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1.0. Governance

1.1. Executive Board meetings

- 1st Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 09th January 2024
- 2nd Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 06th February 2024
- 3rd Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 05th March 2024
- Urgent Executive Board Meeting held on 19th March 2024
 - The decision taken at the Urgent Executive Board Meeting was to remove the current committee and subsequently reconstitute the Ethics Committee of NOC Sri Lanka.
- 4th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 02nd April 2024
- 5th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 07th May 2024
- 6th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 04th June 2024
- 7th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 02nd July 2024
- 10th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 01st October 2024
- 11th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 19th November 2024
- 12th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2024 held on 03rd December 2024

A financial suspension was imposed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) through a letter dated 10th December 2024.

1.2. Athletes' Commission Election 2024 – 2028

The election of the Athletes' Commission for the term of 2024-2028 was held on 30 January 2024 and the elected members were as follows;

Mr. Niluka Karunaratne OLY	- Badminton	- Chairperson
Ms. Reshika Udugampola OLY	- Swimming	- Secretary
Mr. Chamara Dharmawardhana	- Judo	- Member
Mr. Isiwaruna Oshada De Silva	- Modern Pentathlon	- Member
Ms. B.D. Hansani Gomes	- Weightlifting	- Member

1.3. Executive Board



Mr. Suresh Subramaniam
President



Mr. Maxwell de Silva
Secretary General



Wg. Cdr. (Rtd) Chandana Liyanage
Assistant Secretary



Mr. Joseph Kenny
Vice President



Ms. Niloo Jayathilake
Vice President



Mr. Suranjith Premadasa
Vice President



Mr. Kanchana Jayarathne
Vice President



Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe
Treasurer



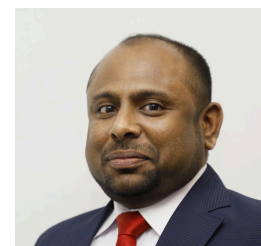
Mr. Shirantha Peries
Assistant Treasurer



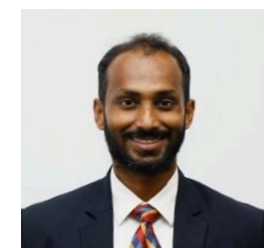
Mr. Rifdy Fahmy
Committee Member



Mr. Sarath Hewavitharana
Committee Member



Mr. Ruwan Alahakoon
Committee Member



Mr. Niluka Karunaratne OLY
Chairman - Athletes' Commission

1.4. Sub-Committees

There are 11 sub-committees under the Executive Committee of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka. The sub-committees' tasks are to advise the Executive Committee and implement projects related to their areas.

The members of the sub-committees

1. Constitution Committee



Mr. Jivan Goonetilleke - Chairman

2. Disciplinary Committee



Mr. Kanchana Jayarathne - Chairman

3. Education Committee



Mr. Maxwell de Silva - Chairman

4. Ethics Committee



Mr. Harsha Cabraal - Chairman

5. Finance Committee



Mr. Joseph Kenny - Chairman

6. Gender Equity Committee



Ms. Niloo Jayatilake – Chairperson

7. Infra-Structure and Maintenance Committee



Mr. Suranjith Premadasa - Chairman

8. Junior Development Committee



Mr. Shirantha Peries - Chairman

9. Media & Marketing Committee



Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe - Chairman

10. Medical Committee



Dr. Eshan Jayaweera

11. Procurement Committee



Wng. Cdr. (Rtd) Chandana Liyanage – Chairman

2.0. Remarkable Achievements and initiatives of NOC Sri Lanka

2.1. Mrs. Niloo Jayatilake elected as OCA EB member



Ms. Niloo Jayatilake, Chair of the Gender Equity Committee of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC Sri Lanka), has been appointed as a member of the Executive Board of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), representing South Asia. She was unanimously approved at the 90th OCA Executive Board Meeting held virtually.

