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1. President's Message



In the initial half of 2025, the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) found itself navigating particularly stormy waters, with the global authorities of sport opening the sluice gates and calling for decisive corrective action to address long-standing governance concerns. The task before us was clear and unavoidable: to restore credibility, stability, and confidence, and to steer the organisation back into safe and calmer waters.

As the head of this prestigious institution, I moved swiftly to place a clear blueprint of remedial measures on the table. However, such a transformation could never be the work of one individual. I was supported by a committed group of sports administrators within the Executive Board who fully understood both the gravity of the situation and the urgency of instituting a clean, transparent, and accountable system of governance.

As a collective, the newly appointed Executive Board took on the responsibility of rebuilding the organisation's foundations. Each member was acutely aware of the scale of the challenge, particularly given the compressed timelines and the expectations placed upon us by the international sporting community. Yet, with clarity of purpose and unity of intent, the NOC SL began to regain momentum.

Within a short period, tangible progress became evident. Operational continuity was restored, key international obligations were met, and Sri Lanka's participation in the Asian Youth Games stood out as a significant achievement. Fielding a three-figure contingent under challenging circumstances, our athletes delivered performances that brought pride to the nation and reaffirmed Sri Lanka's place on the regional sporting stage.

While these outward achievements were visible, the more difficult work was taking place behind the scenes. The Executive Board initiated a comprehensive forensic audit as part of a broader internal governance reform agenda. This exercise was not symbolic; it was a necessary and principled step towards accountability. The process remains ongoing, with historical irregularities being examined thoroughly and, where warranted, addressed in accordance with due process. Concurrently, the NOC SL undertook significant internal governance reforms, strengthening financial controls, clarifying roles and responsibilities, enhancing transparency, and professionalising administrative processes. These efforts have transformed the organisation into a more structured, rules-based, and professionally managed entity, aligned with the expectations of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

It is important to place on record that, in 2025, both the IOC and the OCA issued specific and unambiguous guidelines recognising the President of the NOC SL as the sole official authority for international recognition and correspondence, together with the newly appointed Executive Board. This position was once again clearly reiterated in their joint communication dated 12 January 2026, which also directed the NOC SL to conduct its elections on or before 30 April 2026, in keeping with the Olympic Charter and good governance principles. With these measures in place, the NOC SL today stands on firmer ground, operationally stable, internationally engaged, and better prepared to meet the demands of an increasingly heavy and competitive international calendar in the months ahead.

For the progress achieved thus far, we place on record our sincere appreciation to the IOC and OCA and their officials, whose understanding, guidance, and constructive engagement proved invaluable during a period that was challenging by any measure. Their support reinforced our resolve and enabled the NOC SL to move forward with confidence, purpose, and integrity.

2. Governance

General Assembly

As 2025 was a particularly challenging year, the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka was unable to convene its Annual General Assembly for the year 2025.

Executive Board meetings

The Executive Board of NOC Sri Lanka convenes its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, in accordance with the established meeting schedule.

- 01st Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 07th January 2025
- 02nd Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 05th February 2025
- 03rd Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 05th March 2025
- 04th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 08th April 2025
- 05th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 08th May 2025
- 06th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 03rd June 2025
- 07th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 08th July 2025
- 08th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 12th August 2025
- 09th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 16th September 2025
- 10th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 14th October 2025

- 11th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 11th November 2025
- 12th Executive Board Meeting for the Year 2025 held on 09th December 2025

Key actions and decisions taken throughout 2025

- Managed internal governance, disciplinary, and ethical matters to ensure institutional stability
- Implemented interim administrative arrangements following the suspension of the then Secretary General
- Maintained continuous communication with the IOC and OCA on governance and compliance matters
- Adopted corrective actions and governance reforms in line with IOC and OCA recommendations
- Successfully worked towards the lifting of the IOC/OCA financial suspension in June 2025
- Resumed Olympic Solidarity funding and reviewed existing and new scholarship opportunities
- Oversaw the preparation and review of budgets and financial controls during the suspension period
- Strengthened the role and functioning of Executive Board sub-committees
- Addressed affiliation and membership matters of the National Federations
- Reviewed and acted on legal, arbitration, and disciplinary cases involving NOC Sri Lanka
- Monitored athlete support programs, including team support and development initiatives
- Ensured continuity of operations and compliance with statutory and constitutional obligations
- At the request of the general membership, a forensic audit for the period from 2015 to 2024 was initiated
- Mr. Lal Wickremange was recruited in June 2025 as the General Manager of the NOC SL
- Finance and accounting functions were outsourced to DLMC Chartered Accountants
- The SafeSport policy has been translated into all three local languages (Sinhala, Tamil, and English) to improve accessibility and reporting

Other governance initiatives undertaken

As stated, the year 2025 was a challenging period due to various internal governance and ethical issues. Consequently, the then Secretary General, Mr. Maxwell de Silva, was suspended by the Hon. Minister of Sports via a letter dated 10th January 2025.

Based on this decision, the IOC subsequently issued a letter dated 15th January 2025, acknowledging and accepting the action taken by the Ministry of Sports.

Further, due to internal governance, administrative, and ethical issues, the IOC and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) imposed a financial suspension on NOC Sri Lanka in early 2025. During this period, NOC Sri Lanka undertook a series of corrective measures, including strengthening governance structures, improving transparency, and maintaining continuous dialogue with the IOC and OCA.

Following a comprehensive review of these actions, the IOC lifted the financial suspension in June 2025. Thereafter, the IOC confirmed the resumption of financial assistance, enabling NOC Sri Lanka to access Olympic Solidarity funding and continue its programs and athlete support initiatives.

Following several changes to the Executive Board during 2025, the current composition of the Executive Board of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka is as follows:

Executive Board



Mr. Suresh Subramaniam
President



Mr. Rifdy Fahmy
Secretary General



Mr. Joseph Kenny
Vice President



Ms. Niloo Jayathilake
Vice President



Mr. Devarajah Henry
Vice President



Mr. Shirantha Peiris
Vice President



Mr. Prithviraj Perera
Treasurer



Ms. Minoli Wijesinghe
Assistant Treasurer



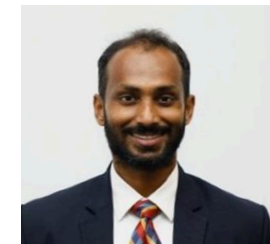
Senior DIG Sajeewa Medawatta
Committee Member



Mr. Sarath Hewavitharana
Committee Member



Mr. Pavithra Fernando
Committee Member



Mr. Niluka Karunaratne OLY
Chairman - Athletes' Commission

Sub-Committees

- There are 15 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.

