

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE
NETBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA
2026-29**

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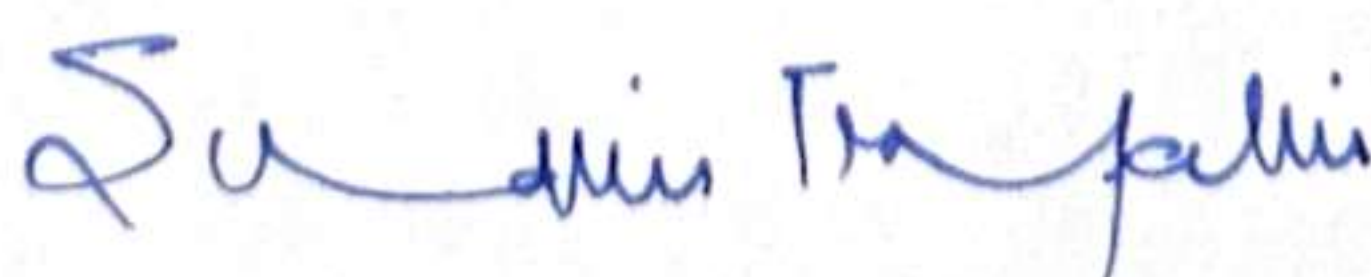
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To,
The President / General Secretary, All Affiliated Units,
Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit (SOM),
Athletes Commission,
Netball Federation of India

Notice for election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members of Netball Federation of India for the term 2026-29 i.e., 3 years.

Notice is hereby given to All Affiliated Units of Netball Federation of India, Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit and Athletes Commission for the conduct of election to the office bearers and executive committee members of the Netball Federation of India, as per schedule given in Serial No. 5 and in accordance with the constitution of the Netball Federation of India (available at NFI website (www.netballindia.in), Haryana Societies Registration Act 2012 (<https://haryanaindustries.gov.in/acts-rules>), National Sports Governance Act, 2025 & National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 and other relevant rules, regulation and model election guidelines evolved by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India (copy of the said guideline may be seen from the website of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India (<https://yas.gov.in/sites/default/files/National%20Sports%20Governance%20%28National%20Sports%20Bodies%29%20Rules%2C%202026.pdf>))



The term of the office bearers and executive committee members will be three (3) years; however, in the event of Haryana Societies Registration Act, 2012 increasing the term in light of enactment of National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026, the increased term of four (4) years will be applicable on the present elections.

1. The Executive Committee of **Netball Federation of India**, as per Article 8 of the Constitution of the Federation, consists of 11 (Eleven) Office Bearers and 04 (Four) Executive Members elected by the general council as per Article 08 of constitution of NFI which shall be as follows:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| i. President | 01 (one) |
| ii. Vice President | 04 (Four) |
| iii. Secretary General | 01 (one) |
| iv. Joint Secretary | 04 (Four) |
| v. Treasurer | 01 (one) |
| vi. Executive Member | 04 (Four) |

Total Strength: Fifteen (15) Members

- i. Two (2) posts, namely, one (1) Vice President for male SOM and one (1) Joint Secretary for Female SOM, as elected or nominated from the roster, shall be reserved. The Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOM) will also be free to contest for all other posts as well.
 - ii. Two (2) post, namely, one (1) Joint Secretary for male and one (1) Executive Member for female, shall be reserved for representatives nominated by the Athlete Commission.
 - iii. A minimum of Four (4) posts of the Executive Committee (EC) shall be reserved for women members.
 - iv. In view of serial No. 1 (ii), the elections for the office bearers and executive committee members will in effect be for 13 elected posts only.
2. Election shall be held at the General Council Meeting scheduled on 09-08-2026 strictly in accordance with the constitution of the Netball Federation of India, National Sports Governance Act, 2025 & National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 and Rules, Regulations, model election guidelines issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India.
 3. Office bearers and members of executive committee members of NFI shall be elected by secret ballot.
 4. Those who shall have right to vote are as follows:

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- i. two representatives from each Affiliated Unit
- ii. 4 SOM (2 Male & 2 Female)

5. The schedule of the election to the office bearers and members of the executive committee of the **Netball Federation of India 2026-29**, is as follows.

