

VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA

Bye-laws for the Athletes' Commission

1. The Athletes' Commission shall have the following terms of reference:
 - a) to promote the game of Volleyball in India in a transparent and fair manner;
 - b) to study and advise proposals for the improvement of athletes' when they are participating or preparing for events / Championships;
 - c) to provide feedback on competitions of VFI, Coaching Camps and propose improvements;
 - d) to aware and give information to athletes regarding anti-doping and medical matters;
 - e) to study any other issue assigned to it by the Executive Committee of VFI.
- 1.2 The Commission is an independent body represented by athletes of outstanding merit. However, it is not a separate legal entity and therefore has no authority to act on behalf of VFI or to represent it towards any third parties. The Athletes Commission has no authority to legally bind or commit VFI in any way.

2. Composition of Athlete's Commission and representation in VFI

2.1 The Athlete's Commission shall be composed of Eight (8) members of which four (4) members shall be elected and four (4) members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of VFI from the voter list of the Athlete's Commission. The appointments shall be made considering the restrictions in composition as mentioned in these regulations.

2.2 The 8 members so elected in the Athlete's Commission shall elect 4 members therefrom to participate in the EC of the VFI.

2.3 1 Men & 1 Women member, each from Volleyball and Beach Volleyball, shall be elected by the Athlete's Commission to participate in Executive Committee of VFI.

2.4 The Athlete's Commission shall have the same number of members from Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. The Athlete's Commission shall have equal gender representation amongst its membership.

2.5 Members of the Athletes Commission shall always be bound by the VFI's Constitution and all Regulations.

2.6 Any dispute or issue relating to the eligibility of a member of the Athletes Commission, or of a candidate to become a member of the Athletes Commission, shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

3. Eligibility provisions

3.1 In order to be eligible to vote or elected to the Athlete's Commission, a candidate shall:

3.1.1 Indian National; and

3.1.2 of sound mind; and

3.1.3 be at least eighteen (18) years old and not more than 70 years of age; and

3.1.4 be an active athlete or have participated in a competition organized by FIVB or a Confederation or VFI in the 8-year period preceding the submission of their candidature; and

3.1.5 have participated (selected for the final roster in volleyball or registered and played in Beach Volleyball) in at least one Olympic Games or FIVB World Senior or Junior Championships or Commonwealth

Games or Asian Games or Asian Senior or Junior Championships and won Medal; or

3.1.6 have participated in the National Games or Senior National Championships in Volleyball or Beach Volleyball at least once and won any Medal or is a recipient of Arjun Award for Volleyball or Beach Volleyball; and

3.1.7 have never been sanctioned by the competent body of any sport association for a major disciplinary, ethical or anti-doping offense; and

3.1.8 have no ongoing legal procedures with VFI and/or FIVB.

3.2. Nomination Process

The athlete can be nominated by their respective home State Volleyball Association / UT's. All affiliated State Volleyball Association(s)/UT's can forward the name of not more than 4 athletes (1 Male & 1 Female for Volleyball and 1 Male & 1 Female for Beach Volleyball) to the Secretary General, Volleyball Federation of India as per the prescribed format. The athletes nominated by the State Volleyball Association/UT's shall become the Voter List for the Athlete's Commission. The Secretary General, VFI shall ensure that the Voter List comprises of only the members entitled to vote and contest as per these regulations.

3.3 Candidatures

3.3.1 The candidatures to the Commissions shall be submitted by the candidate to the VFI Secretary General by the candidate as per the schedule of elections notified by the VFI.

3.3.2 The person nominated for Volleyball by the State Volleyball Association / UT is eligible to contest & vote only for Volleyball candidates and the person nominated for Beach Volleyball by the State Volleyball Association / UT is eligible to contest & vote only for Beach Volleyball candidates.

3.3.2 The candidatures for the Athletes Commission shall include the following as part of their candidature:

- a) a signed copy of the candidature forms;
- b) an employee of Central Government/ State Government/ PSU's submit NOC from their respective departments;
- c) a copy of the candidate's valid passport for International players and a copy of Aadhar Card for National players;
- d) a copy of Certificate of participation in international championship and National Games / Senior National Championship any Medal Certificate and copy of Certificate of Arjun Award for Volleyball according to their candidature for filling nomination in which sport

(Volleyball or Beach Volleyball);

- e) a copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae and
- f) documentation demonstrating that he or she satisfies the eligibility criteria to be a member of the Athletes Commission.

3.4 Voting

3.4.1 The Athletes' Commission members will be elected by the athletes nominated by various Affiliated State and UT Units. The Executive Committee, VFI will nominate the Returning Officer for conducting the elections.

