



# Activity Report of the Secretary General for the year 2020



## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 It is with great pleasure that I present my Report on the activities of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC Sri Lanka) and the Commonwealth Games Association of Sri Lanka (CGA Sri Lanka) for the year 2020. The year 2020 was supposed to be an eventful one which apparently fallen to an unexpected year that trembled due to novel corona virus (COVID-19). This unfortunate incident severely affected not only the process of NOC / CGA activities Sri Lanka, athletes and the entire sports arena but also the history of Olympics. The NOC / CGA Sri Lanka tried to strengthen athletes, sports related personnel and as well as general public as much as possible. However, despite the tragedies caused by the outbreak, it also open the door to new platform of to move with technology which proved nothing is impossible.

The International Olympic Committee approved the emblem of NOC Sri Lanka on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Also, with the emblem re-designing of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), the logo of CGA Sri Lanka was re-designed by the CGF. Each year the Committee with discussions, agreements and dis-agreements did it best to formalised and systemised in every aspect of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka. As a result, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka established travel policy, conflict of interest, strategic plan and as well as to secure the status Quo of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka etc. Also, the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka formalised a Committee which can support junior level athletes to compete in competition and marcher them for the next level.

It was also challengeable year to get involve the women representation and to secure gender equality in each and every initiative.

With the IOC has sanction to amend the Constitution of NOC Sri Lanka to conduct the meetings to NOC Sri Lanka via Video Conferencing was duly approved by the EB and ratified at the General Assembly.

In spite of the crisis, the NOC Sri Lanka was also successful in making several agreements for the benefit of athletes and betterment of the sports.

Moreover, with all this difficulties due to the outbreak of the Corona crisis, the NOC Sri Lanka refurbish the 'Hemasiri Fernando' auditorium of NOC Sri Lanka with the generous assistance of the Olympic Council of Asia.

## 2. STRUCTURE & ORGANISATION

### 2.1 Expansion

There were no new inclusions/additions to the regular memberships.

#### **Letter from IOC on suspension of AIBA**

The suspension of the AIBA was continued in 2020 and the coordination of Boxing was done by Special Task Force under the IOC guidance.

### 2.2 Meetings

The Annual General meeting for the year 2019 was held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Executive Board (EB) meetings were held on a monthly basis. Due to the pandemic most of the EB meetings were held in virtual basis. Accordingly, 12 Executive Board meetings including two special meetings were held during the year 2020.

Furthermore, sub-committee meetings were conducted during the year. The Activity Reports from each Chair of the Sub-Committees are enclosed hereto.

### 2.3 Changes of the Office Bearers

With the resignation of Mr. Senaka Ransinghe due to personal commitments, the having approved by the Executive Board, Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe started office as the Treasurer of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 thereafter it was ratified at the Annual General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### 2.4 Sub-Committees

The following Sub-Committees were formalized and functioned during the year 2020.

#### Women's Committee

Chairperson – Ms. Niloo Jayathilaka  
(Report of the Women's Committee – Annex 1)

#### Finance Committee

Chairman – Mr. Joseph Kenny  
Co-Chairman - Mr. Lalith Withana  
(Report of the Finance Committee – Annex 2)

#### Media Committee

Chairman (Print & Electronic) – Mr. Suresh Subramaniam  
Web & Social Media – Mr. Asanga Senevirathna

## Marketing & Sponsorship Committee

Chairman – Dr. Rohantha Athukorala

## High Performance Committee

Chairman – Mr. Asanga Seneviratne

## Ethics Committee

Chairman – to be appointed an Independent person

## Medical Committee

Chairman – Maj. Gen (Rtd) Dr. C. Thurairaja / Mr. Sumith Edirisinghe

## Education Committee

Chairman - Mr. Maxwell de Silva

## Constitution Committee

Chairman – Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Dampath Fernando

## Procurement Committee

Chairman – Mr. Nishantha Jayasinghe

## Infra-Structure and Maintenance Committee

Chairman – Wg. Cdr. (Rtd) Chandana Liyanage

## Junior Development Committee

Chairman – Mr. Timothy Speldewinde

Several discussion was going on regarding the amending the SAF Constitution. The main discussing point was Nepal and in the year 2020 it lied with the Pakistan. In this connection, Mr. Maxwell de Silva, Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Dampath Fernando and Mr. Deva Henry were appointed for the SAG Constitution Committee.

A nomination Committee was formed by the Executive Committee during the year 2020, comprises of the President of NOC Sri Lanka, Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, the Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka, Mr. Maxwell de Silva and EB member, Mr. Ajith Thamel.

The Ministry of Sports formed a Steering Committee for Games and nominated Rear Admiral (Rtd) Shemal Fernando and Mr. Maxwell De Silva as the representatives from NOC Sri Lanka for the said Steering Committee.

## 2.5 'Olympic House'

### a. Registration of the NOC

The on-going discussions were went on with the IOC, Ministry of Sports and NOC Sri Lanka on the registration of the NOC and the good governance within the Olympic Movement in Sri Lanka without any undue government interference.

### b. The NOC Sri Lanka obtained the membership of TAFISA and thereby secured the eligibility to take part in TAFISA World Sport for All Games.

### c. The Gymnasium of the Olympic House which was outsourced to Ultimate Sports (pvt) Ltd on 01.07.2016 was continued in the year of 2020 as well.

### d. The agreement with the 'Fortune Boat' restaurant was renewed on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 up to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### e. The Media Committee of NOC Sri Lanka commenced to publish the e-newsletter of 'GoodSport' magazine in every first Monday of each week.

### f. The 'Hemasiri Fernando Auditorium' of the NOC Sri Lanka was refurbished under the generosity of USD 100,000/- provided by the Olympic Council of Asia. The project was supervised by Mr. Nishantha Jayasinghe under the advises of Mr. Srinath Wijetunga, the Honorary advisor and project manager. The President of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka, Mr. Suresh Subramaniam was also generously sponsored 5 Mn to cover the excess expenses.

## 2.6 International achievements of office bearers

### a. In the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)

The following office bearers of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka continued their appointments at the OCA Sub-Committees.

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Hemasiri Fernando            | - Honourary Vice President         |
| 2. Mr. Suresh Subramaniam           | - Member, International Relations  |
| 3. Mr. Maxwell de Silva             | - Vice Chairman, Education         |
| 4. Mr. Senaka Ranasinghe            | - Member, Peace through Sports     |
| 5. Wg. Cdr. (Rtd) Chandana Liyanage | - Member, Information & Statistics |
| 6. Maj. Gen (Rtd) Dampath Fernando  | - Member, Sports & Environment     |
| 7. Ms. Niloo Jayatilake             | - Member, Women & Sports           |

### b. Appointment of a member of ANOC Culture & Education Commission

The appointment of Mr. Maxwell de Silva, Secretary General of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka as a member of the ANOC Culture & Education Committee, at its Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, was continued in the year 2020 as well.

## 3. TASKS

### 3.1 Signing of MOUs

#### a. NOC Sri Lanka - Crysbro Next Champ

During the year 2020, the NOC/ CGA Sri Lanka project. Mrs. Susanthika Jayasinghe, Mrs. Inoka Wickremasinghe, Ms. Reshika Udugampola and Mr. Shehan Ambepitiya was appointed to the identify talented athletes and support the youth selection of the athletes. athletes targeting future Olympics.

The Committee appointed Mr. Shehan Ambepitiya, Mrs. Susanthika Jayasinghe, Ms. Reshika Udugampola and from NOC – Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, Mr. Maxwell de Silva and Mr. Gamini Jayasighe to monitor the operations of the

The Press Conference and the signing the MOU between NOC Sri Lanka and Farm's Pride (Pvt) Ltd was held on 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 at the Foundation Institute.



