

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

**Olympic Bhawan, B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016**

**NOTIFICATION**

**Dated: 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Whereas, the notification calling elections for constitution of the Executive Committee of the Wrestling federation of India(WFI) was issued on the 13.6.2023, which was notified again with some changes in the schedule of the elections, on the 21.6.2023; and

Whereas, vide aforesaid notification, recognized and eligible Wrestling Federations of the State/UT were called upon to nominate two of their Executive Members as representatives by 19.06.2023 (later extended to 25.06.2023). Article XIII (b) & (d) of the Constitution of the WFI provides that each of the eligible State/UT Wrestling Federation is required to nominate two of their Executive Members of their unit to represent that State/UT in the elections. The members so nominated by the State/UT units are to constitute "Electoral College" and enable them to vote to elect a new Executive Committee of the WFI; and

Whereas, on the last date of the receipt of such nominations, Hon'ble Gauhati High Court issued interim directions by its order dated 25.06.2023 (Sunday), not to proceed further with the election of the Executive Committee of Wrestling Federation of India. It is appropriate to mention that as per the election notifications dated 13.06.2023/21.06.2023, the nominations received for Electoral College were to be finally prepared and displayed by the Returning Officer on 27.06.2023 by 1:00 P.M. On account of interim directions issued by the Gauhati High Court, the election process came to standstill. However, the aforesaid interim direction of Gauhati High Court was challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (S.C) in the case titled Andhra Pradesh Amateur Wrestling Association vs Assam Wrestling Association in an SLP, diary no. 25626/2023. A communication to that effect was received on my office mail from Sh. Hemant Raj Phalpher, Advocate late in the evening on 18.07.2023 disclosing that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has stayed the interim direction issued by the Gauhati High Court on 25.06.2023 & a copy of order dated 18.07.2023 was also sent. Accordingly, electoral process commenced further from the stage where it was on 25.06.2023 under the following schedule:-

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Issue of Notice for election and calling names of authorized representatives for constituting electoral college	Already done on 13/06/2023(Tuesday), 21.6.2023(Wednesday)
2.	Last date for receiving the names for Electoral College	Already received by 25/06/2023 (Sunday) By 5.00 PM
3.	Preparation and display of the Electoral College and circulation to affiliates and publishing the same on website of IOA/WFI	25/07/2023 (Tuesday) <b>(Already done)</b>
4.	Submission of Nominations for elections in Form 2 to be submitted to the Returning Officer in person	28/07/2023(Friday) to 29/07/2023 (Saturday) and 31/07/2023(Monday) 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM <b>(Already done)</b>
5.	Preparation and display of the nominations received by Returning Officer in Form 3	01/08/2023 (Tuesday) By 5.00 PM <b>(Already done)</b>
6.	Scrutiny of nomination papers by Returning Officer	02/08/2023 (Wednesday) By 2.00 PM <b>(Already done)</b>
7.	Preparation and display of list of validly nominated candidates after scrutiny of nominations	02/08/2023 (Wednesday) By 5.00 PM <b>(Already done)</b>
8.	Submission of notice for withdrawal of candidatures in Form 5	From 03.08.2023(Thursday) To 05.08.2023(Saturday) (11.00 A.M to 5.00 PM) <b>(Already done)</b>
9.	Preparation and display of Final list of contesting candidates in Form 6	07.08.2023 (Monday) By 2.00 PM <b>(Already done)</b>
10	Polling (during Special General Body Meeting), if necessary	12/08/2023 (Saturday) From 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM
11.	Counting of votes	12/08/2023 (Saturday) From 1.30 PM onwards
12.	Declaration of results after counting of votes	12/08/2023 (Saturday) After counting of votes is over

Whereas, all steps upto the stage of preparation and display of final list of contesting candidates in **Form-6** were completed and various activities like polling, counting of votes and declaration of result alone were left:

Whereas, the above elections of the WFI were stayed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court on 11.08.2023 just a day before the poll and therefore, polling could not be held on 12.08.2023.

Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its order dated 28.11.2023 has vacated the stay orders and therefore the remaining steps like polling etc. will now recommence on 21.12.2023 as per the following revised schedule.

Whereas, the Returning Officer has been given the liberty to issue revised election programme. It is therefore, necessary to grant 10 days' notice as per Article XI of para 13 (iii) of the Constitution and the revised schedule is as follows:

**REVISED REMAINING SCHEDULE**

1.	Polling (during Special General Body Meeting), if necessary.	21/12/2023 (Thursday) From 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM
2.	Counting of votes.	21/12/2023 (Thursday) From 1.30 PM onwards
3.	Declaration of results after counting of votes.	21/12/2023 (Thursday) After counting of votes is over

The entire process of elections shall adhere to the stipulations and relevant provisions of the ratified constitution of the WFI and the Model Guidelines, 2011 issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India. Result of the above elections shall however be subject to outcome of the Writ Petition (CWP) No. 16935/2023 pending before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

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**[Justice M.M. Kumar]  
Returning Officer &  
Chief Justice, High Court of J&K (Retd.)**