3.4.2 Each eligible voter shall be entitled to cast only one vote for a candidate but may vote in each discipline and gender category (i.e. Male Volleyball player, Male Beach Volleyball player, Female Volleyball player, Female Beach Volleyball player) for a maximum of four votes.

3.4.3 The election procedure shall be conducted by secret ballot.

3.4.4 Appointment of members by election: The male and female candidates from each discipline (i.e. Volleyball and Beach Volleyball) with the highest number of votes shall be elected as Athlete Commission members, resulting in four (4) members elected.

The final elected members shall be the person, regardless of gender and

discipline, who received the highest number of votes from the remaining candidates.

4. Tenure:

The Tenure of the Athlete's Commission shall be for Four Years as the Tenure of Executive Committee of the VFI and a person shall not be eligible to hold office to more than two (2) terms.

5. Voting Rights

The athletes elected to represent in VFI and the athletes appointed by VFI to participate in VFI will have voting right in the Executive Committee of Volleyball Federation of India. The names of the athletes elected to represent in VFI be sent **on or before 11th July, 2025** on the official email id of the Volleyball Federation of India i.e- **vfi2005@gmail.com**

Gender Equality: As far as possible gender equality in the Athletes Commission would be maintained.

6. REMOVAL

6.1 In the event of any failure by a member of the Athletes Commission to perform the

duties set forth in the present Regulations, or if a member of the Commission no longer

meets the eligibility criteria provided for in Clause 3; or

6.2 In the event of any other serious violation of the VFI Constitution, the matter shall be referred to the VFI's Executive Committee. If the VFI's Executive Committee finds that such a person is in breach, such a member may be removed from the Athletes Commission.

6.3 The removal shall enter into force immediately.

6.4 The replacement of such member shall occur in accordance with the provisions applicable to vacancies set forth above.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "R. Choudhary".

RAMANAND CHOUDHARY

Secretary General,

Volleyball Federation of India

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APPLICATION FORM FOR SPORTSPERSONS FOR ATHLETES COMMISSION

Personal Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Nationality:

Government ID number (alongwith self-attested photo copy):

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Sport(s) Discipline: Volleyball / Beach Volleyball

(Tick your Sport)

Have you served any term as an executive Committee member of VFI ?

Contact Information:-

Email:

Mobile number :

State /UT name with Residence:

Brief statement on why the applicant/candidate seeks to be a part of the VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA'S Sportspersons category [not more than 500 words]:

Sporting Achievement(s)::

- A. The applicant has participated in the Olympic Games or FIVB World Senior or Junior Championships or Commonwealth Games or Asian Games or Asian Senior or Junior Championships and won Medal. (please attach documentary proof supporting the same):

- B. The applicant has participated (selected for the final roster in volleyball or registered and played in Beach Volleyball) in at least one Olympic Games or FIVB World Senior or Junior Championships or Commonwealth Games or Asian Games or Asian Senior or Junior Championships and won Medal: or

- C. The applicant has participated in the National Games or Senior National Championships in Volleyball or Beach Volleyball at least once and won any Medal or is a recipient of Arjun Award for Volleyball or Beach Volleyball. (please attach documentary proof supporting the same):

- D. The applicant have participated in the National Games or Senior National Championships in Volleyball or Beach Volleyball at least once and won any Medal and applicant is a recipient of Arjun Award for Volleyball or Beach Volleyball. (please attach documentary proof supporting the same):

- E. Any other sporting achievement the applicant seeks to highlight [Please list top achievements and attach the documentary proof supporting the same]

Educational Qualification [Please list the top qualifications with supporting documents]:

Eligibility :

“Sportsperson’s of merit” eligibility criteria shall be as follows:

1. Indian National; and
2. of sound mind; and
3. be at least eighteen (18) years old and not more than 70 years of age; and
4. be an active athlete or have participated in a competition organized by FIVB or a Confederation in the 8-year period preceding the submission of their candidature; and
5. have participated (selected for the final roster in volleyball or registered and played in Beach Volleyball) in at least one Olympic Games or FIVB World Senior or Junior Championships or Commonwealth Games or Asian Games or Asian Senior or Junior Championships and won Medal: or
6. have participated in the National Games or Senior National Championships in Volleyball or Beach Volleyball at least once and won any Medal or is a recipient of Arjun Award for Volleyball or Beach Volleyball; and
7. have never been sanctioned by the competent body of any sport association for a major disciplinary, ethical or anti-doping offense; and
8. have no ongoing legal procedures with VFI and/or FIVB.

Athlete’s Signature

Date and place:

(A digital signature is acceptable)