The names of the selected 20 athletes are;

No.	Name	Sport	Gender	Start Date	End Date	Amount (Per month)
1	Kanas Kumar Danushan	Golf	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
2	Amandhika Amarasinghe	Shooting	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
3	Madabavitage Tehan Sanchith Rayman	Boxing	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
4	Sudhdhathcharige Nethmi Nimthera	Boxing	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
5	H.H. Ravindu Sithum Jayasundara	Athletics	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
6	D.M.T.D. Tharushi Karunarathne	Athletics	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
7	W. Deshan Kapila Kumara	Weightlifting	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
8	R.L.Sachini Rajika Laksarani	Weightlifting	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00

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9	Pitiyage Don Senura Dilanka Silva	Table Tennis	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
10	A.D. Nadila Nethviru	Gymnastics	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
11	U.L. Tharinda Mandara Premakumara	Taekwondo	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
12	M. Senori Sasadara Fernando	Taekwondo	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
13	Kaluarachchige Sithuli Sodithya	Athletics (High Jump)	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
14	W.A. Ishara Samanmalee	Athletics (Long Jump)	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
15	T.O. Vinod Ariyawansa	Athletics (400m Hurdles)	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
16	M.D. Madushika Premarathna	Weightlifting	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
17	H. Anju Minuwandana de Silva	Weightlifting	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
18	Bimandee Bandara	Table Tennis	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
19	D.A. Wenuka Kithnula	Tennis	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00
20	P. Nethmi Ahinsa Fernando	Wrestling	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	42000.00

### Allocation for Coaches of the athletes

No.	Name	Sport	Gender	Start Date	End Date	Amount (Per month)
1	Mr. Mithun Perera	Golf	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
2	Mr. A. Amarasinghe	Shooting	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
3	Mr. M.T.N Rayman	Boxing	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
4	Mr. Pradeep Jayasingha	Boxing	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
5	Mrs. Sunethra Karunanayaka	Athletics	Female	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
6	M.S. Fernando	Athletics	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
7	R. S. Chanaka Ruwan Kumara	Weightlifting	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
8	Mr. P.D. Indika Prasad Silva	Table Tennis	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
9	W. Ranganana Tharanga	Gymnastics	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
10	Mr. U L Manjula premakumara	Taekwondo	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
11	Mr. S.A. Upul Susitha Fernando	Taekwondo	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
12	Mr. K.K.D.Nipuna Nirmal Kumara	Athletics (High Jump)	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
13	Mr. U. A. Uduwelaarachchi	Athletics (Long Jump)	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
14	Mr. Janaka Wasantha Kumara	Athletics(400m Hurdles)	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
15	Mr.Rukshan Gunathilaka	Weightlifting	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
16	Mr. Rajiu	Weightlifting	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
17	Mr. Buddhika Dikkumbura	Table Tennis	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00
18	Mr. Suranga Kumara	Wrestling	Male	2020.10.01	2021.06.01	5000.00

## b. Strategic Partner for Inter School E-sport Championship

The NOC / CGA Sri Lanka endorsed the Inter-School Programme conducted by the E-Sport Association of Sri Lanka and agreed to be the Strategic Partner for the Inter-School E-sport Championship. The purpose was to benefit NOC Sri Lanka through sponsorship/revenue gained in working with the E-Sport Association for the South Asian Games E-Sport Festival. Accordingly, the NOC Sri Lanka assisted the Federation to host the Press Conference of E-sport South Asian Cup in the year 2020.



## c. Sustainability in Sport | Environmental Sustainability Programme Beach Cleaning, Coral Replantation, and Preservation | Signing of Tripartite MOU

For the first time in the history of NOC Sri Lanka, the Committee commenced a new project under environmental sustainability to replant and preserve corals. The initiative was launched together with Olympic Day Celebrations on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. However, the NOC Sri Lanka initiated the continuation of the project by signing a tripartite MOU between Tokyo Cement Group (TSG), Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) and NOC Sri Lanka. The NOC Sri Lanka contributed Rs. 100,000/- to MEPA and TCG contributed by providing reef balls or other structures for reef restoration and also Rs. 250,000/- for coral planting and research projects.

### 3.2 Pirith Ceremony of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka



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Pirith Ceremony to bless the athletes and officials was successfully held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January followed by an almsgiving on the next day, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at the Premises of NOC / CGA Sri Lanka. Mr. Sarath Kuragama of Yachting Association of Sri Lanka and the Secretary of All Ceylon Buddhist

Congress coordinated with the Temples for the arrangements of the Ceremony. The night-long ceremony was performed by Buddhist monks on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. The Pirith Ceremony was of the EB members, NFs, Athletes and three forces and all other well wishers.



## 3.3 Games

### 3.3.1 Olympic Games – Tokyo 2020

The Games were supposed to held from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020. With the outbreak of the coronavirus crisis, the IOC announced the reschedule of the games to 2021 in order to safeguard the health of athletes and other participants. The IOC and the Tokyo Games Organising Committee updated the NOCs regularly on the status and other information.

#### Trainings and Scholarships

With the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Games, the scholarship of the following athletes were continued till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

#### a. Training in Japan

IOC – Olympic Solidarity in collaboration with the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC), the training scholarship offered to the Gymnasts, Milka Gehani in 2019 was continued till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 targetting Tokyo 2020 Games. The training opportunity was given to us during the ANOC meeting, as per the requests of the President & Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka in 2019.

#### b. NOC Training Option

The International Olympic Committee – Olympic Solidarity awarded the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes of Tokyo 2020 to the following athletes.

Name of the athlete	Sport	per month (USD)	Start Date	Distributed Total value for 2020	
				USD	LKR
D.K.T.W.K. Palangasinghe	Weightlifting	670.00	01.09.2017	8,040.00	1,490,310.97
R. Chamara Nuwan Dharmawardhana	Judo	1,000.00	01.09.2017	12,000.00	2,224,077.62
Matthew Duncan Abeysinghe	Swimming	1,000.00	01.09.2017	12,000.00	2,240,174.74
Nilani Ratnayake	Athletics	670.00	01.09.2020	2,680.00	490,386.40
Chamara Milinda Perera	Wrestling	670.00	01.09.2020	2,680.00	490,386.40
<b>Total Distribution</b>				<b>37,400.00</b>	<b>8,674,100.90</b>

However, Due to the lack of performances of the scholarship holders and having reviewed their performances with the respective National Federations Vidusha Lakshani and A.A. Gayanthika Thushari was eliminated from the IOC – Olympic Solidarity – Olympic Scholarships for Athletes for Tokyo 2020 programme. Athletics Association recommended two other athletes; namely Nilani Rathnayake (who is in world rankings 30 likely to get selected) and Sumedha Ranasinghe and the Wrestling Federation recommended Chamara Milinda. Accordingly, following two athletes were benefitted from the scholarship until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

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Name of the athlete	Sport	per month (USD)	Start Date	Distributed Total value for 2020 (from Jan to Aug)	
				USD	LKR
AA. Gayanthika Thushari	Athletics	670.00	01.09.2017	5,360.00	1,001,284.67
H.D. Vidusha Lakshani	Athletics	670.00	01.09.2017	5,360.00	1,000,842.15
<b>Total Distribution</b>				<b>10,720.00</b>	<b>2,002,126.82</b>

A total of Rs. 8,937,462.95 (USD 48,120/-) has been distributed under the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes – Tokyo 2020 during the year 2020.

### Qualification of Athletes

Due to a petition made by the Hong Kong and Chinese Taipei, the FEI has dropped few Equestrian qualification tournaments and due to the fact, Matilda Carlson who was second in the 'G' category has now gone to number 7 which cause issue to her qualification. Therefore, Carlson took necessary steps to file a case against the FEI at CAS on her own expenses under the support by NOC Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Equestrian Association. .

### Tripartite Commission Invitation Places

The International Olympic Committee informed that Sri Lanka was eligible to enter the Tripartite Commission Invitation places. Accordingly, applications were called from the eligible NFs to nominate athletes who met the minimum eligibility standards for Invitation places according to International Federations. The nominations received from archery, badminton, gymnastics, judo, weightlifting and shooting were sent to IOC – Olympic Solidarity.

### ANOC Special Fund – Additional Funding

Due to the outbreak Corona virus crisis, the NOC Sri Lanka submitted an application to get support for the undermentioned athletes to assist them and to overcome the difficulties due to the pandemic in their journey to participate in Olympic Qualification tournaments for Tokyo 2020. Accordingly, nomination was sent requesting support for Sumedha Ranasinghe of Athletics and Niluka Karunarathna of Badminton to attend tournaments, Rumeshika Rathnayake of Athletics, Chamara Dharmawardhana of Judo, Chamara Milinda of Wrestling for training and attend tournaments.

### Training for Rumeshika Rathnayake in Nuwara Eliya

The Sprinter, Rumeshika Rathnayake was financially assisted to train in Nuwara Eliya for 8 weeks in preparation for trials through the funding given by the Hirdaramani.

### Trainings in Slovenia Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020

Judoka, R. Chamara Nuwan Dharmawardhana was undergoing training in Slovenia from 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 onwards targeting the Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020. The

NOC Sri Lanka had to bring him back to Sri Lanka on 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe.

### 3.3.2. Postponement of other Games in 2020

#### a. 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Beach Games – Sanya, Peoples Republic of China

The Olympic Council of Asia and the Chinese Olympic Committee are decided to reschedule the sixth edition of the Asian Beach Games due to be held in Sanya city, Hainan province, China from November 28 to December 6, 2020 due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The Chef de Mission meeting of the Games was to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> march 2020 and it was also postponed due to the pandemic.

The NOC Sri Lanka conducted a meeting with the National Federations in the programme of the Asian Beach Games together with the Ministry of Sports on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020, virtually.

#### b. 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Indoor & Martial Art Games, Bangkok

The Olympic Council of Asia extended the invitation for the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games. However, the games which was to be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 had to postpone due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### c. 7<sup>th</sup> TAFISA World Sport for All Games

The Games were to be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in Lisbon, Portugal and was postponed Due to the pandemic.