1. Audit Committee



Mr. Lakshman Athukorala - Chairman

Mr. Saliya Jayaweera

Mr. S. Yogendran

2. Constitution Committee



Mr. Jivan Goonetilleke - Chairman

Mr. Deva Henry

Commodore Pradeep Karunathilaka

Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe

3. Disciplinary Committee



Snr. DIG. Sajeewa Medawatte - Chairman

Mr. Mohan Wijesinghe

Mr. Deva Henry

4. Education Committee



Mr. Rohan Prithiviraj Perera - Chairman
Prof. Samantha Nanayakkara - Co-chairperson
Ms. Anoma Rathnayaka
Dr. Shiromi Pilapitiya

5. Ethics Committee



Mr. Dinal Philips (PC) - Chairman
Mr. Ashan Stanislaus
Dr. Seevali Wijewickrema

6. Finance Committee



Mr. Joseph Kenny - Chairman
Mr. Asela Indrajith Fernando - Co-chairman
Mr. Shirantha Peries
Mr. Rohan Prithiviraj Perera

7. Games Committee



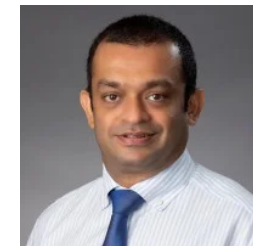
Ms. Niloo Jayathilake - Chairperson
Mr. Niluka Karunaratne
Mr. Saman Kumara Gunawardhana

8. Gender Equity Committee



Ms. Niloo Jayathilake – Chairperson
Ms. Reshika Udugampola
Ms. W.G. Deepika Wehigaldeniya
Ms. Sunali Govipalgoda

9. High Performance Committee



Mr. Ruwan Keragala - Chairman
Dr. Chathuranga Ranasinghe
Ms. Sriyani Kulawansa OLY
Mr. Asanga Seneviratne
Mr. Sajeewa Wickramanayake

10. Infra-Structure & Maintenance Committee



Mr. Deva Henry - Chairman
Mr. Sarath Hewavitharana
Ms. Oshadi Herat

11. Junior Development Committee



Mr. Niluka Karunaratne OLY - Chairman
Mr. Iqbal Bin Isaack
Mr. Indika Prabath
Mr. Jayalal Rathnasooriya
Ms. Irangani Rupasinghe

12. Marketing & Sponsorship Committee



Mr. Dilshan Mohamed - Chairman
Mr. Hassan Sinhawansa
Mr. Pavithra Fernando

13. Media Committee



Mr. Deva Henry - Chairman
Mr. Sarath Hewavitharana
Mr. Lal Wickrematunge

14. Medical Committee



Dr. L. P. E. H. Jayaweera - Chairman
Dr. Chathuranga Ranasinghe
Dr. Himan De Silva
Dr. Asela Rathnayaka

15. Procurement Committee



Mr. Shirantha Peries - Chairman
Mr. Pavithra Fernando
Ms. H. Renu Chandrika De Silva

3. Participation of International Games

3.1. Harbin 2025



Sri Lanka proudly participated in the 9th Asian Winter Games, held in Harbin, China, from 7 - 14 February 2025. The national delegation comprised four athletes Sajeev De Silva, Piyumi Piyadarshani, Shehan Muthugala, and Dhanushka Bandara, who represented Sri Lanka in cross-country skiing, marking a significant milestone for winter sports development in the country.

Athlete Participation

Women's 5km Freestyle Cross-Country Skiing

1. Piyumi Piyadarshani

Men's 10km Freestyle Cross-Country Skiing

1. Sajeev De Silva
2. Shehan Muthugala
3. Dhanushka Bandara



The team was supported by Mr. Deva Henry (Chef de Mission) and Mr. Chandana Perera (Team Manager), who ensured smooth coordination and athlete welfare throughout the event. At the Opening Ceremony, Sri Lanka was represented with great pride by Flag Bearers Sajeev De Silva and Piyumi Piyadarshani, symbolising the aspirations of 22 million Sri Lankans. Notably, Piyumi Piyadarshani and Dhanushka Bandara made their debut appearance at the Asian Winter Games, highlighting Sri Lanka's expanding footprint in winter sports.

3.2. 3rd Asian Youth Games in Bahrain

3.2.1. Chefs de Mission Seminar for the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025



As part of the preparations for the 3rd Asian Youth Games, the Bahrain Asian Youth Games Organizing Committee (BAYGOC) invited all National Olympic Committees to participate in the Chefs de Mission Seminar, which was held from 14 to 17 May 2025 at The Art Hotel & Resort, Amwaj Island, in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Rear Admiral (Retd) Manjula Dissanayake, the appointed Chef de Mission for Team Sri Lanka for the 3rd Asian Youth Games 2025, attended the seminar representing Sri Lanka and participated in the official programme and briefings.



3.2.2. Awareness Program

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL), in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency and the Ministry of Sports, conducted the first official preparation initiative for Team Sri Lanka ahead of the 3rd Asian Youth Games (AYG) Bahrain 2025 on the 15th August 2025.

The Anti-Doping and Safeguarding Workshop, held at the Duncan White Auditorium, Ministry of Sports, marked the commencement of the team's build-up towards the prestigious continental event.

The program commenced with the preliminary introduction of the Team Officials of Team Sri Lanka for AYG 2025, followed by a series of expert-led sessions designed to prepare athletes for clean, fair, and safe competition.

Mr. Chamath Srinika, Assistant Director of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency, delivered an in-depth presentation on anti-doping, stressing the importance of integrity in sport and strict compliance with international regulations.

The Safeguarding segment was jointly conducted by Mrs. Niloo Jayathilake, Vice President of NOC SL and Chairperson of the Gender Equity Committee of NOC SL, along with Mr. Sivarajah Gobinath and Ms. Hiruni Munasinghe, IOC Certified Safeguarding Officers. They outlined key measures to ensure the welfare and protection of athletes.

Mr. Gobinath also led a session on Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions (PMC), where he emphasized the importance of integrity in sport and raised awareness on the risks of approaches made to athletes or officials, encouraging them to report such incidents immediately.

The workshop was attended by prominent dignitaries, including NOC SL President Mr. Suresh Subramaniam; Secretary General Mr. Rifdy Fahmy; General Manager Mr. Lal Wickrematunge; Chairman of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency Dr. Lalisha Kahatapitiya; Director of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency Dr. Shiromi Pilapitiya; Chef de Mission of Team Sri Lanka Rear Admiral Manjula Dissanayake; and medical officials of Team Sri Lanka Dr. Fariz Ahamed, Dr. K. A. P. Kiriella, and Ms. Awarjana De Silva, together with team officials and athletes.



3.2.3. Press Conference of Team Sri Lanka

The Press Conference of Team Sri Lanka for 3rd Asian Youth Games Bahrain 2025, a special ceremony was held on 11th October 2025 at the Duncan White Auditorium, Ministry of Sports. This event served as the formal introduction of the national contingent to the media and stakeholders. During the programme, the official team attire designed by Carnage was unveiled, symbolizing the team's identity and unity for the Games.

The NOC Sri Lanka also released the full contingent breakdown, providing the media with a clear overview of the athletes and officials representing the country at the same event. A key highlight of the occasion was the launch of the GoodSport Magazine – Youth Edition, featuring profiles of all athletes selected for the Games.

Additionally, the official team photograph, comprising athletes and officials across all sports disciplines, was organized and released, capturing a historic moment prior to departure.



