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All member State Archery Associations of Archery Association of India

Dear Sir/Madam,

In the Executive Committee meeting of the Archery Association of India held on 21st September 2024 on virtual mode, it was brought to the notice that a few State Archery Associations are conducting their Office Bearers/EC Members elections without the presence of the AAI Observer, which is not consistent to the AAI constitution and cannot be accepted. It was decided in the meeting that a formal notification should be issued in this regard citing the relevant provisions stipulated in the AAI Constitution specifically that if any State Archery Association does not request the AAI to appoint an observer for the election meeting in time, then the outcome of such elections of Office Bearers /Executive committee will not be considered valid.

Reference is drawn to the relevant sub-clause (f) of Article 11 of the AAI Constitution under the heading 'Terms of Members', reproduced herein below:-

- (xi) *To communicate in a timely manner, any amendment of the statutes and regulations of the State Association and the list of its officials or persons who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.*
- (xii) *To notify AAI of elections to the State body, to which an observer may be sent by AAI.*
- (xiii) *To elect its office-bearers and representatives by a free and fair voting process and notify AAI of the outcome of such elections.*

Further, it is deemed appropriate to share below excerpts from sub-clause (b) of Article 18 (Members of AAI) related to the subject –

"Affiliation as a Full Member shall be given to a State Association provided such State Association has at least 50% of District Units functioning in that State."

In order to uphold the highest standards of governance and comply with the AAI constitutional obligations, all State Associations are required to ensure that the election of their respective EC Members is conducted in full compliance with the AAI Constitution in a timely manner by notifying the AAI in advance about their planned elections with a request to appoint an observer. AAI will nominate an observer for the State Association elections and based on the observers' report, the decision to accord recognition/ reinstatement to such State Association will be taken.

At the same time, it is also important to ensure that the Member State Archery Association conducts the election of their office bearers as per the provisions of its constitution and within the stipulated time.

Your attention and cooperation in these matters are appreciated and essential for our sport's continued progress.

Thanks and regards,

Yours sincerely

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