

Nepal and Olympism

NEPAL

141,577 sq. km.
13,400,000 inhabitants.



NEPAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (NOC)

Founded in 1962.

Recognised by the IOC in 1963.

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Role of the NOC

- To promote Olympic ideals within the country.
- To encourage the development of sport, Olympic sport in particular.
- To promote international understanding and friendship.

Creation and development

Nepalese athletes had already acquired a measure of international experience in the Asian Games when the first request for official recognition of the Nepal Olympic Committee was submitted by Shushil Shum Sher S. J. B., Secretary General of the newly created NOC, to IOC headquarters at Mon Repos on 5th December 1962. There were, however, a number of discrepancies between the Committee's statutes and the requirements set down in the IOC Rules, and sports officials in Nepal were asked to modify their constitution accordingly. The necessary amendments were subsequently incorporated into the statutes and the Nepal Olympic Committee was recognised on 19th October 1963 at the IOC's 60th Session in Baden-Baden. Leaders of the sports movement in this mountainous country then concentrated their efforts on preparing their six-man contingent for the Games of the XVIIth Olympiad in Tokyo, the nation's first appearance at an Olympic celebration.

First Execution of the NOC (1962)

Chairman : HRH Prince Basundhara Bir Bickram Shah Dev. **Vice-Chairmen :** Sahebjū Hari Bickram Shah, Gen. Nara Shumsher J. R. **Sec.:** Shushil Shum Sher J. B. R. **Ms.:** Hon. Minister Nageswor Prasad Singh, Mrs. Kamal Rana, Krishna Bahadur Verma.



Montreal 1976 : the Nepal delegation.

Successive Presidents of the NOC

1962-1975 : HRH Prince Basundhara Bir Bickram Shah Dev.

1975-1978 : Kumar Khadga Bickram Shah.

Since 1978 : Sharad Chandra Shah*.

- **Best performance at the Olympic Games**

In the marathon at the 1976 Games, Nepalese competitor Baikuntha Manandhar placed 50th, with a time of 2 hours 30:25.

NEPAL AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- **Date of first participation :** 1964.

Nepal's first Olympic delegation, which paraded in Tokyo, was the largest the country has ever fielded. After missing the following Olympic gathering in Mexico City, the nation sent its athletes to the two most recent editions of the Games in Munich and Montreal.

- **Representation of Nepal at the Olympic Games from 1964 to 1960**

	Athletics	Boxing	Total
1964	2	4	6
1968	—	—	—
1972	2	—	2
1976	1	—	1
1980			

No women have been a part of these delegations.

To date, no Nepalese athletes have participated in events at the Winter Games.

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE NOC

- *Composition*

The NOC is composed of two members of each affiliated national association, three representatives from the National Sports Council, two delegates from both the army and police sports boards and two persons to be nominated by the General Council should it be deemed necessary.

- *The General Council* is to meet twice a year, in April and October, to examine the accounts, make amendments to the constitution and elect the Executive Committee. Extraordinary meetings may be convened at the request of three-quarters of the Council's members.

- *The Executive Committee*, responsible for implementing the projects of the NOC on a daily basis, is made up of the following officials : a president,

two vice-presidents, a secretary, a joint secretary, a treasurer and five members, The Executive Committee's mandate also entitles it to appoint committees and subcommittees as may be necessary for attaining the Committee's objectives and to make decisions concerning the composition of the nation's Olympic delegations.

• **Present members of the Executive Committee**

PT : Sharad Chandra Shah*; *VPTs*: Rom Bahadur Thapa, Khadga Jit Baral ; *Hon. Sec.* : Anoop S. J. B. Rana * ; *T*: Bishnu Gopal Shrestha ; *Joint Sec.* : Subarna B. Chhetri ; *Ms* : Jay Kumar Shab Deo, Mohan Raj Joshi, Sushil S. J. B. Rana, Rabi S. J. B. Rana, Prabhu S. J. B. Rana.