Ms. Jayatilake expressed her honour at the appointment and reaffirmed her commitment to advancing sport and the Olympic Movement across Asia.

A former national golfer, she was elected as the first female Vice President of NOC Sri Lanka in 2022 and currently serves as a Council Member of Sri Lanka Golf. She has also led key initiatives in gender equity and Safe Sport within NOC Sri Lanka.

In addition to her contributions to sport, she is the CEO and Director of Softlogic Investments.

2.2. IOC award to Sri Lankan climber Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala



Sri Lankan mountaineer and women's rights advocate Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala was honored with the IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Award for Asia at the 43rd OCA General Assembly held in Bangkok.

Jayanthi, the first Sri Lankan woman to summit Mount Everest in 2016, has been widely recognized for her contributions to promoting gender equality and empowering women in sport.

With over two decades of experience in advocacy and development work, she has actively championed initiatives addressing gender rights, inclusion, and participation in sport. Through her work, including organizing rock climbing programmes for women and girls, she has created safe and inclusive spaces that challenge gender stereotypes and encourage greater female participation in sport.

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka congratulated Jayanthi on this prestigious recognition, highlighting her achievement as a source of national pride and an inspiration to future generations.

The IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Award is presented annually across all continents to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to advancing inclusion and equality in sport, with Jayanthi being selected as the Asia recipient for her impactful work.

2.3. MAS signed on as official clothing partner for Paris 2024 & launches MAS Athlete Training Academy



MAS Holdings was officially announced as the Official Clothing Partner of Team Sri Lanka for the Paris Olympic Games 2024 at a special ceremony held in Colombo on 8 July 2024. The event also featured the unveiling of the official Olympic podium kits designed by MAS, inspired by the ancient Sri Lankan martial art of Angampora and motifs from the Ambekke Temple.

On this occasion, MAS also inaugurated the MAS Athlete Training Academy, in collaboration with the Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Education, National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL), Sri Lanka Athletics Association (SLAA), and Sri Lanka Olympian Association (SLOA). The Academy, established through a significant long-term investment, aims to identify and develop young sporting talent through a structured pathway from school level to elite performance.

A total of 56 student-athletes, selected based on outstanding all-island performances, were inducted into the Academy. The programme provides holistic support, including advanced training, sports science, nutrition, education, and international exposure, with continuous monitoring of athlete development.

The event was graced by Hon. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education, along with key stakeholders from the sporting and education sectors. The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka also announced its six-member contingent for the Paris Olympic Games 2024, comprising three athletes, two swimmers, and one badminton player, all of whom were first-time Olympians.

This initiative reflects a strong public–private partnership model aimed at strengthening the future of Sri Lankan sport and nurturing the next generation of Olympians through sustained investment and structured athlete development pathways.

3.0. Participation of International Games

3.1. Paris 2024 - Olympic Games



The XXXIII Olympiad (Paris 2024) was held from 26th July to 11th August 2024 in Paris, France, featuring 329 events across 32 sports and 48 disciplines.

As one of the world's premier sporting events, the Olympic Games brought together athletes from across the globe, promoting excellence, unity, and international cooperation.

Sri Lanka participated in the Games with a compact yet diverse contingent, competing in Athletics, Swimming (Aquatics), and Badminton.

The delegation included six athletes, supported by a team of coaches, medical personnel, administrative staff, and officials under the leadership of the Chef de Mission, Wg. Cdr. (Rtd.) Chandana Liyanage.

3.1.1. Delegation Overview

The Sri Lankan delegation consisted of 16 accredited members (as per the team size calculator), with an overall headcount of 19 individuals, including those serving in rotational roles. The structure ensured adequate technical, medical, and administrative support for athletes across all participating sports.