##### World Walking Day

The World Walking Day of TAFISA Games was successfully held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in Kelaniya. Mr. Neel Perera of Roller Skating Sport Federation and Senior DIG (Rtd) Mr. Sumith Edirisinghe rendered an immense support in coordination and for the success of the event. Also, Perera & Sons Company sponsored refreshments for the event.



**d. 1<sup>st</sup> Saudi National Games**

The NOC Sri Lanka was invited to take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Saudi National Games which was to be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. However, due to the Pandemic, the Games were postponed until further notice.

**e. 9<sup>th</sup> Bangladesh Games**

The NOC Sri Lanka was invited to take part in the 9<sup>th</sup> Bangladesh Games which was to be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in Bangladesh. However, due to the Pandemic, the Games were postponed until further notice.

**3.7. Assistance to National Federations**

**a. Annual Grant for the year 2020**

27 NFs out of 34 NFs claimed the NOC / CGA Sri Lanka annual grant of Rs. 200,000/- for the year 2020.

b. On the request of Mr. Danuna Thilakaratne of the National Association for Canoeing & Kayaking Association, the Federation was financially assisted with Rs. 100,000/- for the Coaching Development Programme.

**c. ANOC Special Fund**

The ANOC, through the OCA allocated each NOC USD 25,000/- to support athletes, NFs and as well as to cover the NOC expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, NOC Sri Lanka assisted the following NFs as follows;

i. Those NFs requested laptops to conduct virtual courses, etc are

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|---|--|
| 1. Sri Lanka Judo Association                       | 6. Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation                        |
| 2. Yachting Association of Sri Lanka                | 7. Sri Lanka Karate Federation                           |
| 3. National Gymnastics Association of Sri Lanka     | 8. Equestrian Association of Sri Lanka                   |
| 4. National Roller Skating Association of Sri Lanka | 9. Handball Federation of Sri Lanka                      |
| 5. Wrestling Federation of Sri Lanka                | 10. Surfing Federation of Sri Lanka                      |
|   | 11. Sri Lanka Triathlon                                  |
|   | 12. Sri Lanka Baseball/Softball Association of Sri Lanka |
|   | 13. Table Tennis Association of Sri Lanka                |

ii. The Weightlifting Federation was assisted with the requested for a Washing machine for the use of National Pool athletes for the safety of the athletes.

- iii. The Basketball Federation of Sri Lanka was financially assisted with Rs. 300,000/- from the ANOC Special Fund to overcome their administrative expenses due to the pandemic.



### 3.8. OCA Incheon Vision 2014 Program - Invitational Field Training Program - Archery & Table Tennis

The OCA-Incheon Vision 2014 program invited the 2020 programme. The aim of the Programme was to narrow the gap in sport levels among Asian countries. After the successful conclusion of the 2014 Incheon Asian Games, Incheon Metropolitan City implemented 'the OCA-Incheon Vision 2014 Program,' and aimed at a balanced growth of Asian sports and an increase in exchange and cooperation with each nation's NOC. The sports, Archery and Table Tennis were nominated for the programme. However, the training programme was postponed due to the Pandemic.

### 3.9. Team Support Grant

The IOC – Olympic Solidarity, under the Team Support Grant, offered a scholarship to Sri Lanka Rugby to cover training & preparation expenses (in Sri Lanka), and participation expenses and coaches' expenses for the period 2017 to 2020, thereby approving a total budget of USD 60,000/-.

Activity year	Approved Budget USD	Total funds released
		USD
2017	8,586.00	8,586.00
2018	27,216.00	27,216.00
2019	16,734.00	14,568.00
2020	7,464.00	Could not claim due to the pandemic

However, Sri Lanka Rugby Football Union could not claim the grant for 2020 since they could not take part in any international tournaments during the year 2020 due to the postponement / cancellation of events due to the pandemic and non-qualification for Tokyo 2020 games.

### **3.10. Development of National Sport System (DNSS)**

With the close of the 2017/2020 Olympiad, Sri Lanka Amateur Baseball / Softball Association had to close the Development of National Sport System commenced in the year 2019. The International Olympic Committee - Olympic Solidarity (IOC – OS) approved a sum of USD 30,000/- under the this programme for the upliftment of Baseball in Sri Lanka in 2018. However, the Federation could not complete the programme in 2019 as planned due to the tragic Easter Sunday attack in Sri Lanka in 2019 and it is very sad that the Federation also could not continue the programme in the year 2020 as well due to the situation generated by the COVID-19. Hence the Federation was informed to return USD 8,130/- from the received advanced amount of USD 22,500/- (Rs. 3,934,125.00) to the IOC –OS.

Although Cycling and Hockey granted DNSS programmes, they did not apply. Therefore, Badminton was awarded the opportunity and they also could not apply during the year due to the pandemic.

### **3.11. Technical Course for Coaches for 2020**

Fencing, Football, judo, Shooting, Wrestling, Sailing, Handball, Taekwondo and Athletics were allocated Technical Courses for the year 2020 under the auspices of IOC – OS. However, due to the pandemic and other circumstances none of the NFs were able to apply.

### **3.12. Continental Athlete Support Grant**

IOC – Olympic Solidarity approved a sum of USD 15,750/- under the Continental Athlete Support Grant for Basketball and Karate for the year 2020, both the sports could not claim due to the postponement or cancellation of competitions due to the pandemic. .

### **3.13. Sports Medicine and Protection of clean athletes – IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness**

Mr. Malitha Sahabandu of Sports Medicine Unit was nominated and his application had been accepted to attend the above programme which was to be held in Monaco from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020. However, this programme was effected from the situation generated in Europe by the COVID -19 which resulted to cancel the programme.

### **3.14. International Coaching Course in 2020**

The International Coaching Course for the year 2020 organized by the International Relations Directorate (*University of Physical Education*) in Budapest, Hungary was to be

held from 16<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Late Mr. Senarath Senanayake of Handball was nominated and accepted for this course. However, due to the Pandemic the course was cancelled.

**3.15. Programme of Olympic Scholarships for Coaches 2020 - Sport & Life Academy by Pancho Alvariño - La Eliana - Valencia (Spain) - Specific training in Tennis**

Mr. Chryshantha Perera was invited by the International Tennis Federation to attend the training in Tennis delivered at the Sport & Life Academy by Pancho Alvariño in La Eliana – Valencia (Spain). However, due to the pandemic the programme was conducted in two sessions of which first session was conducted virtually from 6<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and the final session of practical to be held in 2021.

**3.16. 12th Edition of the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme (ICECP) – 2019/2020**

Mr. Navindra Dayan of Weightlifting was nominated and accepted to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme (ICECP) which conducts in conjunction with the United States Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee – Olympic Solidarity. The programme involved 3 modules of which 2 were conducted during the year 2019. The online module was held from 15<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The second module was held from 15<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the University of Delaware and at the U.S. Olympic Training Centre in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The third module was planned to be held from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 in Lausanne, Switzerland. However, this session was also effected from the pandemic and could not completed as planned. Hence the theory part of the final session was held virtually and the practical session is to be held physically in the year 2021.

**3.17. Assistance to School Athletics Association**

The School Athletics Association was financially assisted with Rs. 100,000/- for the school athletics programme in Galle.

**3.18. Strategic Plan**

Strategic plan (Application has been sent to Olympic Solidarity (OS) which was prepared by Prof. B.L.H. Perera and awaiting for the clarification for the questions raised by Olympic Solidarity). Prof BLH Perera will form his team who will be the main driving force for funding through OS.

**3.19. CGF – Commonwealth Sport Fund Sustainability Project**

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) project on providing safe drinking water under US Sustainable Development Goals, Two schools have been chosen from kabethigollawa education zone as there is an essential need of safety drinking water, under the recommendation of the education department. GBP 6,000/- was approved to

fund under this initiative and donated water filters to Sri Sobhitha Maha Vidyalaya in Madawachchiya and Moraweka Vidyalaya in Moraweka in Anuradhapura district.

### 3.20. Athletes' Commission – Activities for the year 2020

As per the concept of the Athletes' Commission of the NOC Sri Lanka, the following two main initiatives were conducted during the year 2020 under auspices of IOC – OS.

