

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

IRFU Election, 18 December 2021

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 election for the following posts on the IRFU’s Board of Directors (“**Election**”):

- i. President;
- ii. Male Vice President;
- iii. Female Vice President;
- iv. Honorary Secretary;
- v. Honorary Treasurer;
- vi. Male Representative of Permanent Members; and
- vii. Female Representative of Permanent Members.

2. Appointment of Returning Officer

The Returning Officer was appointed by the Hon. President, IRFU *vide* letter dated 22 November 2021 to oversee and supervise the Election, to be held in accordance with the amended IRFU Memorandum of Association and IRFU Articles of Association (together, “**IRFU Constitution**”). The letter appointing the Returning Officer is reproduced in **Annexure 1** hereto.

The Returning Officer was appointed pursuant to Paragraph V of the IRFU Election Regulations (“**Election Regulations**”) which are modelled on 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.

3. Role of Returning Officer

The Returning Officer’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 was assisted by Mr. Souvik Paul Mazumdar, Partner, ALMT Legal in the undertaking of his responsibilities concerning the Election. The Returning Officer and his assistant used their professional email ids, viz akamath@almtlegal.com and smazumdar@almtlegal.com for all inward and outward official communication relating to the Election.

A dedicated page on the official IRFU website (at <https://indiarugby.com/Home/IRFUElection>) 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 and his assistant until the completion of the Election.

4. Background to Election

The Election was overseen and supervised by the Returning Officer in accordance with: (a) relevant provisions of the IRFU Constitution, as included in **Annexure 2** hereto; and (b) the Election Regulations as annexed in **Annexure 3** hereto.

In accordance with the Election Regulations, the Returning Officer provided notice of the Election *vide* a notification dated 26 November 2021 (“**Election Notification**”), as annexed in **Annexure 4** hereto. The Election Notification provided the following schedule for the Election:

Table – 2021 IRFU Election Schedule

| Event | Date/ Deadline | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| Notification of Election | November 26, 2021 | -- |
| Notification of Electoral College | December 3, 2021 1:00 PM | By Hon. Secretary, IRFU |
| Filing of Nominations | December 4, 2021 to December 8, 2021 (5:00 PM) | In accordance with Paragraph 8 of the Election Notification |
| Notification of List of Nominations | December 9, 2021 5:00 PM | |
| Scrutiny of Nominations | Friday, December 10, 2021 11:00 AM onwards | To be conducted via Video Conferencing |
| Withdrawal of Nominations | December 10, 2021 to December 12, 2021 (5:00 PM) | |
| Final List of Nominations | December 13, 2021 5:00 PM | |
| Voting, Counting & Declaration of Results | December 18, 2021 11:00 AM Onwards | Voting to be held by Secret Ballot at the following address: International Chess Hall (Sports Complex), KIIT Campus 10 KIIT Road, Patia, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751024 |

5. Nomination of Election Representatives

On 24 November 2021, the Hon. Secretary, IRFU notified to the Returning Officer a list of 26 (twenty six) Permanent Members of IRFU who had satisfied the requisite membership criteria for Permanent Members under Articles 2.2 (c) (i) and 2.2 (c) (ii) of the IRFU's Articles of Association ("**IRFU Articles**") and whose representatives were eligible to participate in the Election ("**Election Representatives**"). This letter is annexed in **Annexure 5** hereto. The Returning Officer was informed and was satisfied that the said 26 (twenty six) Permanent Members constitute all of the Permanent Members of the IRFU as of date and they were entitled to participate in the Election.

In accordance with the guidance provided under Paragraph IV of the Election Regulations:

- i. each Permanent Member of the IRFU, satisfying the criteria under Articles 2.2 (c) (i) of the IRFU Articles, was invited to nominate 2 (two) Election Representatives, with 1 (one) vote granted to each such Election Representative, to participate in the Election; and
- ii. each Permanent Member of the IRFU, satisfying the criteria under Articles 2.2 (c) (ii) of the IRFU Articles, was invited to nominate 1 (one) Election Representative with 1 (one) vote granted to each such Election Representative, to participate in the Election.

A total of 51 (fifty one) Election Representatives were duly included in the Electoral College List for the Election *vide* letter dated 3 December 2021 received by the Returning Officer 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. The Electoral College List specified under **Annexure 6** hereto includes the names of the Election Representatives nominated by all the Permanent Members.

6. Nominations, Scrutiny and Verification

As per the Election Notification, only individuals included in the Electoral College List were permitted to file nomination applications in accordance with the Election Regulations and each nomination application was to be supported by a proposer and seconder from among those in the Electoral College List. The nomination form that was required to be submitted by interested candidates was in the form prescribed under Form 1 of the Election Regulations.

Upon the completion of the last date for submitting nomination applications, the Returning Officer received nomination applications from a total of 10 (ten) candidates. The Initial List of Nominated Candidates which listed out the names of candidates from whom applications were received is reproduced in **Annexure 7** hereto.

Scrutiny of nomination applications was undertaken from 9:30 AM onwards on Friday, December 10, 2021 pursuant to a revision of the appointed time Election Schedule by the Returning Officer. Scrutiny was conducted with all candidates present and their respective proposers and seconds. Upon completion of scrutiny and upon further verification, one candidate was deemed ineligible to contest for the Election due to such candidate being required to undergo a cooling off period pursuant to Clause 7.3(f) of the IRFU Articles.

The remaining 9 (nine) candidates were deemed eligible by the Returning Officer to contest for the post for which they had filed nomination applications. The names of the eligible 9 (nine) candidates were included and published in the List of Validly Nominated Candidates, which is reproduced in **Annexure 8** hereto.

The Returning Officer did not receive any withdrawal application pursuant to the release of the List of Validly Nominated Candidates, and the names of all 9 (nine) candidates were consequently

included in the Final List of Validly Nominated Candidates, which is reproduced in **Annexure 9** hereto.

7. Election for Contested Posts

In respect of the following posts, the Returning Officer received only 1 (one) valid nomination application for each such post:

- i. Male Vice President;
- ii. Female Vice President;
- iii. Honorary Treasurer;
- iv. Male Representative of Permanent Members; and
- v. Female Representative of Permanent Members.

Accordingly, the Returning Officer, relied on Paragraph IX(1) of the Election Regulations and determined that it would be unnecessary to conduct polling for these posts.

In respect of the following posts, the Returning Officer received 2 (two) valid nominations applications for each such post ("**Contested Post**"):

- i. President; and
- ii. Honorary Secretary.

The Returning Officer, relied on Paragraph IX(2) of the Election Regulations and determined that it would be necessary to conduct polling for the Contested Posts. Accordingly, polling for the Contested Posts was conducted by secret ballot in accordance with the procedures specified in Election Regulations and applicable provisions of the Model Election Guidelines at the following address on 18 December 2021:

International Chess Hall (Sports Complex)

KIIT Campus 10
KIIT Road, Patia, Bhubaneswar,
Odisha 751024

Only Election Representatives included in the Electoral College List were permitted to cast votes upon verification of their identity by the Returning Officer. The ballot box was installed within the polling venue in a location that was clearly visible to all persons in the polling venue. The ballot box was locked and sealed as per the Election Regulations in the presence of the contesting candidates by the Returning Officer. The Ballot Papers used for polling was in the form prescribed under Form 9 of the Election Regulations. The entire poll proceedings were recorded using a video camera. Upon the completion of polling, the Returning Officer caused the counting of votes to be conducted in accordance with Paragraph XI of the Election Regulations, with the contesting candidates being present at the time of counting of votes.

The following persons were in attendance at the time of polling and counting of votes:

- i. Mr. Arvind Kamath, Returning Officer, IRFU;
- ii. Mr. Souvik Paul Mazumdar, Assistant to Returning Officer, IRFU;
- iii. Mr. Namdev Shirgaonkar, Independent Observer, Indian Olympic Association (IOA);
and
- iv. Mr. Seshank Shekar Rayaprolu from LawNK, Legal Counsel to IRFU.