Position	Sport /Role	Number of participants		Total	Basis
		Male	Female		
Athlete	Athletics	1	2	3	
	Badminton	1	-	1	
	Swimming	1	1	2	
Officials	Chef de Mission / All sport	1	-	1	
	Team Manager / Athletics	1	-	1	Rotation
	Team Official / Athletics	1	-	1	Rotation
	Coach / Athletics	3	-	3	
	Coach cum Manager / Badminton	1	-	1	
	Coach cum Manager / Swimming	1	-	1	Rotation
	Medical Personnel / All sport	1	-	1	Rotation
	Administrative Personnel / All sport	-	2	2	Rotation
	IOC – AC election candidate / Badminton	1	-	1	
	Team Attaché / All sport	1	-	1	

3.1.2. Olympic Qualification

Sri Lankan athletes qualified through a combination of world rankings and universality places, ensuring balanced representation:

- Viren Nettasinghe (Badminton – Men’s Singles) was the first athlete to qualify.
- Nadeesha Dilhani Lekamge (Women’s Javelin), Aruna Dharshana (Men’s 400m), and Tharushi Karunarathna (Women’s 800m) qualified via World Rankings.
- Ganga Seneviratne (Women’s 100m Backstroke) and Kyle Abeysinghe (Men’s 100m Freestyle) secured participation through Universality Places.

3.1.3. Performance Overview

Sri Lankan athletes competed across six events, delivering commendable performances against strong international competition. A key highlight was Aruna Dharshana’s performance in the Men’s 400m, where he achieved a personal best time of 44.99 seconds and advanced to the semi-finals.

Athlete	Event	Performance Summary
Aruna Dharshana	Men’s 400m	PB; Qualified for Semi-finals
Tharushi Karunarathna	Women’s 800m	Competed in heats & repechage
Nadeesha Lekamge	Women’s Javelin	Ranked 32nd overall
Kyle Abeysinghe	Men’s 100m Freestyle	54th place (heats)
Ganga Seneviratne	Women’s 100m Backstroke	30th place (prelims)
Viren Nettasinghe	Men’s Singles Badminton	Competed in group stage

While the team did not secure any medals, the performances reflected growing competitiveness and provided valuable exposure at the highest level of international sport.

3.2. 6th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG)

3.2.1. CDM Seminar for the 6th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games

The Chef de Mission meeting for the 6th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games is scheduled to be held in Bangkok on the 4th and 5th March of February 2024.

Commodore K.M.M.P. Karunathilake, who was appointed as the Chef de Mission for Team Sri Lanka, participated in this meeting representing the country. The meeting was held at the Centara Grand, Bangkok, Thailand, and primarily focused on key preparatory aspects of the Games. Discussions covered areas such as accreditation, entries by name, arrival and departure procedures, accommodation arrangements, and other operational and logistical matters.

However, on 19th August 2024, an official communication was received from the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), informing that a unanimous decision had been taken to cancel the Games, due to constraints related to budget, infrastructure, and other requirements outlined in the Host City Contract.

4.0. Sporting Performance and High-Performance Support

4.1. Athlete Support

4.1.1. Olympic Solidarity Support Grant for Continental Athletes 2025/28

4.1.1.1. Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA) U-20 Men Championship 2024

Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation hosted the Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA) U-20 Men Championship 2024 in Sri Lanka. The event was held from 6th to 12th October 2024 in the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium with the participation of 6 nations.

Although the Ministry of Sports has agreed to provide the necessary funds to host the event, the Federation had to face a difficulty non receiving funds due to the government change in Sri Lanka and as well as the economical situation. Therefore, lending hand to NFs and also to develop the sport, the NOC Sri Lanka having discussed with the IOC - OS, assisted to cover part of the accommodation cost.

4.1.1.2. Participation in the Yogibo Athletics Challenge Cup 2024

A prominent elite 400m athlete, H.K. Kalinga Kumaragea along with his coach, Mr. R.W.M. Asanka Hemantha Bandara Rajakaruna requested assistance from the NOC Sri Lanka through the Sri Lanka Athletics to attend the event. Hence, they were offered with opportunity to be benefitted from this programme.

