



BRIDGE FEDERATION OF INDIA

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GOLDEN YEAR FOR INDIAN JUNIORS

The year 2022-23 has witnessed a remarkable performance among the Juniors at the 7th World Youth Championship Italy 2022 who have outperformed their earlier results winning **Two Gold, Two Silver medal and one bronze at the championship**



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INDIAN SENIORS WINS SILVER AT 45TH WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS, ITALY



At the world championships in March /April -2022 the 'SENIOR' TEAM consisting of **AshokGoel, Anil Padhye, Rajesh Dallal, Subrto Saha, Sukmal das and Captain & Coach R. Krishnan won the Silver Medal.**

This was by far the best performance by any Indian team at the WBC, surpassing the previous Bronze Medal won at Wuhan in 2019.

The above were the main highlights for the year 2022-23 in international competitions

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Brief Summary of BFI Journey:

Dear All Members and Players,

As we have just revived from the jaws of COVID-19, the bridge activities have started unfolding to say the least worldwide. We express our deep gratitude to the overgrowing size of players from West Bengal who have been the strongest pillar for supporting all BFI events held during the years. Slowly bridge started moving back to its live activities and online presence still dominated for the entire year as many players found new arenas to enjoy the game through various online programs.

We are grateful to all our members, sponsors as well the players who have been able to fight this precarious situation and have been actively supporting the game through various activities held.

While the pandemic was slowly diminishing with proper safety measures, the federation felt the severity of the damage the virus will cause to the revival of live activities and hence it was imminent to plan national tournaments with a pinch of caution and various safety measures were ensured in all BFI tournaments held during the year to protect our players from any infection. Additionally, BFI has always been a frontrunner to undertake several bridge ventures which have been unfeasible for other organizers on account of its dedicated workforce and technical expertise.

The process to conduct online tournaments started with official agreement with BBO was completed in 2022 as per the agreement which was successfully led to India being part of the BBO Virtual clubs and Indian TDs were officially invited to undertake small to medium sized weekly events for their regional players. However, BBO continued to identify our Indian organizers to allow them to run their tournaments independently.

As part of our annual Indian Bridge Calendar, the major national level events were successfully held which had a slow turnout to start with as expectedly starting with Tolani Summer Nationals 2022 at Bengaluru. The other major events held were:

- a) **Tolani Summer Nationals, Bengaluru**
- b) **Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix, New Delhi**
- c) **Shree Cement National Bridge Championships, Kolkata**
- d) **Kr. Murli Manohar National Masters Bridge Championships, New Delhi**
- e) **63rd Online Winter Nationals, Jaipur**
- f) **HCL International Bridge Championships, New Delhi**
- g) **Kabra Women Pairs, Pune**

BFI is also proud to announce that lockdown has resulted in the growth of its player's size and the online registrations of new players had witnessed a record peak from several areas. Also, the federation through the efforts of the its technical team has successfully cleansed the player's database with more accurate data of active bridge players registered under the BFI Masterpoint scheme. The current database stands at 4300 odd players which is the highest in our zone as well among the top 10 members of WBF. We look forward to expand this family as well appreciate the efforts taken by our technical members.

BFI is thankful to all its generous sponsors who have given their support in spite of the financial setbacks due to COVID, by which our BFI has been able to provide the Indian players the same environment to compete and enjoy the game.

Along with joy comes sorrow as I deeply express my condolences to the bereaved families of our Indian bridge fraternity who were victims of this deadly virus. **One of legendary players, Mr. Prakash Kejriwal, Mr. NK**

Gupta, Mr Parasrampuria, Mr. Govindachari, Mr. MK Choudhary, Mr. Ravindra Bhawe, Mr. Paresh Gupta, Mr. Gautam Mukherjee from Kolkata and several others who have been part of our family.

BFI has continuously endeavored to provide a significant improvement in terms of the activities conducted domestically and internationally for the promotion of the players and sport. Under the dignified guidance of our esteemed President, our federation is now strongly working towards the preparation of the teams towards the Asian Games 2022

It has been a success for our Indian Juniors Teams to secure medals at various international events and I am sure that the current exposure will give them the necessary practice to sharpen their skills and excel further in the future events. We are quite positive towards the aspiring juniors who are not far away from brining laurels to the country in the near future with the aid of our Junior Development and Training program and have been actively playing in various competitions

On the domestic front, the momentum of the live tournaments has been moving slowly as anticipated. The mechanisms of the online events had been a suitable temporary solution for conducting events which will be now perhaps been more useful towards the educational programs as currently used by our teaching arm "Bridge Pathshala". I urge all the players to spread this awareness of bridge education through our official established channels and renowned panel of teachers who have vast experience in this field.

