

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
FOR JFI ELECTION**

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Sub. : Representation of Judo Association of Uttarakhand in the JFI Election.

A petition is filed by Shri Yashpal Solanki petitioner in case of Hon. High Court of Delhi Writ Petition (Civil) No. 10353/2017, requesting removal of the authorized representatives of the Judo Association of Uttarakhand from the JFI Election process for not fulfilling the eligibility criteria as contained in Para 3.10 of annexure II of the National Sports Development Code of India 2011. In the said Para it is mentioned that only one State Association from every state/UT may be admitted as a member of the Judo Federation of India provided it has a minimum 50% of the district level associations affiliated to it. In the case of the Judo Association of Uttarakhand it is contended that even though Uttarakhand has 13 districts, only a single district level association namely Dehradun is affiliated to the Judo Association of Uttarakhand. On being asked the learned Counsel for the Petitioner states that as per his knowledge there is no other state level Judo Association functioning in Uttarakhand.

It is true that according to Para 3.10, a State/UT association should have affiliated to it a minimum of 50% of the District Associations. One needs to understand that in present context, Judo is a sport/ discipline yet to gain adequate popularity in the Uttarakhand state; it is limited primarily to a single urban district. If the Judo Association of Uttarakhand is disallowed from participating the state would go unrepresented.

In view of the above, I do not think it is fair to remove the Judo Association of Uttarakhand from participating in the JFI Election process.


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