4.1.2. Paris 2024 Olympic Scholarship Recipients

IOC / OS scholarship targeting Paris 2024 Olympic Games was given to the below seven athletes in the year of 2024.

Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando	Wrestling	- January / August	- USD 9,200
Ranithma Liyanage	Badminton	- January / August	- USD 4,000
Thilini Hendarhewa	Badminton	- January / August	- USD 4,000
Indika Dissanayake	Weightlifting	- January / August	- USD 6,800
Rajitha Pushpakumara	Judo	- January / August	- USD 8,000
Ishara Madurangi	Table Tennis	- January / August	- USD 8,000
Chalinda Liyanage	Taekwondo	- January / August	- USD 12,000

4.2. Olympic Solidarity Support for Athlete Entourage

1. Dr. Eshan Narendra Jayaweera – To take part in the International Federation and National Olympic Committee Medical Commission Chairpersons Meeting (27 – 28 February 2024) and the 7th IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport in Monaco
2. Ms. Eranga Chrishanthi Fernando – To attend the Olympic Values Education Programme Train-the-Trainer Workshop in Lausanne
3. Mr. Niluka Karunaratne – To follow the Athlete Career Transition - Athletes Education - Athlete 365 Business Accelerator

4. Mr. Dineshkanthan Thangarajah - Training in Tennis by the ITF in Pancho Alvariño Tennis Academy, Spain from 1 April to 16 June 2024
5. Dr. Hashan Kawshalya Amarathunga - IOC Certificate in Drugs in Sport (Distance Learning)
6. Dr. Rukmal Karunanayake - IOC Diploma in Mental Health in Elite Sport (Distance Learning)
7. Ms. Hiruni Udara Munasinghe Munasinghe Appuhamilage - IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport
8. Ms. Udeshika Kaushalya Danthanarayana - IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport
9. Ms. Nipuni Darshika - IOA International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors
10. Mr. Prabath Indika Jasenthu Nambi - IOA/University of Peloponnese – Master’s in Olympic Studies

5.0. Athletes and Coaches Development and Education Programs

5.1. Archery Training Program Conducted by Coach Kim Hyung Tak

The international archery training programme conducted by renowned coach Kim Hyung Tak was successfully held from 19–21 and 23 November 2024 at the Sri Lanka Olympic House Auditorium. The programme was organized by the Arrow Dynamics Sports Academy in collaboration with the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Archery Association, in preparation for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

With over 40 years of experience, Coach Kim-credited with guiding the Republic of Korea to its first Olympic archery gold in 1984-delivered Level 1, 2, and 3 coaching courses, along with a special session for young archers.

The programme attracted strong participation from athletes and coaches nationwide and significantly contributed to enhancing archery standards in Sri Lanka ahead of upcoming international competitions.



6.0. Educational Programmes

6.1. 1st Olympic Solidarity Sport Admin Course 2024

The first Sport Administrators Course for the year 2024 was conducted from 25 to 28 Apr 2024 at the Olympic House under the supervision of the National Course Directors; Mrs. Olivia Gamage, Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Captain Nalin De Silva and Provisional National Course Directors; Mr. Sivarajah Gobinath, Rear Admiral (Dr.) Shemal Fernando, Mr. Nishanthe Piyasena, Ms. Eranga Fernando, Ms. Hansika Wijegunasekara. The course was participated by 23 representatives (17 men & 6 women) from National Sport Federations, Sports Clubs, Government Organizations, International schools, Three Armed Forces and other sporting bodies.

6.2. 2nd Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course 2024



The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka successfully conducted its second Sport Administrators Course for 2024 under Olympic Solidarity from 10–13 October at Sri Lanka Olympic House, Colombo, with 26 participants (12 men & 14 women) representing NOC Sri Lanka, National Federations, Armed Forces, universities, and clubs.

