

Special Olympics Bharat

Constitution

Introduction

Special Olympics Bharat was founded in the year 2001 by Air Marshal Denzil Keelor with the primary aim to emancipate children born with Intellectual Disabilities. Earlier such children used to be looked down upon with disdain and contempt. To avoid such a situation the SOB was formed on the same pattern as Special Olympics International. It was primarily founded to ameliorate the apathy of intellectually disabled children in India. It was aimed at giving them a platform by inclusion to interact with the privileged children of the same age group, without any disability. It was launched with the aim to take such children out of the shackles of under privileged. With no resources at command there was an imperative need of volunteers to steer this movement.

It had been an herculean task to achieve the monumental aims. As on date SOB has got 17 lacs children on its roll. The journey to achieve this aim has been tedious, the achievements have been recognized world over as the medal tally of World Summer & Winter games of the last 2 Olympics speaks volumes about it. (Appendix A).

The movement has not been an act of sympathy but an act of empathy with no discrimination of caste colour and creed. Special Olympics has been a cradle for the growth of ID children.

The highlights of the constitution of SOB is appended below:

Age Restrictions for Office Bearers

The age limit to be an office bearer is 70 years. Any office bearer after having attained this age will have to demit the office. It is applicable to President/Secretary General/Treasurer.


Tenure Restriction of Office Bearers


1. An office bearer of a National Federation/Association may hold office as such for one term of 4 years, and may be eligible for re-election for a like term or period.
2. 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 National Federation/Association concerned. In the event of failure to obtain such majority, the concerned office bearer shall be deemed to have lost the election.

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3. No person who has already held the office of the President or Secretary/ Secretary General or both in a National Federation/Association consecutively for two terms or eight years shall be eligible to seek re-election to any of the said offices or Vice President or Treasurer till the expiry of a period of at least four years from the date on which he last vacated his office.

Management Committee

The management committee shall comprise 12 member which will have 3 (Three) Office bearers and 9 (Nine) Executive members. The Office bearer and the member of Executive committee would be elected by Secret Ballot. Election shall be held in Annual General Meeting.

Ethics Commission

The federation the ethics committee will be constituted. Consisting of elected member, coaches & eminent athletes.

The committee member will have tenure of 3 (three) years from the date of election or attainment of age of 70 (seventy) years.

Athletes Commission

The Special Olympics Bharat covers various types of sports encompassing 23 games. So, it will not be possible to frame athletes' commission. But we have Special Olympics Bharat National Athlete Input Council referred as NAIC which represents the voices of Athletes in India. As per National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017. 25% representation has been given to the athletes of eminence in the Board of Trustees. Thus, making it 3 in total who have been co-opted. They are a part of Executive Committee. These Athletes have participated in various events in India and Aboard.

Affiliated of States and UTs and Association must affiliate 50% District

Special Olympics Bharat has got organized committee at the State & District Level which are affiliated & recognized at appropriate level.

Prior Permission (NOC) From The Employer In Respect Of Government Servants And Employees Of PSU For Election In NSF

Government/PSU employees can contest for elected post in sports bodies with prior permission of Govt / Public Sector Organizations.

The aforesaid employees can hold elected post in sport bodies for only two terms or 5 years whichever is less. The term of Govt office employees as office bearers will be as per government guidelines.

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Holding of Elected Posts by Government servants in Executive Committee of NSFs

Previous sanction of government the prescribed authority is necessary for a government service associating itself with raising any funds.

Electoral College/Voting Rights

The election process has to be fair & transparent with due publicity with notification / proclamation through print media. The elections are to be held as per the Societies Registration Act and the Sports Code is to be strictly adhered to. Elections at District, State and National Level (the details are placed in Appendix B, C & D)

The federation must hold a General Body Meeting at least once in a year and a special meeting convened over four years (or earlier as required under the tenure of office bearers) to elect the members of the Executive Body including the President, Secretary General and Treasurer etc.

The Executive committee shall not have any individual with the designation of Advisor/Life Member/ Patron as per the Election Guidelines of the Sports Code.