The IOA appointed Mr. Shirgaonkar as an Independent Observer, vide letter dated 10 December 2021, which is reproduced in **Annexure 10** hereto. The MYAS had, *vide* letter dated 17 December 2021, declined the invitation to appoint an observer to the Election. The aforesaid letter from the MYAS is reproduced in **Annexure 11** hereto.

8. Election Results

Upon the completion of counting of votes, the Returning Officer duly declared the results of the Election and issued the List of Elected Candidates to the 7 (seven) posts.

The following candidates were thereby declared duly elected at the IRFU Election 2021:

- i. President: Mr. Rahul Bose
- ii. Male Vice President: Mr. Parvinder Kumar
- iii. Female Vice President: Ms. Sanaya Mehta Vyas
- iv. Honorary Secretary: Mr. Gerald Antony Prabhu
- v. Honorary Treasurer: Mr. Sendhil V. Thyagarajan
- vi. Male Representative of Permanent Members: Mr. Amit Kumar Dey
- vii. Female Representative of Permanent Members: Ms. Andrea Crizzle

The Result of the Counting of Votes is reproduced in **Annexure 12** hereto and the List of Elected Candidates, as declared by the Returning Officer is reproduced in **Annexure 13** hereto.

The Returning Officer was informed that as per the IRFU Articles, the elected candidates shall hold office for a period of four (4) year from the date of the Election.

9. Conclusion

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



Arvind Kamath
Returning Officer, IRFU
27 December 2021

ANNEXURE 1

**HON. SECRETARY, IRFU'S LETTER DATED 22 NOVEMBER 2021 APPOINTING
THE RETURNING OFFICER, IRFU**

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To,
Mr. Arvind Kamath
Senior Advocate, Karnataka High Court
Partner, ALMT Legal
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November 22, 2021

SUB: RETURNING OFFICER – IRFU 2021 ELECTION

Dear Mr. Kamath,

We are writing to you today for and on behalf of the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) in order to formalize your appointment as the 'Returning Officer' for the upcoming election of IRFU's Board of Directors ("IRFU Board") proposed to be conducted by secret ballot on December 18, 2021 at Bhubaneshwar ("IRFU 2021 Election"). On behalf of IRFU, its members and the IRFU Board, we thank you for accepting the IRFU's invitation to act as the Returning Officer for the IRFU 2021 Election.

This letter of appointment sets out the broad terms of the office of the Returning Officer, which shall be as follows:

1. The Returning Officer will oversee the entire IRFU 2021 Election process for the IRFU Board, in accordance with IRFU's current Articles of Association and Election Regulations.
2. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India ("MYAS") and the Indian Olympic Association ("IOA") may, at their discretion, appoint Observers to observe and report on the election on MYAS' and IOA's behalf. The Returning Officer will be required to extend the necessary cooperation to such Observers.
3. The Returning Officer will be supported in the conduct of the IRFU 2021 Election by external legal counsel engaged by IRFU.
4. At the conclusion of the IRFU 2021 Election, the Returning Officer will be expected to declare the results of the election and to provide IRFU with a report documenting the IRFU 2021 Election process and procedures followed ("**Election Report**"). This Election Report will be submitted by the IRFU to the MYAS.
5. The Returning Officer recognises that the office is of a nature requiring independence.

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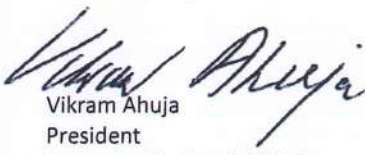
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6. The Returning Officer will be paid a fee of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) exclusive of applicable taxes thereon ("Fee"), in consideration of overseeing the IRFU 2021 Election. The Fee will be payable in two equal instalments as follows:
- 50% of the Fee will be payable upon the execution of this Appointment Letter; and
 - 50% of the Fee will be payable after the completion of the IRFU 2021 Election and the submission of the Election Report.
7. IRFU will make the necessary travel, lodging and boarding arrangements for the Returning Officer and one designated companion to travel to Bhubaneshwar and bear all expenses and other out of pocket expenses in relation thereto, based on actuals.

To enable the IRFU to formalize this appointment, we would be grateful if you would signify your agreement and consent to the appointment on the terms specified in this letter by signing in the space indicated below and returning a signed copy of the letter to us. Once we have your confirmation you shall immediately hold the office and the same shall be notified to all necessary stakeholders and may also be made public.

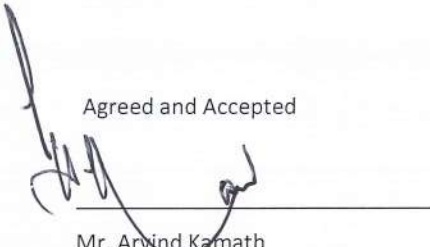
In the event that you have any queries or concerns or require any clarification regarding this letter or any of the proposed terms hereof, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Yours Sincerely,


Vikram Ahuja
President
Indian Rugby Football Union



Agreed and Accepted


Mr. Arvind Kamath

Date:

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ANNEXURE 2

RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF THE IRFU ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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genders and ages, viz. Rugby Union, Fifteen-a-Side Rugby, Seven-a-Side Rugby, 10-a-Side Rugby, 12-a-Side Rugby, Touch Rugby, Touch, Tag Rugby, Flag Rugby, Non-Contact Rugby, Beach Rugby, Snow Rugby, X Rugby, Wheelchair Rugby and Underwater Rugby;

- (n) “Seal” means the Common Seal of IRFU;
- (o) “Sports Code” shall mean the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 or any successor code thereto, as may be amended from time to time;
- (p) “State” shall mean, depending on the context, a State or Union Territory recognized by the Government of India;
- (q) “Sub-Committee” shall mean any number of Sub-Committees that the Board may constitute in pursuance of its powers under Article 17;
- (r) “Tournament” means any Rugby tournament held, conducted, authorised or sanctioned by IRFU (including, without limitation, The All India & South-East Asia Rugby Tournament and The All-India Seven’s Tournaments);
- (s) “Tournament Rules” means the rules framed by IRFU for the purpose of conducting all Tournaments, matches and/or games of whatsoever name or description; and
- (t) “World Rugby” shall mean the world governing body for the sport of Rugby Union and formerly known as the International Rugby Board.

2. MEMBERS

2.1 Number of Members

- (a) The number of Members with which IRFU proposes to be registered is seven (7), but the Board may, from time to time, register an increase of Members in accordance with these Articles.
- (b) The IRFU may have up to two (2) Patron Members.

2.2 Categories of Membership

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

- (a) Founder Members: Founder Members shall be the subscribers to the Memorandum and Articles and shall automatically retire at the first annual general meeting thereafter, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- (b) Patron Members: Patron Members shall always be The Bombay Gymkhana Limited, Mumbai and The Calcutta Cricket and Football Club Limited, Kolkata (Calcutta).
- (c) Permanent Members: The following shall be Permanent Members:
 - (i) any State level association or federation registered or incorporated as a legal body/ entity (by whatever name called), which fulfils the affiliation criteria specified by IRFU and is the sole controlling authority (having a minimum of 50% of the District level Associations affiliated to it) in respect of Rugby in such State. It is clarified that only one State level association or federation from each State can be a Permanent Member.
 - (ii) The Services Sports Control Board (the “SSCB”), which is the controlling body for all sports for the Indian Armed Forces; and

- (iii) any Central Government entities, para -military forces, institutions, bodies, organizations or agencies as determined by the Board and permitted to having voting rights under the Sports Code.

2.3 Any entity wishing to become a Permanent Member must be approved and admitted to membership by the Board in accordance with membership application procedures and subject to their satisfaction of membership eligibility criteria that shall be notified by IRFU from time to time.

