

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE PAKISTAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2024

Whereas the National Sports Federations (hereinafter referred to as "NSFs") are autonomous entities bound by the Olympic Charter and the statutes of their respective International Federations (hereinafter referred to as "IFs"), which mandate their independence, political neutrality, and the authority to establish internal governance, conduct democratic elections free from external influence, and apply principles of good governance;

And whereas the Olympic Charter states that recognition as a member of a National Olympic Committee (NOC) NSF is required to confirm a real ongoing activity, affiliation with an IF recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and adherence to the rules of the Olympic Charter and IFs;

And whereas the Constitution of the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) mandates that NSFs align their statutes with the Olympic Charter, IFs and the POA Constitutions, thereby ensuring no inconsistency between the governance of NSFs and international rules;

And whereas the Government of Pakistan, through correspondence dated 3rd July 2014, assured the IOC of its adherence to the principle of non-interference, a principle which underpins the affiliation of NSFs with the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB);

And whereas the IOC, in its letter of 17th September 2021, unequivocally declared that governmental interference in NSF governance, elections, imposition of Adhoc or dispute resolution mechanisms constitutes a violation of the principle of Olympism enshrined in the Olympic Charter;

And whereas the PSB is undertaking measures that undermine the autonomy of NSFs by, among other actions, establishing PSB-controlled electoral commission, powers of adjudication within NSFs, powers of imposing ad-hoc committees, and promulgating other regulations incompatible with the Olympic Charter and IF statutes, thereby jeopardizing the recognition and compliance of NSFs within the Olympic Movement;

And whereas NSFs are obligated to comply with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code, the Olympic Charter, and IF statutes, including recognizing the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as the supreme appellate body for sports-related disputes;

Now, therefore, it has been resolved:

1. That the NSFs affiliated with the POA, through their General Council convened under the chairmanship of the POA President on 30th November 2024, reaffirm their commitment to the principles of responsible autonomy enshrined in the Olympic Charter, IF statutes, and the POA Constitution, and categorically oppose any external interference in their governance, electoral processes, or dispute resolution mechanisms.
2. We, the NSF, collectively reaffirm our respect for the Government of Pakistan and our commitment to the promotion, development, and governance of sports in alignment with national interests and international standards with the support and guidance of the Government of Pakistan. While recognizing the importance of maintaining harmonious relations with governmental institutions, we emphasize that the autonomy of NSFs, as mandated by International Federations (IFs) and the Olympic Charter, is essential for

preserving our international affiliation and recognition. Consequently, any acceptance of supervisory or authoritative control by the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) over the NSFs would jeopardize our international affiliation, compromising the recognition of our NSFs by our respective IFs and rendering us ineligible as governing bodies for their sports in Pakistan and participation in international events.

3. That, in the event the PSB enacts rules and regulations in contravention of the Olympic Charter and the statutes of IFs, NSFs, and the POA, including taking control of NSF governance as detailed above, we the NSFs will be compelled to take protective measures to maintain our status as NSFs compliant with the Olympic Charter and IF statutes and prevent any external intervention.
4. That the elections of NSFs that have already been conducted in accordance with their respective constitutions and have been recognized by the IFs and the POA shall remain valid and recognized until the completion of their respective terms. Furthermore, future elections shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the NSFs' constitutions, without any external interference.
5. That NSFs reaffirm their recognition of the CAS as the highest appellate authority for sports disputes and reject any alternative dispute resolution mechanisms imposed by the PSB that conflict with the Olympic Charter, IF statutes, and the POA Constitution.

Operative Clause:

This resolution, adopted by the National Sports Federations affiliated with the POA, in the General Council Meeting of the POA held on 30th November 2024, and promulgated for compliance and implementation by all NSF members, office bearers, and personnel and other members of the POA. It shall further be submitted to the IOC, IFs, and all relevant stakeholders for acknowledgment and official record.