SCHEDULE

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Call for Elections, Invitation for Nominations and release of Final Electoral Roll | 20th July 2026 (Monday) 10:00 am |
| 2. | Filing of Nominations | 27th July 2026 (Monday), 28th July 2026 (Tuesday) & 29th July 2026 (Wednesday) 2:00PM to 05:00PM |
| 3. | Announcement of draft list of nominations received | 29th July 2026 (Wednesday) 06:00 PM |
| 4. | Objections to draft list of nominated candidates | 30th July (Thursday) 31st July (Friday), 1st August 2026 (Saturday) & 2nd August 2026 (Sunday) 2:00 PM to 05:00 PM |
| 5. | Scrutiny and disposal of objections to draft list of nominated candidates | 3rd August 2026 (Monday) to 4th August 2026 (Tuesday) 2:00PM to 05:00PM |
| 6. | Final list of nominated candidates | 5th August 2026 (Wednesday) 10:00 am |
| 7. | Withdrawal of nominations | 6th August 2026 (Thursday) 2:00 PM To 5:00 PM |
| 8. | final list of contesting candidates | 7th August 2026 (Friday) 10:00 am |
| 9. | Polling, if necessary | 9th August (Sunday) 10:00 am to 1:00 pm |

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| 10. | Counting of Votes | 9th August (Sunday) 01:30 pm |
| 11. | Declaration of results | 9th August (Sunday) After completion of counting |

6. Nominations

- i. The nomination of a candidate for election shall be proposed and seconded by persons on the electoral roll.
- ii. Every nomination form shall be delivered to the Electoral Officer or his authorized representative in person by the candidate himself within the deadline specified.
- iii. No member shall nominate more than one candidate for the same Elected Post, either as proposer or seconder and, if he so does, only the first valid nomination shall be accepted, and all other nominations of such member, shall be deemed to be void and inoperative.
- iv. No person shall be permitted to withdraw his name as proposer or seconder, once the nomination form endorsed by him has been delivered to the Electoral Officer.
- v. The Electoral Officer shall prepare a list of all nominations received by him, elected post-wise in accordance with Form 3 appended to the Election Rules.

7. Scrutiny and Finalization of Nominations

- i. The Electoral Officer shall scrutinize each nomination form received by him and determine its validity or otherwise as per relevant Acts, Rules made thereunder and the National Sports Body's bye-laws.
- ii. During the scrutiny of nominations under sub-clause (i), each Candidate or one of his authorized representatives shall have the right to be present and raise any objection in relation to nomination of another Candidate for the Elected Post for which he has filed his nomination.
- iii. Pursuant to the scrutiny of nomination forms, the Electoral Officer shall prepare a list of validly nominated candidates in accordance with **Form 4** appended to the Election Rules.
- iv. Every candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his candidature prior to the commencement of the election by providing notice to the Electoral Officer in accordance with **Form 5** appended to these Election Rules, and the Electoral Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of such notice.
- v. Any notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.
- vi. The Electoral Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates in accordance with **Form 6** of these Election Rules.

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- vii. Netball Federation of India shall provide the ballot papers in accordance with **Form 7** appended to these Election Rules under the supervision and charge of the Electoral Officer.
- viii. The ballot papers shall be printed clearly and legibly, and the names of the contesting candidates shall be arranged, for each Elected Post, in alphabetical order according to the English alphabet.