2.4 **Certificate of Membership**

- (a) A certificate of membership of IRFU shall be issued under the seal of IRFU and signed in such manner as the Board shall prescribe and shall be produced before the Board, as and when the Board may require.
- (b) If any certificate be worn out, lost or defaced, then, upon production thereof to the Board, the Board may order the same to be cancelled upon such proof thereof and on such indemnity as the Board may deem adequate being given, a new certificate in lieu thereof shall be given to the Member entitled to such worn out, lost or defaced certificate.
- (c) For every fresh certificate issued, such sum as the Board may, from time to time, determine, shall be paid to IRFU.
- (d) When any Member shall cease to be a Member, such Member's certificate and all such Member's rights and privileges as a Member shall cease and shall become the property of IRFU.
- (e) A certificate which is forfeited to or vests in IRFU, shall belong absolutely to IRFU free from all rights, claims or interest of such Member or any person claiming through or under such Member, and the Board shall be entitled to deal with or dispose of the said certificate, as they shall think fit.

2.5 IRFU shall maintain a register to be called the "Register of Members" as prescribed by Section 88 of the Act.

2.6 **Application for Membership**

All applications for membership should be made in the form prescribed by Board, and the Board may accept or reject any application in accordance with the reasonable membership/affiliation criteria provided by IRFU from time to time.

2.7 **Compliance by Members**

All Members shall be bound by these Articles, the Laws of the Game, the Tournament Rules, Applicable Law, and any other rules, regulations or bye - laws, decisions, directions and byelaws, that may be made from time to time, by IRFU at any annual or extraordinary general meeting, the Board or any Sub-Committee, pursuant to the powers vested in them by these Articles.

2.8 **Admission Fee, Annual Subscription**

- (a) Every Member shall pay a one-time admission fee and an annual subscription as shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
- (b) The annual subscription for a particular Financial Year shall be payable on or before 30th September of the next Financial Year.
- (c) Every Permanent Member shall annually submit to the Board, before 30th September of each Financial Year, the following:
 - (i) the composition and structure of its organization;

7. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7.1 First Directors

- (a) The first members of the Board shall be the subscribers to the Memorandum, who shall be empowered to exercise all the powers, authority and discretion, exercisable by the Board.
- (b) The aforesaid first members of the Board, shall automatically retire at the first annual general meeting, provided however that, they shall be and remain eligible for election/appointment as Directors on the Board.

7.2 Composition of the Board of Directors

- (a) The Board of Directors of IRFU shall consist of a maximum of eleven (11) Directors and shall be comprised of: -
 - (i) One (1) Director who shall have been duly elected to the post of President;
 - (ii) Two (2) Directors who shall each have been duly elected to the post of Vice President, with one (1) such Director being male and one (1) such Director being female;
 - (iii) One (1) Director who shall have been duly elected to the post of Honorary Secretary;
 - (iv) One (1) Director who shall have been duly elected to the post of Honorary Treasurer;
 - (v) Two (2) Directors who shall have been duly elected to serve as representatives of Permanent Members on the Board, with one (1) such Director being male and one (1) such Director being female;
 - (vi) Two (2) Directors who shall have been duly nominated to serve as 'Independent Directors', with one (1) such Director being male and one (1) such Director being female; and
 - (vii) Two (2) Directors who shall have been duly nominated by the IRFU Athletes Commission, with one (1) such Director being male and one (1) such Director being female.

7.3 Election/Nomination of the Board of Directors

- (a) All Directors on the Board, except the Independent Directors and the Directors nominated by the Athlete Commission, shall be elected by the Members of the IRFU in accordance with Article 7.3 (k) below.
- (b) The two (2) Independent Directors shall be nominated by the other Directors on the Board.
- (c) The two (2) Directors who are representatives of the Company's Athlete Commission shall be elected by the members of the IRFU Athletes Commission from among themselves in accordance with any regulations or principles prescribed in that regard by the Indian Olympic Association.
- (d) Each Director shall be elected/nominated, as the case may be, at least once every four (4) years and each such Director on the Board shall be elected/nominated to the Board for a period of no more than four (4) years in each instance.
- (e) The maximum term for which an individual can hold the office of President, with or without break, shall be twelve (12) years.
- (f) Subject only to Article 7.3(e), no individual who has already held office as a Director for two consecutive terms (of up to four (4) years each) shall be eligible to seek re-election or re-nomination to the Board till the expiry of a cooling-period of at least four (4) years from the date on which such individual last vacated his/her position as a Director on the Board.

- (g) No individual shall be eligible to serve as President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer if they hold the post of President, Secretary/Secretary-General (or any corresponding office) or Treasurer or on the governing body, of any other National Sports Federation/Association, excepting the Indian Olympic Association.
- (h) An individual may be eligible to be nominated/elected as a Director only if such individual:
 - (i) Is an Indian national; and
 - (ii) Does not meet any of the disqualifications applicable to a Director under the provisions of the Act;
- (i) An individual may be nominated by the Board as an Independent Director in accordance with Article 7.3(b), provided that such individual has the following qualifications:
 - (i) Is a person, who, in the opinion of the Board possesses appropriate skills, experience and knowledge in one or more domains of finance, law, management, sales, marketing, administration, research, corporate governance, technical operations or other disciplines that are related to the Company's activities;
 - (ii) Is not a Representative, office bearer, member or employee of any Members and does not have any pecuniary or otherwise material relationship with the IRFU or any Member or any related persons;
 - (iii) Does not have a pecuniary or otherwise material relationship with any partners/sponsors/vendors/service providers of the Company;
 - (iv) Is not an immediate relative of any other Directors on the Board or any Representatives of Members;
- (j) An individual may be elected as the President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer only if such individual is less than seventy (70) years old and any individual who has been elected to such post shall cease to hold office if such individual turns seventy (70) years during the term of office.
- (k) Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these Articles, the election of the Directors (where applicable) shall be done by secret ballot and in accordance with Rugby India's Election Regulations, which shall at all times be in compliance with Model Election Guidelines prescribed under the Sports Code.

7.4 Powers and Duties of the Board

- (a) For the purpose of the Act, the governing body of IRFU shall be the Board.
- (b) The management of the business affairs and funds of IRFU, the control of IRFU and all the powers, authority and discretion of IRFU to do all acts and things, save and except such acts as by Applicable Law by these Articles are expressly directed or required to be done by IRFU in a general meeting, shall be vested in the Board, provided that, the exercise of such management, control, powers, authority and discretion shall be subject to the regulation and control of IRFU in a general meeting, and, provided further that, no such regulation shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid, if such regulation has not been made.
- (c) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall have the power to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, with supervision and control by the Board, the day-to-day management of the business affairs and funds of the IRFU.

7.5 Expenses of Directors:

ANNEXURE 3
IRFU ELECTION REGULATIONS

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INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
ELECTION REGULATIONS

I. Short Title & Definitions:

- (1) These Election Regulations (“**Regulations**”) of the Indian Rugby Football Union (“**IRFU**”) shall govern the conduct of election for the positions specified under Clause II (1) below on the Board of Directors of the IRFU.
- (2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires and subject to Clause I (3) below -
- (a) “**Articles**” shall mean the Articles of Association of the IRFU, as adopted and amended by the IRFU from time to time;
 - (b) “**Board**” or “**Board of Directors**” shall mean the collective body of the Directors of the IRFU;
 - (c) “**Clause**” and ‘Sub-clause’ mean the clause and sub-clause of these Regulations;
 - (d) “**Contested Posts**” shall have the meaning ascribed to it under Clause II (1) below;
 - (e) “**Director**” shall mean the director appointed to the Board of the IRFU in accordance with the Articles;
 - (f) “**Election Representatives**” shall mean the individuals authorised by a Permanent Member to represent such Permanent Member in an election conducted in accordance with these Regulations.
 - (g) “**Form**” means each of the forms appended to these Regulations;
 - (h) “**Governing Body**” shall mean the apex governing body of each State Association such as the Apex Council, Board of Directors, Executive Committee by whatever name called;
 - (i) “**IRFU**” means the Indian Rugby Football Union; and
 - (j) “**Website**” means the official website of the IRFU as located at www.indiarugby.com.
- (3) Any capitalised terms used herein and not defined in these Regulations shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Articles.

