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Kind Attn.: Shri Mansukhbhai Mandaviya
Sub: SOM Roster and 10 Tiers Structure

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Respected Sir,

I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health.

We would like to apprise you that in light of the upcoming elections of AITA Executive Committee, we have already gone ahead with inviting SOM applications on 15th August, as per the newly amended constitution. As per the National Sports Governance Act 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules 2026, we have announced the specified 10 tiers for SOM roster to be populated.

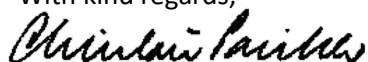
However, a number of Indian players, who have achieved international benchmarks in tennis, have the following questions:

- (1) There is no mention of achievements in Grand Slam events like Wimbledon, French Open, Australian Open and US Open tournaments. According to them, as far as Olympics is concerned, it does not have equal weightage (750 points) in terms of ATP rankings compared to Grand Slam Winner (2000 points) and ATP Finals Winner (1500 points). In fact, before 2024 Olympics, no points were awarded in Olympics. Therefore, it is possible that many top ranking players, may not have enough presence in every Olympics.
- (2) Achievements for the country in terms of Davis Cup (Men) and Billi Jean King Cup (women) are not there in the tiers.
- (3) Also, achievements in top ranking international tournaments like ATP tournaments (Men) and WTA (women) need to be given full weightage.

In light of the above, we request you to allow us to modify the tiers in terms of its equivalent tournaments, in consultation with MYAS, to enable the top-ranking SOM players to be a part of the SOM roster by using better criteria.

Since the applications are already invited for SOM applicants, an expeditious response from MYAS is requested in this matter.

With kind regards,



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