



# Bowling Federation Of India

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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FROM SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT (SOM)

Under Rules 5 and 6 read with Schedule I of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026

The **Bowling Federation of India ("BFI")**, in furtherance of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 ("Rules, 2026"), hereby invites applications from eligible former sportspersons in the sport of **Lawn Bowls/Bowls** for consideration as **Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit ("SOMs")**.

The present Call for Applications is being issued pursuant to **Rule 5 of the Rules, 2026**, for preparation of the roster of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit in accordance with **Rule 6 read with Schedule I** thereof.

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited for preparation of the statutory roster of eligible Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit for BFI.

Separate rosters of **Male SOMs and Female SOMs** shall be prepared in accordance with Rule 6 and the applicable provisions of the Rules, 2026.

Inclusion of an applicant in the SOM roster shall be subject exclusively to fulfilment of the statutory eligibility requirements and the applicable tier under Schedule I.

### 2. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An applicant must satisfy the **General Eligibility Criteria** prescribed in **Schedule I of the Rules, 2026**, including the following:

- the applicant must be a citizen of India;
- the applicant must be of sound mind;
- the applicant must have attained the age of **25 years**;
- the applicant must have retired from active participation in the sport; and





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e. the applicant must not have participated, for the period prescribed under Schedule I, in a competitive sporting event leading to selection at the District, State or India level.

The applicant must also satisfy one or more of the applicable **Tiered Eligibility Criteria** prescribed under Schedule I.

### 3. SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The applicant shall disclose complete particulars of his/her sporting achievements in Lawn Bowls/Bowls, including, wherever applicable:

- name of championship/games/event;
- year and venue;
- level of competition;
- category/event;
- whether representing India/State/other eligible unit;
- medal/position/achievement;
- certificate/credential supporting the achievement; and
- such other particulars as may be necessary for determination of the applicant's appropriate tier under Schedule I.

The determination of the applicable tier shall be undertaken strictly in accordance with **Schedule I of the Rules, 2026**.

### 4. DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION

Every application should be accompanied by self-attested copies of:

1. proof of Indian citizenship;
2. proof of date of birth;
3. Aadhaar Card/Passport/Voter ID or other valid identity proof;





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4. certificates relating to the sporting achievements relied upon;
5. medal/result certificates, where applicable;
6. certificate/document showing representation of India/State, wherever applicable;
7. documentary proof relating to retirement/cessation from active competitive sport;
8. declaration regarding non-participation in competitive sport during the applicable statutory period;
9. recent passport-size photograph;
10. current residential address, mobile number and email address; and
11. any other document relied upon for establishing eligibility under Schedule I.

BFI may require production of the originals for verification.

## 5. APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications pursuant to the present Call for Applications shall be submitted from:

**Opening Date:** 09 September 2026

**Closing Date:** 18 September 2026

**Closing Time:** 5:00 PM

Applications received after the stipulated date and time may not be considered, subject to applicable law and any direction/clarification of the competent authority.

### Important

Rule 5(2) of the Rules, 2026 provides for submission of applications **within a period of sixty days from issuance of the call for applications.**

For the purposes of the present transitional exercise, BFI has prescribed the above application schedule having regard to the election process already initiated by the Federation and its proposed completion within the applicable transitional period.



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The aforesaid schedule is subject to and shall operate in accordance with any clarification, relaxation or direction issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports/Central Government or other competent statutory authority.

## 6. MODE OF SUBMISSION

Applications may be submitted:

**By Email:**

[bowlingfederationofindia@gmail.com](mailto:bowlingfederationofindia@gmail.com)

[Lokinder.singh21@gmail.com](mailto:Lokinder.singh21@gmail.com)

[Ravibengani1970@gmail.com](mailto:Ravibengani1970@gmail.com)

and/or

**By Hand/Speed Post:**

The Secretary General

Bowling Federation of India

**Subject/Envelope to be marked:**

**“APPLICATION FOR SOM ROSTER – BFI 2026 – MALE/FEMALE”**

The responsibility for ensuring receipt of the application within the stipulated period shall rest with the applicant.

## 7. SCRUTINY OF APPLICATIONS

All applications received shall be scrutinised with reference to:

a. the General Eligibility Criteria under Schedule I;





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- b. the Tiered Eligibility Criteria under Schedule I;
- c. sporting achievements claimed by the applicant;
- d. documentary proof furnished in support thereof; and
- e. the requirements prescribed under Rules 5 and 6.

BFI may seek clarification/additional documentation where considered necessary.

Submitting an application does not automatically entitle an applicant to inclusion in the SOM roster.

