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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 211
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

Sports Federations in the country

*211 Shri Raghav Chadha:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Sports Federations in the country;
- (b) in what manner these federations are regulated;
- (c) the specific rules and guidelines for each of these federations;
- (d) whether elections are conducted to all of these federations; and
- (e) the tenure of the elected members, federation-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/03/2025 REGARDING “SPORTS FEDERATIONS IN THE COUNTRY” ASKED BY SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA, HON’BLE MEMBER OF RAJYA SABHA.

(a) Sir, the Government of India recognizes one federation each for a particular sport annually as the National Sports Federation NSFs for its promotion and development as per the procedure laid down in the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (“The Sports Code”). A total 45 NSFs were granted annual recognition by the Government for the year 2024 for different sports.

(b) & (c) Governance and management of the NSFs is, at present, regulated in terms of the Sports Code, which is an amalgamation of instructions and guidelines brought out by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The Sports Code requires the NSFs to follow healthy management practices, accountability, transparency, impartial and transparent selection procedures, age and tenure restrictions of office bearers, basic universal principles of good governance in sports, proper accounting procedures, prevention of age fraud & sexual harassment of women, and holding of elections as per model election guidelines. The Sports Code is available on the website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, i.e. <https://yas.nic.in>.

(d) & (e) The NSFs are bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 / State Societies Registration Act, Companies Act, etc. and the elections to the Executive Committees of the NSFs are conducted in accordance with their bye-laws / applicable laws. The term of the Executive Committee of each of the 45 recognised NSFs is given in the Annexure.

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S. No.	National Sports Federations	Date of Last Election	Term of the Elected Executive Committee
1.	All India Chess Federation	10.03.2024	2024-2028
2.	All India Football Federation	02.09.2022	2022-2026
3.	All India Sports Council for Deaf	11.08.2023	2023-2027
4.	All India Tennis Association	28.08.2024	Election held on 28.08.2024 for the term of 2024-2028. However, in the meanwhile, in Writ Petition No. 13458/2024 challenging the elections of All India Tennis Association, the Hon’ble Delhi High Court in its order dated 24.09.2024 directed that the Election shall remain subject to the outcome of the instant writ petition; and let the result of the Election be placed in a sealed cover by the Election Officer, meaning thereby, the result of the Election shall not be published.
5.	Amateur Soft Tennis Federation of India	13.10.2022	2022-2026
6.	Archery Association of India	19.01.2024	2024-2028
7.	Athletics Federation of India	07.01.2025	2025-2029
8.	AtyaPatya Federation of India	24.04.2022	2022-2026
9.	Badminton Association of India	25.03.2022	2022-2026
10.	Basketball Federation of India	05.07.2023	2023-2027
11.	Billiards & Snookers Federation of India	29.10.2022	2022-2026
12.	Boxing Federation of India	03.02.2021	2021-2025 The elections of Boxing Federation of India for the term 2025-2029 are scheduled on 28.03.2025.
13.	Bridge Federation of India	06.01.2024	2024-2028
14.	Cycling Federation of India	23.04.2023	2023-2027

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15.	Equestrian Federation of India (EFI)	29.09.2019	Election held on 29.09.2019 as well as the governance structure of EFI was challenged before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. The said matters are pending for adjudication before the Hon'ble Court. However, the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in LPA 449/2024 reinstated the Executive Committee constituted pursuant to EFI elections held in November, 2019 till the writ petitions being W.P.(C) 10342/2019 and W.P.(C) 5989/2022 are disposed of.
16.	Fencing Association of India	20.08.2021	2021-2025
17.	Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)	05.11.2019	The last elections of GFI was held on 05.11.2019 for the term of 2019-2023. The process of election of the GFI for the term 2023-2027 was initiated by GFI. However, the elections of GFI, which was to be held on 29.09.2023 were stayed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court vide order dated 27.09.2023 in WP No. 10138 of 2023 till next order. The said writ petition is still pending before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.
18.	Hockey India	01.10.2022	2022-2026
19.	Indian Golf Union	15.12.2024	2024-2026
20.	Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association	20.04.2022	2022-2026
21.	Indian Pencak Silat Federation	10.09.2023	2023-2027
22.	Indian Polo Association	25.06.2023	2023-2025
23.	Indian Rugby Football Union	18.12.2021	2021-2025
24.	Indian Triathlon Federation	18.05.2023	2023-2027
25.	Indian Weightlifting Federation	03.10.2021	2021-2025
26.	Kho-Kho Federation of India	05.07.2021	2021-2025
27.	KIFI Association	25.11.2023	2023-2027

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28.	National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)	18.09.2021 and 21.09.2024 – for the post of President	2021-2025
29.	Netball Federation of India	20.08.2023	2023-2026
30.	Paralympic Committee of India	09.03.2024	2024-2028
31.	Roll Ball Federation of India	20.10.2024	2024-2028
32.	Roller Skating Federation of India	18.07.2021	2021-2025
33.	Rowing Federation of India	25.02.2024	Elections of RFI was held on 25th February, 2024. The Hon'ble Delhi High Court vide order dated 23.02.2024 in WP No. 2702/2024 directed that votes shall not be counted and the results shall not be announced till further orders of the Hon'ble Court. The said writ petition is still pending before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.
34.	School Games Federation of India	17.01.2023	2023-2027
35.	Sepaktakraw Federation of India	15.12.2024	2024-2028
36.	Shooting Ball Federation of India	13.08.2024	2024-2028
37.	Special Olympics Bharat	26.09.2023	2023-2027
38.	Squash Racket Federation of India	24.05.2023	2023-2027
39.	Swimming Federation of India	21.05.2023	2023-2027
40.	Table Tennis Federation of India	05.12.2022	2022-2026
41.	Tennis ball Cricket Federation of India	11.02.2024	2024-2028
42.	Wako India Kickboxing Federation	21.12.2024	2024-2028
43.	Wushu Association of India	30.04.2023	2023-2027
44.	Yachting Association of India	24.10.2019	2019-2022
45.	Yogasana Bharat	18.09.2022	2022-2026