

Elections to the post of President of Goans Hockey

The elections to the post of the President of Goans Hockey has fallen vacant and is due to be filled through elections. The Annual General Body Meeting will be called on 15th August 2024 at Woodland Hotel Margao at 10.00 a.m. followed by the elections from 11.00 to 12.00 p.m sharp.

1.Preparation of the Electoral college:

1.Each eligible club will have two votes one male and one female. To vote at the elections for the post of President. The District Association is eligible to send the President and Secretary.

2.For the purpose of sub clause (1) each eligible Club shall be represented by one male and one female duly authorized by the President or Secretary of the Club. In case the President/Secretary nominates different person the person authorized by the President shall be deemed to be the duly authorized person. Each eligible club shall intimate the names of their representatives mentioned in clause (2) latest by 27th July 2024, and here by should be given to the Returning Officer Advocate Mildred Mendonsa at G- 4 ,Fatima Chambers ,Margao,403601 (near Fatima School) between 5.00 to 7.00 p.m on 27th July 2024 . The names should be on the letter head of the club duly signed and stamped by the Secretary or President of the Club.

2a.The eligibility of the Club shall be decided in accordance to the dues /affiliation fee/Renewal fee being paid on or before 27th July 2024. No club will be eligible to represent the Electoral College if their valid renewal certificate from the Registrar of Societies is not submitted to the Returning officer by 27th July 2024 . For the purpose of criteria of eligibility the Returning Officer will be the sole judge and at the discretion of the returning officer.

3.Returning officer shall take up objections if raised regarding the Electoral College on 28th July 2024 between 6.00 to 7.00p.m . Decision taken by the Returning officer shall be binding and final.

4. The Returning Officer shall prepare a list of authorized representatives of the eligible clubs/districts in Form 1 and circulate a copy of the list of eligible units on the Goans hockey website (goanshockey.in)

2.Returning officer .

The members of the Executive Board in the meeting held on 3rd July decided to appoint the Returning officer to conduct the elections to the post of the President of Goans Hockey . Advocate Mildred Mendonca was the unanimous choice as the Returning Officer . He will take charge of the elections from 27th July 2024.

3.Nominations:

1.The nominations for the election of the candidate for the post of President of Goan Hockey is in Form 2

2.The nominations for the elections to the post of President shall be proposed by one representative of the eligible club /District and seconded by another whose name is included in the Electoral College in form 1.

3. Each Nomination shall be delivered personally to the Returning Officer on **2nd or 3rd August 2024** between **4 to 6 p.m** at the office of the Returning officer at G-4 Fatima chambers Opposite Fatima school Margao.

4. No person can be permitted to withdraw as the proposer or seconder once the nomination paper is submitted to the returning officer.

5. By **4th August 2024** the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of the nominations received for the post of President in **Form 3** and publish the same in the office located at G-4 Fatima Chamber Margao by 7.00 p.m .

4,Scrutiny of the Nominations

By **6th August 2024 at 6.30 p.m** the Returning officer will scrutinize each nominations received by him in the Office located at G-4 Fatima Chambers Margao and determine the validity.

2. At the Scrutiny of the nominations each candidate or one of his authorized representative shall have the right to be present and raise any objection in relation to the nomination of a candidate for the post which he has filled his nomination.

3. As soon as the Scrutiny of all the nominations papers has been completed by the Returning officer , he shall prepare a list of valid nominated candidates in **Form 4** and the contesting candidates can take a copy from the Returning Office,

5.Withdrawal of Candidature

1. Each Candidate whose nomination has been found valid shall be entitled to withdraw his nomination by 7th or 8th August 2024 from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m at the Office of the Returning Officer located at G 4 Fatima Chambers Margao.

2. Notice of Withdrawal shall be submitted in **Form 5** either by the candidate himself or a person authorized by the candidate in writing addressed to the Returning Officer duly stamped and signed

3. Notice of withdrawal is final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.

4. The Returning Officer will accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of the notice.

5. By **9th August 2024** the Returning Officer will prepare the final list of the contesting candidates in **Form 6** the display of the final list shall be displayed in the office of the Returning Officer at G- 4 Fatima Chambers and sent to Goans hockey website and each club/district

6.Uncontested Returns and Contested Elections:

1. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post or category of post in Form 6 is equal to the number of post to be filled ,all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to the post and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to the post of president of Goans Hockey.

2. Where the number of contesting candidates for the post of President of Goans Hockey in Form 6 is more than the number of post to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for the post of the President of Goans Hockey. Under clause 10

3. The ballot paper for the post of the President of Goans Hockey shall be in **Form 7.**

4. The names of the contesting candidates shall appear on the ballot paper. In the same order as **Form 7.**

7. Poll

1. The poll shall be held on 15th August from 11.00a.m to 12.00 p.m at Hotel Woodland before discussing some points in the Annual General Body Meeting.

2. Each authorized representative of the District /Club whose name appears in the Electoral College in Form 1 shall be entitled to vote.

3. The authorized representative will cast only one vote for the post of president of Goans Hockey.

4. Each voter shall be required before he is supplied the ballot paper, to give her/his signature on the authenticated copy of the electoral college list in form 1 used by the Returning Officer for the conduct of the poll.

5. No proxy will be permitted and each voter whose name is in the electoral college shall carry a photo ID as proof of identity like Driving license / Adhar card or Passport copy and show it to the Returning officer when taking the ballot paper..

6. The voter shall exercise his/her vote on the ballot paper in secrecy in a voting area provided, . The area shall be enclosed with cardboard like a voting compartment.

7. The voter shall record his/her vote on the ballot paper by placing a tick mark (V) , against the name of the candidate of his/her choice and any other tick mark (X) etc or any word placed on the ballot paper by him/her shall render the ballot paper liable for rejection.

8. The ballot paper marked by a vote shall be deposited by him/her in a ballot box specially prepared and sealed by the returning officer and placed in such a conspicuous place in the polling station that it shall be constantly visible to all present at the polling station

9. The Tick mark (V) to indicate the vote shall be placed by the voter only by means of an article specifically provided for the purpose by the Returning officer and a ballot paper marked otherwise by any pen, ball pen etc by the voter shall render the ballot paper liable for rejection.

10. The returning Officer shall close the poll at the appointed hour, however those voters who are present at the appointed closing hour shall be entitled to vote even if the poll proceedings have to be continued for some time.

11. After all the voters have voted the Returning Officer shall close the ballot box and shall not permit any person to vote thereafter.

8. Counting of Votes:

- 1.The Returning Officer shall take up the Counting as soon as the polling is over at the specified time mentioned,
- 2.Each contesting candidate can appoint one authorized representative and he shall be entitled to be present at the place of the counting of votes.
- 3.The Returning Officer has to take up the counting of votes.
4. Each ballot paper on which the vote has been recorded in accordance with sub clauses of Clause 7 shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly marked and if the ballot paper has been marked in violation of any of the aforesaid provisions of clause (7) shall be rejected by the Returning officer.
- 5.The votes cast for the candidates shall be recorded.
- 6.The Returning officer will ascertain the result of the counting and the candidate that has secured the maximum number of voted will be deemed to be elected as President of Goans Hockey.

9. Declaration of Results:

The names of the elected candidate shall be declared by the Returning officer at the Annual General Body Meeting in the Form 13 and the declaration Of Result on Form 14.

Signature of Secretary

Farrel Furtado e Gracias