3.2.4. Support Grant and Attire Handover Ceremony of Team Sri Lanka

NOC Sri Lanka hosted the Support Grant and Attire Handover Ceremony for Team Sri Lanka on 17th October 2025 at the Hemasiri Fernando Auditorium, Olympic House. This event focused on recognizing and supporting the athletes as they prepared for international competition.

The ceremony featured the unveiling of the Opening Ceremony attire by LOVI Ceylon, reflecting Sri Lanka's cultural identity and pride on the continental stage.

Notably, every athlete in the contingent was presented with a support grant valued at USD 200, marking a total grant of USD 20,000, reinforcing the Committee's commitment to athlete welfare and preparedness.



3.2.5. 3rd Asian Youth Games Participation

The 3rd Asian Youth Games were successfully conducted in the Kingdom of Bahrain from 22nd to 31st October 2025. Sri Lanka participated with a strong and diverse contingent comprising 100 athletes and 50 officials, representing the nation across multiple sporting disciplines.

Leading the contingent was Rear Admiral (Rtd) Manjula Dissanayake, who served as the Chef de Mission, with Gp Capt Nalin Wewakumbura supporting him as the Deputy Chef de Mission. Together, they provided strong leadership, ensuring smooth coordination and inspiring confidence among the athletes and other officials.

Sri Lanka's presence at the Opening Ceremony was marked by pride and symbolism. P.R.A. Dilini Nethsala, representing long jump, and W.A. Danidu Dananjaya, from boxing, had the honour of carrying the national flag.

The Closing Ceremony highlighted a moment of national celebration when G.D. Lahiru Achintha, the gold medallist in the Boys' 1500m event, was appointed as the flag bearer.

The delegation demonstrated commendable sportsmanship, discipline, and commitment throughout the Games.

3.2.5.1. Team Composition

Sri Lanka's team for the 3rd Asian Youth Games consisted of **150 members**. The breakdown of athletes and officials by sport is presented in the table below:

Sport	Athlete		Officials		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Athletics	13	8	5	1	27
Badminton	2	2	1	-	5
Basketball 3x3	4	4	2	2	12
Boxing	2	-	2	-	4
E-Sports	1	1	1	-	3
Golf	3	1	1	-	5
Kabaddi	14	14	3	1	32
Swimming	5	4	2	-	11
Taekwondo	3	2	3	-	8
Beach Volleyball	2	2	2	-	6
Weightlifting	2	1	2	-	5
Wrestling	5	5	3	-	13
Chef de Mission	-	-	1	-	1
Deputy Chef de Mission	-	-	1	-	1
Press Attache	-	-	-	1	1
Safeguarding Officer	-	-	1	-	1
Lady Chaperone	-	-	-	2	2
HQ Official	-	-	2	4	6
Medical Personnel	-	-	4	3	7
TOTAL	56	44	36	14	150

3.2.5.2. Performance Summary



Among the 45 participating National Olympic Committees, Sri Lanka produced an impressive overall performance, securing seven (07) medals:

- 1 Gold
- 1 Silver
- 5 Bronze

Sri Lanka was placed 26th in the overall medal standings, marking a promising achievement and highlighting the potential of Sri Lanka's youth athletes on the Asian stage.

Medal Winners:

Gold Medal

- Athletics - Boys' 1500m – G.D. Lahiru Achintha

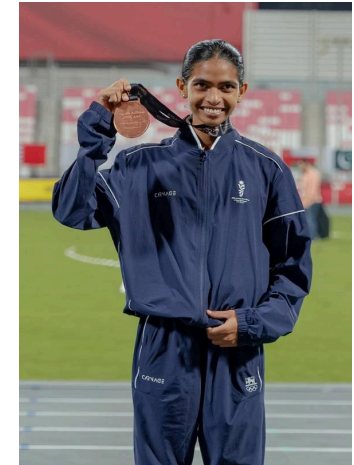
Silver Medal

- Athletics - Boys' Medley Relay – P.V.G. Bingumina Adithya, K.H. Chamindu Sathsara Hewage, W. Nirudaka Vishal Fernando, T. Shanuka Costa (Reserve: Chamith Loshana de Silva).

Bronze Medals

- Athletics - Boys' 400m – T. Shanuka Costa
- Athletics - Girls' 1500m – Nethmi Saneepa Gimhani Pulle
- Athletics - Boys' Javelin Throw – P.G. Chathura Dulanjana Jayathissa
- Athletics - Girls' Triple Jump – P.R.A. Dilni Nethsala Rajapaksha
- Golf - Girls' Individual (Sport) – Kaya Senara Daluwatte





3.3. 6th Asian Beach Games, Sanya 2026

3.3.1. Chefs de Mission Seminar for 6th Asian Beach Games, Sanya 2026



The Chef de Mission (CDM) Seminar for the 6th Asian Beach Games, Sanya 2026, took place from 1–2 December 2025 at the Sanya Conifer Resort in Sanya, China. This seminar organized by the Sanya Asian Beach Games Organising Committee (SABGOC) in coordination with the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), provided an in-depth overview of all operational and administrative preparations required for the Games scheduled to be held from 22nd to 30th April 2026. Detailed briefings were delivered on venue readiness, competition scheduling, athlete village operations, accreditation processes, transportation systems, medical and anti-doping services, security protocols, media and broadcast arrangements, information technology systems, and overall logistical planning. Sri Lanka was represented by Mr. Samith Thilina, Chef de Mission for Team Sri Lanka, and Mr. Lal Wickrematunge, General Manager of NOC Sri Lanka, who participated actively in the seminar and engaged with the organisers to address matters related to the delegation’s participation.



3.4. Aichi–Nagoya 2026 20th Asian Games

3.4.1. Chefs de Mission Seminar for Aichi-Nagoya 2026

The CDM Seminar for the 20th Asian Games was held in Aichi–Nagoya, Japan, from 22 to 26 September 2025. The following three delegates attended the programme:

1. Group Captain Eranda Geeganage – Chef de Mission, Team Sri Lanka
2. Mr. Niluka Karunaratne – Deputy Chef de Mission, Team Sri Lanka
3. Ms. Charuni Dissanayake – Games Operations, NOC Sri Lanka

The organizers provided detailed updates on key areas of preparation, including logistics, transportation, accommodation, accreditation, medical and anti-doping services, catering, ceremonies, and media operations. Delegates were also briefed on ticketing and brand protection rules.

The delegation actively participated in plenary sessions, venue tours, one-to-one meetings with the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games Organizing Committee (AINAGOC), as well as official and cultural programs.



3.4.2. 20th Asian Games Aichi–Nagoya 2026 – Fun Run Celebration

The National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Sri Lanka successfully organised the Asian Games for All – Fun Run as part of the promotional activities for the 20th Asian Games Aichi–Nagoya 2026. The event was held on 8 September 2025 at the iconic Mount Lavinia Beach, Colombo, following a pre-event press conference conducted on 7 September 2025 at the Mount Lavinia Hotel.

The program featured a well-structured series of sporting, cultural, and educational activities designed to promote Asian Games values and community participation. Key activities included the main Fun Run along the beachfront, obstacle races, kite competition, Kabaddi demonstration, kitesurfing display, cultural and western dance performances, and interactive recreational sessions. Winners were recognised with certificates, Asian Games mascots, medals and valuable prizes. A dedicated Safeguarding Booth further enhanced the programme by raising awareness on Safe Sport, particularly among schoolchildren and young athletes.