## 8. PREPARATION OF MALE AND FEMALE SOM ROSTERS

Upon completion of scrutiny, BFI shall prepare **separate Male and Female SOM Rosters** in accordance with Rule 6.

The roster shall be populated by applying the **Tiered Eligibility Criteria sequentially in the order prescribed under Schedule I**, commencing from the highest applicable tier and proceeding to the subsequent tiers until the requisite roster strength is achieved.

Where application of the relevant final tier results in the number of eligible applicants exceeding the number of places available in the roster, preference/priority shall be determined in accordance with **Rule 6**, including the applicable age-based priority prescribed therein.

There shall be **no discretionary or subjective selection by any office bearer of BFI contrary to the statutory criteria.**

## 9. PROVISIONAL SCRUTINY AND REPRESENTATIONS

In the interest of transparency, BFI proposes to publish/display the outcome of preliminary scrutiny on its official website on or about **25.09.2026**.

An applicant aggrieved by any error concerning his/her eligibility, sporting achievement or tier classification may submit a representation, together with supporting material, by **20.09.2026**.

Representations shall thereafter be considered and the final roster prepared in accordance with the Rules.

## 10. PUBLICATION OF FINAL ROSTER





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The final Male and Female SOM Rosters shall be published on the official website of BFI and shall be submitted/intimated to the competent statutory authority in accordance with Rule 6.

Proposed date of publication: **27 September 2026**

## 11. SOM REPRESENTATION IN GENERAL BODY

Preparation of the SOM roster and election/nomination of SOM representatives to the General Body are distinct stages.

The requisite SOM representatives to the General Body shall thereafter be elected/nominated, as applicable, from amongst eligible SOMs in accordance with the **National Sports Governance Act, 2025, Rules, 2026 and applicable BFI Constitution/bye-laws.**

BFI shall ensure the prescribed **male/female representation** in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

## 12. NO RIGHT BY MERE APPLICATION

Submission of an application pursuant to this notice shall not by itself:

- confer SOM status upon the applicant;
- guarantee inclusion in the final SOM roster;
- confer membership of the General Body of BFI; or
- confer any automatic voting or electoral right.

All such rights/status shall be determined strictly in accordance with the Act, Rules and applicable BFI Constitution/bye-laws.

## 13. FALSE INFORMATION

If any information, declaration, certificate or document submitted by an applicant is subsequently found to be false, fabricated, materially incorrect or misleading, the candidature/inclusion of such applicant shall be liable to rejection/cancellation, without prejudice to such other action as may be permissible in law.

## 14. CLARIFICATION





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Any clarification regarding the application process may be sought at:

**Email:**

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[Lokinder.singh21@gmail.com](mailto:Lokinder.singh21@gmail.com)

[Ravibengani1970@gmail.com](mailto:Ravibengani1970@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://bowlingfederationofindia.com>

Applicants are advised to regularly visit the official BFI website for notices, clarifications and updates concerning the SOM process.

## 15. RESERVATION OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The entire process shall remain subject to the **National Sports Governance Act, 2025**, **National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026**, directions/clarifications of the Central Government/competent statutory authority and orders of any competent Court/Tribunal, as applicable.





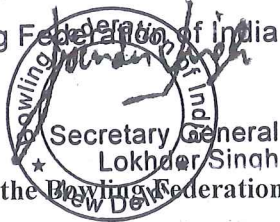
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For Bowling Federation of India



Secretary General  
Lokinder Singh

By Order of the Bowling Federation of India

Lokinder SINGH

Secretary General

Bowling Federation of India

Date: 16.09.2026

Place: New Delhi





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## ANNEXURE-A

### APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN BFI SOM ROSTER – 2026

1. Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Father's/Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Gender: Male / Female

4. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as on date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Sport/Discipline: Lawn Bowls/Bowls

10. Date/Year of retirement from active competitive sport: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Date of last participation in a competitive sporting event: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Sporting achievements relied upon

| S.No. | Championship/Games | Year | Representation | Event/Category | Medal/Position | Certificate attached |
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**13. Schedule-I Tier claimed by applicant:**

Tier \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Basis for claiming the above Tier:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**15. Details of supporting documents:**

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## DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that:

1. the particulars furnished in this application are true and correct;
2. I satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria prescribed under Schedule I of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026;
3. I satisfy the Tiered Eligibility Criteria claimed in this application;
4. I have retired from active participation in the sport and satisfy the prescribed requirement concerning non-participation in competitive sport;
5. the certificates/documents submitted by me are genuine;
6. I understand that submission of this application does not confer an automatic right to inclusion in the SOM roster or General Body of BFI; and
7. I agree to produce original documents for verification whenever required.

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_