Notably, this edition marked a milestone, with female participants (14) outnumbering males for the first time in the programme's 40-year history. The course was delivered by an experienced panel of National Course Directors who are listed below and covered key areas such as Olympism, the Olympic Movement, Games management, and core management skills. Sessions were conducted through an interactive approach, combining lectures with group work, discussions, and role-playing activities

- Mrs. Olivia Gamage
- Mr. B.L.H. PERERA
- Group Captain Nalin DE SILVA
- Mr. Sivarajah GOBINATH
- Rear Admiral (Dr) Shemal FERNANDO (Provisional)

6.3. 9th Advanced Sport Management Course

The ninth edition of the Advanced Sport Management Course (ASMC) was conducted under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee Olympic Solidarity. The ASMC programme spanned 14 months from August 2023 to October 2024. The course was designed to enhance the knowledge and competencies of sport administrators and consisted of seven sessions covering key areas such as organizational management, strategic planning, human resources, finance, marketing, and major event management.

The programme attracted strong interest, with 31 applicants undergoing a rigorous selection process. A total of 25 participants were selected, representing National Sport Associations and other sport-related organizations.

The course was directed by Mr. B.L.H. Perera and delivered by an experienced panel of resource persons, supported by provisional programme directors, ensuring a high standard of learning throughout.

Awards Ceremony of the 9th Olympic Solidarity Advanced Sport Management Course



The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC Sri Lanka) successfully held the awards ceremony of the 9th edition of the Olympic Solidarity Advanced Sport Management Course (ASMC) on 19 December 2024 at the ‘Hemasiri Fernando’ Auditorium, NOC Sri Lanka. The event was graced by Senior Professor Kapila Seneviratne, Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka, as the Chief Guest.

The ceremony marked the successful completion of the programme, with 21 participants being awarded Diploma Certificates endorsed by the International Olympic Committee Olympic Solidarity. In his address, the Chief Guest commended NOC Sri Lanka for its continued commitment to the development of sport in the country and for promoting the Olympic Movement through impactful initiatives such as the ASMC.

The successful completion of the 9th ASMC stands as a testament to NOC Sri Lanka’s ongoing dedication to strengthening the capacity of sport administrators and advancing the development of sport in Sri Lanka.

6.4. Sport Administration Course 2024 for Physical Education Teachers under Training at Teachers Training College



The National Olympic Committee (NOC) Sri Lanka successfully conducted its Olympic Education Programme on 25–26 October 2024 at the Uva National College of Education, Bandarawela, aimed at strengthening knowledge on Olympism and sports management among physical education trainee teachers.

A total of 35 trainee teachers participated in the programme, which focused on key areas such as the Olympic Movement, Olympic values, sports administration, resource and activity management, and sports science. The initiative reflects NOC Sri Lanka’s commitment to enhancing the quality of physical education in the country.

The programme was conducted by Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Academic Programme Director, NOC Sri Lanka, with the support of Mr. Pethum Weerakkody, Lecturer, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

6.5. IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) called for applications for the IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport, an online course conducted by SportsOracle, held from 1 September 2024 to April 2025.

Two dedicated NOC SL staff members, Ms. Kaushalya Danthanarayana and Ms. Hiruni Munasinghe, were nominated to undertake this prestigious certification programme.

This advanced qualification will further strengthen their expertise in safeguarding practices, contributing to a safer and more supportive sporting environment. Their selection reflects NOC Sri Lanka's continued commitment to athlete welfare and excellence in sports management.

6.6. IOC Diploma in Mental Health in Elite Sport

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) called for applications for the IOC Diploma in Mental Health in Elite Sport, an online programme conducted by SportsOracle, held from 1 September 2024 to June 2025.

Dr. K.P.A.R. Rukmal Karunanayake, Sports Medical Officer at the Institute of Sports Medicine and Team Physician for the National Women's Cricket Team, was selected to undertake this prestigious diploma under an IOC–Olympic Solidarity scholarship.