The event demonstrated strong gender balance and inclusivity, with broad participation from both males and females across all segments, including schoolchildren, athletes, performers, volunteers, and officials. With an estimated 750 participants and an average age of 25 years, the programme reflected a healthy mix of youth, elite athletes, and community members, reinforcing equitable access and participation in sport.

A wide range of stakeholders and participants contributed to the event’s success. The NOC of Sri Lanka led the organisation with strategic and financial support from the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the Aichi–Nagoya 2026 Asian Games Organising Committee (AINAGOC).

Additional stakeholders included the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, National Sports Federations, National athletes, local schools, Sri Lanka Tri-Forces, Sri Lanka Police, Law enforcement and civic authorities, volunteers, sponsors, medical teams, and media organisations. Moreover, the event attracted a significant number of both local and international audiences. Collectively, their engagement ensured effective delivery, strong outreach, and a lasting community legacy aligned with the “Imagine One Asia” vision.



3.4.3. Asian Games Youth Reporter Program - Sri Lanka

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) conducted the Preliminary Workshop and Selection Round of the Asian Games Youth Reporter Program – Sri Lanka on 2 September 2025 at the Olympic House, Colombo. The workshop attracted 31 participants, with both in-person and online attendance to accommodate outstation applicants. Sessions were led by veteran journalist and NOC SL General Manager Lal Wickrematunge and Agence France-Presse Bureau Chief Amal Jayasinghe, focusing on the fundamentals of sports journalism. Senior NOC SL officials attended and emphasized the program’s role in empowering youth through sports media.

Following evaluations, the top 20 participants were shortlisted to advance to the Main Workshop, which was held on 7 September 2025 at the Mount Lavinia Hotel. The main program was conducted by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) delegation, including Director of Media and Broadcast Jeans Zhou Jian and OCA Reporter Alvin Sallay.

The program concluded with the selection of 17-year-old Katie Speldewinde, a student of the Sri Lanka College of Journalism and founder of the youth sports initiative P.L.A.Y., as Sri Lanka’s winner of the Asian Games Youth Reporter Project. Her writing stood out for highlighting sport’s power to unite Sri Lanka’s diverse communities beyond competition. She was officially awarded at the Asian Games Fun Run on 8 September 2025.

Katie Speldewinde will represent Sri Lanka as part of the OCA Media Team at the Aichi–Nagoya 2026 Asian Games from 19 September to 4 October 2026, working alongside young reporters from across Asia. In addition, the OCA panel identified and recognized the Top 3 male and Top 3 female participants from Sri Lanka. The NOC SL expressed appreciation to all participants and congratulated Speldewinde on her achievement.

3.4.4. Press Conference



The press conference for the 20th Asian Games Fun Run Aichi-Nagoya 2026 was held on 7 September at the historic Mount Lavinia Hotel, attended by nearly 40 media personnel representing digital, print, and social media outlets. Members of the Executive Board of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka were also present. The event took place in the Maitland Room of the hotel, historically associated with Sir Thomas Maitland, the second British Governor of colonial Ceylon.

During the media briefing, Olympic Council of Asia Director General Husain Al Musallam outlined key features of the upcoming Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games scheduled from 19 September to 4 October 2026. He emphasized that the Games are designed around a sustainability-focused model, highlighting the organisers' decision to utilize existing facilities to minimize expenditure. As an example, he noted that swimming events will be conducted in Tokyo at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre, demonstrating a multi-city approach that supports cost efficiency and sustainability. Kanaizuka Fumihito, Director of the PR and Media Section of the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games Organising Committee, provided an update on preparations for the Games, which marked Japan's third time hosting the Asian Games. He noted the steady rise in Asia's sporting standards, citing Olympic performance statistics that reflected significant growth in gold medal achievements by Asian athletes in recent editions of the Olympic Games.



4. Sporting Performance and High-Performance Support

4.1. Athlete Support

4.1.1. Olympic Scholarships for Athletes - Los Angeles 2028

Eight of Sri Lanka's top emerging athletes have been awarded IOC Olympic Solidarity Scholarships for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, following a rigorous national and international selection process led by NOC Sri Lanka, the IOC, and relevant International Federations.

Out of 44 applicants nominated by National Federations, nine athletes were shortlisted after interviews with athletes, coaches, and parents. Ultimately, eight athletes were approved by the IOC to receive scholarships for the LA 2028 Olympic cycle. The programme carries a total allocation of USD 9,000.

The selected athletes represent Wrestling, Athletics, Swimming, and Badminton, and include national champions, record holders, Asian medalists, world-ranked athletes, and two Olympians from Paris 2024. Their achievements highlight Sri Lanka's growing presence in international sport and its long-term Olympic development pathway.

A ceremonial scholarship awarding was held on 11 October 2025 at the Duncan White Auditorium, alongside the Team Sri Lanka press conference for the 3rd Asian Youth Games Bahrain 2025. Athletes present received their awards in person, while those overseas received them through their parents.

The funding allocation for each athlete is as follows:

S.No	Name	Sports	Scholarship
1	Nethmi Ahinsa	Wrestling	USD 1500
2	Rumesh Tharanga	Athletics - JT	USD 1500
3	Aruna Dharshana	Athletics - 400m	USD 1000
4	Lesandu Arthavidu	Athletics - HJ	USD 1000

S.No	Name	Sports	Scholarship
5	Tharushi Abhisheka	Athletics - 1500m	USD 1000
6	Hiruki de Silva	Swimming	USD 1000
7	Ranithma Liyanage	Badminton	USD 1000
8	Viren Nettasinghe	Badminton	USD 1000

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

Under the **Continental Athletes Grant**, USD 15,250 was allocated for the year 2025 among the three athletes below.

1. Mr. Dilanka Isuru Kumara – *Weightlifting*
 - Bronze Medalist, World Weightlifting Championship 2025
 - Bronze Medalist, Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games
 - Current International Ranking: 9 (as of 2024)

2. Mr. Halpewaththaga Dimuth Akalanka – *Swimming (50m Backstroke)*
 - Training in Australia
 - Current World Ranking: 22nd
 - National Ranking (Australia): 6th
 - Best Timings: Short Course – 24.52s | Long Course – 25.86s

3. Ms. Arianna Taalya Tranchell – *Sailing (ILCA 4 Event)*
 - 6th Place, Asian Games Hangzhou 2022
 - Targeting a podium finish at the Asian Games 2026

4.1.3. Olympic Solidarity Youth Athlete Development - IF Opportunities

1. The International Judo Federation gave an opportunity for a maximum of 2 Cadet athletes (1 female and 1 male), and 1 coach to take part in the Judo Training Programme Camp in Fiesch, Switzerland, from 20 to 26 July 2025. Sri Lanka Judo Association nominated Master Sandina Sanyuru Rajasinghe – Athlete, Miss Kinuri Savidya Abeykoon Karuna Bandara – Athlete, and Mr. Thusitha Ranga Fernando Weerahennadige – Coach. Unfortunately, due to the visa issues, the team could not participate in the training camp.

