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2020 Tokyo summer games

Team Sri Lanka confirms **NINE** athletes and 17 officials



The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka released the final draw of nine athletes and 17 officials who will be taking part at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games which will be on show from 23 July to 8 August 2021.

The pandemic hit sports spectacle was postponed for more than a year for this reason. Finally, the nine athletes who will be competing at the Games and officials are listed below.

In the nine strong contingent, Judoka Chamara Dharmawardena will lead men while the Milka Gehani will lead the women's contingent.

The only surprise or to be precise last-minute change of line-up occurred when women's 800metres athlete Nimali Liyanarachchi coming into the final line up.

Ironically, 3000 m Steeplechaser Nilani Ratnayake could not make it to the Games.

This occurred as a result of Nilani coming down in her rankings owing to the lack of competitions due to the prevailing pandemic situation which has engulfed the entire globe.

Nilani's rankings had dropped to the 46th position.

In this event, only the first 45 athletes are considered for the Olympic ticket.

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6 Mathilda Karlsson Equestrian Jumping Individual Suranjith Premadasa – Team Manager Nikolay Borisov Nikolov - Groom Manfred Von Allwoerden - Horse Assistant Personnel Cedric Jaky Lilian Marie - Veterinarian Aenne Mueller - Training pass

7 Chamara Dharamawardhana Judo 73 kg – Men Amal Ratnayake - Coach

8 Yupun Abeykoon Athletics 100m – Men Claudio Licciardello - Coach

9 W.K.L.A. Nimali Athletics 800m – Women Sujith Abeysekara - Coach



*Maxwell de Silva - Secretary General
NOC Sri Lanka*

They are:-

1 Niluka Karunaratne Badminton Men's Singles Dinuka Karunaratne - Training partner cum Coach

2 Tehani Egodawela Shooting 10m Air Rifle – Women Pradeep Edirisinghe - Manager

3 Matthew Abeysinghe Swimming 100m Free style – Men Manoj Abeysinghe - Coach

4 Aniqah Gaffoor Swimming 100m Butterfly – Women

5 Milka Gehani Gymnastics Artistic Gymnastics R.A. Kapila Jeewantha – Team Manager Ranjana Tharanga - Coach



*Gamini Jayasinghe
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Swimming caps for natural black hair ruled out of Olympic Games

International Swimming Federation rejects use of Soul Cap, saying it does not 'fit the natural form of the head'

Swimming caps designed for natural black hair created by a black-owned brand will not be allowed at the Olympics. The hats, made by Soul Cap, which previously partnered with Alice Dearing, who last week qualified to become the first black female swimmer to represent Team GB at the Olympics, have been rejected by the International Swimming Federation (FINA).

The body said the caps did not fit “the natural form of the head” and to their “best knowledge the athletes competing at the international events never used, neither require ... caps of such size and configuration”.

Danielle Obe, the founding member of the Black Swimming Association, told the Guardian the ruling underlined the inherent systemic and institutional inequalities around the sport. “We believe that it confirms a lack of diversity in (the sport),” she said. “Aquatic swimming must do better.”

The original swimming cap, designed by Speedo 50, was created to prevent Caucasian hair from flowing into the face when swimming. Obe said the caps did not work for afro hair, which “grows up and defies gravity”.

She said: “We need the space and the volume which products like the Soul Caps allow for. Inclusivity is realising that no one head shape is ‘normal.’”

While other swim caps for afro hair are available, they are difficult to find, which, Obe said, created a sense of exclusion for members of the black and minority ethnic community.

“If I walked into my local health club, gym or leisure centre, could I readily pick up one of these (swim caps for afro hair)? No,” said Obe.

“Can I walk into a general retail store like Asda, Tesco or Sports Direct and pick one up? No.”

According to the sport’s governing body, Swim England, only 2% of regular swimmers are black.

It found 95% of black adults and 80% of black children in England do not swim. While 79% of Asian adults and 79% of Asian children do not swim, black children are three times more likely to drown than white children.

Obe believes a lack of appropriate products prevents members of the BAME community taking up swimming. “If the (official swimming bodies) are talking about representation, they need to speak to the communities to find out what the barriers are that are preventing us from engaging. Hair is a significant issue for our community.”

In response to FINA’s decision, the founders of Soul Cap, Toks Ahmed and Michael Chapman, released a statement on Instagram highlighting the issues around exclusion and the sport.

“For younger swimmers, feeling included and seeing yourself in a sport at a young age is crucial. FINA’s recent dismissal could discourage many younger athletes from pursuing the sport as they progress through local, county and national competitive swimming,” they wrote. They said they feared swimmers would have to “choose between the sport they love and their hair”.

Courtesy the Guardian



Safe sports on the road

Sri Lanka Golf Union and the Sri Lanka Tennis Association became the Lankan first and the second National Sports federations to adopt the “Safe Sport” policy formulated by the National Olympic Committee’s Women’s arm to create awareness on ‘Make Sports a Safe Zone’ in Sri Lanka.

Associated with the initial signing of the MOU were Michael Magala (President Sri Lanka Golf Union), Suresh Subramaniam (President NOC SL) Niloo Jayatilake (Chairperson NOC Women’s Committee), Shirantha Peiris (Chairman NOC Junior Development Committee) and Fazil Hussain (Women’s Committee Member NOC SL).