In addition, the federation had conducted online director workshops for training the directors with the current bridge laws as well inviting new aspirants to take training in this lockdown period. In the current year, we have been grateful to **Shree Cement Ltd** and **West Bengal Association** for holding the Tournament Director Seminar from 11 AM on 14th and 15th November at Calcutta Bridge Club. Late Mr. Ajay Brahmachari, Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal and Mr. Sanjay Chakraborty conducted the said seminar and issue merit certificates to all participants. **All arrangements were nicely done by West Bengal Association under the guidance of Mr Debasish Ray.**

BFI has successfully introduced the **Masterpoint Scheme (revised 2020)** which has resulted in more systematic process of recording masterpoints and easy new player's registration process directly through the BFI website.

The federation has also actively planned the framework for its preparations to the next Asian Games with Sports Authority of India thereby designing its Annual Competition events to formulate a proper process to evaluate the athletes as per the SAI recommendations. In the current year, as the live events are underway, the federation has implemented three coaching camps for the Men, Mixed and Women categories and for live coaching camps

Junior Camps:

- a) Junior Camp – 28th April to 1st May
- b) Junior Camp – 2nd to 6th June
- c) Junior Camp – 30th Dec to 2nd Jan

Senior Camps:

- a) Women Camp – 2nd to 6th May
- b) Men/Mixed/Women – 11 to 19th May
- c) Men/Mixed/Women – 2 to 11th March, 2023

Bridge Learning and Education Centre:

The federation had setup a bridge education center officially at **Mumbai** at **Lokmanya Seva Sangh** premises in year 2020. This center is fully operational and has generated a positive response thanks to the COVID

restrictions where many enrollments were seen for bridge game. We expect the Pathshala to enable these new aspirants as regulars in the near future for the expansion of our player force.

BFI is hopeful of establishing more such centers all over India in the years to come.

During the 15 months, BP has conducted 117 offerings of the courses and they have been attended by over 1,400 students – some students have attended multiple offering of the same course on different topic. The overall feedback on course quality has been excellent as students keep coming back to our courses on different topics. BP has been able to get more than 150 newcomers to learn the game.

CSR Sponsorships:

BFI immensely expresses its gratitude to all the sponsors who have generously contributed towards the bridge education and training programs. Bridge being a national priority sport game recognized by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs has been eligible for CSR contributions which has been used for promotion of juniors and education teaching programs.

Ranking Policy:

The ranking policy of the federation in the final year of its cycle and based on the completion of the ranking events scheduled to be completed this year, the selection trials will be proposed to be implemented from March, 2023 onwards with a suitable point allocation scheme as proposed by the BFI Ranking Committee. Also, the carryover percentage of the points for past years will be determined by the Ranking Committee.

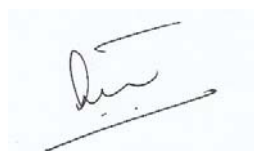
Elections:

Regarding the office matters, the **elections for BFI Executive Committee** were held at **PYC Gymkhana, Pune on 16th September, 2022** followed by **Annual General Meeting** under the guidelines given by Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs. The Returning Officer was R Venkatesh.

The new term for the office bearers will be from 2022-26 as per the National Sports Code, 2011 subject to attainment of age of 70. In addition, all state associations have been bifurcated under Permanent and Temporary Members on the basis of their compliance with the National Sports Code, 2011. We have requested all state associations to submit their AGM copies as well have district associations of minimum 50% as part of mandatory compliance of the National Sports Code, 2011.

Finally, I would express my deep gratitude to the past committee especially led by **Mr. S Sunderasan** and **Mr. K.S. Samant** who have been instrumental in these tough times to lead and support the federation and have helped tremendously towards the development of the game.

With Best regards,



C.M. Kulkarni
(Hon. Secretary)
31st March, 2023



Indian Performance at International Level:

45th World Bridge Championships, Salsomaggiore, Italy:

The BFAME Trials for the above World Championship were held at Shiv Nadar University wherein India Qualified to represent Zone IV at the World Championships.

