

Returning Officer Report
Hockey India Elections of Office Bearers & Executive Board 2022-26

In the light of the judgement of the Honourable High Court of Delhi passed in W.P. (C) 5703/2020 on 25/05/2022 with regard to the conduct of elections to the Office Bearers and the Executive Board of Hockey India, I Ajay Nayak was appointed as the Returning Officer by the Committee of Administrators on 22 August 2022 along with Assistant Returning Officer Mr. AK Majumdar.

It must be mentioned that Hockey India (HI) doesn't have the election bye-laws as an integral part of its constitution. However, it has an approved template for these bye-laws. Every time elections are to be held, the schedule of elections and the posts to which elections are to be held get incorporated in this template. There are no changes to the election procedure mentioned in the template. The Election Bye laws as well as the notice for the conduct of elections were approved by CoA.

On receipt of the names of the authorised representatives from the State Member Units, the list in Form -1 Electoral College was prepared and uploaded on Hockey India Website on 14 September 2022. Subsequently on 15 September 2022, few complaints / representations which were received were examined and the decisions taken were uploaded on the Hockey India Website. A copy of the disposal of complaints is enclosed.

On 15 September 2022, after the scrutiny, the final list of Form -1 Electoral College was uploaded in Hockey India Website and was also displayed at a conspicuous place in the office of the Returning Officer at Hockey India Office.

Nominations for elections in Form 2 were received on Saturday 17th September 2022 and Sunday 18 September 2022 from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., in person, by me. The nominations received were updated in Form-3 and the list of nominated candidates was uploaded on the Hockey India Website and was also displayed at a conspicuous place in the office of the Returning Officer at Hockey India Office on 19 September 2022. Subsequently on 20 September 2022 the list of nominated candidates in Form-3 was scrutinized and the list of validly nominated candidates in Form-4 was uploaded on the Hockey India Website and was also displayed at a conspicuous place in the office of the Returning Officer at Hockey India Office on 20 September 2022. The final list of validly nominated candidates contained 18 members contesting for the 12 posts of the Executive Board.

Withdrawal of candidatures were submitted in Form 5 by the authorized representative / candidate himself/herself on Wednesday 21 September 2022 and Thursday 22 September 2022. Subsequently 06 candidates had withdrawn their candidatures to various posts and the final list of contesting candidates in Form-6 was uploaded on Hockey India Website and was also displayed at a conspicuous place in the office of the Returning Officer at Hockey India Office on 23 September 2022.



As the number of Candidates contesting and the number of posts were at par, the Office Bearers and Executive Board Members of Hockey India for period 2022 - 2026 were declared as unanimously elected and the Form 14 is signed on 01 October 2022.

The following are the elected members of the Hockey India Executive Board:

- President - Padmashree Dr. Dilip Kumar Tirkey
- Vice President - Ms. Asima Ali (Female)
- Mr. S.V.S. Subramanya Gupta
- Secretary General - Mr. Bhola Nath Singh
- Joint Secretary - Ms. Arti Singh (Female)
- Mr. Sunil Malik
- Treasurer - Mr. Sekar J Manahoran
- Executive Members - Mr. Arun Kumar Sarawat
- Ms. Asrita Lakra (Female)
- Ms. Gurpreet Kaur (Female)
- Mr. V Sunil Kumar
- Mr. Tapan Kumar Das

The entire process of elections was conducted as per the Constitution & Election Bye Laws of Hockey India. I along with the ARO, wish the newly elected Board of Hockey India the very best and hope they strive to bring more laurels to the country.



(Ajay Nayak)

Returning Officer

01 October 2022

In response to the notice issued on 05.09.2022 for the conduct of elections to Hockey India, names of authorised representatives have been received from all the permanent members.

The same was uploaded on HI website on 14.09.2022 as the provisional Electoral College.

Subsequently, a few complaints/representations have been received. These have been examined and decisions taken are as under:

1. Representation has been received from Aswin Kumar Varma representing 'Hockey Puducherry'. 'Hockey Puducherry' is not affiliated with Hockey India. 'Le Puducherry Hockey' affiliated with Hockey India is representing Puducherry since 2014. The question of getting affiliation is to be considered by Hockey India and not by the Returning Officer.

Therefore no action is needed at this stage when notification for election has already been issued on 05.09.2022.

2. A representation has been received from Ms. Shobha Singh claiming to be President 'Hockey Rajasthan' affiliated with RSOA, a State Sports Federation which is not affiliated with Hockey India. So the names of the representatives forwarded by them cannot be accepted for the upcoming Hockey India elections.

The names of representatives submitted by Hockey Rajasthan represented by Mr. Arun Kumar Sarswat is accepted.

3. Complaint received from Mr. P. Madhukaran against Telangana Hockey alleging irregularities committed by Telangana Hockey. As the complaint is vague, irrelevant and has no bearing on Hockey India elections, no action is needed to be taken.
4. A representation has been received from Mr. Ashish Kumar Ballal, a former Olympian Hockey player requesting not to include the name of the representatives sent by Hockey Karnataka on the ground that the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has stayed the declaration of results of the elections of the state body held on 08.09.2022. A copy of the Hon'ble High Court order has also been forwarded by him.

CoA has directed that the names of the representatives of Hockey Karnataka submitted by the present Executive Board be accepted subject to any further decision by Hon'ble Karnataka High Court in the said matter.

5. A representation has been received from Mr. Pratap Satpathy representing Hockey Odisha, a Sports Federation not affiliated with Hockey India. He has also filed a writ petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha, the final order of which is yet to be passed. He has also approached the CoA for its affiliation with Hockey India, which has not been accepted.

Therefore, his contention cannot be considered at this stage.

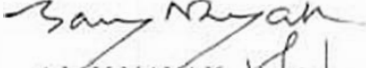
6. Manipur Hockey Association has been declared illegal by the Registrar of Societies. The appeal filed by Manipur Hockey challenging the order of Registrar of Societies before the Hon'ble High Court, Manipur has been rejected.

Consequently the names sent by Manipur Hockey for the purpose of Hockey India elections are deemed to be invalid. However notices have been sent by e-mail to Manipur Hockey & Mr. M. Hemachandra, advocate.

Manipur Hockey represented by Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, former President of Hockey India on 15.09.2022 the day for filing objections, has informed that he has filed an appeal in the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur on 02.09.2022 which has not yet been listed. As long as there is no clear direction from the Court on this appeal, the previous order dated 20.07.2022 of the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur will prevail.

If the Hon'ble High Court / Supreme Court upholds the appeal of Manipur Hockey on or before the polling day, their authorised representatives will be allowed to participate in the poll.

Ms. A Grihini Devi and P. Inaocha Devi also represented Hockey Manipur to present their case during the hearing held on 15.09.2022.


AJAY NAYAK 15/9/22
Returning Officer