2. The World Rowing gave an opportunity to the Sri Lankan youth rowers (1 male and 1 female) and a coach to take part in the Youth Training Camp in Zhoushan, China, from 6 to 10 September 2025. Sri Lanka Rowing mentioned that they are unfortunately not in a position to nominate any athletes or a coach.

3. The Badminton World Federation gave an opportunity to the Sri Lankan national junior badminton team (including coaches) to take part in the Youth Development Training Camp held from 1-3 October 2025 in Guwahati, India. Sri Lanka Badminton expressed its interest and successfully took part in the Youth Development Camp.

4.2. MAS Athlete Training Academy to Support Future Olympians

MAS Holdings, a long-standing partner of the NOC Sri Lanka, marked the successful completion of the first year of the MAS Athlete Training Academy on 17 August 2025 - Sri Lanka's first and largest public-private initiative dedicated to developing future Olympians. The milestone event, held at CEWAS, Ratmalana, highlighted MAS's commitment to supporting athletes holistically through performance, education, health, and personal development. In its inaugural year, the Academy has made a significant national impact, with its athletes comprising over 60% of Sri Lanka's junior national teams and winning nearly 70% of medals at major junior championships. At the senior level, under-19 Academy athletes contributed strongly to national representation and medal success at Asian championships.

4.3. High Performance Coaching Program in Sailing

The International Sailing Federation selected Mr. Roshil Nishantha for a high performance coaching program in Sailing. Sri Lanka Sailing and NOC Sri Lanka also agreed to put him under the program. Unfortunately, due to Visa issues, he was unable to travel and complete the program.

4.4. Team Preparation Grants for Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games Association of Sri Lanka (CGA Sri Lanka) has announced Team Preparation Grants for six priority sports as part of preparations for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, scheduled for 23 July–2 August 2026. Following an evaluation of proposals from National Federations, funding was approved for Athletics, Weightlifting, Para Sports, and Boxing (£5,250 each), as well as Judo and Artistic Gymnastics (£2,500 each).

The grants are strictly allocated to elite athletes with strong medal potential, based on past results and current performance. Funding is provided through allocations from Commonwealth Sport and is aimed at maximising Sri Lanka’s medal prospects through targeted investment.

To ensure transparency and effective preparation, beneficiary federations must submit technical and financial progress reports in March and June 2026. The official grant handover took place on 22 December 2025, led by senior CGA Sri Lanka officials. CGA Sri Lanka reaffirmed its commitment to athlete-focused preparation, high performance, and responsible governance ahead of Glasgow 2026.



5. Athlete and Coaches Development and Education Programs

5.1. Olympic Solidarity Scholarship

The following candidates have completed or are following the courses/programs supported by the IOC-Olympic Solidarity Full Scholarship.

1. Dr. Chathura Akalanka completed the IOC Diploma in Sports Medicine
2. Ms. Hiruni Munasinghe completed the IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport
3. Dr. Rukmal Runanayake completed the IOC Diploma in Mental Health in Elite Sport
4. Dr. Hashan Kawshalya completed the IOC Certificate in Drugs in Sport
5. Ms. Kalani Dineshani completed the IOC Diploma in Physical Therapies
6. Mr. Indika Prabath is following the Master's degree in Olympic Studies at the University of Peloponnese, Greece
7. Mr. Indranath Perera is following the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme at the University of Delaware and the U.S. Olympic Training Centre
8. Mr. Viraj Denuka Chathuranga is following IOC Diploma in Mental Health in Elite Sport (Distance Learning)
9. Ms. Awarjana de Silva is following the IOC Diploma in Physical Therapies (Distance Learning)
10. Mr. Nisala Kandage is following the IOC Diploma in Sports Medicine (Distance Learning)
11. Dr. Dhammika Rathnayaka is following the IOC Diploma in Sports Nutrition (Distance Learning)
12. Mr. Anuja Mallawaarachchi is nominated by the NOC Sri Lanka to get an OS scholarship to follow the International Coaching Course - Wrestling at the Hungarian University of Sports Science

5.2. International Coaching Enrichment Program

The NOC Sri Lanka publicly called for applications on its website on 11 June 2025, setting the deadline as 16 June 2025.

A total of six applications were received, and the candidates were interviewed by a three-member selection panel from the Education Committee of NOC Sri Lanka.

Based on the evaluation of their grades, Mr. H.K. Indranath Perera was selected for the program. His scholarship has already been approved by Olympic Solidarity and covers the full tuition fee, return air tickets — Sri Lanka to the USA (October–November 2025) and Sri Lanka to Switzerland (April 2026) — as well as insurance and visa fees. Mr. Perera has now been following the program.

5.3. International Coaching Course

The Hungarian University of Sports Science, in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee and supported by Olympic Solidarity, called for applications for the International Coaching Course, which took place in Budapest from October 1 to November 21, 2025.

This intensive program included 120 hours of theory and 100 hours of practical sessions, and was offered in the following Olympic sports disciplines for Fall 2025: Basketball, Football (Soccer), General Conditioning, Judo, Water Polo, Wrestling, Handball, and Swimming

The NOC Sri Lanka publicly called for applications for this coaching course, and a total of seven applications were received. The candidates were interviewed by a three-member selection panel.

Ms. Shayama Wickramage (Handball) and Mr. Anuja Mallawaarachchi (Wrestling) were recommended for this program. However, Ms. Shayama's application was not accepted by the University due to a lack of documentation in her application. Due to a lack of registrations for wrestling, Mr. Mallawaarachchi's application is held, and it will be considered for next year's programme.

5.4. OCA-AMMA Referees & Coaches Development Program - Bahrain 2025

The NOC Sri Lanka called for applications for the 1st Olympic Council of Asia – Asian Mixed Martial Arts Association (OCA-AMMA) Referees and Coaches Development Program, which took place from 25 to 27 August 2025 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

This prestigious program is part of the OCA Continental Programme's Special Projects and was organised in collaboration with Olympic Solidarity, the Bahrain Olympic Committee, and the Asian Mixed Martial Arts Association. Only one candidate, Mr. Amith Bandara, applied, but based on the eligibility criteria, his application was not accepted.

6. Educational Programs

6.1. Executive Master's in Sport Organisations Management

The NOC Sri Lanka publicly called for applications on its website on 20 May 2025, setting the deadline as 22 May 2025.

A total of three applications were received, and the candidates were interviewed by a three-member selection panel from the Education Committee of NOC Sri Lanka.

Based on the evaluation of their grades, Mr. Kankanamalage Harshana Kinsly Gunathilaka was selected for the program by the NOC Sri Lanka. However, his application was not accepted by the MEMOS Committee.

6.2. Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course 2025



The National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Sri Lanka organised three Sport Administrators Courses in 2025. The first course was conducted from 17 to 20 July, and 42 participants were selected, including a notably high female representation. The second and third courses were held respectively from 25 to 28 September and from 11 to 14 December 2025.

These two courses were completed by 32 and 35 participants, respectively, representing a wide range of institutions, including National Sports Federations, sports clubs, the Ministry of Sports, the Department of Sports Development, the Ministry of Education, the Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy, Sri Lanka Air Force, universities, international schools, and community-based sports organisations.