At the World Championships, the Men/Mixed and Women failed to enter the knockout stages but the Indian Seniors Team should extreme class and played extremely well to clinch Silver Medal



AshokGoel, Anil Padhye, Rajesh Dallal, Subrto Saha, Sukmal das and Captain & Coach R. Krishnan won the Silver Medal.

7th World Youth Championship Italy 2022

India bags Two Gold, Two Silver medal and one bronze at the championship

Indian Junior players in 4 age categories under 16 the sub Junior, under 21 and 26 the juniors, Under 26 junior Girls and under 31 the Youth, took part in the 7th World Youth Championship held Salsomaggiore Italy during 7th August to 14th august 2022. The entire contingent has been supported for International exposure by Sports Authority of India (SAI), a Govt. of India enterprise.

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INDIAN CONTIGENT WINS 2 GOLD, 1 SILVER AND 2 BRONZE MEDALS AT ASIA CUP, JAKARTA

The Indian Teams were invited to participate at the 4th Asia Cup Tournament at Jakarta, Indonesia from 19th to 26th October 2022 in the Open, Mixed, Women and Seniors Category. More than 12 countries had participated in this event and it was a major experience for our athletes before the 19th Asian Games, 2023.



Seniors Team: Hemant Jalan, .Kamal Mukherjee, .Subrato Saha Sukmal Das, P. Bardan, Badal Das won the **GOLD medal**



Mixed Team: Kiran Nadar, B Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, Bindiya Naidoo, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Vinay Desai (Coach) won the **SILVER MEDAL**



Open Team: Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral, Rajeshwar Tewari, Keyzad Anklesaria, Sumit Mukherjee, Debbbrata Majumder won the **BRONZE MEDAL**



In the **ladies' pairs event**, **Ms. Puja Batra and Ms. Asha Sharma** won the **GOLD MEDAL** and **Ms. Vasanti Shah and Ms. Bharti Dey** won the **BRONZE MEDAL**.

Federation and National Level Competitions:

The Indian Bridge Calendar consists of various categories of tournaments held every year across India through our member state associations and affiliates. The federation has classified these tournaments in the four major categories:

- 1) **Federation Tournaments:** These events will be organized by the federation on a national scale open for all players (except for national masters) as a qualifying event to earn a berth for the selection trials. These events hold the highest federation points to be awarded to all deserving candidates. Meritorious candidates are selected to represent at the Selection Trials for representing India in the world level competitions. These events have the maximum participation from all the affiliated states and bodies.

The following events are classified as FEDERATION events:

- a) Summer Nationals (June - July)
- b) Interstate Bridge Senior and Juniors Championships (August – September)
- c) National Masters (October – November)
- d) Winter Nationals (December)
- e) Selection Trials – based on the World event schedule
- f) National Mixed Championships (Nov)

- 2) **National Tournaments:** These tournaments are classified as “NATIONAL” status having the entire technical and manpower infrastructure similar to the federation event but organized by external bodies such as corporate sponsors, clubs, state associations etc under the aegis of the federation. There is a capitation fee to be paid to attain the status of national event. These events also carry sizable federation points to be awarded to merit holders.

At present there are four national recognized events:

- a) Yeshwant Rao Holkar, Indore
- b) Mohanlal Bhartia memorial, New Delhi
- c) HCL International Bridge Championships, New Delhi
- d) Shree Cement National Bridge Championships, Kolkata

3) **Recognized Events:** These events are organized by the local state associations following the general conditions of contest, rules and regulations as stipulated by the federation and are recognized by the federation. Federation points are also awarded to these events.

4) **Other events:** This included the club/state level tournaments which attract local points to encourage local participation among non-tournament players.

FEDERATION EVENTS:

TOLANI SUMMER NATIONALS:

The 11th edition of Tolani Open Summer Nationals Bridge Championship was held in Bengaluru from **28th June to 7th July 2022 at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru.**

Gold Teams:

Winner: **Team Formidables** KEYZAD ANKLESARIA, RAJESHWAR TEWARI, SUMIT MUKHERJEE, DEBRABATA MAJUMDER, J B SHIVDASANI, SANDEEP THAKRAL

Runner Up: Team Hope and Prey (SUBHASH GUPTA, PUJA BATRA, ASHA SHARMA, SWARNENDU BANERJI, SAPAN DESAI, ANIMESH RAJ)

