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To,  
Shri. S P S Tomar  
Deputy Secretary,  
Department of Sports, (SP- III)  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

**Sub: Notification of Election of IRFU Officer Bearers and Request for Permission to conduct the Indian Rugby Football Union AGM & Elections by using virtual / Digital platforms (Video Conferencing -VC | Audio Visuals - OAVM) in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Ref:** Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg. - MYAS letter No. F. No.33-1/ 2020-SP-III, dated – 26.11.2020

Respected Sir,

1. On behalf of Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU), we are grateful to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) for renewing the recognition of IRFU as a National Sports Federation (NSF) until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
2. Further, with reference to MYAS' letter No. F. No.33-1/ 2020-SP-III, dated – 26.11.2020, Subject – 'Renewal of recognition of Indian Rugby Football Union – reg' ("Renewal Letter") the contents thereof and the MYAS' directions provided therein were discussed in the IRFU's Board meeting, which was held on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and continued on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
3. As advised by the MYAS in the Renewal Letter, the Board has decided to conduct the IRFU's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election of Office Bearers on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The Election to the posts of President, Secretary General and Treasurer will be conducted under the supervision of an independent Returning Officer and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Model Elections Guidelines specified under the National Sports Development Code of India 2011 ("Sports Code") while complying with the IRFU's Constitution (consisting of the IRFU's Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association).
4. In the event that the MYAS wishes to appoint an Observer for the Election, we would welcome such appointment and duly request you to notify us once such appointment is confirmed so that we can keep such Observer notified and updated of the Election and the developments related thereto.
5. We would also like to bring to your attention that, as advised by the MYAS, the IRFU Board has also resolved to update, amend and revise the IRFU Constitution within the six (6) month period provided by the MYAS to align the same with the Sports Code. It is envisaged that a fresh election of Office Bearers of the IRFU will be conducted soon thereafter in accordance with the Sports Code and the revised IRFU Constitution.
6. The IRFU will also take all necessary steps to upload all required information on the IRFU's website, as mentioned in the Ministry's letter no. 9-7/2014 -SP – I, dated 26.02.2015 on suo-moto disclosure within the prescribed timelines.

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7. In light of the current COVID-19 situation and the possibility of lockdowns due to a second wave in a few cities / States and inter State travel restrictions, the IRFU intends to conduct the AGM and Election through virtual / Digital platforms (Video Conferencing -VC | Audio Visuals - OAVM) on 30th December 2020. In this regard, we note that the MYAS has issued the Circular- ' Sub - Holding of General Body Meetings and Elections of NSFs in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Ref. - F. No. 8-32 / 2020 / SP-III, Dated – 06.11.2020' and granted leave to 14 NSFs listed therein to conduct the AGM, SGM and Elections by using Virtual / Digital Platform as an alternative to avoid physical gathering. In the given circumstances, we request you to extend such leave to the IRFU as well.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to your positive response. If you require any further information please feel free to get in touch with us.

Yours Sincerely

Gerald Prabhu  
Secretary General  
Indian Rugby Football Union



CC : Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI)  
: President / Secretary, Indian Olympic Association (IOA)