-English education training classes

An online education course of spoken English basic course was conducted for the benefit of athletes in order to assist athletes to spend their time wisely and profitably during the COVID-19 lockdown. The main objectives were to improve athletes' interest in English language and to improve athletes' skills in communication and reading. Most of the athletes have shown their interest though the NFs. The initiative was conducted in 3 groups. The successful participants are;

1. Kaushi Gimhani of Modern Pentathlon
2. Kaveesha Gimhana of Modern Pentathlon
3. Nadeepa Weerasinghe of Modern Pentathlon
4. Dinusha Gomas of Weightlifting
5. Parami Wasanthi of Athletics
6. Nuwan Jayasinghe of Taekwondo
7. Vimoshi Weerasinghe of Shooting
8. Kupun Krishantha of Athletics
9. Sarangi Silva of Athletics
10. Amasha de Silva of Athletics
11. Suranga Fernando of Shooting
12. I.P. Kumari of Taekwondo

### -Community Programme – assistance to athletes during the COVID- 19 pandemic

The second initiative conducted by the Athletes Commission was to assist athletes who were affected from the pandemic. The athletes and their families are having a difficult period due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Novel Coronavirus has led most of the athletes and their families at a crisis, being unable to provide basic needs. Therefore, Sri Lanka NOC Athletes' Commission organized a community project "Beat COVID 19" to help athletes who are affected by the emergency situation with no or less income. Accordingly, as instructed by the IOC, the athletes were assisted with voucher value Rs. 5,000/- for two months.



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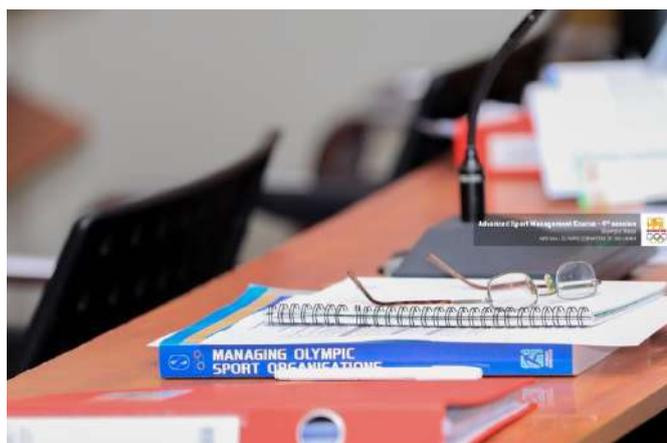
The names submitted by the NFs, School Athletics Association and as well as the Athletes Commission, having clarified the situation of the athletes, 100 athletes were considered and assisted through the Cargills Food City. The respective National Federations were handed over the vouchers to distribute to the athletes on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.



## Educational Programmes

Although NOC / CGA Sri Lanka was supposed to conduct many educational programmes during the year 2020 could not go ahead as planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bindunuwewa Teachers, Training Programme, National Olympic Academy were not able to conduct due to the health protocols. However, the following programme were conducted virtually or physically, keeping in align with the health protocols.

### **3.21. 7<sup>th</sup> Advanced Sport Management Course 2019/2020**



The IOC – Olympic Solidarity approved the application of NOC Sri Lanka to conduct the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Advance Sport Management Course for 2019/2020 in the year 2019. Three modules and one workshop were conducted in the year 2019 and five modules were conducted in the year 2020.

The other four sessions were planned to be set in 2020.

Session four – was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at the ‘Hemasiri Fernando’ Auditorium and day one was assigned for presentation and discussion on ‘Managing Human Resources’ which was facilitated by Ms. Kinithi Jayastissa and day 2 was facilitated by Prof. B.L.H. Perera on Managing Marketing.

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Session five – was to be held in 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020. But due to the pandemic was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020, virtually. The day one was assigned for case study presentations by individual participants and day two was on 'Managing Finance' facilitated by Mrs. Lalitha Mendis.

Session six was to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and postponed to 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020. This session was also conducted virtually and day one was assigned for the participants individual case study presentations. The day two was facilitated by Prof. B.L.H. Perera on 'Organising a Major Sport Event'.



Session seven was to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and due to the pandemic it was postponed to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Accordingly, day one was assigned for the participants individual case study presentations and day two was assigned for the course impact presentation.

Accordingly, out of the 23 participants (2 jointed from the previous batches) 19 successfully completed the 7<sup>th</sup> Advanced Sport Management Course.

The successful recipients are;



1. Mr. Abdellah Yusuf - Western Province Rugby Football Union
2. Mr. Reshmin Mihin Amarasinghe - National Association of Climbing & Mountaineering in Sri Lanka
3. Ms. J.A.S.D. Bandara - University of Sri Jayawardenepura
4. Mr. H. Gehan M. Dias - St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia
5. Ms. M.G.G.H. Laksara - Coporate sector, Sport Insurance
6. Wing Commander M.R.M. Hamza - SL Air Force
7. Ms. Lakna Harindi Hewawaravita - Gateway College
8. Ms. Devni Madurapperuma - Athletics Association of Sri Lanka
9. Ms. Iroshika Namasingha - Sri Lanka Aquatic Sports Union
10. Miss. M.T.P.L. Perera - University of the Visual and Performing Arts
11. Lieutenant Commander DMJN Pinthu - Sri Lanka NAVY
12. Ms. V.N. Rajapakse - National Institute of Sports Science

13. Mr. Senaka Ranasinghe - Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka
14. Sqn. Ldr. Lilangi Randeni - SL Air Force
15. Mrs. Irangani Rupasinghe - Athletics Association of Sri Lanka
16. Miss. D. S. Vitharana - M/S Julius & Creasy
17. Miss. U. Kaushalya Danthanarayana - NOC / CGA Sri Lanka
18. Mr. P.M.K Jayawardena - Life Saving Association
19. Ms. Hithaishi Jayawardana - Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

Considering session 1 – 7 overall synthesis of evaluation by participants, 4.8 rating out of 5.0 for training methods recorded the highest while 4.5 rating in the course evaluation. The application training methods by the participants were considered as effective and acted positively on learning. No major modifications were made and course concluded with positive notes on application of training methods, clarity and session contents.

Prof. B.L.H. Perera, Programme Director together with Mr. Maxwell de Silva, Ms. Kinithi Jayathissa, Ms. Lalitha Mendis facilitated the programme. The award ceremony is to be held in 2021.

### **3.22. 8<sup>th</sup> Advanced Sport Management Course 2020/2021**

Although it was proposed to commence the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Advanced Sport Management Course in the year 2020, it was postponed due to the pandemic.

### **3.23. OVEP Debater 2020**

The OVEP Debater 2020, after the success of the pilot project in 2017, the debate in 2020 was conducted virtually, due to the prevailed situation of COVID 19 pandemic. In the January 2020, a steering committee was appointed and the team was finalised in September 2020. Although the pilot project in 2017 was only opened for two district, the OVEP Debater 2020 was opened for the schools in entire country targeting the students in age, basically, between 15 to 20 without any gender discrimination. Accordingly, a google form was created in August 2020 for the registration of teams whom consist of 3 main members and 1 reserve together with the teacher in charge. However, as an exceptional occasion the recommended age group had to Brough down to 12 years to give the opportunity for all registered. By the given deadline for registration 24 schools had registered. However, with the movement of physical debater to a virtual, five schools out of 24 schools expressed their inability due to technical issues. Accordingly 5 another schools who had requested participation after the deadline were offered invitations. Thereby, a total number of 20 schools of which 8 schools from Western Province, 7 schools from Central Province, 2 schools from Northern province, 1 school each from Sabaragamuwa province, North-Central Province and Easter province were took part in the OVEP Debater 2020.

The finals 20 schools were;

1. Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya - Western Province

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2. Royal College - Western Province
3. Bishop's College - Western Province
4. Musaeus College - Western Province
5. WP/C/Devi Balika Vidyalaya - Western Province
6. Methodist College - Western Province
7. Gateway College, Colombo - Western Province
8. Gateway College, Dehiwala - Western Province
9. Dharmaraja College - Central province
10. Kingswood College - Central Province
11. Mahamaya Girls' College - Central Province
12. Good Shepherd Convent - Central Province
13. Trinity College - Central Province
14. Hillwood College - Central Province
15. Girls' High School - Central Province
16. St. John's College - Northern Province
17. Chundikuli Girls' College - Northern Province
18. Pinnawala Central College - Sabaragamuwa Province
19. Central College Anuradhapura - North Central Province
20. BT/Vincent Girls' High School - Eastern Province

Panel of 14 judges who are expertise in field such as Olympic studies, sports or sport administration, debating, speech, etc were selected and invited to be a judge in the October 2020. Several meeting with these personnel was held under the supervision of Mr. B.L.H. Perera and Mr. Maxwell de Silva. A total of 12 minutes were allocated for each team by giving 3 minutes for each speaker and another 3 minutes for sum up.

The preliminary round between the 20 schools in 14th and 15th November 2020 and 8 teams who won in these round was battled in the Super-Eight round which was held in 21st of November 2020. The eight schools battled in the Super- Eight round were

1. Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya, Colombo
2. Museus College, Colombo
3. Dharmaraja College, Kandy
4. WP/C/ Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo
5. Chundikuli Girls College, Jaffna
6. Hillwood College, Kandy
7. Royal College, Colombo
8. Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy

Out of these 8 teams, Hillwood College, Kandy and Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy was battled in the Semi-Finals - 1and Chundikuli Girls' College, Jaffna and Sirimavo

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Bandaranaike Vidyalaya was battled Semi-Finals - 2 which was held on 22nd November 2020.