The curriculum of the course covered Olympic values, organisational management, good governance, leadership, strategic planning, and event management. Specialised sessions on anti-doping, safesports and sports medicine ensured participants gained athlete-centred administrative perspectives. Delivered by experienced national resource persons, the program blended theory with practical insights.



The course concluded with positive feedback highlighting improved confidence, knowledge transfer, and readiness to apply best practices within participants' organisations. This program significantly contributed to NOC Sri Lanka's long-term vision of strengthening sports governance and sustainable sports development nationwide.

6.3. Awarding Ceremony of National Course Directors



The Awarding Ceremony for National Course Directors was organized by NOC Sri Lanka on 8th July 2025 at the Sri Lanka Olympic House, marking a significant milestone in NOC Sri Lanka's ongoing efforts to elevate standards in sports governance and administration.

The National Course Director Training Programme, conducted under the auspices of Olympic Solidarity, is aimed at equipping senior sports administrators with the knowledge and skills required to deliver Sport Administrators' Courses nationwide. This long-overdue recognition was presented to individuals who had successfully completed the training programmes in 2016, 2019, 2022, and in some cases, even earlier.

The awardees honoured at the ceremony were:

- Group Captain (Retd.) Nalin de Silva
- Mrs. Olivia Gamage
- Prof. (Rear Admiral) Shemal Fernando
- Major General (Retd.) Dampath Fernando
- Mr. Akhry Ameer
- Mr. Nishanthe Piyasena
- Mr. D. Sameera Lakruwan Perera
- Ms. M. K. A. Anoma Rathnayake
- Mr. Sivarajah Gobinath

The awards were presented by Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, President of NOC Sri Lanka; Mr. Rifdy Fahmy, Secretary General; and Vice Presidents Ms. Niloo Jayathilake and Mr. Deva Henry.

This ceremony not only celebrated the professional accomplishments of these distinguished individuals but also reaffirmed NOC Sri Lanka's unwavering commitment to enhancing sports administration through structured training, certification, and national recognition.

6.4. 32nd International Seminar on Olympic Studies for Postgraduate Students - Ancient Olympia, Greece

The International Olympic Academy (IOA) invited passionate postgraduate students from around the world to apply for the 32nd International Seminar on Olympic Studies for Postgraduate Students, taking place from September 19 to October 11, 2025, at the historic IOA premises in Ancient Olympia, Greece, on the special theme of "Olympic Movement and AI: Opportunities and Challenges"

The NOC Sri Lanka publicly called for applications on its website. A total of five applications were received, and the candidates were interviewed by a three-member selection panel from the Education Committee of NOC Sri Lanka.

Based on the evaluation, Mr. J Lahiru Wijayantha, a Volunteer at the National Paralympic Committee and a Coach of the Blind Cricket Team - University of Colombo, was selected by the NOC Sri Lanka to represent Sri Lanka at this prestigious annual seminar, which offered a unique academic platform to explore the core pillars of Olympic Studies.

6.5. IOC Certificate: Safeguarding Officer in Sport

The NOC Sri Lanka publicly called for applications on its website on 05 June 2025, setting the deadline as 20 June 2025.

A total of five applications were received, and the candidates were interviewed by a three-member selection panel from the Gender Equity Committee of NOC Sri Lanka.

Based on the evaluation of their grades, Ms. Naushalya Manjari Rajapakshaa was selected to receive the IOC-OS scholarship, and it is under review. However, the Gender Equity committee proposed two more candidates to nominate for the program: Ms. Anoma Rathnayaka and Mr. Arumaikili Ravivarman. Also, it was proposed to provide both of them a half scholarship from the OCA's NOC Activity Grant. The grant has already been received.

Ms. Anoma Rathnayaka's application was not accepted by the SportsOracle, as her application was not duly completed. Mr. Arumaikili Ravivarman's application is accepted by the Sportsoracle.

6.6. IOC Diploma in Mental Health in Elite Sport Program

This one-year program is aimed at sports medicine physicians or other physicians who work with athletes, and licensed practitioners who are qualified to provide mental health services (e.g., clinical or counselling psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed mental health counsellors, psychiatric mental health nurses).

The NOC Sri Lanka publicly called for applications, and a total of two applications were received. The candidates were interviewed by a three-member selection panel.

Mr. Viraj Denuka Chathuranga, a Probationary Lecturer in the Department of Sport Sciences and Physical Education at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and a qualified Psychological Counsellor, was selected to follow the program, and his application is accepted by the Olympic Solidarity and he is still following the Programme.

6.7. IOC Diploma in Sports Physical Therapies

This prestigious two-year part-time Diploma is delivered via distance learning and is designed to enhance the professional knowledge and skills of physical therapists working in sport. The program is led by an internationally renowned faculty, offering access to expertise and resources that surpass the capacity of any single institution.

The NOC Sri Lanka publicly called for applications, and a total of seven applications were received. The candidates were interviewed by a three-member selection panel.

Ms. Awarjana de Silva, a Sports Physiotherapist at the Institution of Sports Medicine for three years, was selected to follow the program, and her application is accepted by the Olympic Solidarity and she is still following the Programme.

6.8. IOC Diploma in Sports Medicine

The applications were called by NOC Sri Lanka for the IOC-OS Scholarship for the IOC Diploma in Sports Medicine, which takes place from October 1, 2025, to May 2027. The Diploma program is offered by Distance Learning on a part-time basis, running for a period of six months from 1st October of each year, and takes two years to complete. Students enrolling for this program will normally be in possession of a degree in Medicine from a recognised University and will be eligible for professional registration as a medical practitioner in their respective regions.

Dr. Nisala Sithum Kandage, a highly experienced sports physician with expertise in injury prevention, concussion management, and athlete rehabilitation, was selected to follow the program, and her application is accepted by the Olympic Solidarity and he is still following the Program.

6.9. Strengthening Good Governance in Sri Lankan Sports Organisations

As the apex body for Olympic Sports in Sri Lanka, the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOCSL) hosted a seminar and interactive session on “Strengthening Good Governance in Sri Lankan Sports Organizations” conducted by the visiting expert Prof. Geoff Dickson from La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia for its Member Federations and key stakeholders on 11th November 2025 at the ‘Hemasiri Fernando’ Auditorium.

This initiative was inspired by the fact that it is a part of the responsibilities of the NOCSL to guide all National Federations (NFs) involved in Olympics Sports, to uphold the fundamental values of the Olympics Movement and to enhance performances to better contribute to development of their respective sporting disciplines amidst many challenges they face such as lack of professional staff, funding constraints, lack of strategic plans and approaches and being mainly dependent on volunteering efforts of its memberships.

The seminar was participated in by NOCSL member federations and their stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Sports, the Department of Sports Development, Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency, Institute of Sports Medicine, National Institute of Sports Sciences, National Sports Selection Committee, National Sports Council and Ministry of Education, etc.

6.10 37th KSOC Olympic Academy 2025, Republic of Korea

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka was invited by the Korean Sport & Olympic Committee for their 37th edition of the KSOC Olympic Academy held from 21 to 23 November 2025 in Taereung and Yangpyeong, Republic of Korea.