This intensive one-year programme is designed to strengthen expertise in mental health strategies for elite athletes. Dr. Karunanayake's selection reflects Sri Lanka's continued commitment to advancing sports medicine and enhancing athlete well-being.

6.7. IOC Certificate in Drugs in Sport

Applications were called for the above online programme offered under the IOC–Olympic Solidarity scholarship, conducted from 1 September 2024 to March 2025.

Dr. Hashan Amarathunga, Team Sports Nutrition Physician for the Sri Lanka Cricket Team and the Sri Lanka Army Women’s Hockey Team, was selected to undertake the IOC Diploma in Drugs in Sport delivered by SportsOracle. He also serves as a Senior Registrar in Clinical Nutrition at the National Hospital, Colombo.

This programme aims to strengthen expertise in anti-doping regulations and the responsible use of medication in sport. Dr. Amarathunga’s participation reflects Sri Lanka’s continued commitment to upholding integrity and excellence in sport.

7.0. Athlete Commission Activities

7.1. A Forum to Inspire Athletes – 2024

The Athletes' Commission of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka, with the support of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), successfully conducted a residential programme titled “A Forum to Inspire Athletes” on 17 & 18 December 2024 at the Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo with 44 physical participants (23 male, 21 female) and 15 virtual participants. The programme was funded of USD 10,000 by IOC and the total expenditure was LKR 2,127,781.95.

The primary objective of the programme was to bring together athletes from diverse sporting disciplines to provide a platform for learning, experience-sharing, and engagement in meaningful discussions that foster personal and professional development in sport.

The programme featured a comprehensive agenda addressing critical aspects of athlete development, including:

- Olympic Values
- Anti-Doping and ADAMS
- Sports Nutrition
- Athlete Safeguarding
- Prevention of Competition Manipulation
- Athlete365
- Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention
- Mental Health and Meditation
- Motivation and Team Building

The programme was conducted with the contribution of following distinguished lecturers and experts, including representatives from sports medicine, anti-doping, athlete welfare, and mental performance fields.

1. Ms. Eranga Fernando, Provisional Program Director – ASMC, NOC Sri Lanka
2. Dr. Shiromi Pilapitiya, Director General of Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency
3. Professor Ranil Jayawardena, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
4. Professor. Chathuranga Ranasinghe, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
5. Mr. Milinda Sooriyarachchi, Life Coach and Mental Trainer
6. Mr. Sajith Jayalal, Director of National Institute of Sports Science
7. Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah, Single Point of Contact for PMC - NOC Sri Lanka
8. Ms. Reshika Udugampola OLY, Safeguarding Officer
9. Mr. Niluka Karunaratne OLY, Chairman, Athletes' Commission, NOC Sri Lanka

The successful coordination and execution of the programme were supported by the Athletes' Commission and administrative staff, ensuring smooth implementation of all activities.

8.0. Anti-Doping, Gender Equity and Safeguarding

8.1. Commonwealth Women's Leadership Programme 2024-25

CGA Sri Lanka called for applications for the 2024-25 Commonwealth Women's Leadership Programme (CWLP). CWLP aims to support 15 women from the Commonwealth on their personal development journeys to being strong role models and agents of change to guide the next generation of women in sport.

Ms. Irangani Rupasinghe from Sri Lanka Athletics was nominated by CGA Sri Lanka to be benefitted from this programme with a scholarship awarded of £5000.00. However, she was unable to complete this programme due to unavoidable circumstances and the scholarship was offered to Ms. Reshika Udugampola, Secretary of NOCSL Athletes Commission and a member of Gender Equity Committee.

9.0. Promotion of Olympic Values

9.1. Olympic Day Celebrations – Digana, Kandy

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka successfully organized the Olympic Day Celebrations on 18th and 19th June 2024 at the Digana Sports Complex, Kandy, under the global theme “Move, Learn, Discover.” The event aimed to promote Olympic values—excellence, friendship, and respect—while encouraging community participation in sports and physical activity.