II. Positions:

- (1) Elections will be held for the following Directors on the Board as specified under Article 7.2 in the Articles and as due for election in accordance with the Articles (“**Contested Posts**”) –
- (a) President - 1 (one)
 - (b) Male Vice President - 1 (one)
 - (c) Female Vice President - 1 (one)
 - (d) Honorary Secretary - 1 (one)

- (e) Honorary Treasurer - 1 (one)
- (f) Male Representative of Permanent Members - 1 (one)
- (g) Female Representative of Permanent Members - 1 (one)

III. Manner of Election:

The election will be held at the Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”) as scheduled and notified by the Honorary Secretary, IRFU in accordance with the procedure prescribed hereinafter, from amongst the representatives of the Permanent Members.

IV. Election Process:

- (1) Each Permanent Member designated as such under Article 2.2 (c) (i) of the Articles shall have two (2) votes at the election for the Contested Posts. Each such Permanent Member shall be represented by two (2) Election Representatives authorized by the President and the Honorary Secretary of the concerned Permanent Member.
- (2) Each Permanent Member designated as such under Article 2.2 (c) (ii) or Article 2.2 (c) (iii) of the Articles shall have one (1) vote at the election for the Contested Posts. Each such Permanent Member shall be represented by one (1) Election Representative authorized by the President and the Honorary Secretary of the concerned Permanent Member.
- (3) Each Permanent Member shall ensure that one (1) Election Representative shall be the ‘Representative’ (as defined in the Articles) of the Permanent Member for the AGM and such Representative must be an Indian national.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-clause (1), each Permanent Member shall ensure that the second Election Representative is an Indian national and meets either of the following criteria:
 - i) They are domiciled in, or were born in the State/Union Territory over which the concerned Permanent Member has jurisdiction in respect of Rugby; or
 - ii) They have previously represented the concerned Permanent Member’s State/Union Territory senior men’s/women’s team in a minimum of five (5) Rugby matches in any IRFU sanctioned inter-state tournament.
- (5) Permanent Members shall endeavour and use their best efforts to ensure that at least one (1) of the Election Representatives nominated by the Permanent Member is a female.
- (6) Each Permanent Member shall intimate the name(s) of their Election Representatives, in the manner, format and before the deadline prescribed by the Honorary Secretary, IRFU, and such intimation shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, IRFU on their letter head duly signed by both, the President and the Secretary of the concerned Permanent Member, so as to reach the IRFU on or before the deadline prescribed by the Honorary Secretary, IRFU. Any subsequent change in the name of any Election Representative or any intimation received after the deadline prescribed by the Honorary Secretary, IRFU shall be permitted only with the approval of the Honorary Secretary, IRFU.
- (7) The Honorary Secretary, IRFU shall prepare the list of authorized Election Representatives of the Permanent Members and circulate a copy of the list so prepared to the Permanent Members within one (1) day of receiving the intimation of all Election Representatives by the Permanent Members, by display on the Website in accordance with **Form 1**.

- (8) The Honorary Secretary shall also furnish a duly authenticated copy of the list mentioned in Clause IV (6) to the Returning Officer as soon as may be after his appointment by the Honorary Secretary of IRFU under Clause (V) below.

V. Returning Officer:

- (1) As soon as may be before/after the issue of the Notice for the AGM, the President of IRFU shall nominate a person as Returning Officer for conduct of election of the Contested Posts, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- (2) Such Returning Officer shall be a person of eminent legal standing (such as a Retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India or a State High Court or a Senior Advocate) or a person of eminent record and standing as a senior public servant (such as a retired officer of the Indian Administrative Services).

VI. Nomination of Candidates:

- (1) Only Election Representatives included in the electoral college list specified by the Honorary Secretary, IRFU as per Clause IV (6) of these Regulations shall be eligible to file nominations for any post for which election is being held. Each Election Representative shall be entitled to contest election for a single Contested Post only.
- (2) The nomination application of a candidate for election as a Director, shall be proposed by one (1) of the Election Representatives and seconded by one (1) other Election Representative as seconder using **Form 2** attached herewith. The candidate so proposed and seconded shall provide a declaration accepting such nomination as per **Form 2** attached herewith.
- (3) Each candidate shall be entitled to be nominated by not more than two (2) nomination papers.
- (4) In the event that a candidate is a Civil Servant, the candidate must confirm that the Candidate is not barred from contesting for a post due to exceeding the limits specified for Civil Servants under Office Memoranda No. 11013/1/2016-Est.A-III dated 27.02.2020 issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Govt. of India (i.e., the candidate must not have already held office for period of two (2) terms or five (5) years, whichever is earlier, in the IRFU) and submit a no-objection certificate/sanctioning letter from the appropriate authority as required under the aforementioned notification.
- (5) Each of the nomination papers specified in Paragraph 2 above shall be delivered personally, or if permitted by the Returning Officer, notarized and scanned copies of all such nomination papers are required to be compiled and sent by the candidate via email to the Returning Officer within three (3) days of notification of the electoral college by the Honorary Secretary, IRFU as per Clause IV (6) of these Regulations. The candidate is also required to provide confirmation from the proposer and seconder of their respective nomination papers within the aforementioned deadline. In the event that the nomination papers are initially submitted via email, originals of all nomination papers shall be required to be sent in sealed envelopes (and proposers and seconds may send their papers separately from the nominee, if necessary), to the Returning Officer and are required to reach the Returning Officer at the address notified within one (1) day of submission of nomination papers through email.
- (6) No person shall be eligible to nominate more than one (1) 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.

- (7) No person shall be permitted to withdraw his/her name as proposer/seconded, once the nomination paper subscribed by him/her has been delivered to the Returning Officer.
- (8) Within two (2) days of receiving the nomination papers from the candidates, the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of all nominations received, post wise, in and publish the same in a conspicuous place in his/her office and the Website in accordance with **Form 3**.

VII. Scrutiny of Nominations:

- (1) On the day following the publication of nominations received as per Clause VI (8) of these Regulations, 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 representatives, shall have the right to be present in person or via video conferencing, as determined by the Returning Officer 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, the Returning Officer shall prepare a List of Validly Nominated Candidates and cause such list to be published on the Website in accordance with **Form 4**. The contesting candidates can also request a copy of such from the Returning Officer.

VIII. Withdrawal of Candidatures:

- (1) Each candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature within three (3) days of publication of nominations received by the Returning Officer as per Clause VI (8) of these Regulations.
- (2) Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be submitted in **Form 5** by the candidate himself/herself or by a person duly authorised by him/her in writing, 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) The Returning Officer shall in accordance with **Form 6** prepare the Final List of Contesting Candidates and display a copy of the said list in a conspicuous place in his/her office and on the Website within four (4) days of publication of nominations received by the Returning Officer as per Clause VI (8) of these Regulations, and also furnish a copy of the same to each of the candidates/their authorized 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 the English alphabet.

IX. 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.
- (3) The ballot papers for these posts remaining unfilled shall be in **Form 9** and the names of the contesting candidates on the ballot papers shall appear in the same order as in **Form 6**.

X. Poll:

- (1) The Returning Officer shall cause arrangements to be made for the posts remaining unfilled as per Clause IX (2) above, by the electoral college members within five (5) days of the publication of the Final List of Contesting Candidates and will call the electoral college members to exercise their voting right in respect of each of the Contested Posts.
- (2) Polling will be done in below order:
 - (a) President - 1 (one)
 - (b) Male Vice President - 1 (one)
 - (c) Female Vice President - 1 (one)
 - (d) Honorary Secretary - 1 (one)
 - (e) Honorary Treasurer - 1 (one)
 - (f) Male Representative of Permanent Members - 1 (one)
 - (g) Female Representative of Permanent Members - 1 (one)
- (3) Each Contesting Candidate can nominate one (1) person (if he/she so desires), only from amongst the Election Representatives, to be present at the polling station.
- (4) Each voter shall be required before he is supplied with a ballot paper in **Form 9**, 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.
- (5) The voter shall record his/her vote on the ballot paper by placing a tick mark (✓) against the name of Contesting Candidate of their choice by means of the article specifically provided by the Returning Officer. Any other mark or work placed on the ballot paper by them or marking the ballot paper by means of any pen, ball point pen, etc of the voter which has not been provided by the Returning Officer, shall render the ballot paper liable for rejection.
- (6) 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 a conspicuous place in the polling station and constantly visible to all present in the polling station.
- (7) The Returning Officer shall close the poll at the appointed hour and shall not permit any person to vote thereafter; provided all voters who are present at the polling station at the appointed closing hour shall be entitled to vote even if the poll proceedings must be extended.
- (8) The Returning Officer will prescribe all other procedures for the electoral college members to cast their vote, through ballot paper in secrecy in a voting compartment or e-voting (subject to Sub-Clause 10 below), in due course.