The following individuals were selected by the NOCSL Education Committee through an interview.

1. Mr. Arumaikili Ravivarman – Executive Committee Member, Volleyball Federation of Sri Lanka
2. Mr. Rukshan Athapaththu – Captain, National Basketball Team
3. Ms. Ashmitha Gunaratne – Secretary, Amateur Rowing Association of Sri Lanka
4. Ms. Vimoshi Nehasha Weerasinghe – Undergraduate, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

KSOC took care of accommodation, meals, local transport in Korea for all four participants and air tickets for one participant.

Mr. Ravivarman Arumaikili was fully sponsored by KSOC, and the other three participants arranged their air tickets by themselves.

7. Athletes Commission Activities



A two-day residential program under the title of “A Forum to Inspire Athletes” was organised by the Athletes’ Commission of NOC Sri Lanka under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee through Olympic Solidarity and brought together 58 athletes representing a wide range of Olympic and Paralympic sports across the country, with a gender representation of 48% females. The forum focused on holistic athlete development, covering education, health, ethics, and career management.

The program consisted of Olympic Values, Sports Nutrition, Prevention of Competition Manipulation, Athlete Safeguarding, Anti-Doping and Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS), Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention, Athletes’ Mental Health and Meditation, Motivation and Team Building, Communicating with Confidence: Athletes in the Media Spotlight. Interactive discussions, team-building activities, and expert-led sessions empowered athletes with knowledge and life skills beyond competition. The forum concluded with certificates and reaffirmed NOC Sri Lanka’s athlete-centred development approach.



8. Anti-Doping, Gender Equity and Safeguarding

8.1. Women’s Celebration Forum - ‘Her Journey, Her Victory’

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka hosted a special women’s celebration forum, ‘Her Journey, Her Victory,’ bringing together inspiring female athletes and key stakeholders to promote gender equity in sports on March 25, 2025.

The event featured five outstanding female athletes: Amasha De Silva (Athletics), Hiruki De Silva (Swimming), Chamodi Praboda (Cricket), Hansani Gomes (Weightlifting), and Ranithma Liyanage (Badminton), who shared their remarkable journeys of ambition, resilience, and triumph in sports. The session was expertly moderated by Olympian Niluka Karunaratne, providing an empowering platform for discussion and inspiration.

Following his address, the Chief Guest - Minister of Sports and guests of honour participated in the signing of the Consensus Statement on Gender Equity and the Safe Sports Policy of NOC Sri Lanka, further solidifying their commitment to a more inclusive sports culture.

The celebration budget was allocated under the Olympic Council of Asia’s NOC Activity Grant for the year 2025.

8.2. Safeguarding in Youth Sports: Practising for a Safe and Inclusive Asian Youth Games

The Olympic Council of Asia hosted a webinar on "Safeguarding in Youth Sports: Practising for a Safe and Inclusive Asian Youth Games" on June 24, 2025. Representatives from National Federations participating in the upcoming Asian Youth Games Bahrain 2025 joined the session at the Sri Lanka Olympic House. Following the webinar, a local Safeguarding awareness session was conducted by Ms. Caryll Tozer, Chairperson of the Compliance Committee of the NOC Sri Lanka, along with the committee members Ms. Nirosha Peiris and Dr. Suhaila Shafeek-Irshard.

8.3. Awareness Program on Anti-Doping & SafeSports for Team Sri Lanka - Asian Youth Games 2025

On 17 August 2025, NOC Sri Lanka organised an Anti-Doping and Safeguarding Awareness Session at the Ministry of Sports, Colombo, targeting over 130 athletes and officials preparing for the Asian Youth Games. Conducted in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency, the session aimed to promote clean sport, athlete welfare, and ethical conduct.

The programme addressed anti-doping regulations, prohibited substances, testing procedures, and consequences of violations. Safeguarding sessions focused on protecting athletes from abuse, harassment, and discrimination, emphasising safe sport environments. Additionally, awareness of the prevention of competition manipulation highlighted risks related to match-fixing and unethical influences.

Senior NOC officials and subject experts guided participants through interactive discussions, ensuring clarity and practical understanding. The initiative reinforced ethical responsibility and integrity, contributing to a culture of clean, safe, and fair sport among Sri Lanka's youth athletes.



8.4. Asian Games – Fun Run: SafeSport Booth

Over 100 schoolchildren took part in a series of interactive games and activities designed to promote inclusivity and Safe Sport awareness, fostering early understanding of respect, inclusion, and athlete safety among young participants.



8.5. Aquatic Officials Conference - Sport Session

Over 100 coaches and 140 technical officials representing swimming, water polo, and diving participated in two separate dedicated seminars on the importance of Safe Sport, aimed at strengthening awareness of safeguarding principles and athlete protection.

8.6. Media Awareness Program - “Balanced Voices, Better News”



A Media Awareness Program organised by the Gender Equity Committee, under the theme of “Balanced Voices, Better News” was held on 17th September 2025 at the Olympic House Auditorium. The initiative, conducted under the auspices of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), brought together 45 participants from press, media and the undergraduate community. This important event was designed to foster meaningful dialogue and actionable insights on promoting Gender Equity and Inclusion in media content, and it featured expert perspectives, engaging discussions, and collaborative opportunities aimed at ensuring more inclusive and representative media narratives in order to build a more equitable media landscape. The expenses were budgeted under the \$10,000 fund allocation of the OCA Activity Grant.

9. Promotion of Olympic Values

9.1. Olympic Day Celebrations – Galle 2025

Olympic Day Celebrations 2025 were held on 25 June 2025 as a vibrant and inclusive event that brought together about 500 participants representing Olympians, athletes, university students, officials, and the wider community. Participants from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Olympians, schoolchildren, representatives from Galle District government organisations, and various sports stakeholders joined the walk, reflecting the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect. The event was honoured by the presence of the Mayor of Galle and the Government Agent of Galle District as distinguished guests. Cultural performances added further significance to the celebration, with three traditional dance items performed by talented students in Galle, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the Southern Province and adding colour and vibrancy to the occasion.

Women’s participation was a notable highlight of the Olympic Day Celebrations 2025. A majority of the officials representing government organisations, NOC administrators, sports officers, and volunteers were women, reflecting strong female leadership and engagement in sport. The active involvement of female teachers further enhanced women’s participation, underscoring the important role women play in promoting Olympic values and fostering inclusive community participation.



10. International Events organized Locally

10.1. eqUIP19 Internship - Dambulla – 2025



The Commonwealth Games Association of Sri Lanka (CGA Sri Lanka) proudly hosted the eqUIP19 2025 program from 1 to 4 April 2025 at Occidental Paradise Dambulla, marking the first time this flagship initiative was held in Asia. The milestone event brought together young sports leaders from across the region, underscoring Sri Lanka’s growing influence in global sports development.

The program saw participation from four mentors and four interns representing Bangladesh, the Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The sessions were led by Richard de Groen, Head of Programmes and Investment at CGF, and Olympian Melody Cooper, Regional Development Manager for Oceania and Asia at CGF. Through engaging workshops and leadership development activities, participants gained crucial skills to shape the future of sports in their respective countries.

