ELECTION NOTICE FOR THE ELECTION OF 4(FOUR) SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING ('SOM') TO GENERAL BODY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

1. ELECTION NOTIFICATION

In order to get the All India Football Federation **('AIFF')** Elections conducted in accordance with the provisions laid down in AIFF Bye laws, **Mr. Rajeev Sharma (Retired State Election Commissioner) Haryana** has been appointed as Electoral Officer for the above purpose by the competent authority. The election will be conducted in free, fair and transparent manner strictly as per provisions laid down in National Sports Governance Act 2025, the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 and the Rules and Regulations of the All India Football Association.

In the light of the above, the present notice of election is issued for the following posts prescribed under **4 SOM** Article 20.2 (b) of the AIFF Constitution:

a. Election for representative of 4 SOM (2 Male, 2 Female) for the General Body of AIFF.

The above shall be elected by the members constituting the Final Electoral Roll.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

4.1 To be eligible to contest for the post of SOM Member on the General Body, a candidate must be validly included in All India Football Federation's rosters of SOMs and meet the specific gender category requirements for the seat being contested. Furthermore, candidates must satisfy the following statutory eligibility and non-disqualification criteria quoted in full below:

4.2 A. General Eligibility Criteria for SOMs (Schedule I, paragraph 1 of the NSB Rules):

"Any person seeking to be designated as a sportsperson of outstanding merit shall be —

(a) an Indian citizen;

(b) of sound mind;

(c) not less than twenty-five years of age; and

(d) retired from active sports and should have not participated in any competitive sport event which leads to selection to represent a district, State or India for at least one year prior to date of application under sub rule (2) of rule 5."

B. Disqualification Events (Article 1.17 of the Constitution):

"'Disqualification Event(s)" shall mean the happening of any of the following events with respect to a person:

a) *Not being or ceasing to be a citizen of India;*

b) *Attainment of the age of 70 (seventy) years;*

c) *Conviction followed by a sentence of imprisonment.*

Provided where the person is convicted he shall be disqualified for a further period equivalent to 1 (one) term of the Executive Committee after the completion of the sentence of imprisonment. If such person prefers an appeal or an application for revision and the court stays the trial or conviction as the case may be, such person shall not be disqualified

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during the period such stay is in operation. However, in regard to an appeal by a convicted person, the disqualification will not cease if only a stay of sentence is ordered and not a stay of the conviction itself;

d) *Being banned from participation in any footballing activity by any AIFF Judicial Body including the AIFF Ethics Committee, till the date of culmination of the ban;*

e) *Being declared of unsound mind;*

f) *Being declared insolvent under applicable law;*

g) *Being or becoming a minister or a government servant (unless such government servant has necessary approvals from the relevant government in order to not be considered disqualified);*

h) *Completion of the maximum term of office of any particular office-bearer as specified in Article 26.3, without serving the specified cooling-off period of 4 (four) years where applicable; or*

i) *Has not completed 1 (one) term after being President/General Secretary /Treasurer of any other national sports federation recognized by the National Sports Board under the NSGA.*"

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3. ELECTION SCHEDULE

The SOM Election shall be conducted in accordance with the schedule provided below:

Sl. No.	Event	Day	Date & Timeline
1	Call for the Election, invitation for nominations, and release of Final Electoral Roll	Day 1	03 November 2026 (Tuesday)
2	Start of Filing Nominations (Form A)	Day 8 – Day 10	10 November 2026 (Tuesday), 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM 11 November 2026 (Wednesday), 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
3	Closure of Filing Nominations		12 November 2026 (Thursday), 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
4	Announcement of Draft List of Nominated Candidates	Day 10	12 November 2026 (Thursday), 5:00 PM
5	Time for Objections to the Draft List of Nominated Candidates	Day 11 – Day 14	13 November 2026 (Friday) to 16 November 2026 (Monday) until Time – 11:00PM - 3:00 PM
6	Scrutiny and Disposal of Objections	Day 15 – Day 16	17 November 2026 (Tuesday) and 18 November 2026 (Wednesday) Time – 10:00AM – 3:00PM
7	Publication of list of validly Nominated Candidates	Day 17	19 November 2026 (Thursday)

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Sl. No.	Event	Day	Date & Timeline
8	Withdrawal of Candidature (Form B)	Day 18	20 November 2026 (Friday), Time - 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
9	Announcement of the Final List of Contesting Candidates	Day 19	21 November 2026 (Saturday) Time – 3:00 PM
10	**FOR GB** A) Polling Window for SOM GB Representatives B) Declaration of results immediately after counting the votes polled.	Day 21	23 November 2026 (Monday), Time - 10:00 AM – 01:00 PM

4. PUBLICATION AND ELECTORAL ROLL

In accordance with Rule 6(4) of the NSB Rules, this SOM Election Notification, relevant forms, and the final roster ("**SOM Roster**") containing the details of forty (40) SOMs shall be officially published along with this notice and will be available for download on the AIFF website: https://www.the-aiff.com/.