8. Campaign Practices

- i. Electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair manner and, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
- ii. Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidates, the National Sports Body and its members.
- iii. A Candidate shall not produce any spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause him prejudice, and criticism of other candidates, if made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work.
- iv. No Candidate shall engage in criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion against any other Candidate, and there shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
- v. Every Candidate may present to the members in the electoral roll, his plans and views for the Elected Post, in the form of a written document, which shall be published by the Electoral Officer in accordance with clause 4 (i) (g) of these Election Rules.
- vi. Candidates shall avoid excessive expenditure in campaigning, recognizing that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the candidates
- vii. The promotion of a candidate shall exclude any form of publicity, including the use of new media or social networks, and no public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organized in the process of promoting a candidature, and 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.
- viii. All candidates shall scrupulously avoid all activities that are "corrupt practices", including bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters.
- ix. Candidates may, in no case and under no pretext, give presents, offer donations, gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to voting members.
- x. The incumbent Executive Committee member, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used their official position for the purposes of their election campaign and in particular shall not –
 - a) use official transport including, vehicles, machinery and personnel for furtherance of their campaign;
 - b) issue any advertisement at the cost of the National Sports Body or its members in the newspapers and other media or misuse the National Sports Body's official media channels during the elections;
 - c) sanction grants or payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced; and
 - d) enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of any of the National Sports Body's

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members or its partners.

9. **Neutrality and Independence**

- i. As the voting is secret, voting members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly, in any form whatsoever, their intention to vote or not vote for a candidate.
- ii. Incumbent Executive Committee members shall refrain from making any public declaration and may in no way support a candidate.
- iii. Candidates shall not –
 - a. accept instructions from any person;
 - b. accept direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material or in kind, by any third party, or
 - c. enter into any form of undertaking with any person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the Elected Post.
 - d. The National Sports Body's executive team and administration shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times, and no support or service in relation to a candidature may be requested from any member of the National Sports Body's administration or staff.

10. **Polling**

- i. Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is equal to the number of Elected Posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those Elected Posts, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such Elected Post.
- ii. Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is more than the number of Elected Posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those Elected Posts remaining unfilled.
- iii. At the poll, members who are in the electoral roll, shall be entitled to:
 - a) cast one vote for each of the Elected Posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled; and
 - b) 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.
- iv. The ballot papers shall contain the name(s) of the Candidate(s), and the voters must mark vote as indicated at (iii) above
- v. Every voter shall be required, before he is supplied with a ballot paper, to give his signature on the authenticated copy of the electoral roll for taking the poll.
- vi. Except for the circumstance under sub-clause (i), a secret ballot shall always be conducted, regardless of how many candidates there are, and the secrecy of the ballot shall be guaranteed by the provision of a procedure ensuring privacy for the voter; further, the Electoral Officer shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers and be responsible for ensuring that the process is properly documented.
- vii. Voting members must vote in person where required.
- viii. The voter shall record his vote on the ballot paper in secrecy in a voting compartment specially provided for the purpose at the polling station.
- ix. The Electoral Officer shall close the poll at the designated time of closure, and such

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voters who are present at the polling station at the appointed closing hour, if any, shall be entitled to vote even if the poll proceedings have to be extended.

- x. The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the Electoral Officer before the commencement of the voting, and if the number of ballot papers returned in the poll is equal to or less than the number of ballot papers distributed, the Election shall be declared valid, but if the number returned in the poll exceeds that of the ballot papers distributed, the vote shall be declared null and void and another poll shall be taken immediately.