Provisions For Nominations For Contesting In Executive Committee Of NSFs

- 1. The nomination of a candidate for election as Office Bearer or a Member of Managing Committee shall be proposed by one of the representatives of Member States/Union Territories/Boards/Institutions whose name is included in the Electoral College list in Form 1 as per Sports Code, and also subscribed by 1 (one) such representative as seconder.*
- 2. Each candidate shall be entitled to be nominated by not more than 2(two) nomination papers.*

Defining Of Electoral College-Who Are Eligible To Vote-Voting Rights To State/UT Associations


That we have representation from 34 states/UT, SOB who will have 2 (two) members from each state representing in election.

Secret Ballot-Elections Should Be Fair And Transparent And Through Secret Ballot

The electoral college will comprise for 2 (Two) Member/State/UT. The election will be conducted and proper secret voting will be by ballot. It will be insured that election should be fair and transparent.

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Eligibility To Contest Elections

No individual is permitted to contest election if he/she has been removed from the position of responsibility in the past due to an act of misdemeanor which compromised the reputation of the organization, such individual will not be eligible to hold or occupy any position in future at District/State/National level. As he/she will be debarred by official notification.

An individual who by any act of omission/ commission brings dispute to SOB will not be eligible to hold any office.

No One Will Occupy Any Position Of Responsibility Unless Duly Elected

For the elections, vote shall be recorded on the ballot paper in secrecy. There will be no proxy voting. When the election is being held an independent returning officer will be appointed by the President with an independently observer detailed by the MYAS.

The election is to be held one month before the expiry of the existing term. In exceptional circumstances extension of maximum 3 months may be considered by MYAS.

Restriction on who can vote

For the purpose of this clause, the expression "Office bearer" means: -

- (a) The President*
- (b) The Secretary/General-Secretary*
- (c) The Treasurer*

Provided that the provisions of this clause shall not apply to the post of Treasurer if, under the constitution of National Federation/Association, the Treasurer does not possess the right to vote in any of its meeting, and his duties and responsibilities shall be confined only to the management of the finances of the Federation/Association; however, he shall not be eligible to seek election to the office of the President or Secretary/Secretary-General or Vice President after having held the office of the Treasurer.

No person who has already held the office of the President or Secretary/Secretary General or both in a National Federation/Association consecutively for two terms or eight years shall be eligible to seek re-election to any of the said offices.

No office bearer of a National Federation/Association shall be eligible to be the office bearer, simultaneously, of any other National Sports Federation/Association, excepting the Indian Olympic Association.

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Voting rights of States and UT'S

The Special Olympics Bharat covers various types of sports encompassing 23 games. So, it will not have one recognized federation of each discipline as it is not possible.

Restriction of holding office in more than one NSF

It is incumbent on the part of the present federation he/she is permitted to hold only one assignment as Office Bearers. No one is permitted to hold more than one assignment.

One State One Unit

For each state there will be one State/UT management committee. At no stage one individual will represent 2 states, which may result in the interest of a particular state being over-looked.

Registration Of State/UT Affiliate Units

The SOB-National office is registered under Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 Regn. No. S-E/1886/Distt. South East/2022. The States have been advised to get itself registered under Local Body independently.

One Family One Member

From one family there can be only one representative holding office in the State or National Organization otherwise it will tend to compromise of interest and may lead to unwanted situations.

Distribution Of Work

While awarding the training camps it is to be ensured that there is equal distribution of work. No state should be overlooked in representation. All states must be given an opportunity to conduct games.

Positions Of the Governing Body Members

The sports code provides for the post of President, Secretary General and Treasurer. The President in office will initiate the election process for President Designate, well in advance before the expiry of tenure to ensure that the successor is elected at least 3 months before he/she is to demit the office. This period will facilitate double banking to plan out the road map and strategy of the ensuing Olympic Games. The period will be gainfully utilized for future planning and growth of the organization. The President Designate in consultation and advice with the outgoing individual will plan the strategy for growth. After the new incumbent assumes office the election of the governing council will be conducted wherein one representative from each State/UT will form the electoral role. The election will be held in a transparent and fair manner with provision of secret vote.

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Prevention of Age, Fraud, prevention of sexual harassment of women and anti-doping measures

The eventuality of Age fraud by any participant does not arise since every candidate participates on the basis of divisioning. Even if any athlete falls under a higher age group, he/she would be divisioned in as per his/her sporting ability.

