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Local News

National Sports Festival in January

Covid hampers Sports Festival; forces postponement



The events of the 46th National Sports Festival have been rescheduled for January 2001 after an online discussion held between the officials of the Provincial Councils and the sports Ministry recently.

The Festival which consists of 32 disciplines was forced to halt due to the prevailing Pandemic situation in the country.

The Festival was due to begin on October 10 and move on to the Sugathadasa Stadium and move to the Sugathadasa Stadium Colombo by 19 December.

Though the initial decision was to scrap the festival in 2020 according to the prevailing situation, the officials of both parties agreed that sports fraternity of the country may be the ultimate losers due to a decision of that nature.

Now the decision has been forwarded to Minister of Sports Namal Rajapakse for approval.

Even in an earlier occasion when the 11th festival was due to be held in Kurunegala in 1983, the organisers put it off by a year and was held in 1984.

- Susil Premalal



Second Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course 2020

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC Sri Lanka) conducts its second Sport Administrators Course, scheduled for year 2020, in virtual basis on 13, 16, 18, & 19 November 2020.

Applications are expected from individuals who possess the following qualifications:

For Sport Administrators:

Active involvement of sport administration in your organization or affiliated body

Good educational background at least up to GCE Advanced Level
Good command in English
Good sports background

IT Literacy

Sport Administrators from National Sports Associations/Federations, Lecturers in -

Sports Sciences/Management and Physical Education, Teachers in Physical Education and Sports Sciences/Management, Sports Administrators attached to three Armed Forces and Police, Sport Administrators from Provincial Councils and other government organizations and all other individuals who involved in sports etc. are eligible for applying for this course.

The officials who represent the National Sport Associations/Federations are specially invited for this course as the NOC Sri Lanka considers the completion of this course as a mandatory requirement when selecting team officials (managers/coaches) for international Games.

The course is based on a Manual delivered by the IOC Olympic Solidarity and designed with few segments. An IOC recognized certificate will be awarded after the completion of course with 100% participation.

Since the course will be conducted online, the applicants must be with the following facilities

- A good knowledge in using computers/laptops and/or mobile phones
- A facility of using internet [must be with sufficient data package and good connection (signal quality)]
- A disturbance free environment

Applications will be valid only if they are followed by a detailed CV of the applicant and a recommendation letter signed by the Head of applicant's organisation. The suitable participants for the course will be selected after a one-to-one online interview.

Applications should reach to natolcom@slt.lk on or before November 05, 2020. Applications received after the given deadline will not be entertained and the gender balance of applications will be highly

concerned when selecting the applicants.

Course Fee: L K R . 10,000.00 for Sri Lankans and USD 100.00 for foreigners.



Second Virtual Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course - 2020



✓ Are you a

- Sport Administrator
- Lecturer in Sport Science / Management
- Instructor in Physical Education

✓ Are you good in

- Using computers
- English
- Sports background
- Facility of using internet and disturbance free environment

Apply before
November 05,
2020

✓ How to apply

- Duly filled Application
- Detailed CV
- Recommendation letter from your sport org.
- All documents should be reached to natolcom@slt.lk

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Where: Online

Finish Beach Volleyball coaches' arrival put on hold

The international volleyball federation (FIVB) has decided to extend the services a beach volleyball instructor to promote the sport.

On a request made by the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation (SLVB), a beach volleyball instructor from Finland was due to arrive in the island on November 3, Beach Volleyball Association President C. Ratnamudali said.

However, owing to the adverse health situation in the country, SLVB has informed the FIVB to temporarily put on hold his arrival.

The specialist beach volleyball instructor was to train the national pool which is in preparation for the 2021 Asian Beach Games and Asian Beach Volleyball Championship.

His contract was to be limited to three months with FIVB sponsoring him while SLVB were to look after his food and accommodation.

A 12-member national beach volleyball pool comprising six men and six women were in training in preparation for international tournaments but it was disbanded recently following a spike in the coronavirus cases in the country.

- Susil Premalal



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IOC President Thomas Bach Receives Seoul Peace Prize

IOC president Thomas Bach received the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize on October 26, 2020.

President Bach joined the ceremony virtually from Lausanne, with the award collected on his behalf by the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon.

Presenting the award, Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation Chairman Yeom Jae-ho said: "IOC President Thomas Bach is a man who carries the mission of the Olympic spirit to achieve peace through sport; an example who truly lives what he teaches."

He went on: "President Bach has promoted friendship and harmony around the world. He has greatly contributed to resolving conflict and division in many regions through the practice of sport. In doing so, he has proven himself to be a great Olympic champion who dedicates himself to peace."

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In particular, the Foundation highlighted three major achievements:

“Contributing to peace through sport in the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia”, with the 2018 Winter Olympics “serving not only as an Olympic symbol of peace, but also as a stepping stone for peace”.

“President Bach has continuously supported refugees through the creation of the Refugee Olympic Team and the Olympic Refugee Foundation. He contributed to promoting the human rights of refugees by raising global awareness of refugee issues and renewing the world’s perspective on refugees.”

“President Bach led the internal reforms of the IOC through Olympic Agenda 2020. This roadmap also contributed to peace and cooperation among states.”

In his acceptance speech, President Bach told the audience: “The purpose of the Olympic Games was always to promote peace through sport.

When Pierre de Coubertin founded the International Olympic Committee in 1894, he was supported in this mission by the presence of six future winners of the Nobel Peace Prize.”

He went on to say that, since then, the IOC had pursued this mission, but “like other peace movements, the Olympic Movement has sometimes fallen short. In our efforts to build a more peaceful world through sport, sometimes we have failed, and have been failed”.

President Bach emphasised that, while sport can open the door to dialogue about peace, “we know very well that sport alone cannot create peace”.

He added: “We cannot take decisions on war and peace. This is the realm of politics and not of sport.”

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Speaking after the award, President Bach emphasised: "This prize belongs to the entire International Olympic Committee and all of the Olympic Movement. Without their tireless work and all the support of so many from all around the world, these achievements for peace through sport could never have been accomplished."

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The role of the Olympic Games, with regard to peace, is to "set an example for a world where everyone respects the same rules and one another. They can inspire us to solve problems in friendship and solidarity. They can build bridges leading to better understanding among people."

To achieve this universal message of peace, the IOC is promoting worldwide solidarity and inclusivity, and embraces diversity as an enrichment to society.

Turning to the IOC Refugee Olympic Team and the Olympic Refugee Foundation, President Bach said: "The refugee athletes demonstrated to a global audience that we are all part of the same humanity."

Their participation in the Olympic Games was a clear signal that refugees are our fellow -

human beings – that they are an enrichment to society just as they are an enrichment to our Olympic community."

On governance reforms, President Bach emphasised that "our ability to make a difference in the world rests on our credibility and integrity. For this reason, good governance is a central feature of Olympic Agenda 2020".

The Seoul Peace Prize comes with a USD 200,000 prize which the President will donate to the Olympic Refugee Foundation and three other social charities.

The award has had a number of illustrious previous winners, including Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations; Václav Havel, former Czech President; Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF); German Chancellor Angela Merkel; and Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Congratulating President Bach, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, Chung Sye-kyun, said: "President Bach played a fundamental role in transforming the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 into the Peace Olympics, putting them beyond all political tensions as a symbol of hope."

Collecting the award on behalf of President Bach, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, highlighted the creation of the first Refugee Olympic Team at the Olympic Games Rio 2016: "It was an unprecedented and monumental event in modern Olympic history."

I still vividly remember the cheers as the Refugee Team entered the stadium. It was a truly inspiring moment."