• **Federations affiliated to the NOC**

Federation	Creation	Date of IF affiliation
Athletics	1947	1959
Boxing	1978	1978
Football	1952	1972
Badminton	1951	1953
Table tennis	1951	1953
Volleyball (provisional)	1977	
Tennis	1954	1971

• **Financing of the NOC**

The NOC receives its funds from the government and the National Sports Council, with additional income derived from various fund-raising programmes.

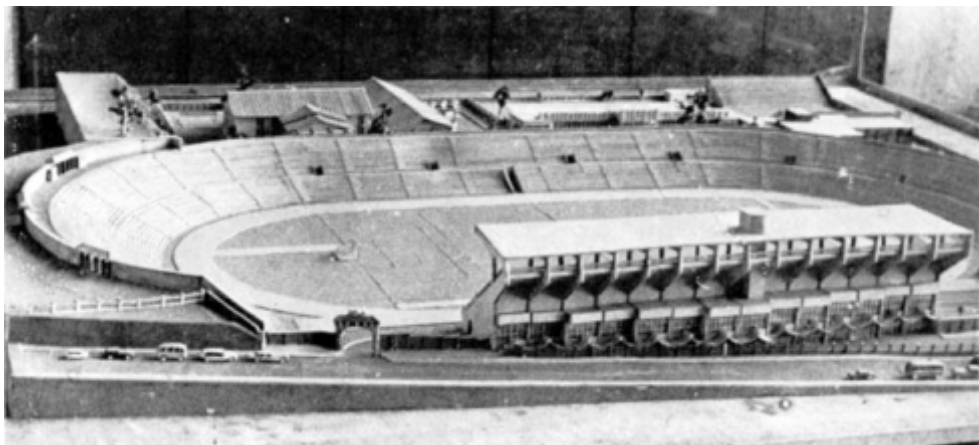
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• Although *Olympic day* is not yet celebrated, the NOC organises an Olympic ball at the end of each year and stages a number of sports festivals throughout the country.

• **International Olympic Academy**

No participants from Nepal have attended the IOA's Sessions to date, but current plans call for delegations to be sent to Olympia in the future.

SPORT IN NEPAL



Nepal's biggest Sport Complex.

- **Other sports governing bodies**

- The Royal Army Sports Board, encourages the development of sport in the armed forces.
- The Police Sports Board, promotes the development of sport among members of the police force.
- The University Sports Development Board, intended to contribute to the growth of the sports movement at the university level.
- Zone sports committees. responsible for increasing the prominence of sport in the zones and for reducing disparities between the national and zone levels.

- **State aid for the sports movement**

Funds are derived primarily from government sources and distributed through the National Sports Council.

- **Sport at school**

School children seven years of age and over take part in extra-curricular activities on a daily basis.

- **Sports installations**

Facilities for sport in Nepal include 14 grounds under the jurisdiction of the National Sports Council (in addition to a number of others administered by schools and colleges), two open-air swimming pools and one gymnasium.

- **Sport which draw the biggest crowds**

Football.

- **Sports experiencing the greatest development**

Badminton, volleyball and table tennis.



Sharad Chandra Shah
President



Anoop S. Rana
Secretary General

- **Percentage of practising sportsmen**

Current estimates place the number of active sportsmen at 5 % of the population.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Sharad Chandra Shah

President of the NOC since 1968.

Born in Kathmandu on 23rd September 1948, he completed a bachelor's degree at the Tribhuvan University in Nepal before earning a post-graduate degree in community development at Manchester University in Great Britain. His past duties have included terms of office as Vice-President for both the Nepal Volleyball Association and the Mahavin club (Nepal's leading football club). In addition to performing the duties of the President of Nepal's National Olympic Committee, he serves as Secretary of the National Sports Council.

Anoop S. Rana

Secretary General of the NOC.

Born in 1949 at Kathmandu. He received his education in both India and Nepal, completing his graduate studies in his native country. A talented and versatile sportsman, he has represented Nepal in international athletics and football competitions. Mr. Rana also holds office as President of the Nepal Volleyball Association.