There is an effective redressal mechanism for the prevention on sexual harassment on women who participate in sports activity conducted by Special Olympics. The women are allowed to raise issue in an appropriate forum.

Our Athletes don't come under this criterion. They are on medication as prescribed by a doctor Anti-doping measures are not applicable.

Regular Audit

The Federation shall update their accounts immediately after completion of financial year Practicing Chartered Accountant will be appointed to verify the records. Records of finance will be available to any government agency. The yearly accounts are to be reflected on the website.



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS BHARAT PERFORMANCE AT WORLD GAMES

SUMMER GAMES

2019

281 Athletes represented India at the **Special Olympics World Summer Games held** in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 14-21 March 2019 across 14 disciplines returning with 85 Gold, 155 Silver and 129 Bronze medals

2015

214 Athletes represented India at the **Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015, Los Angeles, USA** across thirteen disciplines returning with 61 Gold, 65 Silver and 121 Bronze medals with them.

WINTER GAMES

2017

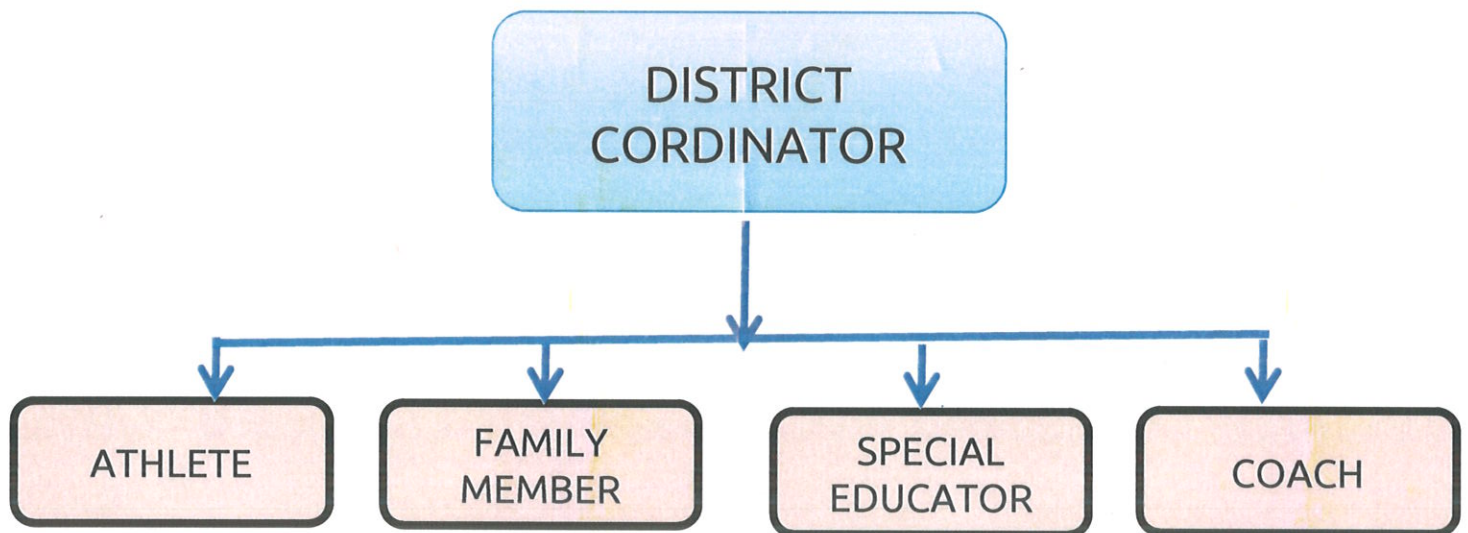
89 Athletes represented India at the **Special Olympics World Winter Games held in** Austria from 14-25 March 2017 across 7 disciplines returning with 37 Gold, 10 Silver and 26 Bronze medals

2013

57 Athletes represented India in the **Special Olympics World Winter Games 2013, PyeongChang, South Korea** across six disciplines bringing back with them 13 Gold, 16 Silver and 16 Bronze medals with them.



