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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

Hall No. 101, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi
Date: 25.04.2025

To,

The President / Secretary General,
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Subject: Recognition of Indian Pickleball Association(IPA) as the National Sports Federation for promotion and development of sport of Pickleball in the country - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Indian Pickleball Association's request on the subject mentioned above and to say that the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports agrees to recognize the Indian Pickleball Association (IPA) as a National Sports Federation (NSF).

2. This recognition to IPA means granting a major role to the Indian Pickleball Association for promotion and development of the Pickleball sport in India. The recognition has been granted after relaxation of following provisions of the National Sports Development. Code of India, 2011:

- (i) Requirement of three year existence of the federation/association (para 3.3 of Annexure-II of the Sports Code 2011);
- (ii) Requirement of affiliation of a State/UT unit with at least 50% district level associations affiliated to it (para 3.10 and 3.19 of Annexure-II of the Sports Code 2011);

3. The IPA will be under observation with respect to compliance with Sports Code and for a period of two years will not be eligible for funding under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations.

4. The recognition of Government is subject to continued observance of the following terms and conditions:

- a) The Office bearers of the Association shall invariably be appointed by election as per the Model Election Guidelines issued by the Ministry. The various instructions issued by the Ministry, from time to time, including the age and tenure criteria, for holding the elective offices of the Association shall be scrupulously followed.

b) The Association shall give at least two months' advance notice to the Government for any change in its Constitution. The copy of the proposed changes should invariably be sent along with the notice.

c) The Association must maintain its accounts as per the Mercantile System of accounting. The Accounting year should be from 1st April to 31st March. The books of accounts shall always be open to Inspection by authorized representatives of the Government.

d) The accounts of the Association must be audited by a practicing Chartered Accountant. Audited Statement of account should be sent to the Union Government within six months from the date of expiry of the accounting year.

e) The Association must scrupulously abide by the guidelines of the Government issued from time to time, for the conduct of National Championships, drawing of advance calendar for holding National Championships, players' grievance system in the management of the Association, etc.

f) The Association shall have corresponding State/UT bodies affiliated to it in all the State/UTs in conformity with the provisions of the Sports Code.

g) The Association should also abide by the directions of the Government issued, if any, in the interest of promotion of pickleball sports among its players or Public in general.

h) The recognition can be reviewed by the Government in case Memorandum of Association (MOA) of the Association or its practices come into conflict with the Govt. Guidelines issued from time to me.

i) The Ministry's guidelines for selection procedure shall be followed by IPA. The tournaments shall be held for Men & Women at all levels in National, State, District level for Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior categories.

j) The Association shall scrupulously follow the Ministry's guidelines on RTI applicability and suo-moto disclosure of information on its website and appointment of a Public Information Officer and an Appellate Authority.

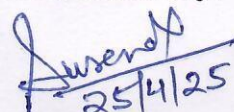
k) The Association shall ensure strict compliance of the Government guidelines relating to age fraud, prevention of sexual harassment of women in sports, formation of Internal Complaint Committee in accordance with the provisions of the POSH Act, 2013, Anti-doping, issuance of identity cards to sportspersons etc.

5. The recognition may be withdrawn if:

- a) any of the terms and conditions of the recognition are violated;
- b) its own Constitution is violated;
- c) directions issued by the Union Government are not complied with as required;
- d) in the opinion of the Union Government, the Association is not functioning properly;
- e) the recognition has been obtained by submitting false information or by mis-representation of facts;
- f) the concerned international Federation cancels affiliation or derecognizes or disaffiliates the Association.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,


25/4/25

(Surendra Yadav)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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2. Director, Passenger Marketing, Traffic Commercial, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
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5. Technical Director, NIC with the request to upload the letter on the website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
6. CEO (TOPS), SAI/DDG (TEAMS), SAI/HOD(TAGG)
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