
JOINT LETTER

Director General
Pakistan Sports Board (PSB)
Islamabad, Pakistan

**Subject: Request for Review of PSB Measures Impacting the Autonomy of
National Sports Federations**

Dear Sir,

It has come to our attention that the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) is in the process of enacting rules and regulations that may significantly affect the autonomy of National Sports Federations (NSFs) affiliated with the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA). These measures, as we understand, include the establishment of an election commission of PSB, adjudication on internal matters and complaints within NSFs by PSB, PSB's powers to impose ad-hoc committees on NSFs, and the introduction of other regulations that may conflict with the *Olympic Charter* and the statutes of our respective International Federations (IFs).

As independent and autonomous entities governed by the *Olympic Charter* and our respective IFs, we are obligated to uphold the principles of responsible autonomy, political neutrality, and good governance. These principles ensure that our operations, including elections, governance structures, and dispute resolution mechanisms, remain free from external interference, necessary to retain our international recognition and compliance with the statutes of IFs, NFs, POA and the *Olympic Charter*.

The IOC, in its communication dated 17th September 2021, has clearly reaffirmed that governmental interference in the governance and internal affairs of NSFs constitutes a violation of the principles enshrined in the *Olympic Charter*. Furthermore, we respectfully remind the PSB that the Government of Pakistan following a meeting with IOC, ANOC, ASOIF, OCA and POA, had assured to the IOC, on 03 July 2014, commitment to the principle of non-interference in the governance of sports entities. The IOC's note and subsequent letter issued by the Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination Division, Government of Pakistan are attached for reference.

We are deeply concerned that the measures currently under consideration by the PSB may jeopardize our compliance with these international obligations and adversely affect our recognition within the global Olympic Movement. Further such actions could also undermine the participation of Pakistani athletes in international competitions and other events.


If the principle of responsible autonomy, under which National Sports Federations (NSFs) in Pakistan have operated for over seven decades, is also being successfully implemented globally, what is the intent and rationale behind enforcing a regulatory regime that is not only universally incompatible but also likely to further deteriorate sports in Pakistan

In light of these concerns, we respectfully request the PSB to review the proposed measures to ensure they align with the *Olympic Charter*, IF statutes, Constitution of NSFs and IFs as well as hold consultations with NSFs to collaboratively work for the promotion and development of sports in Pakistan. In case, our request is not considered by the PSB, the, NSFs will be compelled to take protective measures including disaffiliation with the PSB to retain our affiliation with IFs and IOC necessary to keep our status as the NSFs.

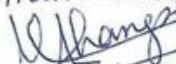
We trust that the PSB will give due consideration to our request and take necessary steps to uphold the autonomy and independence of NSFs, which are fundamental to the success of the Olympic Movement in Pakistan.

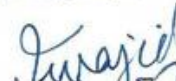
Yours sincerely,


Signatures of NSF Presidents/Representatives



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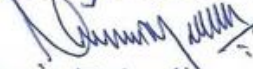

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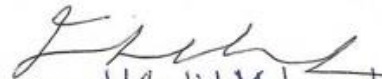

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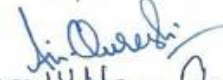

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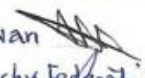

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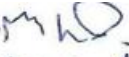

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN,
MINISTRY OF INTER PROVINCIAL COORDINATION
ISLAMABAD

Islamabad, July 03, 2014

SUBJECT: PAK – MEETING ON 19TH JUNE 2014 IN LAUSANNE - SUMMARY

Dear Mr. Jerome Poivey,

Thank you very much for your mail on the subject dated June 25, 2014 and I extend my compliments to Mr. Patrick Hickey, IOC Delegate Member for Autonomy and IOC EB members and other participants in the important meeting held on June 19, 2014 in IOC HQ, Lausanne, Switzerland.

2. Further, I appreciate the efforts of the IOC for streamlining the matters pertaining to sports in Pakistan. At the same time, we also understand that Pakistan's position as explained in the meeting needs to be appreciated by the IOC in the larger interest of this Olympic Movement, Sports in Pakistan. I would like to record the following to be made part of the meeting on the subject received through your mail and for future reference:-

- (i) Government of Pakistan follows principles of non-interference in the Organizations and the entities relating to the sports.
- (ii) The letter issued by Pakistan Sports Board leading to the possession of POA House has already been withdrawn. The meeting was informed that the Ministry or the Pakistan Sports Board has played no role in the freezing of the accounts of the POA. However, as this letter is not considered sufficient, an appropriate letter is being issued separately through Director General, Pakistan Sport Board who had issued the earlier letters. This expressly recognizes POA led by Lt. General® Arif Hasan as the only POA to address both issues. Copy of which is attached.
- (iii) The contents of Point 3 in the Summary are re-affirmed. However, the composition of NOC Pakistan (POA) is under litigation in higher Courts at present and only the election of President is validated by the Court whereas the election of rest of the office bearers is a subject matter in different Court. IOC

needs to decide in consultation with the President how to make sure that proceedings are legal and do not meet any barriers. Ministry should be taken on board.

- (iv) We agree with the point that the only Sports Federations recognized by their respective IFs are to be considered genuine Federations. Instructions have been accordingly communicated to PSB. However, all National Federations have to seek affiliation with PSB as per prescribed criteria.
- (v) To correct the record as referred to in para-2 of the Summary, the amendments done are in the Rules of Pakistan Sports Board i.e. Rule 4(a)(b)(c), and not in the Sports Policy which is a different discipline.
- (vi) The Government of Pakistan adheres to its Sports Policy i.e. two terms restrictions in the wake of socio-cultural situation in Pakistan and in the larger National Interest. However, we appreciate the stance of the IOC that the National Sports Federations, National Olympic Committee and the POA may be left independent to adopt this policy voluntarily and imbibe in their respective Constitutions. We will respect the decision of the General Houses of these entities and will frame our course of action in the light of such resolutions/decisions. In nutshell, no coercive measure will be used in respect of these entities to adopt the two tenure restriction.
- (vii) Once again I extend my best compliments to IOC and assure of our earnest cooperation.

Best regards,


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Secretary

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