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

4 January 2021

Sub: Election of Indian Rugby Football Union Office Bearers held During the Annual General Meeting Dated 30 December 2020.

Ref:

- a) Holding of General Body Meetings and Elections of NSFs in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Ref. - F. No. 8-32 / 2020 / SP-III – MYAS Circular dated 26 November 2020.*
- b) Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg. – F. No.33-1/ 2020-SP-III - MYAS Letter dated 26 November 2020.*
- c) Notification of Election of Indian Rugby Football Union 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 – IRFU Letter dated 8 December 2020.*
- d) Re: Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg – Email from Shri. S. P. S. Tomar to IRFU – Email dated 16 December 2020.*
- e) IOA Observer for Indian Rugby Football Union Election Meeting – IOA Letter dated 22 December 2020.*

Respected Sir,

1. We are writing to you on behalf of Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) in our capacity as the President and the Hon. Secretary, IRFU, respectively.
2. This is to inform you that, in line with the directions provided by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India (“MYAS”) in the above referenced Letter dated 26 November 2020 (“Renewal Letter”), the IRFU has conducted its Election for the posts of IRFU Office Bearers, i.e., President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, during the IRFU’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 30 December 2020.
3. The IRFU Election and the AGM were conducted on 30 December 2020 using virtual/digital platforms as permitted by the MYAS in the above referenced Circular dated 6 November 2020 and as further clarified by your offices in the above referenced Email dated 16 December 2020. The IRFU Election and AGM was conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in the Model Election Guidelines specified under

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the National Sports Development Code of India 2011 (“**Sports Code**”) while complying with the IRFU’s Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, as currently in force (“**IRFU Constitution**”).

4. Mr. Arvind Kamath, Senior Advocate, Karnataka High Court, served as the independent Returning Officer for the IRFU Election. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), vide the above referenced letter dated 22 December 2020, appointed Dr. Malav Shroff as the IOA’s Observer for the IRFU Election. World Rugby appointed Mr. Rizdal Saat as its Observer for the IRFU Election. The IRFU and the Returning Officer extended all necessary cooperation to Dr. Malav Shroff and Mr. Rizdal Saat who were in attendance at the IRFU AGM and Election on 30 December 2020.
5. The Returning Officer declared the following individuals as duly elected as Office Bearers of the IRFU during the AGM on 30 December 2020:

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

6. A signed copy of the Returning Officer’s Report on the IRFU Election is provided alongside this letter for your reference.
7. Further, in pursuance of the directions provided by the MYAS in the Renewal Letter, the IRFU General Body passed a resolution during the AGM authorising the IRFU Board to undertake the process of amending and updating the IRFU Constitution to align it with the Sports Code within the timelines prescribed by the MYAS.
8. The IRFU General Body also resolved at the AGM that, pursuant to the amendment and implementation of the IRFU Constitution as aforesaid, the IRFU will conduct a fresh election in accordance with the updated IRFU Constitution. Accordingly, the abovementioned elected Office Bearers shall hold office until the conduct of the said fresh elections or for a period of one (1) year from the date of being elected, whichever is earlier.
9. Further, it is hereby reiterated that the IRFU will upload on the IRFU’s website all required information regarding the IRFU in compliance to the instructions contained in the MYAS’ letter no. 9-7/2014SP.I dated 26.02.2015 within the timelines as directed by the Ministry in the Renewal Letter.
10. In light of the foregoing, it is humbly submitted that the IRFU has taken all the necessary and required steps to comply with the directions provided in the Renewal Letter within the timelines prescribed



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therein. Therefore, the IRFU hereby respectfully requests the MYAS to renew the IRFU's Recognition as a National Sports Federation for the calendar year 2021.

11. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to your positive response. Meanwhile, we remain at your disposal.

Yours Sincerely,

Vikram Ahuja
President
Indian Rugby Football Union



Gerald Prabhu
Hon. Secretary
Indian Rugby Football Union

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

Attached: Election Report of the Returning Officer, IRFU, dated 30 December 2020