

**ORDER OF RETURNING OFFICER TO THE OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT- ELECTORAL
LIST**

1. An objection has been raised regarding the eligibility of the nominees of the Karnataka Judo Association, namely **Ms. Devishree Kadampatil** and **Mr. Vikramsinh Pundalikrao Kadampatil**, on the ground that they are husband and wife and fall within the category of "Immediate Relatives", allegedly in violation of the provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
 - The issue for consideration is whether the nomination of two representatives who are immediate relatives constitutes a disqualification under the Act or the National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026. At the stage of preparation of the electoral roll, the scope of scrutiny is limited to verifying whether the representatives are validly nominated by an affiliated unit and whether they suffer from any statutory disqualification.
 - Upon perusal of the applicable provisions, no clause has been pointed out which disqualifies individuals from being nominated as representatives of an affiliated unit merely on the ground of being immediate relatives. The disqualifications prescribed under the statutory framework are specific and exhaustive, and the relationship between nominees does not fall within any such disqualification.
 - In view of the above, the objection is without merit and is accordingly rejected. Ms. Devishree Kadampatil and Mr. Vikramsinh Pundalikrao Kadampatil shall be included in the electoral roll as valid representatives of the Karnataka Judo Association.

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2. The eligibility of **Mr. Bairaboina Kailasam Yadav** has been called into question on the ground that he is holding the position of General Secretary of the Federation of Mixed Martial Arts India (FMMAI), and is therefore disqualified under Rule 11(2) of the National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026, on account of holding office in another National Sports Body.

- In response, Mr. Yadav has submitted that he had earlier served as General Secretary of FMMAI but has formally resigned from the said position in December 2024, and that as on date he does not hold any office in any other sports federation. No material has been placed on record to establish that he continues to hold any such position.
- It is noted that the document provided as proof of resignation is neither supported by any email or post which may show that resignation was actually filed/ accepted.
- Rule 11(2) contemplates disqualification where a person is a member or office bearer of **another National Sports Body**. Even assuming the resignation was made and accepted. Even thereafter Rule 11 (2) (b) will squarely apply. Therefore, nomination of **Mr. Bairaboina Kailasam Yadav as representative of Telangana is rejected.**

3. An objection has been raised by the office of the Judo Federation of India regarding the eligibility of **Mr. Mukesh Kumar**, nominated by the Madhya Pradesh Judo Association, on the ground that has completed 3 terms as General Secretary of JFI from 2001- 2013 and One term as President JFI from 2013. A reply has been filed by the Madhya Pradesh Judo Association opposing the said objection.

- The issue for consideration is whether the cooling-off provision operates as a disqualification for inclusion in the electoral roll. The electoral process is governed by the National Sports Governance Act,

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2025 and the National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026. At the stage of preparation of the electoral roll, the scope of scrutiny is limited to verifying whether the nominated representative is from a valid affiliated unit and whether he suffers from any disqualification under the Act or the Rules.

- Rule 11 of the Rules provides for disqualifications, namely insolvency, conviction, or disqualification by the Ethics Committee. The said disqualifications are exhaustive. The cooling-off provision under the proviso to Section 4(2) pertains only to eligibility for holding office-bearing posts and does not constitute a disqualification for being included in the electoral roll or acting as a representative of an affiliated unit.
 - Even otherwise, prima facie, Mr. Mukesh Kumar appears to have undergone a cooling-off period far exceeding one full term. It is not disputed that he has not held any office since 2017, and thus has remained out of office for a period of approximately nine years, which is well beyond the prescribed cooling-off requirement.
 - In view of the above, the objection is misconceived and is accordingly rejected. **Mr. Mukesh Kumar** shall be included in the final electoral roll as a valid representative of the Madhya Pradesh Judo Association.
4. An objection has been raised regarding the eligibility of **Mr. Naresh Tatwade**, nominated as a representative, on the ground that he has completed two terms as a member of the Executive Committee of the Judo Federation of India. It is contended that such tenure renders him ineligible.
- The issue for consideration is whether completion of two terms in the Executive Committee constitutes a disqualification under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 or the National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026.

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Upon perusal of the applicable provisions, it is noted that neither the Act nor the Rules prescribe any disqualification on this ground.

