

# AD-HOC COMMITTEE – VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA

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June 19, 2023

L.No:- **Ad-hoc committee/volleyball/Asian Games Selection/2023 - 01**

To  
The President and Secretary General  
State Volleyball Associations/AIPSCB/RSPB/SSCB

Sub: Letter dated 14 June, 2023 of FIVB

Dear Sirs,

The Indian Olympic Association with consultation and recommendation of the FIVB had constituted an Ad Hoc Committee of Volleyball Federation of India on 13 June, 2023 which included a representative from FIVB. Further, the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) in its letter dated 14 June, 2023 to Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta (VFI) had withdrawn the recognition of Volleyball Federation of India and authorised Ad-hoc committee formed by IOA to run the VFI. Copies of the FIVB letter dt 14 June, 2023 and IOA Office Order dt 13 June, 2023 are enclosed for your reference.

In view of the above you are informed that the Ad Hoc Committee of the VFI will be managing all and day to day affairs of Volleyball Federation of India and also conducting election of the VFI Executive Council.

Please confirm understanding & also for all communication use the following Email Id:  
[adhoc.committee.vfi@gmail.com](mailto:adhoc.committee.vfi@gmail.com)

With best Regards



Rohit Rajpal  
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Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee, VFI



Alaknanda Ashok  
(Joint Secretary, IOA)  
(Member, Ad-Hoc Committee, VFI)

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13 June, 2023

OFFICE ORDER

**Sub.: Formation of Ad Hoc Committee of Volleyball Federation of India**

In consultation and recommendation of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), an Ad Hoc Committee for the Volleyball Federation of India is being formed. The Executive Council Meeting of the Indian Olympic Association held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 has also given consent to formation of this Ad Hoc Committee.

The Ad Hoc Committee of VFI will be consisting of the following members: –

Mr. Rohit Rajpal, Executive Council Member, IOA - Chairman  
Mrs. Alaknanda Ashok, Joint Secretary, IOA - Member  
Mr. S. Gopinath, IPS (Retd.) former athlete - Member  
Mr. Stephen Bock, FIVB Head of Legal and General Counsel - Member

This Ad Hoc Committee has to conduct the election of the Executive Council and to manage the affairs of the Volleyball Federation of India, including selection of the athletes and making entries for participation of sportspersons in international events.

A retired Judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court or any High Court in India will also be involved with the Ad Hoc Committee to ensure fresh elections of VFI are conducted in a smooth, transparent and legally sound manner.

(Kalyan Chaubey)  
Joint Secretary / Acting CEO

- To,
- International Volleyball Federation
  - International Olympic Committee
  - Olympic Council of Asia
  - Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
  - Members of the Ad Hoc Committee of VFI
  - Executive Council Members of IOA
  - National Sports Federations
  - State Olympic Associations

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Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta  
Volleyball Federation of India

Lausanne, 14 June 2023

### Withdrawal of Recognition of Volleyball Federation of India

Dear Prof. Dr. Achyuta Samanta,

I trust this letter finds you in good health.

On 13 June 2023, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) provided the attached letter in which it informed the FIVB that it has withdrawn the recognition of the officials of the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) and has formed an Ad-Hoc Commission to conduct fresh elections.

The FIVB would like to emphasize the FIVB Constitution provides that a National Federation must be recognized by the highest sporting authorities in its country (NOC) as the sole governing body to administer the sport of volleyball in its country. As none of the officials are recognised by the IOA, the FIVB has no choice but to follow their recommendation to organize fresh elections as soon as possible.

It is the FIVB's desire that the work of the Ad-Hoc Committee created by the IOA in which the FIVB also has a representative will finally bring a closure to the governance dispute within the Volleyball Federation of India to allow all of us to focus on growing the sport of volleyball in India.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours in Volleyball,

Fabio Azevedo  
FIVB General Director

CC:

**Ary S. Graca F<sup>o</sup> - FIVB President**

**P.T. USHA – President Indian Olympic Association**

**Kalyan Chaubey - Joint Secretary-Indian Olympic Association**

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