Present at the second MOU signing were Iqbal Bin Isaacs, President SLTA, Niloo Jayatilleke (Chairperson NOC Women’s Committee) and President NOC SL.

Commenting on the occasion SLGU President Magala said “Basically this come with gender equality as well as there is safe environment for all sportsmen and women in the country. “This is equally important to all stake holders – not only –players, but for the coach or any other official related to the sport and related to the structure of the organisation.

“Going forward, we would have a safe environment for everyone.”

NOC SL President Suresh Subramaniam said that it was very important being a part of the safe sport programme that comes under the auspices of the NOC SL’s Prevention of Sexual Harassment programme.

He said that Safe Sport is very important to make sure that sports people of all ages are safe on sport on sexual but on many other matters and he was very grateful for the SLGU for being the first sport in Sri Lanka to recognise and joining the Olympic committee in supporting and taking it forward.

Speaking on behalf of the NOC Women’s Committee Fazil Hussain said that “Considering the present IOC protocols it is great to note that the Golf Union has signed up to adhere to the safe sport practices and gender equality in sports as mentioned.

In the future unless these protocols are met by associations and federations there would be limitations to participation.

So, this a great move as far as the NOC is concerned and the Golf Union the first association to join us. We hope to continue to bring on board all the other Olympic sports associations under this new protocol.”

To guide the rest of the associations and federations let us take a walk on what safe sport is all about once more.

What does “Safe Sport” mean? What can constitute harassment and abuse? What tools have the IOC developed to protect athletes from harassment and abuse in sport?

Remember, harassment and abuse has no place in sport. Let’s work together to promote safe sport for everyone.

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I take this opportunity also to thank the International Olympic Committee for this action because abuse could come through ignorance, -

poverty and a string of other allied reasons.

Now as the Director of the High-Performance Committee of the National Olympic Committee I am happy that I have been given the opportunity to serve in a meaningful manner. It is now our duty to take action and guidance safeguard our next generation of athletes from such experiences.

It is our duty to teach our younger generation of athletes who

migrate from the backwoods of Sri Lanka as to how they should conduct themselves and make the most of their skills on the track and field.

“At times I have notices that some of the athletes of our present generation do have had the ignominy of such experiences, I have heard such instances, I have seen such instances and I am aware of it. So, we must look for such ways of them occurring. How are we going to make them aware of this and this is a golden opportunity to do so!”

“In short what I am trying spell out is that it is our duty prevent such harassment and abuse now is commonplace through the entire planet just like the Covid 19 pandemic so we must seek ways of teach the young athletes right from wrong and strengthen their minds to do the right thing, I say this with a lot of responsibility.

So, if you are faced with such a situation or proposition, please do not hesitate to bring it to our notice.”

The 7th Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Medicine and Science Award

Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Fund

Details for Candidate Nomination

1. Purpose

The Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Fund awards the Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Medicine and Science Award to promote the continued development of sports medicine and science in Asia through the recognition of accomplished individuals and groups in the field of sports medicine and science.

2. Award Details

(1) Awards will be presented to NOC representatives from the country of the recipient(s) at the OCA General Assembly held during the 19th Asian Games.

(2) The Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Medicine and Science Award includes a commemorative plaque and the equivalent of ¥300,000 as a supplementary prize (presented in US\$).

3. Recommendation Criteria

To be recommended by an OCA member NOC, a candidate individual or group must have carried out exceptional research related to sports science and medicine, and have contributed to society through sports. Candidates who have simply carried out medical activities in the field of sports, those who have worked to improve their competition abilities or further strengthen players/athletes, those who have worked in instructor training, or those who have carried out education or awareness activities relating to sports medicine and science such as anti-doping, cannot be considered.

4. Recommendation Limits

Each NOC may make up to two (2) nominations (individuals, groups, or a combination of both).

5. Application Procedures and Required Documentation

(1) Applications must be typed using a computer and submitted in English.

(2) Applications must be on A4 sized paper, double-spaced, one-sided, and non-bound.

(3) Applications must include original copies (one each) of the following documents:

> Signed letter of nomination from the President of the nominating NOC (any form is acceptable).

> Candidate Curriculum Vitae (Forms 1, 2, and 3).

Name, date of birth, nationality, current address (work, home), telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses (work, home), current position, academic history, employment history, achievements (including contributions to society), and a recent photograph (head and shoulders; dimensions: length 5cm, width 4cm).

> List of major research publications (primarily authored by the candidate) (Forms 4 and 5).

Books: Name of author(s), title, name of publishing company, and year of publication.

Journals: Name of author(s), title, name of journal in which the paper is published, and publication date of the paper.

> Abstracts of no more than two pages in length for each of the three most important papers, as well as the full text (in English) of one of these papers. Books may not be submitted.

6. Application Deadline

Applications must be received by September 30, 2021 (Japan time).

7. Screening and Selection

(1) The Sheikh Fahad Hiroshima-Asia Sports Medicine and Science Award Selection Committee will evaluate the nominations and submit no more than three award candidates to the Fund Administrative Committee.

(2) The Fund Administrative Committee will select the recipients based on the report from the Selection Committee.

8. Mailing Address for Nominations and Inquiries

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