- Rule 11 of the Rules provides for specific disqualifications, which are exhaustive in nature. Completion of two terms in the Executive Committee does not fall within any of the enumerated disqualifications, nor has any provision been pointed out imposing such a restriction.
- In view of the above, the objection is devoid of merit and is accordingly rejected. **Mr. Naresh Tatwade** shall be included in the electoral roll as a valid representative.

5. Another objection with regard to nomination of Mr. Naresh Tatwade as a representative of Madhya Pradesh Judo Association was received. The ground for such objection was that Mr. tatwade was ineligible to be part of the electoral roll on account of his conviction by a competent court of law which was followed by a sentence of imprisonment. A copy of order dated 27/11/2015 was provided to the office of the RO in this regard and it was stated that Mr. Tatwade is ineligible in view of violation of rule 11 (1)(b) of NSGB rules 2026.

- Clarification to the said objection was sought by the office of RO from Mr. Tatwade. In his response Mr Tatwde has relied upon the proviso of Rule 11 (2) which provides that the disqualification in respect of conviction by the court shall be for a period of one full term of the executive committee after the completion of such sentence.
- Me Tatwade clarify that he has not been part of the executive committee since 2017 and therefore this provision will not apply to him as more than 8 years has laps since completion of this sentence. The names of Mr. Naresh Tatwade are accordingly included in the electoral roll.

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6. The eligibility of **Mr. Manmohan Jaiswal** is under consideration pursuant to an objection received. Eligibility of **Mr. Manmohan Jaiswal**, nominated by the Rajasthan Judo Association, is challenged on the ground that he has held multiple terms as President of the State Association and has also served as General Secretary of the Judo Federation of India (JFI). It is contended that such tenure violates the cooling-off requirements under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025. A reply has been filed by the Rajasthan Judo Association opposing the objection.

- At the outset, the contention that the objection is not maintainable as it has been raised by the office/administrator of JFI is rejected. The Returning Officer is duty-bound to examine all objections placed on record to ensure that the electoral roll is prepared in accordance with law, irrespective of the source of such objection.
- The issue for consideration is whether the alleged tenure of the representative attracts any disqualification for inclusion in the electoral roll. At this stage, the scope of scrutiny is limited to verifying whether the nominated representative is from a valid affiliated unit and whether he suffers from any disqualification under the Act or the Rules. The disqualifications are exhaustively provided (under the statutory framework), and no material has been placed to show that the representative suffers from any such disqualification.
- The reliance on the cooling-off provision under Section 4(2) is misplaced. The said provision governs eligibility for holding office-bearing posts in the National Sports Federation and does not operate as a disqualification for being included in the electoral roll. Further, it is not in dispute that the representative has served as General Secretary of JFI for two terms, which is below the threshold of three consecutive terms contemplated under the provision. In any event, the present

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exercise is confined to preparation of the electoral roll, and questions relating to eligibility to contest elections are premature.

- In view of the above, the objection is misconceived and without merit, and is accordingly rejected. **Mr. Manmohan Jaiswal** shall be included in the electoral roll as a valid representative of the Rajasthan Judo Association.

7. The Returning Officer has considered an objection concerning the nomination of **Mr. Dipak Mallick** as a representative of the Meghalaya Judo Association. The objection is based on the allegation that he has completed multiple terms as Secretary of the State Association and has also served three terms on the Executive Committee of the Judo Federation of India.

- The question that arises is whether such tenure results in any disqualification under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 or the National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026. At the stage of finalisation of the electoral roll, the enquiry is confined to verifying the validity of nomination and the existence of any statutory disqualification.
- A review of the relevant provisions indicates that neither holding office in a State Association nor completion of terms in the Executive Committee of the National Sports Federation constitutes a disqualification under the governing framework. The statutory disqualifications are specific in nature, and no provision has been brought on record to support the objection.
- Accordingly, the objection is found to be untenable and is rejected. The name of **Mr. Dipak Mallick** shall be included in the electoral roll as a valid representative of the Meghalaya Judo Association.

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8. A representation has been received questioning the nomination of **Mr. K. N. Tripathi** as a representative of the Jharkhand Judo Association. The objection proceeds on the basis that he has held the office of President of the State Association for multiple terms up to 2026 and has also completed three terms as a member of the Executive Committee of the Judo Federation of India.