- (9) In case any voter casts more than the one vote for each of the Contested Posts as provided for under Clause VIII (3), his/her vote(s) for that post shall be invalid.
- (10) It is clarified that the Returning Officer may permit the conduct of polling through E-voting only if the conduct of election for Contested Posts through virtual conferencing and e-voting has been expressly permitted and authorised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

XI. 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 in accordance with **Form 7**.
- (2) Each contesting candidate can nominate one (1) authorised representative and he/she shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes.
- (3) The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise and recorded in the descending order of the votes so cast for each candidate. The candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes for each post shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those posts.

XII. Declaration of Results:

The names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected at the election in accordance with Rule (XI) (1) shall be declared as having been duly elected to their respective posts by the Returning Officer at the AGM in accordance with **Form 8**.

Form 1 – Electoral College
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on [Insert Date]

| Sl. No | Permanent Member | Election Representative | |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------|----|
| | | 1. | 2. |
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Name:

Honorary Secretary, Indian Rugby Football Union

Date:

Place:

Form 2 – Nomination Form
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on **[Insert Date]**

NOMINATION PAPER FOR
ELECTION AS _____ (NAME OF THE POST)

To

The Returning Officer, IRFU

[Insert Address]

1. _____ We _____ nominate
Shri/Smt./Ms. _____
_____ (name and 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 Permanent Member | Sl. No in the Electoral College List | Signature |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Proposer | | | | |
| Secunder | | | | |

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

Further, I certify and confirm that:

- a) In the event that I am being nominated for the post of President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer, I have not attained the age of seventy (70) years as on the date of election;
- b) I am not disqualified from being appointed as a Director of IRFU pursuant to Section 164(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 or the IRFU Articles of Association;
- c) I am not required to undergo any cooling off period in relation to the above mentioned post or barred from contesting for such post, as per the IRFU Articles of Association; and
- d) In the event that I am a Civil Servant, I am not barred from contesting for the above mentioned post as per Office Memoranda No. 11013/1/2016-Est.A-III dated 27.02.2020 issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Govt. of India (i.e., have not already held office for a period of two (2) terms or five (5) years, whichever is earlier, in the IRFU) and I enclose herewith a no-objection certificate/sanction letter from the appropriate authority as required under such notification in order to contest the IRFU election.

Name of the Candidate _____

Name of Permanent Member _____

Sl. No. in the Electoral College list _____

Signature _____

Place:

Date:

Form 3 – List of Nominated Candidates
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on **[Insert Date]**

| 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 |
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Returning Officer, IRFU

Place

Date

Form 4 – List of Validly Nominated Candidates

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on *[Insert Date]*

| Name of Post | Name of Candidate | Name of Permanent Member | Sl. No. in Electoral College List |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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Returning Officer, IRFU

Place

Date

Form 5 – Notice of Withdrawal
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on **[Insert Date]**

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

To

The Returning Officer, IRFU

[Insert Date]

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

Name of the Candidate _____

Name of Permanent Member _____

Sl. No. in the Electoral College list _____

Signature _____

Place:

Date:

Form 6 – List of Contesting Candidates
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)
IRFU Elections on *[Insert Date]*

| Name of Post | Name of Candidate | Name of Permanent Member | Sl. No. in Electoral College List |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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Returning Officer, IRFU

Place

Date

Form 7 – Result of Counting of Votes
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on Insert Date

| Name of Post | Total Polled | Votes | Total Rejected | Votes | Name of Candidate | Valid Polled | Votes |
|--|--------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| President (1) | | | | | 1. | | |
| | | | | | 2. | | |
| | | | | | 3. | | |
| Male Vice-President (1) | | | | | 1. | | |
| | | | | | 2. | | |
| | | | | | 3. | | |
| Female Vice-President (1) | | | | | 1. | | |
| | | | | | 2. | | |
| | | | | | 3. | | |
| Honorary Secretary (1) | | | | | 1. | | |
| | | | | | 2. | | |
| | | | | | 3. | | |
| Honorary Treasurer (1) | | | | | 1. | | |
| | | | | | 2. | | |
| | | | | | 3. | | |
| Male Representative of Permanent Members (1) | | | | | 1. | | |
| | | | | | 2. | | |
| | | | | | 3. | | |
| Female Representative of Permanent Members (1) | | | | | 1. | | |
| | | | | | 2. | | |
| | | | | | 3. | | |

Returning Officer, IRFU

Place

Date

Observer

MYAS Observer

IOA Observer

Form 8 – Declaration of Results
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on **[Insert Date]**

I, the Returning Officer for the above elections, hereby declare the following candidates as duly elected to the post(s) mentioned against their name.

| Name of Post | Name of Candidate |
|--|-------------------|
| President (1) | |
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| Male Vice-President (1) | |
| | |
| Female Vice-President (1) | |
| | |
| Honorary Secretary (1) | |
| | |
| Honorary Treasurer (1) | |
| | |
| Male Representative of Permanent Members (1) | |
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| Female Representative of Permanent Members (1) | |
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| | |

Returning Officer, IRFU

Place

Date

Observer

MYAS Observer

IOA Observer

Form 9 – Ballot Paper
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on *[Insert Date]*

| Name of Post | Name(s) of Candidate | Mark vote here by placing tick mark (✓) |
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- (1) Place a tick mark (✓) against the name of only one (1) Contesting Candidate for the respective post.
- (2) DO NOT place any other mark like (x) or work against the name of any candidate as that shall render your ballot paper liable for rejection.
- (3) Place a tick mark on the ballot paper with the article specially provided by the Returning Officer for the purpose. Any ballot paper marker with any other pen, ball point pen, etc shall render your ballot paper liable for rejection.

Returning Officer, IRFU

Place

Date

ANNEXURE 4

**ELECTION NOTIFICATION DATED 26 NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUED BY THE
RETURNING OFFICER, IRFU**

(please turn over)

K. Arvind Kamath

Senior Advocate

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Bengaluru 560001
akamath@aimtlegal.com
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**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)**

Date: 26 November 2021

To,

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

SUB: NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF IRFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The undersigned has been appointed as the Returning Officer, IRFU vide letter dated 24 November 2021 by the President, IRFU, in respect of the election proposed to be conducted on 18 December 2021 at Bhubaneswar ("**2021 IRFU Election**"), for the following posts on the IRFU Board of Directors:
 - i. President;
 - ii. Male Vice President;
 - iii. Female Vice President;
 - iv. Honorary Secretary;
 - v. Honorary Treasurer;
 - vi. Male Representative of Permanent Members; and
 - vii. Female Representative of Permanent Members.
2. The Returning Officer has been informed by the IRFU that the 2021 IRFU Election is to be conducted in accordance with the IRFU's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association ("**IRFU Constitution**") and the IRFU Election Regulations ("**Election Regulations**"), which are attached herewith and are also available on the IRFU website (at <https://indiarugby.com/Home/IRFUElection>).
3. The Returning Officer has been provided a list by the IRFU which specifies the Permanent Members (as defined in the IRFU Constitution) of IRFU that are eligible to authorize Election Representatives (as defined in the Election Regulations) to participate in the 2021 IRFU Election ("**Approved Member List**"). The Approved Member List is attached herewith and is also available on the IRFU website (at <https://indiarugby.com/Home/IRFUElection>).
4. With reference to and on the basis of the information presented to the Returning Officer by the IRFU, as specified in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above, the Returning Officer, through this notification ("**Election Notification**") hereby formally notifies that the 2021 IRFU Election will be held in accordance with the Election Regulations and in accordance with the schedule specified provided below ("**Election Schedule**").



