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**INTERNATIONAL
WHITEWATER HALL OF FAME
Nomination Form**

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Deadline: Thursday, May 15, 2008 (11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time, UT -5)

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I. NOMINEE*:

Name: Avinash C.Kohli

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City: New Delhi State: Delhi
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II. NOMINATING ORGANIZATION:

Name: Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association

Street Address: 707 Akash Deep, Barakhamba Road,
City: New Delhi State: Delhi
Country: India Zip Code: 110001
Telephone: 23314115
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* For team nominees, an additional sheet may be added with the names and addresses for of all team members.

III. PREPARED BY:

Name (Print): MAJ.GEN.GPS BINDRA (Retd.) Signature: _____ Date: 13th May, 2008

IV. CATEGORY:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PIONEER | Sport: <u>White Water Rafting, Kayaking & Canoeing</u> | (Date) | (Date) |
| | Active From: <u>1973</u> To: <u>Present</u> Living: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORER | Sport: _____ Active From: _____ To: _____ Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPION | Sport: _____ Active From: _____ To: _____ Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADVOCATE | Sport: _____ Active From: _____ To: _____ Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |

Individuals or teams may be nominated in any one of the four categories. See Nomination and Selection Procedures (Rev. 04.17.08) for a complete description of the nominating criteria. The following is a brief summary of the criteria:

PIONEER

- Has made a significant accomplishment or contribution made in any area of whitewater activity: e.g. the first or among the earliest.

EXPLORER

- Has been engaged in extensive exploration and investigation of unknown regions and areas of whitewater activity.
- Has exemplified superior feats in previously unchallenged whitewater: e.g. an adventurer, scientist or expedition leader.

CHAMPION

- Has been/was engaged in any competitive whitewater discipline for at least five (5) years.
- Has a distinguished record of achievement at the highest levels of competitive whitewater sport.

ADVOCATE

- Has made outstanding contributions to furthering whitewater activities. May include grassroots activism, environmental stewardship, ensuring river access, innovative manufacturing or course design/development.
- Has performed in a leading role in serving the whitewater community for at least the past twenty (20) years.

Note: All nominees: 1) may be living or deceased, and 2) may be an individual or a team.

Nominee: Avinash C.Kohli

V. BASIS FOR NOMINATION: Provide a brief summary statement.

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Pioneered in White Water River Rafting, Kayaking & Canoeing in the country. Leader from India of the Indo-US Uttar Ganga Expeditions 1976 and 1984. Pioneered in introducing Kayaking & Canoeing as Competition Sport in the country. Pioneered in Trekking in the Zaskar Valley in 1975. Pioneered in development of Hot Air Ballooning for commercial Tourism; Did first Descents on the Teesta, Sutlej, Sharda and Yamuna rivers. Assisting in the development of First International Slalom Centre for Kayaking & Canoeing in the country and first International Kayaking & Canoeing Recreation Centre in the North-Eastern States of India especially Assam etc.

VI. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Please list accomplishments pertinent to the nominee's category. Examples: competitions, first descents, expeditions. Coaches and organizers/leaders: years involved, notable events in which he/she was involved, notable associates (e.g. athletes he/she coached) along with relevant information regarding awards received, team placement, etc.

Year	Event	Location	Placement/Award
1976	Indo-US Uttar Ganga Expd.	Upper Ganges	Leader of the Indian Team
1984	2 nd Indo-US Uttar Ganga Expedition	Upper Ganges	Leader of the Indian Team
1985	Indo-Canadian Satluj Expd.	Sutlaj River	Expedition Leader
1986	First Descent on Teesta/Rangit Rivers	West Bengal and Sikkim	Leader of the Descent
1988	Indo-US Sarda River Expd.(First Descent)	Sarda River	Expedition Leader

Additional information here:

Assisted in the Indo-New Zealand Expedition in 1979; Arranged the First Ganga White Water Festival in the country in 1987 which is now held every year.
Pioneered the concept of White Water Rafting, Kayaking & Canoeing in the country.

VII. CONTRIBUTIONS: Please list any contributions pertinent to the nominee's category.
Examples: contributory causes, designs and inventions, skills/technique contributions, and industry participation/ leadership.

Year	Nature of Contribution	Role
1960	Introduced Adventure Tourism to Foreigners in the country	Pioneering
1971	Introduced Pushkar Camel Fair in Rajasthan to Foreign Tourists	Pioneering

Additional information here.

Pioneered in High-Tech Kite Flying in the country;
Introduced the concept of Mango Festival in the country in the late 80s which is now carried on by the Tourism Department of the Delhi Government;
In 1991 launched International Tea Festival in Darjeeling (West Bengal)

VIII. WHITEWATER ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP:

Year	Organization	Role/Position
1984	Indian River Runners Association	Founder President
1985	Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association	Founder President

Additional information here.

Nominee:

IX. ARTICLES/BOOKS WRITTEN:

Year	Title	Published? (Y/N)
1995	The Tigers Gurus and Me	Yes
1997	Kayaking & Canoeing in India	Yes
1998	White Water Rafting in India	Yes

Additional information here.

Assisted in the printing of the following Books with Csaba Szanto the Asian Co-ordinator of the International Canoe Federation which were distributed worldwide:

- How to Canoe
- How to Kayak
- How to Train

X. HONORS/AWARDS RECEIVED:

Year	Honor/Award	Granting Organization
1998	Adventure Hall of Fame Award for promotion of Adventure Tourism in the country	Indian Association of Tour Operators
1999	Man of the Year Award for Adventure Tourism	Travel Media Forum of India

Nominee:

XI. FURTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE: Please use this space to provide any further information on the above, evidence of integrity, sportsmanship, and character and all additional information to support consideration of the Nominee. **No attachments will be considered.**