- The limited question for determination is whether the aforesaid tenure attracts any disqualification under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 or the National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026. At the stage of preparation of the electoral roll, the scrutiny is confined to the validity of nomination and the existence of any statutory disqualification.
- On consideration of the applicable provisions, it is evident that neither the tenure held in a State Association nor the completion of terms as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Sports Federation is prescribed as a ground of disqualification. The statutory framework provides specific and exhaustive disqualifications, and no such disqualification has been shown to apply in the present case.
- In the circumstances, the objection is rejected. **Mr. K. N. Tripathi** shall be included in the electoral roll as a valid representative of the Jharkhand Judo Association.

9. The Returning Officer has considered the communications received in respect of representation from the **State of Haryana**. Two separate sets of nominations were received—one from the Administrator of the Haryana Judo Association proposing the names of Mr. Vajeer Singh and Mr. Yashpal Solanki, and another from the Haryana State Judo Association proposing the names of Mr. Satish Kumar Yadav and Mr. Ajit Kumar.

- Comments were also received from the office of the Judo Federation of India, wherein it has been stated that the Administrator does not have

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the authority to nominate representatives for the purpose of the electoral roll. It is not in dispute that the Haryana State Judo Association is a duly affiliated unit of the Judo Federation of India. The authority to nominate representatives vests in the duly affiliated unit, and not in an Administrator unless expressly provided by any order.

- In view of the above, the nominations submitted by the Haryana State Judo Association through its authorised office bearers are accepted for inclusion in the electoral roll. The nominations forwarded by the Administrator are not accepted.
- Subsequently, an email has been received from the Haryana State Judo Association stating that Mr. Ajit Kumar is unable to participate in the election process on medical grounds and requesting his substitution with Ms. Renu Kajla. Considering that the electoral roll has not yet been finalised, the request is accepted. Accordingly, **Ms. Renu Kajla** and **Mr. Satish Kumar Yadav** shall be included in the electoral roll as representatives of Haryana.

10. In respect of the **State of Uttar Pradesh**, objections were received concerning the nomination of Mr. Munawar Anzar Ali Siddiqui. Subsequently, a communication has been received from Mr. Siddiqui stating that, in view of the objections raised, his name is being withdrawn and replaced.

- In terms of the said communication, the Uttar Pradesh Judo Association has nominated Mr. Sudhir Shankar Halwasiya and Ms. Ayesha Munawar as its representatives. As the substitution has been affected prior to finalisation of the electoral roll, no further adjudication on the objection is required. The names of **Mr. Sudhir Shankar Halwasiya** and **Ms. Ayesha Munawar** are accordingly included in the electoral roll.

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11. A submission has been received questioning the eligibility of **Mr. Bane Brata Das**, nominated by the Assam Judo Association, on the ground that he has completed multiple terms as State Secretary and is presently serving as State President, and has also served on the Executive Committee of the Judo Federation of India. A clarification has also been received stating that Mr. Das had undergone a cooling-off period between 2018 and 2023.

- The limited issue for consideration at this stage is whether the aforesaid circumstances attract any disqualification under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 or the National Sports Bodies Rules, 2026. The scrutiny at the stage of preparation of the electoral roll is confined to verifying the validity of nomination and the existence of any statutory disqualification.
- Upon consideration of the applicable provisions, it is evident that neither holding office in a State Association nor completion of terms in the Executive Committee of the National Sports Federation constitutes a ground of disqualification. The disqualifications under the statutory framework are specific and exhaustive, and no such disqualification has been shown to apply in the present case. The clarification regarding cooling-off is noted; however, the same does not call for any further determination at this stage.
- In view of the above, the objection is rejected. Mr. Bane Brata Das shall be included in the electoral roll as a valid representative of the Assam Judo Association.

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12. An objection is sent through an Email on 13.05.2026 by Manmohan Jaiswal raising objection regarding three states jammu Kashmir, Meghalaya and Tamil Nadu. He has stated to remove these states from electoral roll as they have failed to conduct the elections within the timing mandated.

- It is been decided that the role of RO has commenced after the JFI/ Administrator has provided the list of affiliated authorities /associations to the Returning Officer. At this stage the RO cannot go into the fact that the elections of the above mentioned states have not been conducted.

13. An objection with regards to Punjab Judo Association, Tamil Nadu Judo Assosiation (regd) and Delhi Judo Counsel. It is stated that the above Associations are not the affiliated members of JFI, and JFI has not sent any letter or email for inviting representative for Electoral Collage.

14. A request for replacement of name of a representative has been made by Mr. Zafer Khan from All Assam Jud Associations. Since no reason is provided for such replacement the request is denied.

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