Election Schedule

| Event | Date/ Deadline | Remarks |
|--|---|--|
| Notification of Election | November 26, 2021 | -- |
| Notification of Electoral College | December 3, 2021 1:00 PM | By Hon. Secretary, IRFU |
| Filing of Nominations | December 4, 2021 to December 8, 2021 (5:00 PM) | In Accordance with Paragraph 8 of this Election Notification |
| Notification of List of Nominations | December 9, 2021 5:00 PM | |
| Scrutiny of Nominations | Friday, December 10, 2021 11:00 AM onwards | To be conducted via Video Conferencing |
| Withdrawal of Nominations | December 10, 2021 to December 12, 2021 (5:00 PM) | |
| Final List of Nominations | December 13, 2021 5:00 PM | |
| Voting, Counting & Declaration of Results | December 18, 2021 11:00 AM Onwards | Voting to be held by Secret Ballot at the following address: International Chess Hall (Sports Complex), KIIT Campus 10 KIIT Road, Patia, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751024 |

5. The Hon. Secretary, IRFU shall compile a list of all Election Representatives validly nominated and authorized by their respective Permanent Members in accordance with the Election Regulations and shall notify such list ("Electoral College") to the Returning Officer and all Permanent Members within the timeline prescribed in the Election Schedule. The Electoral College shall also be made available on the IRFU website (at <https://indiarugby.com/Home/IRFUElection>) by the Hon. Secretary, IRFU.
6. The Election Representatives named in the Electoral College shall be entitled to participate in the 2021 IRFU Election. Eligible candidates from the Electoral College interested in contesting

for any of the posts up for election, as specified in Paragraph 1, above, are invited to submit their nomination applications following the process prescribed in the Election Regulations and in accordance with the timelines specified in the Election Schedule.

7. Updated formats of Forms 1-9 of the Election Regulations which shall be used for the 2021 IRFU Election are attached herewith along with this notification and are also available on the IRFU website (at <https://indiarugby.com/Home/IRFUElection>).
8. Each of the nomination papers specified in Clause VI (2) of the Election Regulations shall be notarized and delivered personally or sent by the candidate via email to the Returning Officer to the addresses specified below within the deadline prescribed in the Election Schedule. The candidate is also required to provide confirmation from the proposer and seconder of their respective nomination papers within the aforementioned deadline. In the event that the nomination papers are initially submitted via email, originals of all nomination papers shall be required to be sent in sealed envelopes (and proposers and seconds may send their papers separately from the nominee, if necessary), to the Returning Officer and are required to reach the Returning Officer at the address notified below within one (1) day of submission of nomination papers through email.

Address of Returning Officer

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

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

9. With effect from the date of this Election Notification, all Election Representatives are required to adhere to the following 'good conduct' practices in respect of the 2021 IRFU Election:
 - i. Election Representatives shall conduct themselves in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
 - ii. Election Representatives shall conduct themselves with dignity and moderation and with due respect to other Election Representatives, IRFU and its members. Election Representatives may produce no spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the personal image of another Election Representative or cause them prejudice. Criticism of other Election Representatives, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programmes, past record and work. Criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion shall be avoided. There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
 - iii. Election Representatives shall avoid excessive expenditure in relation to advancing their candidature, recognising that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the Election Representative.
 - iv. No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organised in the framework of promoting a candidature. No use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the media may be made in order to place a candidate at an advantage or a disadvantage.
 - v. All Election Representatives shall scrupulously avoid all activities that are "corrupt practices", such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, etc.
 - vi. Election Representatives may in no case and under no pretext give presents, offer donations or

gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to other Election Representatives or Permanent Members of IRFU.

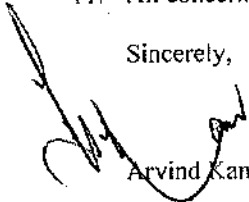
vii. In order to ensure neutrality and independence:

- a) As the voting is secret, Electoral College list members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly in any form whatsoever their intention to vote or not vote for a nominated candidate.
- b) IRFU's executive team and administration shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times. No support or service in relation to a candidature may be requested from nor be given by any member of IRFU's administration or staff.

10. The Election Regulations shall stand amended to the extent necessary to give effect to this Election Notification and the Election Schedule.

11. All concerned are requested to cooperate and participate in the 2021 IRFU Election.

Sincerely,



Arvind Kamath

Senior Advocate

Returning Officer, Indian Rugby Football Union

ANNEXURE 5

**LETTER DATED 24 NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUED BY THE HON. SECRETARY, IRFU
NOTIFYING THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF IRFU**

(please turn over)



Member

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

To,

24 November, 2021

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

SUB: INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU) – PERMANENT MEMBERS

Dear Mr. Kamath,

I am writing to you in respect of the election for certain posts on the IRFU Board of Directors to be conducted on 18 December, 2021 at Bhubaneshwar (“**2021 IRFU Election**”)

The entities specified below have satisfied the requisite membership criteria for Permanent Members of the IRFU under Article 2.2 (c) (i) of the IRFU’s Articles of Association (“**IRFU Articles**”). Accordingly, they are recognised by the IRFU as ‘Permanent Members’ as on 24 November 2021.

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|---|---|
| 1. Jammu & Kashmir Rugby Association | 14. Jharkhand Rugby Football Association |
| 2. Haryana State Rugby Football Association | 15. Bengal Rugby-Football Union |
| 3. Rugby Association (Punjab) | 16. Rugby Association of Assam |
| 4. Rugby Association of Delhi | 17. Tamil Nadu Rugby Football Union |
| 5. Chandigarh Rugby Football Association | 18. Karnataka Rugby Football Union |
| 6. Rajasthan Rugby Association | 19. State Rugby Association (Kerala) |
| 7. Rugby Football Association (Gujarat) | 20. Andhra Pradesh Rugby Association |
| 8. Rugby Association of Maharashtra | 21. Telangana Rugby Association |
| 9. Goa Rugby Union | 22. Puducherry Amateur Rugby Football Association |
| 10. Odisha Rugby Football Association | 23. Rugby Football Association Andaman Nicobar |
| 11. Rugby Football Association of Bihar | 24. Amateur Rugby Association of Manipur |
| 12. Chhattisgarh Rugby Football Association | 25. Rugby Football Association Uttar Pradesh |
| 13. Rugby Football Association (Madhya Pradesh) | |

In addition, the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) has satisfied the requisite membership criteria for Permanent Members of the IRFU under Article 2.2 (c) (ii) of the IRFU Articles. Accordingly, the SSCB is recognised by the IRFU as a ‘Permanent Member’ as on 24 November 2021.



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The above listed entities constitute all of the Permanent Members of the IRFU as of date and they shall be entitled to nominate representatives to participate in the 2021 IRFU Election subject to their compliance with the IRFU Articles and the IRFU Election Regulations, as applicable to them.

We request you to take on record this letter and acknowledge receipt of the same. You may place reliance on this letter in all respects for the purposes of the 2021 IRFU Election. Should you have any queries or require any clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Yours Sincerely,

Gerald Prabhu
Hon. Secretary
Indian Rugby Football Union



ANNEXURE 6

**ELECTORAL COLLEGE LIST WITH THE NAMES OF THE ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED BY ALL THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF IRFU
ISSUED BY THE HON. SECRETARY, IRFU DATED 3 DECEMBER 2021**

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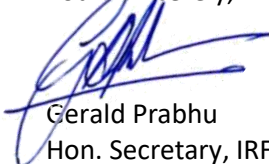
To,
Mr. Arvind Kamath
Returning Officer for the Election – Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU)

