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To,
The President / Secretary General
All Affiliate State/UT Kayaking & Canoeing Associations

Subject: Invitation for Applications from Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit (**SOM**) for Preparation of Electoral Roster for the Upcoming Elections of the Executive Body of the Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association.

Respected Presidents and General Secretaries,

In compliance with the provisions contained National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and its related rules and in furtherance of ensuring fair representation of eligible stakeholders in Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association (hereinafter referred to as "IKCA"), applications are hereby invited from Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit (SOM) for inclusion in the electoral roster for the forthcoming elections of the Executive Body of IKCA. As per the Act and the Rules, a nominee must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

1. The Applicant should be a citizen of India.
2. The Applicant should be of sound mind.
3. The Applicant should not be the age of less than twenty-five year.
4. The Applicant must be retired from active sports and should have not participated in any competitive sport event which leads to selection to represent any district, State or India for at least one year prior to date of application.
5. **Integrity Condition** (mandatory eligibility): Notwithstanding fulfilment of the General Eligibility Criteria above and of any Tier specified below, an applicant shall not be eligible for inclusion in the SOM Roster if, as on the date of application, he/she — (i) is serving, or is subject to, a subsisting period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation under the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 or the applicable NADA / WADA / ICF anti-doping rules; (ii) is subject to a subsisting ban or sanction imposed by the Ethics Committee of the IKCA or of the Indian Olympic Association; or (iii) is otherwise disqualified under Rule 18 (Disqualifications) of the IKCA Constitution. Any medal, award or placing that has been rescinded, withdrawn or disqualified by the competent authority shall not be counted towards any Tier. Such disqualification shall be applied only on the basis of a finding or order of a competent authority — as the case may be, the anti-doping disciplinary panel, Ethics Committee, or a court of competent jurisdiction — shall subsist only for the period prescribed by such authority or by Rule 18, and shall not be based on mere allegation.

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Tier	Eligibility Criterion
Tier 1	Won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal in the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games (medal not rescinded or returned).
Tier 2	Participated in two or more editions of the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games.
Tier 3	Participated in at least one edition of the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games.
Tier 4	Awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award or the Arjuna Award by the Central Government (award not rescinded or returned).
Tier 5	Won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in a World Championship or equivalent competition (medal not rescinded or returned).
Tier 6	Won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games or Asian Winter Games (medal not rescinded or returned).
Tier 7	Won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in an Asian Championship or equivalent ICF competition (medal not rescinded or returned).
Tier 8	Participated in at least five (5) sanctioned international ICF events (individual) or five sanctioned international matches (team sport).
Tier 9	Participated in at least one (1) sanctioned international ICF event (individual) or one sanctioned international match (team sport).
Tier 10	Won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in the National Games or a National ICF Championship or equivalent competition, representing a particular State.

State Associations are further requested to note that, in accordance with the Rules, at least **50%** (fifty percent) of the SOMs so nominated must be women.

Provided that applicant have achieved the milestone in relevant Tier mentioned below only representing India, except in case of Tier 10, where applicant have represented a particular State.

Where the number of SOM of a particular Tier, exceeds the threshold then the eldest applicant by age shall receive preference and priority in selection from among the group of candidates qualifying under such Tier; and

In the event that the SOM roster cannot be populated, to meet the threshold IKCA shall include such applicants who satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria and the Tiered Eligibility Criteria in the Tier level immediately following the level last considered, in a sequential manner, until number of applicants included in the relevant sportspersons of outstanding merit roster satisfies such threshold.

Please forward the following documents/details for each nominee, duly verified:

1. Duly filled Nomination Form (Page 4 & 5, format attached in the email – **Annexure - A**).
2. Self-attested copy of proof of age and citizenship (Aadhaar Card/Passport/Voter ID).
3. Detailed record of sporting achievements with supporting certificates with absence of disqualification. (district / State / national / international level).
4. Self-declaration of SOM eligibility & non-participation in competitive events preceding 1 year.

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5. Two recent passport-size photographs and contact details (mobile number and e-mail ID).

All nominations, complete in all respects, must reach the Association's Registered Office or to the e-mail ID – **ikcasports@gmail.com** with Subject: "**Applications for Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit (SOM) 2026**" on or before **12th September 2026**.

Nominations received after the said date, or found incomplete, are liable to be rejected without further reference to the State Association. The nominations shall be placed before the Screening/Selection Committee of the IKCA for scrutiny and classification of eligible sportspersons into the appropriate Tier before their inclusion in the General Body and, where applicable, the Executive Committee.

The SOM rosters, once finalized shall be published on the official website of the Federation.

General Conditions

a) Mere submission of application does not guarantee inclusion in the electoral roster.
b) The decision of the Competent Authority shall be final and binding.
c) IKCA reserves the right to seek additional documents or clarifications from any applicant.
d) Any false declaration or suppression of material facts shall lead to rejection and may invite further action.

For ready reference, please follow the link below to read:

National Sports Governance Act, 2025 –
https://yas.gov.in/sites/default/files/National%20Sports%20Governance%20Act%2C%202025_0.pdf

National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 -
https://yas.gov.in/sites/default/files/National%20Sports%20Governance%20%28National%20Sports%20Bodies%29%20Rules%2C%202026.pdf

All affiliate Associations are requested to give this matter their urgent attention and wide publicity among past and present athletes in their State/UT, so that no eligible sportsperson is left out of this important exercise. For any clarification, please feel free to reach out.

Thanking you.
Yours faithfully,

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