Thereafter, Chundikuli Girdle's College, Jaffna and Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy was battled in the Consolation finals held in the morning of 23rd November 2020.

The Grand Finale of OVEP Debater 2020 was held between Hillwood College, Kandy and Sirimavo Bandaranaike Vidyalaya, Colombo in the evening of 23rd November 2020.



All debates was conducted virtually via Zoom app and it was invited all stakeholders of NOC Sri Lanka and other sport organisation with solidarity to witness the event.

The event was live screened in both social media of NOC pages in YouTube and Facebook. The Huawei and Ewis donated computers to be given to the winning schools.



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Moments from the Awards Ceremony of the OVEP Debater 2020

## 3.24. Programmes conduct by the International Olympic Academy

The International Olympic Academy (IOA) invited for the following programmes which were proposed for 2020.

- i) 27<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Olympic Studies for Postgraduate Students  
The initiative was to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May
- ii) 16<sup>th</sup> International Session for President and Directors of National Olympic Academies  
The programme was to be held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in Olympia, Greece. Prof. B.L.H. Perera was nominated to attend the programme.
- iii) 60<sup>th</sup> International Session for Young Participants  
The session was to be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.
- iv) IOA Master's Degree Programme in Olympic Studies  
The programme was to be held from 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 in Olympic, Greece. The NOC Sri Lanka, on the recommendation of the Executive Board, nominated Mr. Ravindra Jeewantha of Weightlifting who is attached to the National Institute of Sport Science. Mr. Jeewantha was graduated from the University of Sri Jayawardanapura. However, his application was rejected due to the non-compliance of the Greek law of the percentage of the teaching staff who are Ph.D. holder on a Department level should be 50%.  
Thereafter, on the request of Ms. Sachini Abeykoon of Kelaniya University who applied personally for the programme and accepted by the IOA, supported to cover the programme fees under the IOC – Olympic Solidarity.

## 3.25. Safe-Sport Policy of NOC Sri Lanka

One of the most valuable initiative done by the Women's Committee of Sri Lanka is the establishment of a Safe Sport Policy for the betterment of any personnel in the sport field. The Policy was established in the year 2020 and several educational programmes were conducted during the year in this regard.

Accordingly, a discussion on the Sexual Harassment and Abuse Prevention was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020, virtually, with the participation of all the affiliated National Federations, media, Universities and the Athlete Commission.

The Women's Committee selected the DentsuGrants Pvt Ltd as the agency to carry out the Safe sport – SHAP campaign. The Wijaya Newspaper Ltd became the print media partner of the campaign. The tag line of the campaign was #Harassment Is NO Game# and it's logo launch was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020, virtually.

The first awareness programme for NF office was held 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to educate the office bearers of NFs, officials / coaches and any other administrator in the sport sector. The Panelists of the webinar were Mr. K.D.S. Ruwanhendra, Secretary to the Ministry of Sports, Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, President of NOC Sri Lanka, Mr. Maxwell de Silva, Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka, Ms. Lilamani de Zoysa, Council Member of the International Working Group on Women and Sport and Mr. Jivan Goonetilleke, Attorney-at-Law. Ms. Niloo Jayathilake, Chairperson of Womens' Committee and Mr. S. Gobinath of NOC Staff moderated the webinar.

Thereafter, another webinar on Safe Sport - SHAP #Harassment Is NO Games# Campaign - awareness programme was held especially for athletes on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. A special programme was planned to be held in the end of September 2020 on the SHAP at Foundation of Goodness in Seenigama, but could not held due to the pandemic.

### 3.26. Olympic Day Celebrations – 2020

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka organised its very first Virtual Olympic Day Celebrations at its headquarters on June 23 under the theme of “United to connect the sport actors and the global people by various phases.” In spite there was no customary ‘run’ studded by a few hundred schools children, the day had its own unique celebrations which were quite unparalleled, keeping in line with health guidelines, yet there was a full house of people / invitees of executive board members, athletes, representatives from National Federations, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Sports. Mr. Summa Navaratnam and Mr. Roshan Mahanama attended the celebrations as guests of honour.

Three and a half an hour programme including lighting the Olympic Torch, Tree Plantation, Teqball Demonstration, 33 sport actors' messages under three themes of 'United by Education', 'United by Experience', and 'United by Talent' around the globe, and guests' speeches were live telecast via NOC Sri Lanka's Facebook.



Lighting the Olympic Flame was taken place with seven athletes in attendance. Having followed the health guidelines, Torch was lit by Mr. Gamini Jayasinghe, Treasurer of NOC Sri Lanka and was handed over to the torch bearer Indika Dissanayake, who won a silver medal in weightlifting at the XXI Commonwealth Games in 2018. Thereafter, the Torch was passed hand in hand between the athletes, ruggerite Dansha Dayan who is

the former Captain of Rugby 7's and then to sprinter Shehan Ambeypitiya who was one of leading athletes of Sri Lanka. Thereafter, the flame was passed to Sumedha Ranasinghe OLY who took

part in Rio 2016 in athletics and Hansani Gomas who brought a bronze medal in weightlifting at the XXI Commonwealth Games and became the first Sri Lankan woman to win a Commonwealth Games medal. Thereafter, the flame was handed over to the legendary Summa Navaratnam and Susanthika Jayasinghe - only one living Olympic medalist in Sri Lanka. Finally, the flame was received from the athletes and kept on the cauldron by Mr. Suresh Subramaniam - President and Mr. Maxwell de Silva - Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka.



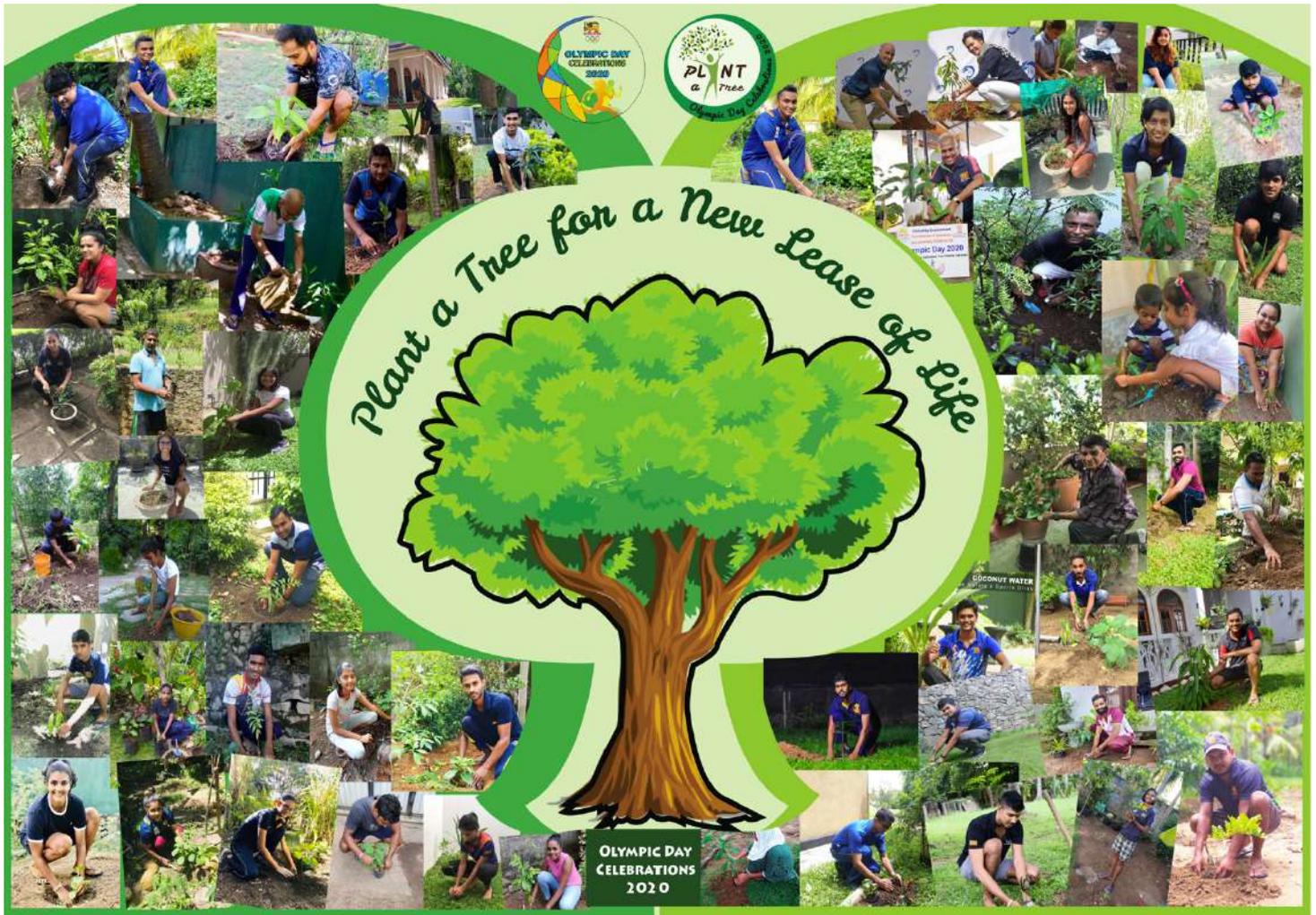
During the celebrations of this year were wrapped around the theme of 'unity'. For this reason, the NOC Sri Lanka connected the international stakeholders from diverse NOCs, International Federations, Tokyo Organizing Committee of Olympic Game and other reputed Global Sport Institutes. Leading athletes were joined in celebrating the Olympic Day by sharing their views / experiences virtually during the live telecast, under the theme of 'United by Talent'. They shared their views/ experiences of what they can achieve by engaging in sports.

