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ASIA RUGBY GRANTS GREEN LIGHT FOR SRI LANKA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELITE CONTINENTAL SEVENS TOURNAMENT

Asia Rugby announced the inclusion of the Sri Lanka Men's and Women's rugby teams in the last two legs of the Asia Rugby Sevens Series, the teams will play under the Sri Lanka National Olympic Committee flag.

Careful consideration was given by the Asia Rugby Executive Committee for a one-time waiver to allow the Sri Lanka athletes to compete in the final two legs of the 2022 Asia Rugby Sevens Series due to be held in South Korea on 12th and 13th November and in the United Arab Emirates on 26th and 27th on the same month respectively.

Asia Rugby initially received a request for Sri Lankan teams to take part in the series from the President of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka Suresh Subramaniam when he was received in Dubai by Asia Rugby President Qais Al Dhalai.

A further request was made by Roshan Ranasinghe, Sri Lanka Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs when he also met Asia Rugby President at the Asia Rugby Head Office in Dubai.

With both Sri Lankan highest sport authorities being aligned, Asia Rugby Executive Committee approved the participation of the Sri Lankan

teams in the final two rounds of the Asia Rugby Sevens Series.

The tournaments will be streamed live in its entirety on Asia Rugby's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Fans will get to watch all the action in real-time as the top men's and women's national squads compete for the title of Asia's Rugby Sevens Champions a year ahead of the multi-sport Asian Games at China and the Paris Olympics 2024 Asian Qualifiers.

OCA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR COACHES AND REFEREES FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASIAN NOCS



In NOC's quest to structuralize sports in the Olympic Domain in Sri Lanka they have formulated the OCA Development Programme for Coaches and Referees for Central and South Asian NOCs.

The aim of the Programme is to promote the practice of sport, encourage and improve the standard of performance in the spirit of fair play, where Coaches and Referees -

are key factors in developing sports in NOCs and play an important role in enhancing sporting performance and help in building generations for better societies.

The OCA Development Programme for Coaches and Referees "Stage 2" for Central and South Asian NOCs conducted this programme in connection with the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan.

It will include the following sports:

1. Swimming
2. Boxing
3. Judo
4. Weightlifting
5. Wrestling

The following participants of the programme were selected in the initial list and the following sports personnel underwent five-day training programme in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Sport	Coaches	Referees
Aquatics	Mr. P. Thejaka Nandika De Silva	Mr. R.K. Sunil Rathnayake
	Ms. H.M. Shenali Samadara Herath	Mr. Nihal Keerthi Rathnasiri Bamunuarachchi
Boxing	Mr. M.G. Dhanushka Bandara Ariyaratne	Mr. A.K.G. Kamal Sameera
	Ms. G. Hansika Nelum Kumari	Ms. A.A. Chintha Priyadarshani Weerasinghe
Judo	Mr. M.M. Mohomed Shamsul Muiez	Mr. K. Miron Nilanka Perera
	Ms. M.A. Harshani Kanchana Perera	Ms. H.M. Harshani Kumari Herath
Weightlifting	Mr. M.G. Nandika Ranjana Bandara	Mr. K. Chamath Silva
	Mr. V. Chinthana Geethal Vidanage	Ms. Jeyarad Joiceiy Payus Dineja
Wrestling	Ms. W. Iresha Lalanthi Disanayake	Mr. T.G. Lasantha Pradeep Wijekoon
	Mr. N.K. Jagath Piyarathna	Mr. A. Indika Priyalal

KIRAN VAIRAVANATHAN HEAD TO JAPAN FOR AUSTRALIAN OPEN ASIAN QUALIFIERS



The 2023 Dunlop Road to the Australian Open Juniors, a co-organised event by Dunlop, the Australian Open ball partner, the Japanese Tennis Association (JTA) and Tennis Australia will once again be held in Yokkaichi, Japan from November 13 to 16, 2022. 16 boys and 16 girls will be invited from Asia/Oceania countries to enter and compete in the event.

The singles winner in each event will be awarded with a main draw singles wildcard into the Australian Open Junior Championships 2023.

“The winner of this event will be granted an Australian Open Main Draw place in the U18 event next year”

Sri Lanka's Nominations

Sri Lanka Tennis Association, in compliance with the tournament regulations and requirements, nominated 4 players for the above tournament.

Boys Team

- Kiran Vairavanathan
- Zaidh Zihar

Girls Team

- Saajida Razick
- Vishmi Serasinghe

Out of which, Kiran Vairavanathan, Sri Lanka's highest ITF U18 ranked to compete in the Road to Australian Open Asian Qualifiers in Japan starting on 12th November 2022.

The winner of this event will be granted an Australian Open Main Draw place in the U18 event next year.

Kiran made the finals of both singles and doubles events of the ITF U18 tournaments held earlier this month at the SLTA.

Kiran will travel to Nagoya, Japan with his coach Guyanga Weerasekera hoping to be the first Sri Lankan junior to qualify for the Australian Open.

OLYMPIC CHAMPION RUNNER MO FARAH SAYS HE WAS TRAFFICKED TO U.K. AS A CHILD

Farah, who became the first British track and field athlete to win four Olympic golds, said he was born in Somaliland as Hussein Abdi Kahin.

Four-time Olympic champion Mo Farah has disclosed he was brought into Britain illegally from Djibouti under the name of another child.

“The truth is I’m not who you think I am,” the 39-year-old Farah told the BBC in a documentary called “The Real Mo Farah.”

Farah, who became the first British track and field athlete to win four Olympic golds, said his children have motivated him to be truthful about his past.

“The real story is I was born in Somaliland, north of Somalia, as Hussein Abdi Kahin,” he told the BBC.

“Despite what I’ve said in the past, my parents never lived in the U.K. When I was 4, my dad was killed in the civil war, you know as a family we were torn apart. I was separated from my mother, and I was brought into the U.K. illegally under the name of another child called Mohamed Farah.”

During the documentary, Farah said he thought he was going to Europe to live with relatives and recalled going through a British passport check under the guise of Mohamed at the age of 9 after traveling with a woman he didn’t previously know.

The athlete traveled back to his childhood home in west London, recalling “not great memories” where he was not treated as part of the family.

Farah eventually told teacher Alan Watkinson the truth and moved to live with his friend’s mum who took care of him and he ended up staying for seven years.

It was Watkinson who applied for Farah’s British citizenship, which he described as a “long process.”

Farah was recognized as a British citizen in 2000.

Courtesy Associated Press





NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA

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Applications are invited from recognized suppliers to register themselves for the under-mentioned services and supplies to the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka, “Olympic House”, 100/9F, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07.

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| 4. Computer Services & Maintenance | 12. Refreshments & Meal Arrangements |
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| 7. Transport Services | 15. Gift Items Tea/ Cashew/ Souvenir |
| 8. Medical/ Travel Insurance | 16. Furniture Hiring Services |

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Account Number: **167-1-001-8-0002036** in favour of **National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka** and send the **scanned confirmation receipt** through the above link. **Closing Date: 31.12.2022** Contact Person: Mr. Ranjith

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