The closing ceremony celebrated Sri Lanka’s vibrant traditions, featuring an enthralling lineup of Magul Beraya, Pal Kavi, Gami Dance, Wes Dance, Mask Dance, and Fire Dance performed by the Ipanalla Folk Culture Centre. It’s praiseworthy to note that LOVI Ceylon, one of the program's partners, presented Sri Lankan traditional attire to all the participants.

10.2. Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games: Sri Lankan leg of the King's Baton Relay 2026

The CGA Sri Lanka had to cancel the Sri Lankan leg of the King's Baton Relay 2026, which was scheduled to take place from 28 November to 3 December 2025. The decision follows the severe impact of Cyclone Ditwah, which struck on 27 November 2025, causing widespread loss of life, displacement and damage across the country.

Although all preparations for the relay had been completed, CGA Sri Lanka redirected all resources, staffing and funding towards immediate relief and support for affected communities, including members of the sporting fraternity. Relief efforts were carried out in collaboration with national partners and recognised agencies to ensure effective assistance.

Commonwealth Sport was formally informed and has fully supported CGA Sri Lanka's decision, recognising the priority given to humanitarian needs. CGA Sri Lanka also confirmed that the Baton Design Competition was successfully held prior to the cyclone, with the winning design to be unveiled separately.

CGA Sri Lanka expressed its condolences to those affected and reaffirmed its commitment to national recovery efforts, while continuing preparations for Sri Lanka's participation in the Commonwealth Games 2026, with community wellbeing as the foremost priority.

CGA Sri Lanka Unveiled King's Baton Design for Glasgow 2026:

Sri Lanka's King's Baton for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games was officially unveiled on 18 December 2025 at a ceremony featuring traditional dance and the 'hakgediya', symbolising blessings, renewal and national resilience following Cyclone Ditwah.

The Baton design celebrates Sri Lanka's biodiversity, ancient heritage and multicultural identity. It incorporates native flora and fauna, iconic historical and religious landmarks, regional and cultural representations, and traditional livelihoods, using green tones to reflect the island's natural environment. The design emerged from a national Baton Design Competition organised by CGA Sri Lanka, involving 30 university students from four state universities. The final design was jointly developed by the first and second place winners under the guidance of an expert judging panel and unveiled in the presence of athletes, sports officials and the public.

The top three winners of the competition were:

- **1st Place:** P A Kumuthu Umeja and W Sachinda Deshapriya from the University of the Visual and Performing Arts
- **2nd Place:** R D C S Weerasekara and G M S D Senarath from the University of Kelaniya
- **3rd Place:** Y K N Hewawasam and D M D L Dissanayake from the University of Kelaniya



11. Local Events

11.1. Press Conference

The President and Executive Committee of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka briefed the media on June 19, 2025, at Sri Lanka Olympic House on the Committee's recent initiatives, achievements, and strategic developments.

The session also highlighted progress and preparations for seven major upcoming multi-sport events leading up to 2026.

- 3rd Asian Youth Games - Bahrain 2025
- 14th South Asian Games 2026 - Pakistan 2026
- 23rd Commonwealth Games - Glasgow 2026
- 20th Asian Games - Aichi-Nagoya 2026
- 4th Youth Olympic Games - Dakar 2026
- 7th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games - Riyadh 2026

11.2. University of Jaffna Sports Science Students' Visit to Sri Lanka Olympic House



The NOC Sri Lanka and the CGA Sri Lanka hosted a successful study tour on 24 July 2025 for undergraduates from the Sports Science Unit of the University of Jaffna. A total of 35 students, including 19 female students, took part in the visit to the Olympic House in Colombo.

The study tour offered students a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand exposure to the operations of NOC SL and CGA SL. The visit formed part of the institution's ongoing commitment to empowering future professionals in the field of sports science, education, and management

The students were taken on a guided facility tour by Group Captain Nalin De Silva, National Course Director of NOC Sri Lanka. The tour included the Administrative Office, the Sri Lanka Olympic House Museum, and the Racecourse grounds.

A presentation on the sociological perspectives of the Olympic Movement in Sri Lanka was delivered by Professor Samantha Nanayakkara, Co-Chair of the Education Committee of NOC Sri Lanka.

Additionally, a session was conducted by members of the NOC SL staff, offering an overview of the NOC SL and CGA SL's roles in national and international sports development.

12. Participation in International Events, Meetings and Seminars

12.1. Sport Arbitration Regional Seminar - Abu Dhabi

Olympic Council of Asia organised a Sport Arbitration Regional Seminar from 11–12 October 2025 in Abu Dhabi. The seminar provided a comprehensive overview of the Sport Arbitration definition, procedures, and leading jurisprudence. It featured sessions on Best Practices in Arbitration drawing on the experiences of the Saudi Center for Arbitration, the Qatar International Center for Conciliation & Arbitration, and the UAE Arbitration Center. On behalf of the NOC Sri Lanka, Mr. Dilshan Jayasuriya - Legal Consultant to the NOC Sri Lanka and Mr. Suresh Subramaniam attended the seminar.

12.2. The 44th 2025 Galaxy Entertainment Macau International Marathon

The NOC Sri Lanka was invited for the 44th 2025 Galaxy Entertainment Macau International Marathon, which was held in Macau on 7th December 2025 to participate with one male athlete, one female athlete and one official. Athletic Association of Sri Lanka nominated the following marathon team:

- **Shanmugeswaran Kumar** – Athlete
- **Herath Mudiyansele Welemulle Gedara Wathsala Madushani Herath** – Athlete
- **Galle Liyanage Sajith Jayalal** – Manager/Coach

Upon arrival in Singapore, both Mr. Sajith Jayalal and Ms. Wathsala Madushani Herath were prevented by Singapore Immigration from boarding their connecting flight to Macau due to an immigration-related issue, but with the intervention of the Sri Lankan High Commission in Singapore, the matter was resolved.

12.3. Integrity in Sport: Tackling the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

The International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) and the IOC has been implementing a Global Capacity Building and Training Program to assist countries and sports organisations to address the challenge posed by competition manipulation.

In order to prevent the manipulation of sports competitions, INTERPOL and the IOC organised a workshop in Abu Dhabi, UAE on 12 November 2025 for participants from UAE, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The workshop provided a forum to exchange knowledge on the topic of the manipulation of sports competitions, and specifically focus on the importance of national and international cooperation, and the role of each of the stakeholders in addressing sports competition manipulation.

On behalf of the NOC Sri Lanka, Snr. DIG Sajeewa Medawatta - EB member and Mr. Lal Wickeramatunga, General Manager attended the workshop

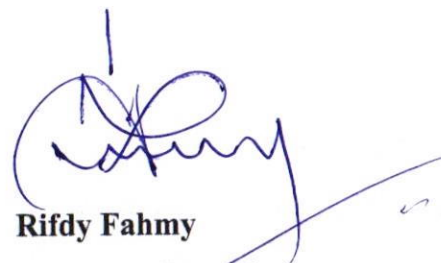


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