1. Susanthika Jayasinghe OLY - "Olympic achievement is an outcome of Learning through life"
2. Wasanthi Parami - "How to achieve excellence through sports; explain through experience"
3. Matthew Abeysinghe OLY - "How to be active and mentally healthy; explain through your experience"
4. Chamara Dharmawardena OLY - "Commitment and dedication as a legacy for future generation"
5. Hiruni Wijayarathne - "Explain three pillars (move, lean and discover) of Olympic movement through your experience"
6. Reshika Udugampola OLY - Representing Athletes' Commission voiced on "Olympism"
7. Niluka Karunaratne OLY - Representing Athletes' Commission voiced on "Olympism"
8. Conrad Francis OLY - "Olympism"
9. Anna-Maire Ondaatje, Sri Lanka's first Rhythmic Gymnast to represent Sri Lanka on an international stage and her sister, Alexis Ondaatje performed a patriotic song to motivate athletes and the public as entire country was in a critical situation due to the pandemic.

On behalf of Tokyo Organising Committee Mr. Toru Kobayashi, Head of NOC/ NPC Services & Relations, the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games joined the virtual session. Also, Mr. Sujeewa Wijayanayake, Deputy Technical Operation Manager, Baseball Softball Team, Sport Department, the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games joined the sessions. The Celebrations were fashioned by the Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka, HE Akira Sugiyama by planting a 'Mee tree' (Madhuca longifolia) with the association of the President of NOC Sri Lanka, Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka, Mr. Maxwell de Silva

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and the Secretary to the Ministry of Sport, Mr. K.D.S. Ruwan Chandara, under the theme of 'Plant a tree for a new lease of life'.



### **3.27. Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course – 1<sup>st</sup> Session**

Due to the outbreak of the corona virus, National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka successfully conducted Virtual Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course (VOSSAC) via BlueJeans last week on 17, 19, 21 and 22 September 2020.

The course was conducted while respecting all the COVID-19 guidelines. This has been encountered as the very first occasion that the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC Sri Lanka) conducted Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course virtually. A some of 78 candidates representing various sport organisations applied for the VOSSAC and 61 got selected to follow the course. The selected participants are from diverse sporting background: Tennis, Rugby, and 7 (number) undergraduates from the Sabragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Apart from the above regional interest was noted with Ms. Himani Rawal from Delhi, India attended all sessions and showed her interest by active participation counted as the very first foreigner benefited in the NOCSL course originated during this pandemic time. All the registered candidates were interviewed individually one week prior to the course started – that was also conducted virtually. All selected participants were online throughout the course which consisted of five sessions over four days. Each session had three hours of lectures and discussions. The sessions were conducted by the National Course Directors of NOC Sri Lanka - Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Capt. Nalin de Silva, and Ms. Olivia Gamage, Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah provided his contribution as a resource person in this course.

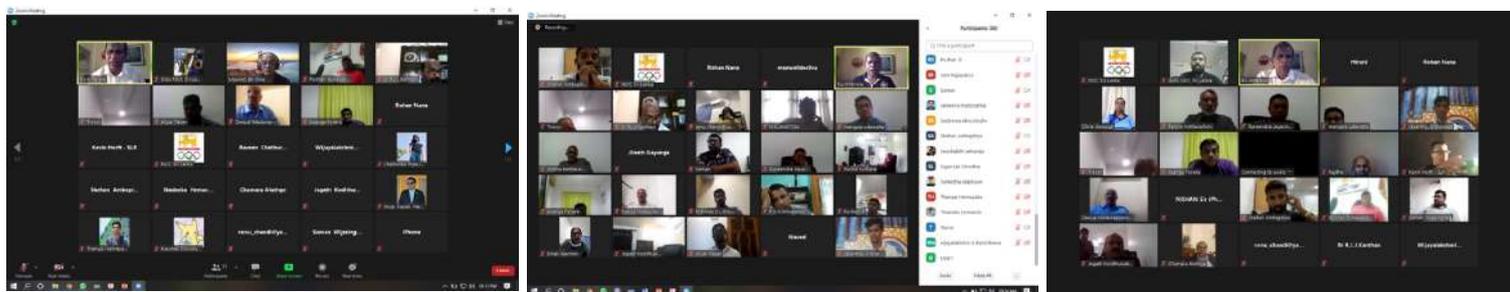
Notably this is the very first occasion, a workbook was designed for this course by the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka to make online programme more interactive. The workbook consists of ten activities which has two activities per session. It is mandatory to the participants to submit the duly completed workbook via email to receive the course participation certificate. Interestingly, Athlete 365 platform was also included as one of the activities in the workbook – all the participants were required to complete at least two courses on the platform.

### **3.28. Olympic Solidarity Sport Administrators Course – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

Due to the prevailed partly locked down situation in Sri Lanka the NOC Sri Lanka was compelled to shift the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sport Administrators Course (SAC) on to the virtual platform on 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 . A total of forty (40) hours were planned, allocating 15 hours for online Webinar and twenty five (25) hours of Non- Webinar. The 15 hours of Webinar was divided in to five sessions of three hours. As planned, the 2<sup>nd</sup> SAC ended with a success note and with new learning experiences related course facilitation and planning strategies to engage the participants to meet the objectives of Non-Webinar hours. However, three (03) sessions out of five (05) planned sessions, exceeded the three hour time allocation allowing extended discussion on certain units. Also, non-webinar work was assisted with Virtual Delivery Work Book and were made

mandatory to the participants. In addition to the above, a quiz was initiated for Unit 1 – 9 as a pilot attempt. Both approaches are considered as best practice in conducting SAC in a Virtual setting. The participants were selected from primary and secondary stakeholder community of sport system. Majority of the participants were new to sport organisational management, but the participants were able to contribute to the subjects discussed during the course with their career experience in other professions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SAC Course is diverse, the majority of the participants were representatives from primary stakeholders representing NFs.

52 participants consisted of 42 men & 10 women successfully completed the course and the National Course Directors of NOC Sri Lanka - Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Group Capt. Nalin de Silva, and Ms. Olivia Gamage, Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah provided his contribution as a resource person in this course.



### 3.29. Printing of “Sri Lankan Olympic Legends 1948 – 2016” of Mr. Lalith Gunawardane

The NOC Sri Lanka sponsored the publication of ‘Sri Lankan Olympic Legends 1948 – 2016’ by Mr. Lalith Gunawardane to print during the year 2020.

### 3.30. NOC / CGA Sri Lanka Internal Development

#### a. Continuation of Ms. Susanthika Jayasinghe

The contract of Mrs. Susanthika Jayasinghe as the Director of the High Performance committee was renewed for another one year’s period with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2020.

#### b. Recruitment of NOC Staff

The following were recruited into the permanent staff in 2020:

Mr. Gobinath Sivarajah – Media Manager

Mr. Kandula Gimhan Yatawara – Photographer

And contracts of Mr. S.R. Pathiravithane, Mr. N. Ranjith and Mr. R.R. Perera were renewed during the year 2020 for another one year period.

#### c. Commonwealth Sport Youth Leadership eqUIP Internship Programme

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) introduced the Commonwealth Sport Youth Leadership equip Internship programme amongst its member

Commonwealth Games Associations (CGAs) in order to develop sustainable capacity in CGAs in partnership with universities, CGAs and CGF. The goals of this programme are engaging and supporting young leaders from across the Commonwealth, supporting CGAs to build their human resource capacity and capability, team preparation and other CGA projects and providing the youth of the Commonwealth with professional development and career opportunities etc. As such, on the recommendation of Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Academic Programme Director of NOC, the National Olympic Committee (NOC) / Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) of Sri Lanka selected Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to introduce and execute this internship programme in Sri Lanka. There are 06 university students had applied for this programme and through online interviews, Ms. Dinkey Nilankani Bandara was selected for the Commonwealth Sport Youth Leadership eQUIP Internship Programme for a one year period with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

### **3.31. Proposal to establish ‘Center for Olympic Organisation Management (COOM)**

The Committee was in agreement to establish a ‘Center for Olympic Organisation Management (COOM)’ as suggested by Mr. B.L.H. Perera. The purpose of the COOM is to establish an unit to cater demand of sport education in Sri Lanka and also to provide due recognition to the educational programmes conducted by the NOC Sri Lanka through the tertiary vocational education to provide TVE NVQ 5 or 6

## **4. INFORMATION**

### **Participation of International Meetings, Conferences & Forums**

#### **4.1 OCA / OS Regional Forum and CDM Seminar**

The OCA / OS Regional Forum was to be held in Sanya, Peoples’ Republic of China from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and postponed due to the outbreak of the Corona virus.