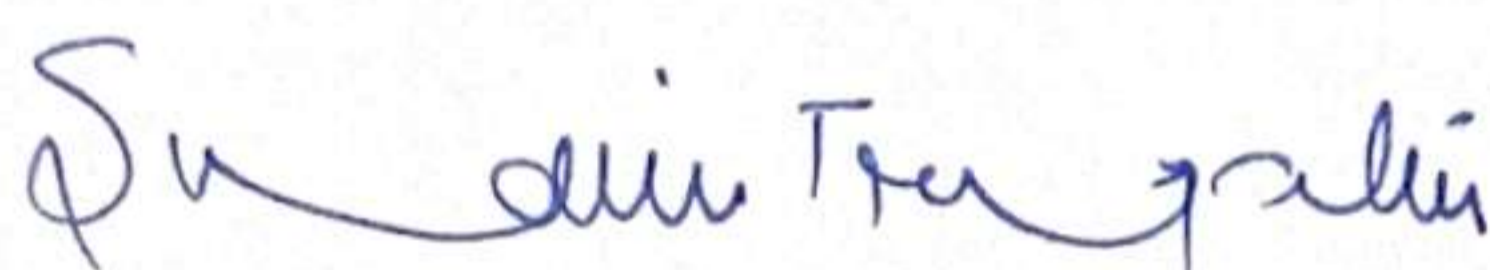
11. Counting of Votes

- i. The Electoral Officer shall take up the counting of votes, post-wise and category-wise, as soon as may be, after the polling process is complete.
- ii. Every contesting candidate can nominate one authorized representative who shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes, and other than such authorized representative, only the Electoral Officer and members of the National Sports Body's executive or administrative team, as specifically approved by the Electoral Officer, may take part in the count.
- iii. Every ballot paper on which a vote has been recorded shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly marked.
- iv. The following ballot papers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected by the Electoral Officer, namely:
 - a) those that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Electoral Officer;
 - b) those that bear any words other than the names of the candidates;
 - c) those that are illegible or have been defaced;
 - d) those that bear identifying marks; and
 - e) those that include votes for more candidates than permitted in a particular poll.
- v. The Electoral Officer shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper, in red, the reasons for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.
- vi. The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise, and category wise where applicable, and recorded in the descending order of the votes so cast for each candidate in accordance with Form 8 appended to these Election Rules.
- vii. The Electoral Officer shall thereafter ascertain the result of counting and the candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes in the said descending order, post-wise and category wise, where applicable, equal to the number of seats to be filled for each Elected Post or category of Elected Posts, where applicable, shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those Elected Posts.
- viii. After completing and verifying the count, the Electoral Officer shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately, and the National Sports Body shall keep these envelopes and shall retain them at least until the declaration of results of the immediately subsequent Election of the Executive Committee, or till the pendency of any legal proceedings relating to such Elections, whichever is later.

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12. Declaration of Results

- i. Once the count has been completed and verified, the names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected at the Elections shall be declared by the Electoral Officer at the general meeting.
 - ii. The results of the election shall be declared in accordance with Form 9 appended to these Election Rules, and published on the National Sports Body's official website within twenty-four hours of completion thereof.
 - iii. If, after the counting of the votes, an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates, and the addition of one vote will entitle any of those candidates to be declared elected, the Electoral Officer shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.
13. If any person/ affiliated association have any complaint, regarding this election, may contact the Returning officer or can give in writing in the name of Returning Officer or can send it through email of the Returning officer (nfielection2026@gmail.com).
14. The venue for all activities mentioned in Item No 1 to 9 in the schedule above shall be the office of Returning officer at: 1/122, Old Rajindra Nagar, Main Shankar Road Market, High on Desserts Building, New Delhi-110060
15. This may kindly be noted that all the disputes are subject to the jurisdictions of the District Court of Rohtak and Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh only.
16. The venue for taking the poll, if any, counting of votes and declaration of results is as follows: Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indoor Stadium, Near Agra Chowk, Palwal Haryana.
17. In the event of any change of the venue for voting, counting of votes and declaration of results, the same shall be intimated beforehand.



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Election commission of India, New Delhi
Returning Officer
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Place: New Delhi

Date: 10.07.2026

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Form 1 – Electoral Roll

| Affiliate Units | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Sl. No | Affiliate Unit Name | Election Representative Name | |
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| Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit | | | |
| | Name | | |
| | Name | | |
| | Name | | |

Name:
Electoral Officer, [*Insert Name of National Sports Body*]
Date:
Place:

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Form 2 – Nomination Form

NOMINATION FORM FOR

ELECTION AS _____(NAME OF THE ELECTED POST)

To
The Electoral Officer, [Insert Name of National Sports Body] [Insert Address]

We _____nominate Shri/Smt./Ms. _____ (name and address) for the above-mentioned Elected Post.