Matchpoint Pairs:

Winner: Satyabrata Mukherjee & Biswajit Poddar

Runner Up: J B Shivdasani & Sandeep Thakral

Interstate Bridge Senior and Juniors Championships:

The Interstate National Bridge Championships was held at PYC Gymkhana, Pune from 13-17th September, 2022

Teams:

Winner: Team Delhi: Subhash Gupta, Puja Batra, Maneesh Bahuguna, Sandeep Thakral, Rajeshwar Tewari

Runner Up: Indian Railways: Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumdar, Sayantan Kushari, Gopinath Manna, Sandip Datta

Late Subhas Agarwala IMP Pairs:

Winner: Archie Sequera- Ian Concessio

Runner Up: Bhabesh Saha- Kalyan Chowdhury

NATIONAL MASTERS:

The Kr Murli Manohar National Masters event was supported by **Mr. Ashok Goel (Ex. President – BFAME)** who has been an avid bridge lover and has contributed towards many tournaments in the memory of his loved ones. This event was held at ITC WELCOM Hotel, Dwarka, New Delhi from 3rd to 6th Nov 2022.

The entry to this tournament is restricted only for the seeded ranked players of National Masters and above.

Teams:

Winner: **Team Manyawar:** Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Milind Athavale, Arun Bapat, Rajeev & Himani Khandelwal

Runner Up: Team Dhampur Sugar Mills: Ashok Goel, Vinay Desai, Sagnik Roy, Sayantan Kushari, Kaustabh Nandi, Kaustubh Bendre

Matchpoint Pairs:

Winner: Sumit Mukherjee & Debabrata Majumder

Runner Up: Dipak K Poddar & Jitendra J Solani

WINTER NATIONALS

The **64th** edition for the **Winter National Bridge Championships** was held from 3rd Dec to 12th Dec 2022 at Sawai Man Singh Indoor Stadium, Jaipur.

Gold Teams:

Winner: Team Formidables Keyzad Anklesaria, Rajeshwar Tewari, Kiran Nadar, B Satya, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral

Runner Up: Team Hema Deora: Rana Roy, Hema Deora, Bhabhesh Saha, Biswajit Poddar, Satyabrata Mukherjee, Bhaskar Sarkar

Matchpoint Pairs:

Winner: Sumit Mukherjee & Sayantan Kushari

Runner Up: Puneet Gangal & Aniruddha Bhattacharjee

Continuing the legacy of the championship, this event main team events were held in memory of our beloved **Late Shri. Ashok Ruia** who has been the pioneer support pillar towards this championship for decades towards. The federation also expresses deep gratitude to **Ruia family and Shree Cement group** for is generous support towards this championship as well to the other sponsors.

Also there are several other prestigious events like the Murli Deora Imp Pairs, Categorized Pairs, Swiss Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Ladies Pairs.

This is the biggest event of the federation which runs for seven days with many titles to be announced each year to the merit holders. The results for the main events are as under.

Results are available at www.bridgewebs.com/winternationals

Sports Authority of India Programs:

The Affiliation with Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been very supportive in lieu of the success of the Asian Games 2018 and the medals received at World Championships. The plans of the federation is to provide more international exposure to our Indian Players.

Since past many years as Bridge had attained a PRIORITY status recognized by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs. As a result, SAI had given due recognition to our national event “**Interstate Bridge Championships**” for **Seniors(Men & Women), Juniors and Sub Juniors Categories** as part of their program.

With the current achievement at the Asian Games, Bridge Federation of India has been actively working with SAI for preparing the athletes under their guidelines through the medium of coaching camps and national competitions.

In the current year, the federation had conducted Six Coaching camps for the Seniors (Men, Mixed, Women) and Juniors(U31,U26,U21,U16) categories.

