

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA**

Dated: 19.12.2023

POLL DAY ARRANGEMENTS, PROCEDURE OF VOTING AND COUNTING

The poll for the Constitution of the New Executive Body of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) will be held on the **21st December, 2023**, in the **Basement Hall** of the **IOA Building** at **B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm** and the counting of votes will be taken up from 1:40 pm onwards. Carrying Mobile phone, camera etc. is not allowed inside the polling station. Such gadgets should be deposited at the counter with the officials on duty and should be taken back after casting vote.

VOTING PROCEDURE

- 1.** A person whose name is notified in the Electoral College, vide order dated 25th July, 2023 is only eligible to cast vote.
- 2.** To establish identity, an elector has to bring any document issued by Govt. having his Photograph and Signature such as Aadhar Card, Election I. Card, Passport, Driving License.
- 3.** He/she has to sign at appropriate place and then seven ballot papers of different colors pertaining to 7 category of posts will be issued.
- 4.** Instructions for marking vote in the ballot paper has been given in each type of ballot paper.
- 5.** Marking of ballot papers shall be done only with the ball pen provided at the polling station and it shall be marked with putting a tick sign(✓) against the name of the candidate at appropriate place. Marking ballot paper with any other pen, pencil; putting mark at any other place other than the space provided; writing anything on the ballot paper; marking vote for more than the maximum permissible number , will render the ballot paper invalid.
- 6.** A voter who is in the queue by 1:30 pm will be allowed to vote.
- 7.** Inside the polling booth, tables with official pens will be provided and voters can mark ballot papers there, fold them and drop them in the designated ballot boxes in the presence of officials and exit the polling booth. He/she has to collect mobile phones etc. before leaving the booth.

COUNTING OF VOTES

1. Counting of votes will be taken up at the polling booth itself at the appointed time. Sequence of counting votes will be as follows:
 1. Executive Members (5)
 2. Joint Secretary (2)
 3. Treasurer (1)
 4. Secretary General (1)
 5. Vice President (4)
 6. Sr. Vice President (1)
 7. President (1)

All the contesting candidates of a particular post will be allowed to sit in front of the counting table for observing counting process.

2. Ballot box will be opened in presence of the candidates and after tallying with the number of votes, votes secured by each candidate as found in the ballot box, will be recorded in the counting sheet. Candidates can see all the ballot papers and their markings from a distance but will not be allowed to physically access. They may raise question against the validity or otherwise of a ballot paper and the RO/ARO will answer them. However, the decision of the RO will be final in the matter.

It is significant to note that Candidate(s) seeking re-election must secure 2/3rd majority of votes in terms of sub para 8 (k) of the constitution of the WFI, and such candidates alone will be declared elected. Rule 8(k) of the Constitution of WFI reads as under-

“No such office bearer shall hold office consecutively for more than two terms or 8 years. Provided that in the event of election for the second term, an office bearer who has completed one term shall only be deemed to have been elected if he/she secures a majority of not less than two third of the members of the Federation. In the event of failure to obtain such majority, the office bearer shall be deemed to have lost the election. The office would thereafter be filled by election under the normal procedure from amongst candidates other than the office bearer seeking re-election.”

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