Our particulars are given below:-

| | Name | Name of Affiliate Unit Represented (if applicable) | Sl. No in the Electoral Roll List | Signature |
|-----------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Proposer | | | | |
| Secunder | | | | |

I, the candidate below named, do hereby give my assent to my nomination for the above Elected Post. Further, I certify and confirm that-

- (a) I am eligible to contest for the above-mentioned Elected Post as per the bye-laws of [Insert Name of National Sports Body]; and
- (b) I am not currently undergoing, and am not required to undergo any cooling off period in relation to the above-mentioned Elected Post or barred from contesting for such Elected Post, as per the bye-laws of [Insert Name of National Sports Body], the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 or the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2025 or under applicable law.
- (c) The information provided in the declaration appended to this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of the Candidate _____
Name of Affiliate Unit Represented (if applicable) _____
Sl. No. in the Electoral Roll list (if applicable) _____
Signature _____

Date:
Place:

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Form 3 – List of Nominations

| S. No. | Name, and Address of Candidate | Elected Post | Name and Sl. No. in Electoral Roll List of Proposer | Name and Sl. No. in Electoral Roll List of Seconder |
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Name:

Electoral Officer, *[Insert Name of National Sports Body]*

Date:

Place:

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**Form 4
List of Validly Nominated Candidates**

| Sl. No. | Name and address of Candidate | Elected Post | Name and Sl. No. in Electoral Roll List of Proposer | Name and Sl. No. in Electoral Roll List of Seconder |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
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Name:

Electoral Officer, [*Insert Name of National Sports Body*]

Date:

Place:

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Form 5 – Notice of Withdrawal

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

To

The Electoral Officer, [Insert Name of National Sports Body] [Insert Address]

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

Name of the Candidate _____

Name of Affiliate Unit Represented (if applicable) _____

Sl. No. in the Electoral Roll list (if applicable) _____

Signature

Place:

Date:

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Form 6 – List of Contesting Candidates

| Sl. No. | Elected Post | Name of Candidate | Name of Affiliate Unit Represented (if applicable) | Sl. No. in Electoral Roll List (if applicable) |
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Name:

Electoral Officer, [*Insert Name of National Sports Body*]

Date:

Place:

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Form 7 – Ballot Paper

| Elected 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 Elected 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 Electoral Officer for the purpose. Any ballot paper marker with any other pen, ball point pen, etc shall render your ballot paper liable for rejection.

Name:

Electoral Officer, *[Insert Name of National Sports Body]*

Date:

Place:

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Form 8 – Result of Counting of Votes

| Name of Post | Total Votes Polled | Total Votes Rejected | Name of Candidate | Valid Votes Polled |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| President (1) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| Vice President (4) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| | | | 3. | |
| | | | 4. | |
| Honorary Secretary (1) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| | | | 3. | |
| Honorary Treasurer (1) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| Joint Secretary (4) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| | | | 3. | |
| | | | 4. | |
| Executive Member (4) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| | | | 3. | |
| | | | 4. | |
| Male Sportsperson(s) of Outstanding Merit (Insert Number) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| | | | 3. | |
| Female Sportsperson (s) of Outstanding Merit (Insert Number) | | | 1. | |
| | | | 2. | |
| | | | 3. | |

Name:

Electoral Officer, [Insert Name of National Sports Body]

Date:

Place:

Name:

Observer (if present)

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Form 9 – Declaration of Results

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

| Elected Post | Name of Candidate |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| President (1) | |
| Vice President (4) | |
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| Honorary Secretary (1) | |
| Joint Secretary (4) | |
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| Honorary Treasurer (1) | |
| | |
| Executive Member (4) | |
| Male Sportsperson(s) of Outstanding Merit (Insert Number) | |
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| Female Sportsperson (s) of Outstanding Merit (Insert Number) | |
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Name:

Electoral Officer, *[Insert Name of National Sports Body]*

Date:

Place:

Name:

Observer (if present)