Junior Camps:

- a) Junior Camp – 28th April to 1st May, Nashik
- b) Junior Camp – 2nd to 6th June, Nashik
- c) Junior Camp – 30th Dec to 2nd Jan, Nashik – (*sanction pending*)

Senior Camps:

- a) Women Camp – 2nd to 6th May, Nashik
- b) Men/Mixed/Women – 11 to 19th May, Kolkata
- c) Men/Mixed/Women – 2 to 11th March, 2023, Noida

National Championships:

- a) Interstate National Championships, PYC Gymkhana – 14-18th Sept (*Sanction pending by MYAS*)
- b) Juniors/Sub Juniors National Championships, Nashik - 24-27th Dec (*Sanction pending by MYAS*)

As a result, the following proposals were sanctioned by SAI for the financial year 2022-23

The synopsis of the budget is as under:

Sr no.	Item	Amount (Rs. lacs)	Events conducted by BFI during 22-23
1	National Camps/competitions	41.6	Six Camps + 2 Nationals
2	International Competitions:	160.3	45 th World Championships, Italy Asia Cup, Jakarta 7 th World Youth, Italy
3	Conduct of International Competitions in India	Nil	
4	Sports Equipment	6.0	6 Laptops + 2 Projectors
Total		207.9	

Coaching cum Selection Camps held for Seniors, Juniors, Women and Mixed Categories

The Coaching/Selection Camp was held from **2-11th March, 2023 at Shiv Nadar University, Noida** for Men/Mixed and Women Category based on the eligibility of players as per their performance in the qualifying events.

The Qualifying Events identified for the calendar year 2022-23 by the selection committee of the federation were:

Qualifying Events:	Ranking Points from:
a) Winter Nationals	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
b) Summer Nationals	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
c) Inter State Bridge Championships	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
d) National Masters	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
e) HCL International Bridge Championships	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
f) Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
g) Yeshwant Rao Holkar National Championships, 2023	Top 8 positions in Teams & Pairs
h) Ladies & Mixed Qualifying Events	Based on participation

The Bridge Federation of India announced its team that will represent India at the at the forthcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China from 23 Sep to 08 Oct 2023. After its annual coaching camp and selection trials held at the idyllic settings of Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Greater Noida from 02 – 18 March 2023 and conducted under the auspices of the Sports Authority of India, the selection of team was undertaken in 4 categories (only 3 for Asian games).

The camp was conducted in 3 phases with the Men's/ Open team preparation in Phase 1 between 02-07 March, followed by the Mixed team in phase 2 from 10-14 March, and the Ladies and the Senior team in the third Phase between 15-17 March.

This team will also expect to represent India at the World Team Championships in Morocco in August this year. Contract bridge is one of the most popular mind-sport in the world and is a Priority Sports under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It was introduced at the Asian Games in Jakarta in 2018 where a good harvest of 01 Gold and 02 Bronze medals were reaped. Despite the fact that the number of events has been reduced from 6 to 3 this year, the team is looking forward to surpass its medal tally this year. The composition of team is as under: -



Men team: Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral, Rajeshwar Tiwari, Sumit Mukherjee, Raju Tolani and Ajay Khare.

Reserve 1: Kaustubh Bendre and Sayantan Kushari.

Coach: Mr Joyjit Sensarma



Mixed Team:- Kiran Nadar, B Satyanarayana, Himani Khandelwal, Rajeev Khandelwal, Marianne Karmarkar and Sandeep Karmarkar

Reserve 1: Hema Deora and Rana Roy

Coach: Mr. Vinay Desai



Ladies Team: Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Alka Kshirsagar, Bharti Dey, Kalpana Gurjar and Vidya Patel

Reserve 1: Richa Shriram and Meenal Thakur

Coach: Mr. Anal Shah

Senior Team:(only for the World Championships)

Hemant Jalan, Samir Basak, Pranab Bardhan, Badal Das, Sukamal Das and Subrata Saha



Juniors Development (BFI Camps)

The federation conducted various online coaching sessions under the Juniors Training Program led by **Mr. Vinay Desai, Mr. SK Iyengar, Mr. Shibhnath Dey Sarkar, Mr. Parimal Vahalia, Mr. Aniruddh Sanzgiri, Mr. Girish Bijoor**. These sessions were open for the categories (U31/U21/U16).

The first coaching camp FOR JUNIOR AND SUB-JUNIOR CATEGORY was held **AT “THE KING CLUB PVT. LTD.” NASHIK FROM 30TH APRIL, 2022 TO 04TH MAY, 2022**

24 Juniors had participated in this event.

Coaching and play evaluation of the athletes has been organized by 3 coaches.

1. Keshav Samant
2. Vinay Desai
3. Anil Padhye



The **second coaching camp** FOR JUNIOR AND SUB-JUNIOR CATEGORY was held **AT ‘Gupta Gardens.’ NASHIK from 6-9th June, 2022**

21 Juniors had participated in this event.

Coaching and play evaluation of the athletes has been organized by 3 coaches.