The IOC – OS online platform was upgraded to RELAY and the IOC – OS conducted online series of webinars to educate the NOCs.

#### **4.2 39<sup>th</sup> OCA General Assembly**

The 39<sup>th</sup> OCA General Assembly was held at the Hotel, J.W. Marriott Muscat on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and due to the Pandemic the NOCs were invited to attend the General Assembly virtually via zoom platform. Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, President of NOC Sri Lanka and Mr. Maxwell de Silva, Secretary General of NOC Sri Lanka attended the meeting.

- 4.3 The 18<sup>th</sup> SportAccord was to be held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in Beijing, Peoples Republic of China and was cancelled due to the pandemic.
- 4.4 The XXV ANOC General Assembly was to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in Seoul, Korea and cancelled due to the pandemic.

### 5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 5.1 Our thanks are due to the Hon. Minister of Sports and the Officials of the Ministry on the cooperation and support they have given to the NOC in every aspect of its work.
- 5.2 Our thanks are also due to the President - IOC, the President - OCA and various officials of these institutions which have been of great assistance to us during the year. The cooperation and assistance given by the staff of the Olympic Solidarity division of the IOC must be specially mentioned.
- 5.3 Our grateful thanks are also due to those institutions that helped us through sponsorships for various programmes and projects.
- 5.4 Our thanks are once again due to members of the media.
- 5.5 Our thanks also go toward those institutions and individuals who rendered yeoman service to the NOC. We are most grateful to them.



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**Subject: Women activity report of your NOC – Sri Lanka 2020**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The Women's Committee was formed as a subcommittee under the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) in March 2018. The report is being written for the third year under the appointed subcommittee. We are a six member team comprising of Niloo Jayatilake (Chairperson), Ajith Warnakulasuriya (Secretary), Reshika Udugampola, Fazil Husain, SR Pathiravithana, Gobinath Sivarajah.

The women's committee now has become one of the most active and vibrant units within the realms of the NOC Sri Lanka. Taking on from the initiatives of previous year we finalized the Sexual Harassment and Abuse Policy in 2020. The legal framework and process in implementing the Sexual Harassment and Abuse Prevention in Sports was done with the approval from the executive committee in 2020 and it was tagged as the Safe Sports policy thereafter.

However, to be effective in the implementation of the above the Women's Committee sought the services of ten independent professionals under the wing of Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala and it came to be known as the Hearing Committee, Complaints Committee. The rest of the committee are -- Dillai Joseph Rodrigo, Sharanya Sekaram, Diordre Croos Moraes, Caryll Tozer, Preethi Adhietty, Nedra Wickremasinghe, Sabrina Esufally, Shyamala Gomez and Dr. Nihal De Silva.

Nonetheless all recommendations of the above committee is handed over to the NOC Sri Lanka Executive Committee and they have the final authority on such recommendations. The working mechanism was worked out and detailed in Annexure 'a'.

Then in our endeavour to educate the athletic public and general public on the above we launched a vigorous media publicity campaign and we had two very powerful vehicles to back it in Wijeya Newspapers and Sirasa FM amidst the backdrop of Covid 19 pandemic. The campaign was carried on for nearly two months with great efficacy. Moreover, the campaign was very successful on social media as many of the local and international sport personals supported the campaign by changing their Facebook profile picture frames. The idea of the campaign was to create awareness among stakeholders of sports.

We are in the process of translating to languages spoken in the country Sinhala, Tamil to enable to better educate and broaden the scope among athlete in different parts of the country. The policy document has been shared with the national Federations for action.

The Committee also conducted a very successful virtual seminar with Lilamani de Zoysa of Switzerland, a co-opted member of the International Working Group for Women in Sport as a keynote speaker on the subject.

The Committee also has lobbied for female representations with the Ministry of Sports and local Federations and change the existing sports constitution to accommodate female administration which is an innovative move.

Also during the year under review the Women's Committee actioned to lobby with Federations to include percentage of female representation in administrative positions via council members. We also called on the support of the Ministry of Sports for the action to be taken up when sports constitutions are being redrafted to address female participation.

### **2020 IOC Trophy**

No candidate was nominated for the above awards.

Thank you.

**National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka  
Sexual Harassment & Abuse Complaints Committee (CC)  
Working Mechanism**

### Preamble

The NOC Complaints Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CC) will ensure that all complaints will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively and confidentially.

The CC will take all necessary steps to make sure that people involved in a complaint are not victimized. Disciplinary measures can be imposed on anyone who harasses or victimizes a person for making a complaint or anyone who supports another person's complaint.

### Functions and Roles of the Complaints Committee

- 1) Term / Duration
  - a. Five (05) years for CC (Sept 2019 – August 2024)
  - b. Rotating Chairperson – Every Two and half (2.5) years

- 2) Focal Points

<b>Legal Advice</b>	Shyamala Gomez, Sabrina Esufally
<b>Media Campaigns</b>	Dillai Joseph, Nedra Wickremasinghe
<b>Spokespersons</b>	Niloo Jayatilake, Nedra Wickremasinghe, Caryll Tozer-Perera, Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala, Sharanya Sekaram
<b>Psychosocial Support</b>	Diordre Moraes, Dr. Nihal de Silva, Sharanya Sekaram
<b>Gender Specialists</b>	Sharanya Sekaram, Shyamala Gomez, Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala

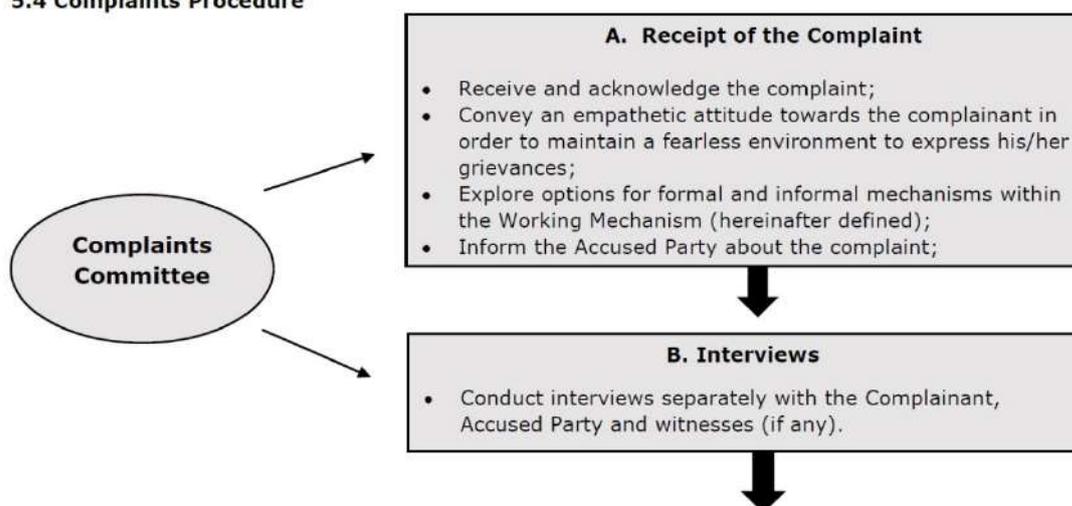
- 3) Who will be the main contact point of the CC?
  - The Chairperson or in the absence of the Chairperson, a member of CC nominated by the Chairperson
  - Gmail address has been set up to receive all complaints from Online Complaints Form. ([NOCSHComplaints@gmail.com](mailto:NOCSHComplaints@gmail.com)) NOCSL General Secretary and CC Chairperson will also receive an email regarding any complaint that is received by the NOC.
- 4) How can a complaint be made?
  - A complaint can be filed via online link or via email or post, addressed to NOC Sexual Harassment Complaints Committee, or the NOC President or NOC General Secretary.
  - A complaint can be filed in English, Sinhala or Tamil
  - NOC's legal team will support the CC with translators and interpreters as needed.

5) What happens when a complaint is filed?

- A two-step process, as explained on Page 7 or the SHAP will be carried out by the Complaints Committee and the Hearing Committee.

6) The Complaints Committee will follow the guidelines as outlined on Page 7 of the SHAP (see image below). Further details of this process have also been outlined.