5. NOMINATION PROCEDURES (FILING PROCESS)

The nomination process is as follows:

7.1 Form Completion: SOMs that wish to stand as a candidate in the SOM Election ("**Candidate**") must complete and submit Form A (Annexure I for SOM General Body representative).

7.2 Proposer and Seconder: Nominations must be duly proposed and seconded by eligible electors (each a "**Proposer**" and a "**Seconder**" respectively) appearing on the SOM Roster. Once delivered to the Electoral Officer, a Proposer or Seconder may not withdraw their name. No member shall nominate more than one candidate for the same Elected Post, either as proposer or seconder and, if he does, only the first valid nomination shall be accepted, and all other nominations of such member, shall be deemed to be void and inoperative.

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7.3 Mandatory Attachments: The nomination must be accompanied by self-attested copies of the Official Government ID of the Candidate, the Proposer, and the Seconder, alongside a declaration regarding membership in any other national sports body.

7.4 Submission:

(a) Signed copies of completed Form A must be submitted to the Electoral Officer at 1st Floor Conference Hall, All India Football Federation, Football House, Sector-19, Phase 1, Dwarka, New Delhi: 110075 on or before 03:00 PM on 12 November 2026.

6. NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Candidates wishing to withdraw their nomination must:

8.1 Submit Form B (Annexure II to this SOM Election Notification) to the Electoral Officer no later than 3:00 PM in person on 20 November 2026 at the abovementioned address.

8.2 Any notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.

7. OBJECTIONS & SCRUTINY

9.1 Filing Objections: Any elector or Candidate may lodge objections regarding the draft list of nominated Candidates in writing with supporting evidence to eo2026@the-aiff.com by 3:00 PM on 16 November 2026.

9.2 Scrutiny: The Electoral Officer will conduct scrutiny in person on 17 November 2026 and 18 November 2026 to review all objections. Each candidate or their nominated representative shall have the right to be present.

8. VOTING

10.1 Every person appearing on the SOM Roster is an elector.

10.2 Cast as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for an Elected Post, where more than one seat is to be filled.

10.3 Voting by proxy is not permitted.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT, CAMPAIGN PRACTICES & NEUTRALITY

The model code of conduct has come into force with immediate effect. All provisions relating to code of conduct and campaign practices prescribed in Article 5.7 of Schedule III to the Constitution shall apply.

Save as expressly stated, Schedule III shall apply to this SOM Election, and the Constitution prevails over this SOM Election Notification, in case of conflict.

Rajeev Sharma 03/11/2026
Electoral Officer, AIFF SOM Elections 2026
Email: eo2026@the-aiff.com
Date: 03 November 2026

DATED 03-11-2026

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ANNEXURE I: FORM A

NOMINATION PAPER FOR ELECTION OF SOMs TO THE ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION GENERAL BODY

To

Mr. Rajeev Sharma

1st Floor Conference Hall
All India Football Federation
Football House,
Sector-19, Phase 1,
Dwarka, New Delhi: 110075

1. We nominate Shri/Smt./Ms. _____
_____
_____
(name & address), to be the SOM representative on the AIFF General Body.

2. Our particulars are given below:-

	Name and Address of Proposer and Seconder	Sr. No. in SOM Roster of the Proposer/ Seconder	Signature of Proposer/ Seconder
Proposer			
Seconder			

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

Further, I certify and confirm that-

(a) I am an Indian citizen;

(b) I am of sound mind;

(c) I am not less than twenty-fives of age; and

(d) I have retired from active sports and have not participated in ay competitive sport event which leads to selection to represent a district, State or India for at least one year prior to date of submission of my application for inclusion in SOM roster;

(e) I am eligible to contest for the above mentioned Post as per the bye laws of All India Football Association; and

(f) I am not barred from contesting for such post, as per the bye-laws/constitution of AIFF

The information provided in the declaration appended to this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of the Candidate

Place:

Date: Signature

ANNEXURE II: FORM B

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE FOR ELECTION OF SOMs TO THE GENERAL BODY

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

Name of the Candidate:

Sl. No. in the List of validly nominated candidates:

Signature: _____

Place :

Date :