1. Keshav Samant
2. Vinay Desai
3. Anil Padhye

The **third coaching camp** FOR JUNIOR AND SUB-JUNIOR CATEGORY was held **AT “BLVD Hotel”, Nashik from 30th Dec, 2022 – 02nd Jan, 2023**

26 Juniors had participated in this event.

Coaching and play evaluation of the athletes has been organized by 3 coaches.

1. Keshav Samant
 2. Vinay Desai
 3. Aniruddh Sanzgiri
- Juniors/Sub Juniors National Championships

On account of the pandemic, the Juniors/Sub Juniors National Championships were held at Gupta Garden, Nashik from 27th – 29th Dec, 2022

The Sub-Junior & Junior Nationals attracted 59 Participants from 14 States under 4 categories as tabulated hereunder:

Category	
Under 16	12
Under 21	11
Under 26	22
Under 31	14

Total	59
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Based on the performance at sub-Juniors and Juniors Nationals performance and further live evaluation, the following players were invited for the Coaching Camp-I held on 30th Dec to 02nd Jan – 2023 @ Hotel BLVD Nashik.

Category	Player-1	Player-2
U-16	Rashi Jahagirdar	Paavan Goyal
U-16	Tirtharaj Choudhary	Nachiketa Muthuswamy
U-16	Advik Rodrigues	Akrit Rodrigues
U-16	Saikritick Satish Mohan	Vishwa
U-16	Adhiyaman Z	Krishanth
U-16	Harrita S	Agilan Z
U-21+U-26	Vidhya Patel	Kalpana Gurjar
U-21+U-26	Dinesh Babu S	Sai Manju HA
U-21+U-26	Jyothssena S	Shaun Joseph
U-21+U-26	Taral Rodrigues	Tilakraj Chowdhury
U-21+U-26	Soham Sarkar	Subhashree Basu
U-21+U-26	Vineet Nandu	Kunj Chheda
U-21+U-26	Johann Pinto	Mathew Chandy (U-31)

The following U-31 players were recommended for attending the Coaching Camp-2.

Category	Player-1	Player-2
U-31	Sagnik Roy	Sayantan Kushari
U-31	Souvik Kar	Surajit Bar
U-31	Soumadeep Ghosh	Arya Chakraborty
U-31	Pritam Das	Shouvik Das*



BFI Elections for Term 2022-26 and Executive Committee

The Elections of the Bridge Federation of India were held on 16th September, 2022 at PYC Gymkhana, Pune

Mr. R Venkatesh was appointed as the Returning Officer

Extract of Report of Returning Officer:

“This document is consolidation of all activities performed by returning officer (undersigned), with support from outgoing Bridge federation of India (BFI) officials, since the time of appointment (Aug 20th, 2022) till date of elections (Sep 16th, 2022), related to nomination, Scrutiny and withdrawal of candidates for the election of office bearers and executive members (EC) of BFI Managing Committee for the years 2022-26. This document also covers details of voting for various MC posts and announcement of final results.

As per BFI calendar of events for 2022, returning officer was appointed on Aug 20th.

Memorandum of Articles (MOA) of Association of Bridge Federation of India (BFI) ratified in the EGM held on August 10th, 2022 is the reference document for planning, definition of rules and execution of entire election process.

Nomination's process-Aug 22nd till Sep 5th

Key officials involved – R.Venkatesh (Returning officer), Sundareshan (BFI President), C.M.Kulkarni (BFI Secretary), Anand Samant (BFI Vice President), EC members (Presidents and Secretaries of all states and UTs- total 22 in number, fully affiliated to BFI)

- a) Nomination forms issued to all state/UT affiliated to Bridge federation of India (BFI) on Aug 22th. 6 PM on Sep 5th was defined as last date for nominations.
- b) Total of 14 positions in the managing committee with following break-up
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Vice President (s)-2
 - e. Joint Secretary(s) – 2
 - f. Executive Committee (EC) members – 3
 - g. Elite Sports person(s)-4
- c) Scrutiny process-Sep 1st till Sep 6th
- d) Key findings of Scrutiny process
- e) Summary of withdrawal-Sep 9th
- f) Preparation for final Voting -Sep 9th till Sep 15th
- g) Campaigning process-Sep 9th till Sep 14th
- h) Voting Day – Polling and Counting (Sep 16th)