The celebrations began with a grand parade and Olympic Day Walk, starting from the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium, with over 700 participants, including students, athletes, officials, and the public. The event was graced by distinguished guests, including the Governor of the Central Province.

A variety of engaging activities were conducted to promote fitness, creativity, and education:

- A Zumba session and nutrition awareness program encouraged healthy lifestyles.
- A Horse Riding Workshop provided hands-on experience for students.
- A Parents and Sports Teachers Forum highlighted the importance of sports in child development.
- Competitive events such as the Obstacle Race, Art & Craft Competition, and TikTok Competition promoted teamwork, creativity, and Olympic values.
- The Olympic Day Walk and Tree Plantation Program emphasized unity and environmental sustainability.

The event saw strong participation from schools in the Kandy district and received positive feedback for its inclusive and community-focused approach. Winners were recognized across competitions, and all activities reinforced the spirit of the Olympic Movement.

Media coverage by MoraSpirit and Sporty.lk ensured wide visibility through live streaming, social media, and content production.

Overall, the Olympic Day Celebrations 2024 were a highly successful initiative, effectively promoting sports participation, community engagement, and awareness of Olympic values across Sri Lanka.



9.2. Schools Program for Arete and Innovative Citizenry (SPAIC) - Pilot Project



The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOCSL) successfully conducted the Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) – School Programme for Arete, Innovation, and Citizenship (SPAIC) at De La Salle College, Colombo 15, marking a key milestone in integrating Olympic values into primary education. Held under the theme “Olympism Towards Prospering the National Character,” the programme engaged over 600 students from Grades 3–5 across 11 schools in the Colombo North Education Zone, along with two invited schools.

The full-day programme featured interactive and creative activities promoting the Olympic values of Excellence, Respect, and Friendship, alongside key principles such as fair play, joy of effort, pursuit of excellence, and balance of body, mind, and will, conducted across classrooms, playgrounds, and theatre settings. The event was attended by distinguished guests including Mr. Maxwell de Silva, Secretary General of NOCSL; Academic Director Mr. B.L.H. Perera; and representatives from the Ministry of Education and Colombo Zonal Education Office. Olympian Niluka Karunaratne and other school leaders also graced the occasion.

The programme was delivered by OVEP-trained educators supported by NOCSL administrators and volunteers, with strong collaboration from the Ministry of Education, the Colombo Zonal Education Office, De La Salle College, teachers, prefects, and parents. This pilot initiative, aligned with NOCSL’s 2024–2032 strategic roadmap and IOC’s Agenda 2020+5, serves as a foundation for expanding Olympic values education across Sri Lanka, with a focus on long-term impact and sustainability.

9.3. O2 Force - Play Green, Live Green in Weerakkodichole Forest, Puttalam



The NOC Sri Lanka originally planned to start the project in Digana, Kandy. However, to raise sustainability awareness across the country, the NOC Sri Lanka decided to launch the project in Weerakkodichole Forest, Puttalam. This location helped the NOC Sri Lanka team to reach a wider broader audience and make a greater impact on environmental awareness. Weerakkodichole Forest in Puttalam is a rich, biodiverse area known for its natural beauty and ecological significance. It serves as a vital habitat for local wildlife and plays an important role in regional environmental conservation efforts.

The objectives of the programs are as follows:

1. Promote environmental awareness and sustainability through sports and physical activities amongst school children.
2. Foster community engagement of young boys and girls in environmental protection initiatives.
3. Encourage participation from boys, girls, and women in eco-friendly sporting events.
4. Educate participants on sustainable practices and the importance of environmental conservation.

After deciding to change the venue of the initiative, the implementation involved initial site assessment in August first week, and project design finalization by August third week. The launch took place on 30th August 2024, with community involvement. This shift aimed to enhance the initiative's effectiveness and reach in promoting sustainability.

