

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER- WFI ELECTION

Election of the Office Bearers and Members of Executive Committee of Wrestling Federation of India [2023 – 2026]

Date: 22/07/2023

ORDER

Yesterday i.e. on 21.7.2023 I had announced the Revised Remaining Schedule for conducting elections of the Executive Committee of the W.F.I. It has been intimated at item No. (2) that last date for receiving the names of members for constitution of Electoral College has already lapsed on the 25.6.2023 by 5.00 p.m and accordingly that stage is deemed to be complete and closed. The preparation and display of the Electoral College etc. at item No. (3) was scheduled to be completed yesterday itself but had to be deferred because Shri Bhupender Singh Bajwa, Member, Ad-Hoc Committee, WFI sent an intimation accompanied by his affidavit stating that some of the state units did not file their request to make changes in the nomination already sent or could not make fresh nomination as the interim stay order by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court was issued at 11.00 A.M on 25.6.2023. According to Mr Bajwa these State Units felt restraints from filing any request for change in the names already sent or filing fresh nominations. It has therefore been requested that adequate opportunity be granted to everyone to make fresh nomination/seek changes in the nomination already made.

I have thoughtfully considered the request made by Shri Bajwa, member, Ad-Hoc Committee, WFI and find that if the stay order was made at 11.00 A.M as per affidavit on the 25.6.2023 then after 11.00 A.M the state units could not avail time to file their request etc for making fresh nominations/ seek changes in the names already sent in the remaining period. This request can be accommodated within the Revised Remaining Schedule without any delay in the election programme. Moreover,

there is no rule in the Constitution of the WFI which prohibits accommodation of such request and accordingly item No. (2) and (3) of notification issued on 21.7.2023 is amended and shall read as under:-

2.	Last date for receiving the names for Electoral College	24/07/2023 (Monday) By 5.00 PM
3.	Preparation and display of the Electoral College and circulation to affiliates and publishing the same on website of IOA/WFI	25/07/2023 (Tuesday) By 5.00 PM

It is clarified that according to Article XIII(b) of the Constitution of WFI, State/UT units, are required to nominate only their Executive Members and not ordinary members or outsiders who are not qualified to be nominated to become part of Electoral College. After incorporating changes, amended revised remaining schedule be issued and uploaded on the website.

...Sd...

(Justice M.M.Kumar)

(Returning Officer, WFI Election – 2023 and
Chief Justice High Court of J &K (Retd.)