

Yachting Association of India

We have perused the draft document and would request that the IOA take up the following on behalf of the YAI.

In accordance with the proposed draft document - Article 3.9 of the THIRD SCHEDULE [SECTION 10] SCHEME FOR RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS – the following is proposed by the MoYAS :-

The membership of the Federation should be confined to the corresponding State/Union Territory and other special units affiliated (like Sports Control Boards etc.) and where Federation grants membership to individual clubs or individual persons, such membership does not confer on such members the right to vote in any of the Federation's meetings.

Further, under Article 3.10 the MoYAS has brought out that :-

Only one State/Union Territory Association from each State/Union Territory shall be admitted as a member of the Federation, provided it has a minimum of 50% of the District level Associations affiliated to it.

We would like to bring to the kind attention of the MoYAS through IOA, that out of the total number of States and UT's in India, a majority of them do not have water bodies of adequate size to promote the sport and thus will not be eligible to the membership of the YAI. Accordingly, only a few coastal states or UTs may be able to meet the criteria laid down by the MoYAS. This will result in denial of opportunity to a large number of Indians living in the hinterland from participating in the sport or its administration. Such denial is not in the interest of the sportspersons.

It is therefore, necessary that the present structure (where Voting rights are provided to affiliated sailing Clubs in addition to State Associations (subject to their meeting the mandatory requirements as promulgated by MoYAS)) be permitted especially for Yachting Association of India.

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