3 December, 2021

The list of Representatives Nominated by Members of the IRFU for the Election at the AGM on 18th December, 2021 are:

| S.No. | Name of the Permanent Member | Election Representative | | | |
|-------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Jammu & Kashmir Rugby Association | 1 | Mr. Tariq Ahmad Zargar | 2 | Mr. Nasir Bashir |
| 2 | Haryana State Rugby Football Association | 1 | Mr. Sarvinder Dabas | 2 | Mr. Vikas Khatri |
| 3 | 'Rugby Association' - Punjab | 1 | Mr. Parvinder Kumar | 2 | Mr. Arvinder Kumar |
| 4 | Rugby Association of Delhi | 1 | Mr. Pramod Kumar Yadav | 2 | Mr. Mithun Gaur |
| 5 | Chandigarh Rugby Football Association | 1 | Mr. Ranjan Sethi | 2 | Mr. Deepak Kumar Singh |
| 6 | Rajasthan Rugby Association | 1 | Mr. Kuldeep Singh Rajawat | 2 | Mr. Jitesh Kumar |
| 7 | 'Rugby Football Association' of Gujarat | 1 | Mr. Deep Raval | 2 | Mr. Hemant Yadav |
| 8 | Rugby Association of Maharashtra | 1 | Mr. Vikram Ahuja | 2 | Mr. Rahul Bose |
| 9 | Goa Rugby Union | 1 | Mrs. Andrea Crizzle | 2 | Mr. Aaron De Mello |
| 10 | Odisha Rugby Football Association | 1 | Mr. Upendra Kumar Mohanty | 2 | Mr. Priyadarshi Mishra |
| 11 | Rugby Football Association of Bihar | 1 | Mr. Pankaj Kumar Jyoti | 2 | Mr. Kumar Sidharth |
| 12 | Chhattisgarh Rugby Football Association | 1 | Dr. Ayaz Ahmed Khan | 2 | Mr. Imran Khan |
| 13 | 'Rugby Football Association' Madhya Pradesh | 1 | Mr. Abrar Ahmed Shaikh | 2 | Mr. Pankaj Kumar Jain |
| 14 | Jharkhand Rugby football Association | 1 | Mr. Hejaz Asdaque | 2 | Mr. Ganesh Chandra Kalindi |
| 15 | Bengal Rugby-Football Union | 1 | Mrs. Sanaya Mehta Vyas | 2 | Mr. Numazar Mehta |
| 16 | Rugby Association of Assam | 1 | Mr. Bipul Pathak | 2 | Mr. Ramendra Narayan Kalita |
| 17 | Tamil Nadu Rugby Football Union | 1 | Mr. Sendhil Thyagarajan | 2 | Mr. V.V.R. Raj Satyen |
| 18 | Karnataka Rugby Football Union | 1 | Mr. Sanjith S Shetty | 2 | Mr. Gerald Antony Prabhu |
| 19 | 'State Rugby Association' Kerala | 1 | Mr. Jayakrishnan R. | 2 | Mr. Viju Varma |
| 20 | Andhra Pradesh Rugby Association | 1 | Mr. B. Ramanjaneyulu | 2 | Mr. Shaik Ismail |
| 21 | Telangana Rugby Association | 1 | Mr. Aditya Vutpala | 2 | Mr. Shiva Sopeti |
| 22 | Puducherry Amateur Rugby Football Association | 1 | Mr. K.Balajanagaraman | 2 | Mr. N. Kichanane |
| 23 | Rugby Football Association Andaman Nicobar | 1 | Mr. Mohammed H Jadwet | 2 | Mrs. Manju Singh |
| 24 | Amateur Rugby Association of Manipur | 1 | Mr. Laipubam Hemochandra Sharma | 2 | Mr. Poonam Sunder Singh |
| 25 | Rugby Football Association Uttar Pradesh | 1 | Mr. Amit Kumar Dey | 2 | Ms. Vaishali Yadav |
| 26 | Services Sports Control Board | 1 | Lt. Col. Bharat Pannu | 2 | - |

Yours Sincerely,


Gerald Prabhu
Hon. Secretary, IRFU



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ANNEXURE 7

INITIAL LIST OF NOMINATED CANDIDATES

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Senior Advocate

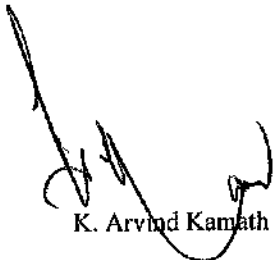
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List of Nominated Candidates
INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)
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| Sl. No. | Post | Name and Sl. No. of Candidate in Electoral College List | Name and Sl. No. in Electoral College List of Proposer | Name and Sl. No. in Electoral College List of Seconder |
|---------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. | President | Rahul Bose Sl. No, 8(2) Address: 702, Benzet, 1 st Road, Bandra West, Mumbai, 400050 | Priyadarshi Mishra Sl. No, 10(1) | Upendra Kumar Sl. No, 10(1) |
| 2. | President | Vikram Ahuja Sl. No. 8(1) Address: 4, Usha Kiran, Carmichael Road (ML Dhanukar Marg), Cumballa Hill, Mumbai, 400026 | Numazar Mehta Sl. No, 15(1) | Sendhil V. Thyagarajan Sl.No. 17(1) |
| 3. | Male Vice-President | Parvinder Kumar Sl.No. 3(1) Address: 2259/75, New Medical Enclave, Power Colony, Amritsar, 143001 | Arvinder Kumar Sl.No. 3(2) | Pramod Kumar Yadav Sl.No. 4(1) |
| 4. | Male Vice-President | Upendra Kumar Sl. No, 10(1) Address: Plot 8 (p), Acharya Vihar, Bhubhaneshwar, 751013 | Priyadarshi Mishra Sl. No, 10(1) | Rahul Bose Sl. No, 8(2) |
| 5. | Female Vice-President | Sanaya Mehta Vyas Sl. No, 15(1) Address: No 3, Rainey Park, Ballygunge, Kolkata, 700019 | Vikram Ahuja Sl. No. 8(1) | Numazar Mehta Sl. No, 15(2) |
| 6. | Honorary Secretary | Gerald Antony Prabhu Sl. No, 18(2) Address: No. 27, G Asset Gardenia, Ramagondanahalli, Varthur Road, Bangalore 560066 | Rahul Bose Sl. No, 8(2) | Sanjith Shetty Sl. No, 18(1) |
| 7. | Honorary Secretary | Pramod Kumar Yadav Sl.No. 4(1) Address: R/O H. No -1672-A, Housing Board Colony, Sector 10-A, Gurugram, 122001 | Sarvinder Dabas Sl. No. 2(1) | Nasir Bashir Sl.No. 1(2) |
| 8. | Honorary Treasurer | Sendhil V. Thyagarajan Sl.No. 17(1) Address: 43/7, Kasturi Avenue, HRC Nagar, Rapuram, Chennai - 600028 | K. Balajanagaraman 22(1) | V.V.R. Raj Satyen Sl.No. 17(2) |



| | | | | |
|-----|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9. | Male Representative of Permanent Members | Amit Kumar Dey Sl.No. 25(1) Address: 660/7, P-4, Bajrang Bihar Colony, Kursi Road, Lucknow, 226026 | Vaishali Yadav Sl.No. 25(2) | Tariq Ahmad Zargar Sl.No. 1(1) |
| 10. | Female Representative of Permanent Members | Andrea Crizzle Sl. No. 9(1) Address: A2F1 Martins Caranzalem, Panaji, Goa, 403002 | Vikram Ahuja Sl. No. 8(1) | Aaron D'Mello Sl. No. 9(2) |


K. Arvind Kamath

Returning Officer, IRFU

Place: Bangalore

Date: 9 December 2021

ANNEXURE 8

LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES

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|---------|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | President | Rahul Bose | Rugby Association of Maharashtra | 8(2) |
| 2. | President | Vikram Ahuja | Rugby Association of Maharashtra | 8(1) |
| 3. | Male Vice-President | Parvinder Kumar | Rugby Association of Punjab | 3(1) |
| 4. | Female Vice-President | Sanaya Mehta Vyas | Bengal Rugby Football Union | 15(1) |
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| 6. | Honorary Secretary | Pramod Kumar Yadav | Rugby Association of Delhi | 4(1) |
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Date: 11 December 2021

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FINAL LIST OF VALIDLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES

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Mr. Arvind Kamath
Returning Officer, IRFU

Place: Bangalore

Date: 13 December 2021

ANNEXURE 10

**INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION'S LETTER DATED 10 DECEMBER 2021
APPOINTING AN OBSERVER TO THE ELECTION**

(please turn over)



10th December 2021

Shri Gerald Prabhu
Secretary General
Indian Rugby Football Union
Nawab House, 2nd Floor, Marine Lines,
Mumbai – 400002

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

Dear Sir,

With reference to your request letter addressed to President IOA dated 27th November 2021 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 Shri Namdev Shirgaonkar, Joint Secretary of IOA as an Observer from IOA for Indian Rugby Football Union election meeting to be held on 18th December 2021 at International Chess Hall(Sports Complex) KIIT Campus 10, KIIT Road, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751024.

