

In response to the notice issued on 05.09.2022 for the conduct of elections to Hockey India, names of authorised representatives have been received from all the permanent members.

The same was uploaded on HI website on 14.09.2022 as the provisional Electoral College.

Subsequently, a few complaints/representations have been received. These have been examined and decisions taken are as under:

1. Representation has been received from Aswin Kumar Varma representing 'Hockey Puducherry'. 'Hockey Puducherry' is not affiliated with Hockey India. 'Le Puducherry Hockey' affiliated with Hockey India is representing Puducherry since 2014. The question of getting affiliation is to be considered by Hockey India and not by the Returning Officer.

Therefore no action is needed at this stage when notification for election has already been issued on 05.09.2022.

2. A representation has been received from Ms. Shobha Singh claiming to be President 'Hockey Rajasthan affiliated with RSOA, a State Sports Federation which is not affiliated with Hockey India. So the names of the representatives forwarded by them cannot be accepted for the upcoming Hockey India elections.

The names of representatives submitted by Hockey Rajasthan represented by Mr. Arun Kumar Sarswat is accepted.

3. Complaint received from Mr. P. Madhukaran against Telangana Hockey alleging irregularities committed by Telangana Hockey. As the complaint is vague, irrelevant and has no bearing on Hockey India elections, no action is needed to be taken.
4. A representation has been received from Mr. Ashish Kumar Ballal, a former Olympian Hockey player requesting not to include the name of the representatives sent by Hockey Karnataka on the ground that the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has stayed the declaration of results of the elections of the state body held on 08.09.2022. A copy of the Hon'ble High Court order has also been forwarded by him.

CoA has directed that the names of the representatives of Hockey Karnataka submitted by the present Executive Board be accepted subject to any further decision by Hon'ble Karnataka High Court in the said matter.

5. A representation has been received from Mr. Pratap Satpathy representing Hockey Odisha, a Sports Federation not affiliated with Hockey India. He has also filed a writ petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha, the final order of which is yet to be passed. He has also approached the CoA for its affiliation with Hockey India, which has not been accepted.

Therefore, his contention cannot be considered at this stage.

6. Manipur Hockey Association has been declared illegal by the Registrar of Societies. The appeal filed by Manipur Hockey challenging the order of Registrar of Societies before the Hon'ble High Court, Manipur has been rejected.




Consequently the names sent by Manipur Hockey for the purpose of Hockey India elections are deemed to be invalid. However notices have been sent by e-mail to Manipur Hockey & Mr. M. Hemachandra, advocate.

Manipur Hockey represented by Mr. Gyanendro Ningombam, former President of Hockey India on 15.09.2022 the day for filing objections, has informed that he has filed an appeal in the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur on 02.09.2022 which has not yet been listed. As long as there is no clear direction from the Court on this appeal, the previous order dated 20.07.2022 of the Hon'ble High Court of Manipur will prevail.

If the Hon'ble High Court / Supreme Court upholds the appeal of Manipur Hockey on or before the polling day, their authorised representatives will be allowed to participate in the poll.

Ms. A Grihini Devi and P. Inaocha Devi also represented Hockey Manipur to present their case during the hearing held on 15.09.2022.

  
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Returning Officer 15/9/22