Final results and list of new executive committee members and BFI managing committee for 4-year term 2022-26 given below:

- President – Sutanu Behuria (Himachal Pradesh)
- Secretary – C.M.Kulkarni (Karnataka)
- Treasurer – K.P.Mathur (Rajasthan)
- Vice Presidents (2) – 1-Ms Hema Deora (Maharashtra) and 2-Krishan Goyal (Punjab)
- Joint Secretaries (2) – 1-Ms Puja Batra (Delhi) and 2-Ranjan Bhattacharya (Delhi)
- Executive Committee (EC) member (3) – 1-Ms Richa Shriram (Delhi), 2-Ms Monica Jajoo (West Bengal) and 3-Sunil Varghese (Tamil Nadu)
- Elite Sportspersons (4) – 1-Sandeep Thakral (Delhi), 2-Subhash Gupta (Delhi), 3-R. Krishnan (Tamil Nadu) and 4-Sumit Mukherjee (West Bengal)

Director Workshops:

BFI organized an online Tournament Director's Training seminar by **Mr. Sudhir Aggarwal (WBF TD and Zonal IV TD Commissioner)**.

BFI Infrastructure Program Policy:

BFI has procured the sanction for purchase of sports equipment towards building its infrastructure for the preparations of Asian Games 2022 and other national competitions.

On the infrastructure part, the federation has completed the purchase of 60 Bridge Tables, 2 Dealing machines and 60 bridgemates towards the expansion of more materials for national competitions/camps.

CSR Sponsorships:

BFI immensely expresses its gratitude to all the sponsors who have generously contributed towards the bridge education and training programs – one of them being “**Bridge Pathshala**” center at Mumbai. Bridge being a national priority sport game recognized by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs has been eligible for CSR contributions which has been used for promotion of juniors and education teaching programs.

Players Masterpoint Grievance Window

BFI Masterpoint Secretariat has created a “**Player Masterpoint Grievance Cell**” in order to enable the current players to check their masterpoint tally as on date as well the previous records and report for any discrepancies or omissions for any of their non-recorded performances in the recognized tournaments played under the auspices of BFI.

ANNUAL CALENDAR:

INDIAN BRIDGE CALENDAR FOR 2022

Month	Dates	Tournament Name
Jan	04 - 05 Jan	Fenesta National Women Pairs Online Championship (Ranking Point Event)
	08-26 Jan	63rd Winter National Bridge Championship 2021 (Online) (Ranking Point Event)
	28-30 Jan	Willingdon Club Swiss Pairs (Online)
Feb	06 - 13 Feb:	West Bengal State Championship
	17 - 20 Feb:	Suhas Vaidya Memorial Online Tournament
	21 – 25 Feb:	Selection Trials For Indian Men Team For Asian Games 2022, At Pyc Gymkhana, Pune
	26 – 28 Feb & 1 - 2 Mar:	Selection Trials For Indian Mixed Team For Asian Games 2022, At Pyc Gymkhana, Pune
March	3 - 6 Mar:	Selection Trials For Indian Women Team For Asian Games 2022, At Pyc Gymkhana, Pune
	11 - 13 Mar	All India Sir Padampat Singhania Memorial Invitational Pairs Online Bridge Tournament
Apr	09 - 10 Apr	W S Sundareshan Memorial Pairs Event
	24 - 28 Apr	Asian Games Camp - 1 For Women - 7 Days
	27 - 29th Apr	Junior Nationals - Training & Selection Of Probable
	30 Apr - 03 May	Junior Coaching Camp & Indian Youth Team Selection
May	12 - 15 May	Shree Cement Bridge Championship 2022, Kolkata
	11-19 May	Asian Games Camp - 1 For Men / Mixed & Women
June	12 -19 June	Tolani Summer National Championships
Jul	07 - 10 Jul:	Corbett Park Tournament
	21 - 24 Jul:	Goa Tournament
	28-31 Jul	Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Bridge Championships
Aug	06 Aug:	All India Corporate Bridge Tournament, Taj Lands End, Mumbai
	14-18 Aug	Inter State Championships
	19th Aug - 03 Sep	16Th World Bridge Series, Wroclaw, Poland
Oct	09-16 Oct	Hcl Tournament
Nov	06 - 09 Nov	National Masters
Dec	3-12 Dec	64th Winter National Bridge Championships