IOA Observer Shri Namdev Shirgaonkar 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; Shri Namdev Shirgaonkar, (Email:devsports123@gmail.com) with a request to coordinate with IRFU and make it convenient to attend.

Dr. Narinder DhruvBatra, President, IOA – For Information

Shri Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General, IOA - For Information



Member

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27 November 2021

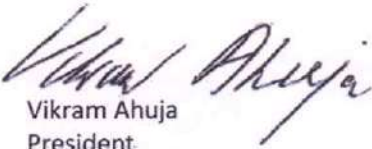
To,
Shri. Narinder Batra
President
Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
Olympic Bhawan
B-29, Qutub Institutional Area
New Delhi 110016

Sub: Annual General Meeting and Election of the Indian Rugby Football Union - 2021


Respected Sir,

1. The Indian Rugby Football Union ("IRFU") is pleased to inform you that it will be conducting its Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and Elections for the Board of Directors of IRFU ("IRFU Board") on 18 December 2021.
2. The AGM will be conducted virtually using Video Conferencing (VC)/ Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM) and the Elections for the IRFU Board will be conducted in person through secret ballot, at the following location soon after the completion of the AGM
International Chess Hall (Sports Complex)
KIIT Campus 10, KIIT Road, Patia, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751024
3. The AGM and Election will be conducted in accordance with the IRFU's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association ("IRFU Constitution") (which was updated earlier this year to bring it in line with the requirements specified under National Sports Development Code of India 2011 ("Sports Code")) and in accordance with IRFU's Election Regulations which have been prepared in accordance with the Model Election Guidelines specified under the Sports Code.
4. Mr. Arvind Kamath, Senior Advocate, Karnataka High Court has been engaged as the Returning Officer for the Election.
5. In the event that the MYAS wishes to appoint an Observer for the AGM and/or 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 AGM/Election and the developments related thereto.
6. All relevant documentation concerning the Election, including the Election Notification and the IRFU Election Regulations are available for your perusal at the following link on the IRFU website <https://indiarugby.com/Home/IRFUElection>
7. We thank you for your continued support. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,


Vikram Ahuja
President
Indian Rugby Football Union




Gerald Prabhu
Hon. Secretary
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ANNEXURE 11

**MYAS' LETTER DATED 17 DECEMBER 2021 DECLINING THE INVITATION TO
APPOINT AN OBSERVER TO THE ELECTION**

(please turn over)

F. No. 72-06/2021-SP-VI
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Sports
SP – VI Section

‘A’ Block, Pragati Vihar Hostel,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi
Date: 17.12.2021

To,
Secretary
Indian Rugby Football Union
2nd Floor, Nawab House
63 Maharishi Karve Road
Marine Lines
Mumbai - 400 002

Sub: Annual General Meeting and Election of the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your email dated 27.11.2021 and letter of the same date regarding Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election of IRFU scheduled to be held on 18.12.2021 at KIIT Campus, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.

2. In this connection, it is informed that it has been decided by this Ministry not to appoint an observer for the aforesaid AGM and Election of IRFU. It is, however, directed that the election may be conducted in strict adherence to the Sports Code, 2011, particularly, Annexure – XXXVII (Model Election Guidelines to be followed by all National Sports Federations).

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully


(Narender Singh)
Section Officer

ANNEXURE 12

THE RESULT OF THE COUNTING OF VOTES

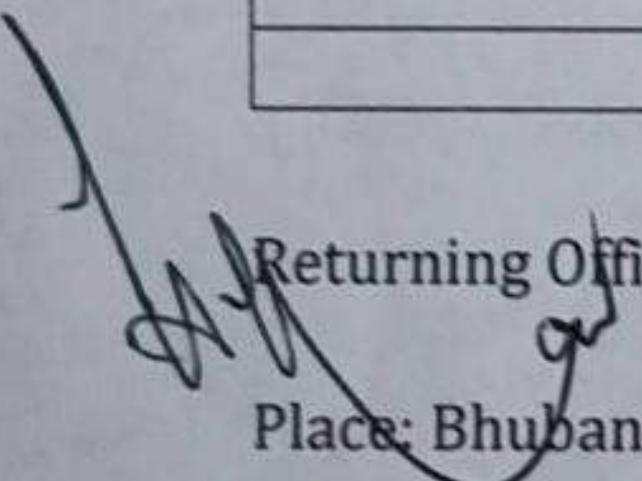
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Result of Counting of Votes

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

IRFU Elections on 18 December 2021

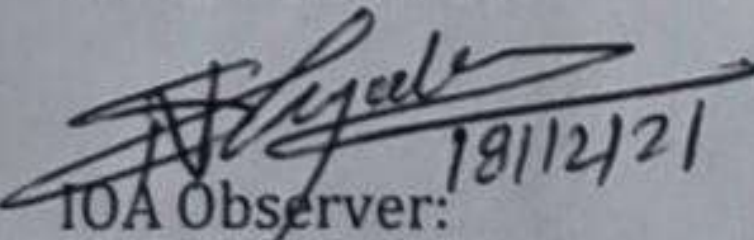
| Name of Post | Total Polled | Votes | Total Votes Rejected | Name of Candidate | Valid Polled | Votes |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------|
| President (1) | 51 | | 01 | 1. Rahul Bose | 29 | |
| | | | | 2. Vikram Ahuja | 21 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Honorary Secretary(1) | 51 | | 00 | 1. Gerald Anthony Prabhu | 31 | |
| | | | | 2. Pramod Kumar Yadav | 20 | |
| | | | | | | |


Returning Officer, IRFU

Place: Bhubaneshwar

Date: 18 December 2021

MYAS Observer:


IOA Observer: 18/12/21

ANNEXURE 13

LIST OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

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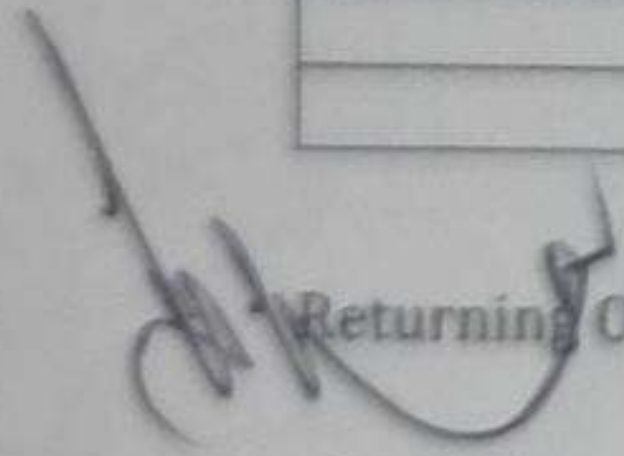
Declaration of Results

INDIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION (IRFU)

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I, the Returning Officer for the above elections, hereby declare the following candidates as duly elected to the post(s) mentioned against their name.

| Name of Post | Name of Candidate |
|---|------------------------|
| President (1) | Rahul Bose |
| Male Vice-President (1) | Parvinder Kumar |
| Female Vice-President (1) | Sanaya Mehta Vyas |
| Honorary Secretary (1) | Gerald Antony Prabhu |
| Honorary Treasurer (1) | Sendhil V. Thyagarajan |
| Male Representative of Permanent Members (1) | Amit Kumar Dey |
| Female Representative of Permanent Members(1) | Andrea Crizzle |


Returning Officer, IRFU

Place: Bhubaneshwar

Date: 18 December 2021

MYAS Observer:


Observer: 18/12/21