Hony' Secretary
Indian Rugby Football Union
Nawab House, 2nd Floor, 63, M Karve Road,
Marine Lines
MUMBAI – 400 002

Sub:- IOA Observer for Indian Rugby Football Union Election Meeting...

Dear Sir,

With reference to your request letter addressed to President IOA dated 11th December 2020 for nomination of Observer from IOA, and as directed by President IOA, the Committee to Nominate Observer for election of IOA Members, in consultation with other members, nominate ShriMalavShroff, Executive Committee Member IOA as an Observer from IOA for Indian Rugby Football Union election meeting to be held on 30th December 2020 via Virtual/Digital platform at Registered Office of IRFU at 11:30 a.m.

IOA Observer ShriMalavShroff is requested to coordinate with Indian Rugby Football Union and make it convenient to attend the meeting and submit his report within 2 weeks to the undersigned for onward submission to President IOA and Secretary General IOA for necessary action at their end.

I am enclosing the letters received from Hony' Secretary Indian Rugby Football Union for ready reference to Observer to comply.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

V. D. Nanavati
Chairman - IOA Com

Encl: Letter from Hony' Secretary IRFU

C.C.To; ShriMalavShroff Mobile 99209 40005 (Email:shroffmalav@gmail.com) with a request to coordinate with IRFU and make it convenient to attend.

Dr. NarinderDhruvBatra, President, IOA – For Information

Shri Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General, IOA - For Information

INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

H. List of Validly Nominated Candidates to Contest in the Election – Issued on 24 December 2020

Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka

FINAL LIST OF NOMINATED AND CONTESTING CANDIDATES

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

Election of President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer on 30 December 2020

The Returning Officer, IRFU has scrutinised the nomination applications received and declares the following as the final validly nominated and contesting candidates for the IRFU Election to be held on 30 December 2020.

Sl. No.	Name, Sl.No. in Electoral College List and Address of the Nominated Candidate	Name and Sl.No. in Electoral College List of Proposer	Name and Sl.No. in Electoral College List of Seconder	Nomination Post
01	Name - Vikram Ahuja Sl. No. - 7 Address - 4, Usha Kiran, Carmichael Road, Mumbai 400026	Name – Numazar Mehta Sl. No. - 5 Address - Kolkata	Name – Upendra Mohanty Sl. No. - 9 Address - Bhubaneswar	President
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Returning Officer, IRFU

Place: Bangalore

Date: December 24, 2020

I. Declaration of Election Results – Issued on 30 December 2020

Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate
High Court of Karnataka

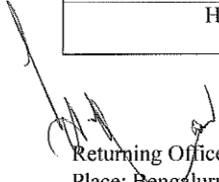
DECLARATION OF RESULTS

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

Election of President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer on 30 December 2020

I, the Returning Officer for the above election, hereby declare the following candidates as duly elected unopposed to the posts mentioned against their name.

Name of Post	Name of Candidate
President	Mr. Vikram Ahuja
Hon. Secretary	Mr. Gerald Prabhu
Hon. Treasurer	Ms. Sanaya Mehta


Returning Officer, IRFU
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 30 December, 2020

In the presence of:

1. Mr. Ridzal Saat, Independent Observer, World Rugby
2. Dr. Malav Shroff, Independent Observer, Indian Olympic Association