DISTRICT COORDINATION COMMITTEE



ELECTROL COLLEGE

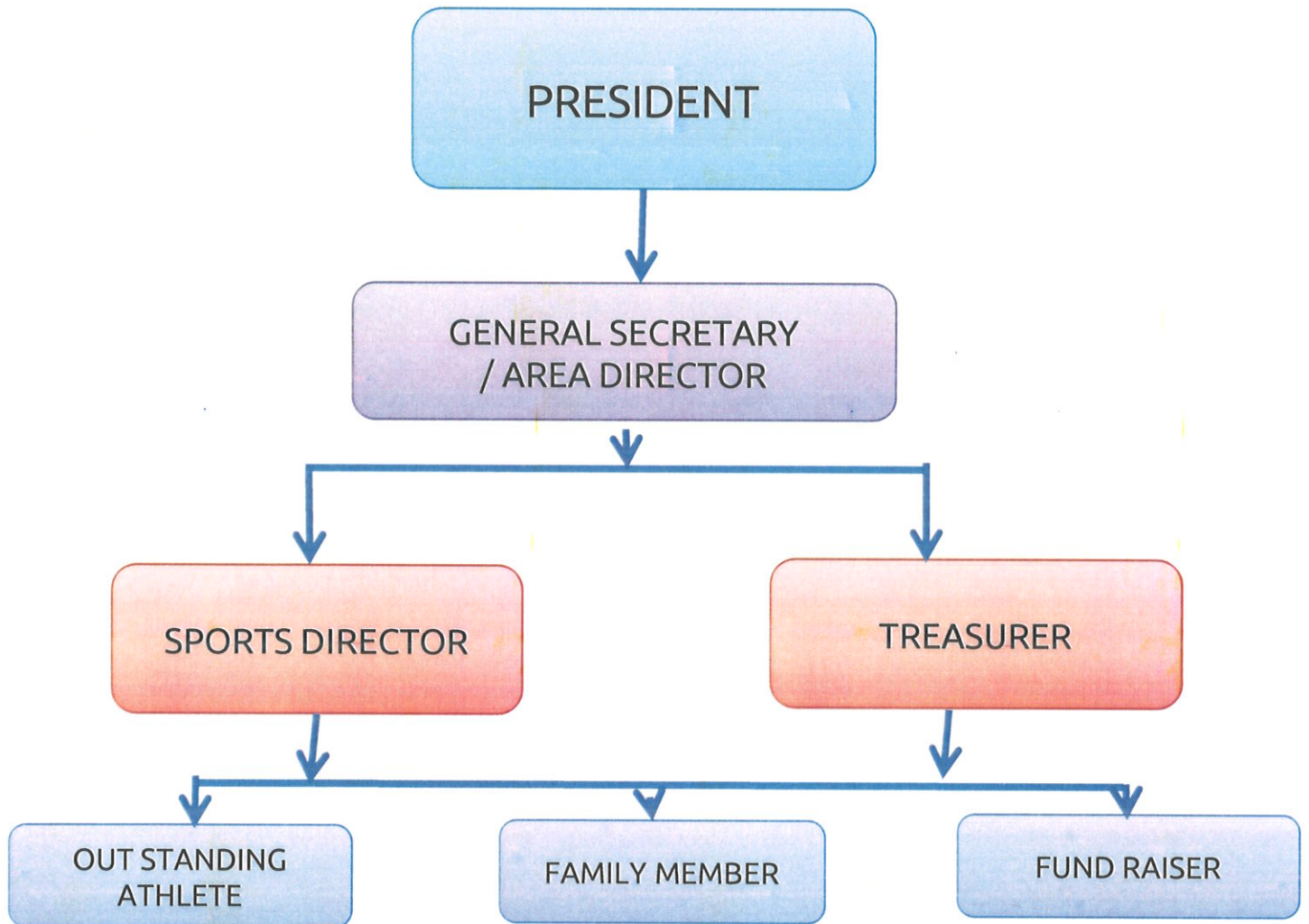
COACH

ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM
FAMILY WHOSE WARD/CHILD IS
REGISTERED WITH SOB FOR
MINIMUM 3 YEARS