#### 5.4 Complaints Procedure



- Upon receiving the complaint, the CC Chairperson will acknowledge receipt of the complaint in a sensitive manner within **1 working day**. See Annex 1 for email template.
- Three members from CC will be requested to volunteer to take on each case.
- The CC will follow the Roster of members as per Annex 2 to determine who will deal with each case. If a member of the roster is unavailable, another volunteer from the CC will be requested to join the team to fill this gap.
- The CC will request to physically / virtually meet the complainant within **three working days** to discuss the case in more detail and gather information.
- The CC will conduct confidential interviews with the Complainant, the Accused Party and any witnesses to verify and ascertain details of the incident within **21 working days**.
- A Consent Form (Annexure d) and Guiding Questions will be used by the CC members to elicit more information from all interviewees.
- The interviews will be digitally recorded and will be conducted virtually, or at NOC premises, or any other location as preferred by the interviewee.
- An e-file will be created by the CC, in order to document the case through detailed notes.
- Once the details of the case have been verified and ascertained, the CC will hand over the case file to the Hearing Committee within **five working days**.

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## Annexure b – Email Template to Acknowledgement Receipt of Complaint

Subject: Acknowledging Receipt of Complaint

Dear Ms/Mr. \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you very much for having the courage to share your complaint with us.

This is to acknowledge that we received your complaint on \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_.

As the Chairperson of the Sri Lanka NOC *Complaints Committee on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment & Abuse*, I assure you that we will take all necessary measures to investigate your complaint as per the Sri Lanka National Olympic Committee's [Policy on Sexual Harassment & Abuse](#).

We will be in touch with you soon for more details, and to set up an appointment to discuss the way forward.

Kind regards,  
Jayanthi

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Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala

Chairperson

Complaints Committee on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment & Abuse

Sri Lanka National Olympic Committee

## Annex c - Roster of Complaints Committee Members

1st Case	2nd Case	3rd Case
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Jayanthi</li><li>•Caryll</li><li>•Sharanya</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Shayamala</li><li>•Dr. Nihal</li><li>•Dillai</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Nedra</li><li>•Diodre</li><li>•Preethi</li></ul>

## Template for Consent Form

### Background

In 2020, the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOCSL) adopted the Sexual Harassment & Abuse Policy (SHAP) in an effort to make sports safe for all in Sri Lanka. In order to implement this policy in an objective and impartial manner, the NOCSL appointed a *Complaints Committee* – an independent, external body of professionals to serve in a voluntary capacity, on behalf of the NOCSL.

As per the SHAP, the role of the *Complaints Committee* is to receive a complaints relating to Sexual Harassment & Abuse in sports, gather more information regarding the reported incident, and follow up with the complainant, accused party and witnesses (if any). Once this information is gathered by the *Complaints Committee*, it will be handed over to the NOCSL's *Hearing Committee* for next steps and follow up actions.

The information we obtain through our interview with you will be for the primary purpose of developing an internal case file that will be handed over to the NOCSL *Hearing Committee* for further inquiry and actions, as appropriate. We will take all the necessary measures to ensure your confidentiality is protected. Only those involved in this case will be privy to the information that you share.

**As per the information shared with you above, the NOCSL *Complaints Committee* is seeking your full and informed consent for the following:**

- To conduct an interview with you (virtually / at the NOCSL premises / or at a location preferred by you) in order to gather more information about your complaint;
- To digitally record the interview with you in order to ensure accuracy of information and note-taking;
- To seek further clarifications from you as necessary in order to assess your complaint.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby give the NOCSL Complaints Committee my full and informed consent for the above mentioned purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

### Anonymity

I wish to remain anonymous, and therefore I would prefer to go by this name: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish to remain anonymous.



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Annexure 'e'

## NOC Sexual Harassment & Abuse Complaints Committee – Incident Reporting Form

Information about Person being Reported / Accused Party			
Name			
Age (or approx)			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Boy / Man	Girl / Woman	Transgender
	<input type="checkbox"/> Another description (please state):		
Address (if known)			
Contact number(s)			
Email			
Sports Discipline		Affiliation / Federation	
Designation / Position this person holds or held			
Nature of Offence			
Type of Offence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Emotional Harassment	Verbal Harassment	Physical Harassment
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sexual Abuse	Bullying	Hazing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Homophobia	Gender-Based Discrimination	Child Abuse	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		
Location Incident Occurred:		Date/s:	Time/s:
Incident Details			
Please tick one:	<input type="checkbox"/> I am reporting my own concerns.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am responding to concerns raised by someone else – please fill in your details below:	
Name of person raising concern		Role within the sport or relationship to the child	

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Contact number(s)	
Email	
<p>Details of the incident (who, what, when, where, why, how) or concerns (include other relevant information, such as description of any injuries and whether you are recording this incident as fact, opinion or hearsay). Attach a separate sheet if more space is required (e.g. multiple witnesses).</p>	

Incident details (continued)			
If complainant is under 18, please include child's account of the incident here:			
Please provide any witness accounts of the incident and details of witnesses:			
Name of witness (and date of birth, if a child)		Role within the sport or relationship to the child	
Address			
Contact number(s)			
Email			
Please provide details of action taken to date:			
Has the incident been reported to any other institutions / organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please provide further details:	
Name of organisation / agency			
Contact person			
Contact number(s)			
Email			
Date when reported			
Agreed action or advice given:			

If Under 18 - Contact information of Parent / Guardian	
Name(s)	
Address	
Contact number(s)	
Email	
No	Please explain why this decision has been taken

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Have Parents / Guardian been notified of this incident?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Please give details of what was said / actions agreed

Your information			
Name			
Age			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy / Man	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl / Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Transgender
	<input type="checkbox"/> Another description (please state):		
Address			
Contact number(s)			
Email			
Sports Discipline		Affiliation / Federation	
Is there any information about yourself / the child that would be useful to consider?			

Declaration	
Your signature	✕
Print name	
Today's date	

### ***FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - 2020***

#### **Meetings**

During the year, Finance committee met monthly on 10 occasions, chaired by Joseph Kenny (VP) Mr. Lalith Withana (Co- Chair & Finance professional), Gamini Jayasinghe- Treasure , Mr. Nishantha Jayasinghe Assistant Treasurer, Chandana Liyanage- Asst. Secretary, Mrs. Gayani Senevirathne –Accountant) and the President & Secretary General in copy.

#### **Objective**

The primary objective of the committee at the beginning was to establish a strong financial discipline at NOC and to introduce the necessary financial processors. As a result of this we are happy to note that all financial reports are now turnout before the 10<sup>th</sup> date of the next month with all the necessary reconciliations.

#### **Key actions taken during the year under review**

1. NOC prepared an incredibly detailed budget at the beginning this year and very strict monitoring was carried out during the year where all deviations before spending had to be brought to the executive committee for approval.
2. Monthly accounts prepared and submitted by the accountant, to the FC on or before 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month which were scrutinized and with necessary amendments put forward for Executive Committee's approval.
3. Constant pressure was put by the Finance Committee on the responsible persons on collection of outstanding as it was a challenge due to the Pandemic situation thereby keeping our cash flow situation under control, without digging into our savings or going into borrowings.
4. Necessary adjustments were done on the budget so that the forecasted budgets fell closely with the income and expenses of the organization, thereby having a strict financial discipline among all operations.
5. The assignment (GAP analysis) given to Ernst & young to review all our current procedures, recommend if any procedures if they see any weaknesses and document all of them so that we will have proper accounting manual for the organization, was in progress.
6. We did all necessary correction pointed out in the last audited report to take off the comment from the audit report.
7. Substantial investments were made on the renovation of our Auditorium to bring it up to state-of-the-art facility to hold NOC events as well as earn much needed revenue, with most funding coming from IOC. All expenses including procurements, payment of contractors etc were closely monitored by the Finance Committee.
8. Action has through Procurement committee, on all discarded and unusable items to be disposed of as per NOC rules and regulations.

9. As regards to Procurements, were it exceeded the limits of the Procurement Committee, these matters were discussed at the Finance Committee and scrutinized. Thereafter forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval of same.
10. Finance Committee made sure the Annual accounts were submitted by the Accountant to the Auditor General, on time and with the help of our Accountant, coordinated with the AG's departments in complying with all their request to finalize the accounts on time. The committee is happy to note that almost all the outstanding audit matters have been now cleared.

On behalf of the FC committee, I wish to place on record the appreciation and thank to our committee members specially to Mr. Lalith Withana for his professional guidance and all our committee member who sacrificed their time to attend the monthly meetings. A special thank goes to our new Accountant, Gayani and the NOC accounting and project staff for all the efforts made in this respect.

Finally, I wish to place on record the assistance and cooperation given to the FC by our President Suresh and Secretary General Maxi, in allowing the FC to work in a very transparent manner and in the interest of the General membership.

**Joseph Kenny**  
**Chairman – Finance Committee**