10.0. International Events organised locally

10.1. TAFISA World Walking Day 2024



The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka was proud to join the TAFISA World Walking Day – 24 Hours Around the Globe, a global relay promoting unity, health, and active living through sport with a series of events.

In line with this initiative, NOC Sri Lanka, in partnership with Vibe Fit, hosted a special fitness event on 4 October 2024 at the Sri Lanka Olympic House, Colombo.

The programme featured engaging fitness sessions, including spinning led by expert instructors, followed

by a friendly badminton session with Olympian Niluka Karunaratne, and a symbolic walk promoting Olympic values and camaraderie.

As part of a global movement involving participants from over 160 countries, this initiative highlights the power of sport to foster inclusion, well-being, and social connection, while promoting key values such as peace, equality, and access to sport for all.

11.0. Local Events

11.1. Japan Lanka Friendship Association Delegation Visits Sri Lanka



A delegation from the Japan Lanka Friendship Association (JLFA), comprising 11 members including leading business representatives, successfully visited Sri Lanka from 23–29 May. The delegation was led by President Goto Hideaki of Sun TEC Bios Corporation and President Jin Songyue of A-Globe Company Limited.

A key highlight of the visit was a meeting with the Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) on 24 May. During the meeting, the delegation donated 100 units of spectacles to support Sri Lankan athletes and engaged in discussions on potential collaboration in preparation for the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi Prefecture, Japan.

The JLFA expressed keen interest in supporting Sri Lankan athletes through initiatives related to training, equipment, and nutrition. NOC SL welcomed the gesture and indicated its interest in further strengthening partnerships.

The visit, which also included engagements with government officials and business leaders, marked an important step in enhancing bilateral relations and fostering continued cooperation between Japan and Sri Lanka, particularly in the field of sport.

11.2. NOC Sri Lanka and SLADA promote Physical Fitness through the Spirit of Olympism and Clean Sport



The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) and the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency (SLADA) jointly hosted a friendly Sports Fiesta on 12 November 2024 at Torrington Grounds, Colombo 07, promoting fitness, Olympism, and clean sport.

Two 10-over cricket matches were played between mixed teams. NOC SL won the first match, successfully chasing 97/7, while SLADA secured the second match, chasing 54/11. Based on overall run rate, SLADA emerged as champions.

Individual awards were presented to Dharshana Thilakarathna (Best Batsman), Tharindu Dhananjaya (Best Bowler), A.G.L.K.S. Gunawardana (Best Fielder), and Chalani Dayarathne (Best Female Player).

12.0. Participation in International Events, Educational Programmes, Meetings, and Seminars

12.1. Prevention of Manipulation of Competition Workshop

To prevent the manipulations of sports competitions, the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), jointly with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), organised an Integrity in Sports Workshop for participants from Asia from December 5 – 7, 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand. On behalf of the NOC Sri Lanka Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah participated, as well as he was invited by the IOC to share the best practice exercised by NOC Sri Lanka.

12.2. 64th International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors

The applications were called for the above IOA International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors, which was held from 8 to 21 June 2024 in Olympia, Greece. The topic of the programme was “The athlete in modern society: inspiring & fostering unity”.

Ms. Nipuni Darshika, Executive Operations of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka was nominated to attend the above international academic programme representing NOC Sri Lanka.

12.3. Master's Degree Programme on Olympic Studies

NOC Sri Lanka called for applications for the above Master's Degree Programme-"Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events", which was organized by the Department of Sports Organization and Management of the Faculty of Human Movement and Quality of Life Sciences of the University of Peloponnese with the support of the International Olympic Academy for the Academic year 2024-2025.

Mr. Indika Prabath from the Ministry of Education and Member of the Junior Development Committee of the NOC Sri Lanka was nominated for this programme. However, his application for the OS scholarship was rejected by the IOC Olympic Solidarity.


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