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Hon'ble Justice Rekha Palli (Retd.)  
The Returning Officer, SSI Elections 2026.

Date-18/04/2026

**Subject: Postponement of SSI Elections 2026**

Respected Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Ski and Snowboard India (SSI), I respectfully submit this request for review of the Order dated 18.04.2026 regarding the postponement of the SSI Elections 2026. It is submitted that the Reply and Submissions made on behalf of the Counsel for Ski and Snowboard India have not been taken on record which may cast aspersions. Therefore, we request that our written reply be duly considered to avoid future conflicts and confusion in the election process. The submissions are as follows:

1. The list of Member Units of SSI was published in 2023 and has never been objected to by any member till date. Any entity other than the official member of SSI is not a competent party to raise objections.
2. As already informed, the Ad-hoc Body unilaterally constituted by the President of the Indian Olympic Association was formed in violation of the Principles of Natural Justice, the IOA Constitution, and the Sports Code, 2011. Crucially, this Ad-hoc Body was never ratified by the IOA Executive Body as mandated. Further, the Hon'ble Delhi High Court expressly restrained the said Body from creating new members or altering the juristic character of SSI. Accordingly, **any entity claiming legitimacy on the basis of recognition by the Ad-hoc Committee is non-est in law and cannot be entertained.**
3. Pursuant to the Hon'ble Delhi High Court's directions in WPC 3418/2025 and LPA No. 104/2026, the updated list of members dated 23.02.2026 was submitted to the Returning Officer and subsequently published on our website.
4. In compliance with the Returning Officer's letter dated 08.04.2026, the Secretary General requested all existing member states to send the names of their representatives. **Physical copies of correspondence substantiating that no member state/UT was excluded and that timelines were duly observed.** These were taken on record.
5. All State/UT units were granted time until 11.04.2026 to submit nominations. All concerned states complied within the stipulated time, except:

States:

- i. Himachal Pradesh Winter Games Association; and
- ii. Ski Snowboard Association of Telangana

Union Territories (UTs):

- i. Winter Games Association of Jammu & Kashmir; and
  - ii. Ladakh Ski and Snowboard Association
6. Any other entities claiming affiliation beyond the four units mentioned above are not recognized members of SSI and therefore lack locus to object, particularly once the elections were formally notified on 13.04.2026.
  7. For maximum inclusion in the electoral roll, the aforesaid units were granted an additional opportunity until 12.04.2026. They failed to adhere to this timeline. Objections raised on 16.04.2026 were unreasonable and unsupported by cogent grounds, solely to derail the election process.
  8. The representatives raising objections provided no valid reasons for delay. During the hearing, they casually claimed exclusion without producing any documentary or reasonable explanation for not submitting their nominees.
  9. Granting four weeks' time to units that have repeatedly violated timelines is unfair, arbitrary, and casts aspersions on the bona fide intentions of SSI. Member units running multiple bodies for same sport and struggling with internal conflicts is not relevant for the conduct of SSI elections. Postponement of elections on such grounds favours vested interests and disrupts the process.
  10. Entertaining such vested interests after elections have been notified sets a wrong precedent, opening the door to endless disruption at every stage. This is neither justified nor sustainable at SSI's expense.
  11. **Postponement also imposes unjustified financial burdens on SSI.** All bookings and arrangements were made in accordance with the Election Schedule notified on 13.04.2026. SSI, being a not-for-profit body, cannot bear such short-notice logistical costs for the convenience of leisure litigants.
  12. Once elections are notified, they must be completed within 21 days under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and NSG Rules 2026. Postponement of elections due to internal conflicts of one member unit is unjustified. Such disputes must be resolved internally; SSI cannot be held responsible.

The election schedule as enshrined in Schedule II containing Election Rules under the National Sports Governance Rules 2026 is reproduced hereunder:

EVENT	DAY
Call for Elections, invitation for nominations and release of final electoral roll	Day 1
Filing of nominations	Day 8 to Day 10
Announcement of draft list of nominations received	Day 10

Objections to draft list of nominated candidates	Day 11 to Day 14
Scrutiny and disposal of objections to Draft list of nominated candidates	Day 15 to Day 16
Final list of nominated candidates	Day 17
Withdrawal of nominations	Day 18
Final list of contesting candidates	Day 19
Polling and announcement of results	Day 21

13. The election framework does not provide for raising objections after the release of final electoral roll, particularly, when such objections are not being raised by the affiliated State/Units. It is noteworthy that **sufficient time was granted to the members to raise objections to the SSI affiliated members list dated 23.02.2026**, and further time was granted to send their nominations. Any failure to send names of representatives or internal dispute among member units may not be valid ground for postponement of elections. **The election process, once set in motion, may not be interrupted. It is pertinent to mention that the integrity of the electoral process requires uninterrupted completion.**
14. The records clearly demonstrate that SSI exercised abundant precaution to ensure inclusion of all members. It is regrettable that objections are now being raised by individuals operating two parallel bodies within the same state. The **National Sports Code, 2011** expressly disqualifies such office bearers with conflicts of interest under **Rule 3.6**, and the corresponding provision under the **SSI Constitution is contained in Rule 5.9.7.**
15. In our humble request, at best the said member states/UTs may be granted time to resend their nominations on or before the date fixed for nominations, i.e., 20.04.2026. However, the overall election process must not be postponed.
16. Deviance from the schedule published on 13.04.2026 sets a wrong precedent. Postponing the elections at every stage is neither practical nor permissible.
17. The objections raised during the said hearing are baseless. At no point did the Secretary General or any official of SSI exclude snow-bound states. **All members are equal and have been vested with equal voting rights and there is no special category for “snow-bound states”** under any statute including the SSI Constitution, the Sports Code 2011 and the NSG Act 2026.
18. The Hon'ble Court has directed that elections be conducted as per the SSI Constitution in compliance with the National Sports Code 2011, the National Sports Governance Act 2025, and the National Sports Governance Rules 2026. Therefore, the elections must be conducted in strict adherence to the SSI Constitution and Model Election Guidelines issued for official members of SSI.

19. Alternatively, SSI may be granted a hearing at the earliest.

In light of the above, we humbly request that our written reply be taken on record and the postponement of the SSI Elections 2026 be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully,



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