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Executive Summary

Highly accomplished senior sports executive, administrator, and martial arts expert with over three decades of leadership experience within the Ministry of Sports and Youth and national sports federations in Iran. Demonstrated success in managing large-scale regional sports administrations across five major provinces, leading national teams, and structuring athletic governance. Recognized pioneer in Karate with an international referee background and extensive technical expertise.

Education

Ph.D. in Physical Education and Sports Management

Focus on strategic sports governance, organizational development, and athletic administration frameworks.

Key Administrative & Executive Experience

- Director General of Sports and Youth:** Served across 5 major provinces: Isfahan, Fars, East Azerbaijan, West Azerbaijan, and Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari. Directed provincial athletic programs, infrastructure development, budget allocations, and youth affairs.
- Chairman of the Coaches Committee:** Iran National Karate Federation (Appointed 2023). Overseeing national coaching standards, licensing, and professional development programs.
- Acting President:** Iran Judo Federation. Managed national operations, international relations, and structural transitions of the federation.
- Advisor to the Minister:** Ministry of Sports and Youth. Provided strategic counsel on national sports policies, infrastructural investments, and talent development frameworks.
- Vice President & Director of National Teams:** Iran National Karate Federation. Managed elite athletic performance, international tournament delegations, and technical committee structures.
- Director General of the Bureau of Statistics and Information:** Former Physical Education Organization of Iran. Developed data-driven frameworks for monitoring national athletic participation and infrastructure distribution.

Athletic & Technical Background

- National Karate Champion:** Member of the Iran National Karate Team (1984 / 1363 SH).
- Technical Rank:** Holder of the 6th Dan Black Belt in Karate.

- **International Referee:** Certified international referee with extensive officiating credentials in continental and global tournament formats.
- **President of Shito-Ryu IMA Karate:** Head of the Shito-Ryu IMA Karate style/organization in Iran, leading technical standardization and national seminars.