

VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA
Acting President

IOA retains Monitoring and Marketing committees

NEW DELHI, 9 JAN., 2012: Indian Olympic Association (IOA) today retained veteran sports administrator K.P.Singh Deo as the convener of the high powered Olympic Games Monitoring committee.

The other members of the committee are: Prof Vijay Kumar Malhotra (Chairman), Randhir Singh (Vice Chairman), President or Secretary General of every qualifying federation and one sportspersons as "athlete representative" from each qualifying Federation.

The committee has been constituted to involve sportspersons qualified for the Games and their federations in preparations of the contingent for the London Olympics."

IOA has also made no change in the four-member Marketing Committee headed by All India Tennis Association (AITA) secretary General Anil Khanna to look after the Marketing Committee (sponsorship and TV rights) for the Olympics.

In a statement here, IOA Acting President Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra said as by reconfirming these committees along with reconstituting setting up of Arbitration and Ethics commission "we have fulfilled our commitment to make the IOA more inclusive and transparent. Now qualified sportspersons will have a say in the training and preparation of the teams for the mega event" adding that the decision to 'reconfirm and reconstitute the committees was done as per the decision taken at the Annual General meeting (AGM) of the IOA".

"We have asked the federations to let us know what are their plans for training and coaching of the qualified sports persons and what help they need from the IOA" he said " We will provide them all possible assistance,so that our sportspersons perform well in these Games"

"IOA's endeavour is to make sportspersons feel that they are part of the olympic movement in the country" he added.

Prof Malhotra said efforts are being made to generate "our own resources for sending the contingent to London. We have set up a marketing committee with knowledgeable people and experts in the field so that we do not have to depend on Government grants".

The other members of the Marketing Committee (sponsorship and TV rights) London Olympics comprises are:
Raninder Singh (President NRAI), S.Ragunathan (President Kayaking and Canoeing Association) and N.Ramachandran (Treasurer IOA).