



CWP-20040-2022 (O&M) & connected matters

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

109+215 (3 cases)

**CWP-20040-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.03.2026**

Handball Federation of India

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

With

Sr. No.	Case No.	Petitioner	Respondents
2.	CWP-15338-2023 (O&M)	Handball Federation of India	Union of India and others
3.	CWP-19665-2023 (O&M)	Handball Federation of India	Union of India and others

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Sunil Chadha, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Karun Bansal, Advocate,
Mr. Akshay Chadha, Advocate,
Ms. Bhavika Bansal, Advocate and
Mr. Tara Dutt, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Sudhir Nar, Senior Panel Counsel for Union of India
for respondent Nos.1 and 3 in CWP-20040-2022
for respondent Nos.1 and 2 in CWP-15338-2023
and for respondent Nos.1 to 3 in CWP-19655-2023

Mr. Gaurav Chopra, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Gauri C. Kaushal, Advocate
for respondent No.4 in CWP-20040-2022
for respondent No.5 in CWP-15338-2023
and for respondent No.6 in CWP-19665-2023

Mr. Rupender Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2 in CWP-20040-2022,
for respondent No.3 in CWP-15338-2023
and for respondent No.4 in CWP-19665-2023

Mr. Ruchir Mishra, Advocate
for respondent No.4 in CWP-20040-2022,
for respondent No.5 in CWP-15338-2023 and
for respondent No.6 in CWP-19665-2023

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Mr. Ravinder Malik (Ravi), Senior Advocate with
Mr. Ritender Rathee, Advocate and
Mr. Garvit Mittal, Advocate
for respondent No.6 in CWP-20040-2022 & CWP-15338-2023
and for respondent No.7 in CWP-19665-2023

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. As common issues are involved in the captioned petitions, with the consent of parties, the same are hereby disposed of by this common order. For the sake of brevity and convenience, facts are borrowed from *CWP No.20040 of 2022*.

2. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking directions to respondents to act upon letter dated 15.08.2022 whereby Asian Handball Federation has recommended International Handball Federation as well as Indian Olympic Association to change the name and logo from Handball Federation of India to Handball Association (India)

3. On 06.09.2022, this Court while issuing notice of motion passed the following order:

“The instant petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondent No.1 & 2 to not to act on letter dated 15.08.2022 (Annexure P-13) whereby, Asian Handball Federation has recommended the International Handball Federation as well as Indian Olympic Association (respondent No.2) to change the name and Logo from Handball Federation of India to Handball Association (India) on their websites and records.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner Federation has been in existence since 1972 and that election to the governing body



of the Federation and Handball Federation of India was scheduled in November 2020. The aforesaid election was subject matter of challenge before District Registrar, Rohtak. Vide order dated 04.10.2021, the District Registrar, Rohtak set aside the election and appointed an Administrator with a direction that election to the governing body of the Federation shall be got conducted by the Administrator so appointed. The aforesaid order dated 04.10.2021 passed by the District Registrar, Rohtak was subject matter of challenge before the State Registrar and vide order dated 11.11.2021, the appeal preferred was allowed and order was passed by the District Registrar, Rohtak was set aside. The said order was further subject matter of challenge before the Registrar General. The order of the State Registrar was initially stayed on 25.11.2021, however, ultimately, the appeal was allowed and the order passed by the State Registrar was set aside by the Registrar General vide order dated 05.07.2022 (Annexure P-18). The above order was further challenged by means of filing CWP-14516-2022 in this Court. The said writ petition was dismissed vide judgment dated 09.08.2022 and the order passed by the Registrar General affirming the order dated 04.10.2021 passed by the District Registrar, Rohtak was upheld. The Election schedule announced for 14.08.2022 was also approved. Letter Patents Appeal against the judgment dated 09.08.2022 has already been filed, however, notice has not been issued so far. It is further contended that subsequent to the dismissal of the writ petition, election to the governing body has already been held. However, the respondent No.6 who was member of the respondent No.5 federation and also a Treasure of Indian Olympic Association has been mischievously able to deprive the governing body of the petitioner federation to send its team. An undated resolution was purportedly sent to the Indian Olympic Association to contend that the petitioner body has merged with the Hand Ball Association (India)-respondent No.4. He contends that the Asian Federation as well as Indian Olympic Association are not allowing the petitioner federation to represent and to

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send its team due to the wielding influence of respondent No.6.

Notice of motion.

Process dasti as well.

Mr. Sudhir Nar, Advocate appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

A complete copy of the paper book has been handed over to the counsel representing respondent No.1-Union of India.

To come up on 19.09.2022 for further consideration.”

4. The petition was disposed vide order dated 01.12.2022. Respondent No.2-Indian Olympic Association was directed to treat the petition as representation and pass a reasoned and speaking order on the claim of petitioner.

5. The petitioner moved an application seeking revival of the petition which was allowed vide order dated 20.05.2024.

6. On 12.09.2025, the counsel representing Indian Olympic Association suggested that matter may be referred to President, Indian Olympic Association. Accordingly, matter was referred to President, Indian Olympic association. Order dated 12.09.2025 reads as:

“Counsel representing the Indian Olympic Association has suggested that in order to give a quietus to the dispute, dispute may be referred for determination to the President, Indian Olympic Association.

Upon instructions from their respective clients, counsel representing all the parties have given their concurrence to the suggestion.

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Accordingly, the dispute in all the three petitions is referred to the President, Indian Olympic Association to determine it after affording a hearing to all the stake holders.

As requested by counsel for the parties, writ petitions are deferred to 08.12.2025.

President, Indian Olympic Association is requested to convey his decision before the next date.

Interim order to continue till then.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected cases.”

7. Respondent No.6 has placed on record copy of report of Panel constituted by Indian Olympic Association. As per Paragraph No.97 of the report, the matter would be placed before Executive Committee with the observations made by Panel.

8. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that Executive Committee has not taken any decision on the basis of report of Panel. The Committee may be directed to grant opportunity of hearing to the petitioner to put forth his stand before taking final decision. The final decision, if taken against the petitioner, may not be brought into force for one week from the date of communication.

9. Mr. Ravinder Malik (Ravi), learned Senior counsel for respondent No.6-Indian Olympic Association does not dispute the afore-stated arrangement, however, counsel for other parties submit that interim order may be vacated.

10. Heard the arguments and perused the record.

11. In the wake of statement of both sides and to resolve the dispute, Executive Committee of Indian Olympic Association is hereby

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directed to pass a final order taking into consideration observations made by Panel as well as submissions by all the stakeholders. It would be appropriate for the Executive Committee to grant opportunity of hearing to all the stakeholders. The interim order passed by this Court shall remain in force till the expiry of one week from the date of communication of decision to the petitioner. The Executive Committee is requested to adjudicate the dispute expeditiously and preferably within six weeks from today.

12. The petitions stand disposed of in above terms.
13. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

23.03.2026
Mohit Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No