REPRESENTATIVE FROM SPECIAL
SCHOOLS REGISTERED WITH
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT



**STATE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

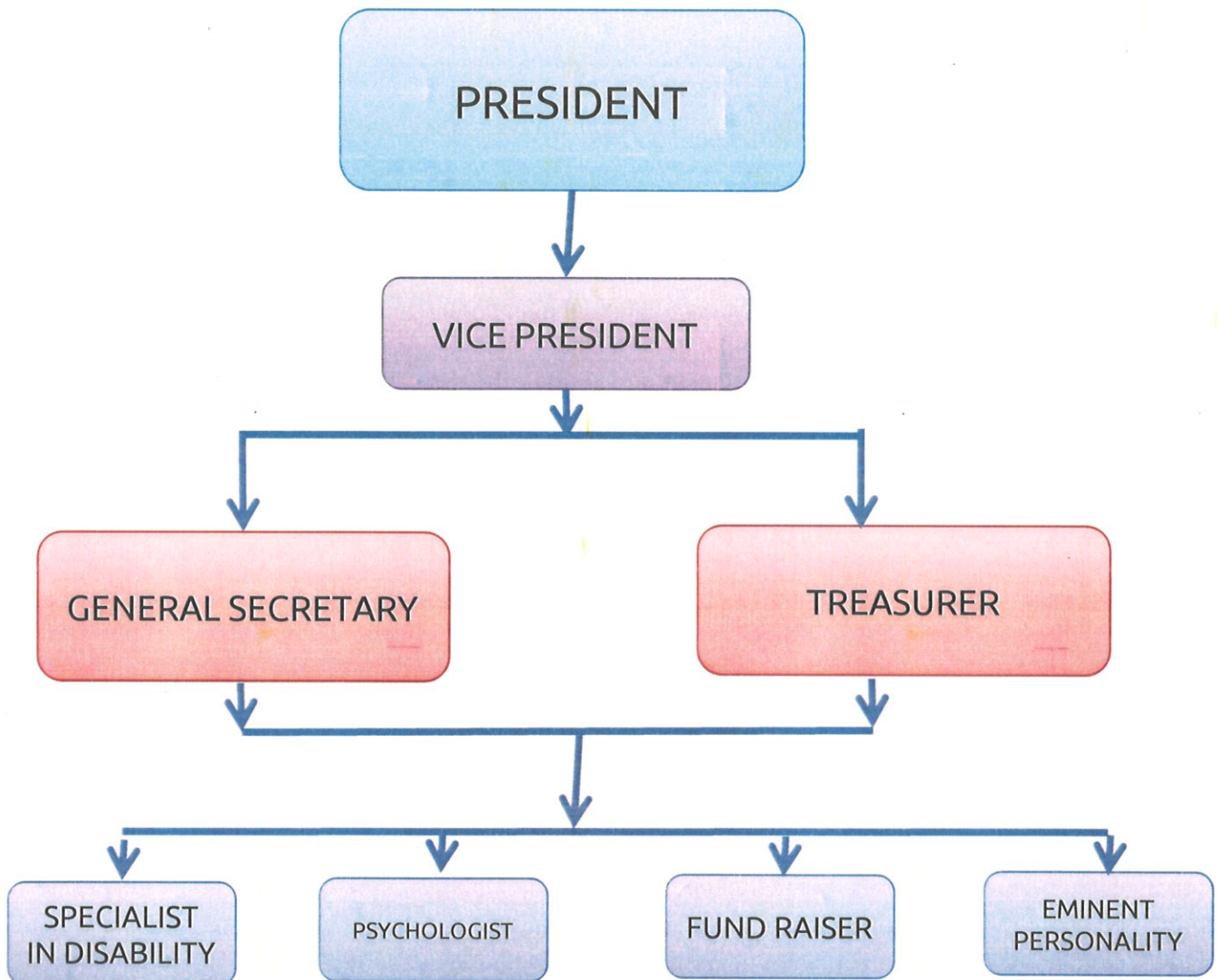


ELECTROL COLLEGE

TWO VOTES FROM EACH DISTRICT
PRESIDENT + GENERAL SECRETARY



NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL



ELECTROL COLLEGE :

AS PER THE SPORTS CODE 2011, TWO VOTE EACH FROM
STATE/UT FOR ELECTION

PRESIDENT OF STATE UNIT WILL FORWARD NAME OF TWO
REPRESENTATIVE