

**Memorandum of Association
of
The Indian Olympic Association**

(Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

- I. The name of the Society is “Indian Olympic Association” “Bharatiya Olympic Sangh”.
- II. The Registered Office of the Society situated at B-29, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi- 110016.
- III. The object for which the Society is registered are: -
 1. The Indian Olympic Association, being part of the Olympic movement, undertake to respect provisions of the Olympic Charter, the Olympic movement, the World Anti-Doping Code and to abide by the decisions of the International Olympic Committee.
 - a. At National level to participate in actions to promote peace and to promote women in sport.
 - b. To develop, promote & protect the Olympic movement in India in accordance with the Olympic Charter.
 - c. To support and encourage the promotion of sports ethics, to fight against doping and to demonstrate a responsible concern to environmental issues.
 2. To promote and encourage the physical, moral and cultural education of the youth of the nation for the development of character, good health and good citizenship.
 3. To enforce all rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee and the Indian Olympic Association and not to indulge in or associate with any activity which is in contradiction with the Olympic Charter.

To follow, observe and uphold the primacy and domination of the Olympic Charter in case of any contradiction between it and the rules, bye-laws and the constitution framed by the Indian Olympic Association.
 4. To enforce and defend the exclusive right of the IOC and the Association to use of the Olympic properties pursuant to the Olympic Charter.
 5. To be the official organization in complete and sole charge of all Olympic matters in the country.
 6. To educate the public of the country as to the value of sport.

7. In cooperation with National Sports Federations to guard and enforce the applicable rules.
8. To maintain the highest ideals of sport and to promote interest therein, particularly in connection with the Olympic Games and other games under the patronage of the I.O.C., as well as the I.O.A.
9. To have full and complete jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the participation of India in the Olympic Games and other games under the patronage of the IOC as well as the IOA.

To participate in the Games of the Olympiad by sending athletes and to constitute, organize and lead its delegation at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or World multi-sports competitions patronized by the IOC. It shall also ensure that the members of the delegation shall conduct themselves in a responsible and dignified manner at all such meets.

10. To assist in cooperation with National Sports Federations the selection, training and coaching of the teams that will represent India in the Asian, Commonwealth, Olympic and other International Competitions and Tournaments, under the patronage of the I.O.C. as well as I.O.A.

After selection of the team, to supervise and control the participation of the team in the said competitions and tournaments.

11. To undertake with the assistance of National Sports Federation the financing, management, transportation, maintenance and welfare of teams from India taking part in the Olympic Games and other games under the patronage of the I.O.C. as well as I.O.A.
12. To certify the eligibility of competitors from India for such international Competitions as require such certification.

13. To stimulate the interest of the people of the country in the promotion of sports and games in the Olympic programme.
14. To act as the channel of communication between National Sports Federations and the Government of India for financial or other assistance to the Federations.
15. To admit the membership of National Sports Federation and State Olympic Association which shall be required to submit their annual reports and audited statement of accounts to the I.O.A. for information.
16. To take disciplinary action against any Federation for misbehaviour or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the country and sport.
17. To do all other things that may be necessary or expedient to promote the development of sports and games in the country and for the conduct of its business.
18. To resist in the realm of sports all pressures of any kind, whether of a political, legal, racial, religious or economic nature.
19. To collaborate with schools and university establishments in India to propagate the fundamental principles of Olympism at National level within the framework of sports activity and also take steps for the diffusion of Olympism in the teaching programmes of Physical Education.
20. To take steps for the creation of National Olympic Academies, Olympic Museums and other cultural institutes related to the Olympic movement.
21. To collaborate and help National Sports Federation, State Olympic Associations and other Sports bodies in the training of the sports administrators for the effective dissemination of sports information in India.
22. To resist and oppose any form of discrimination on grounds of race, religion, legal, politics, gender or otherwise and to resist violence in sport.
23. To lay down guidelines to enforce the World Anti-Doping Code of the International Olympic Committee and to fight against the use of substance and procedures prohibited by the International Olympic Committee or the International Federations and to adopt and implement World Anti Doping Agency Code thereby ensuring that the IOA's Anti Doping policies and rules, membership and / or funding requirement and results, management procedures conform with the World Anti Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for National Olympic Committee that are listed within the World Anti Doping Code.
24. To have full and complete jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the designation of the city which may apply to organize Olympic Games in India.

IV. The IOA shall constitute the following Commissions as per the Olympic Charter detailed as under :-

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| a) Athletes' Commission. | Details at Annexure 'A' |
| b) Arbitration Commission. | Details at Annexure 'B' |
| c) Ethics Commission. | Details at Annexure 'C' |

Rules and Regulations of The Indian Olympic Association

I. Definitions and Explanations

Unless otherwise indicated by the context:

- i) The 'Association' means the "Indian Olympic Association" also known as the "I.O.A." and "Bharatiya Olympic Sangh."
- ii) 'Member' means a Member of the Indian Olympic Association.
- iii) The 'General Assembly' means and includes the Representatives deputed by the Members in accordance with the Rules hereinafter contained and the person(s) holding Indian citizenship and who is/are Member(s) of the International Olympic Committee.
- iv) 'Constitution' means The Constitution of the Indian Olympic Association.
- v) 'The Executive Council' means the Executive Council of the Indian Olympic Association constituted under the Rules and Regulations hereinafter contained to whom the Management of the affairs of the Association is entrusted.
- vi) 'Federation' means affiliated Units of the I.O.A., e.g., National Sports Federation.

II. Association Year:

The Official year, including financial year, of the Indian Olympic Association shall be from 1st April to 31st March.

III. Membership

The Membership of the Association shall be open to the under-mentioned.

a) Voting members:

- i) All National Sports Federations affiliated to the International Sports Federations whose sports are included in the programme of the Olympic/Asian or Commonwealth Games.
- ii) Indian Citizens who are Members of the International Olympic Committee. All IOC Members in India, if any, shall have a right to vote in the General Assembly

of the Indian Olympic Association. The IOC members from India would automatically be members of the Indian Olympic Association Executive Council within which they shall have right to vote.

- iii) Two (one male and one female) active athletes or retired athletes having taken part in the Olympic Games; subject to the condition that the retired athletes must retire from their post latest by the end of 3rd Olympiad after the last Olympic Games in which they took part. These two athletes' representatives shall be elected by and from the IOA's athletes' commission.

b) Non-voting members:

- i) State Olympic Associations.
ii) National Sports Federations of Indian Games.

- c) The Government or any other public authority shall not designate any member in the IOA. They will be neither part of the General Assembly or the Executive Council.

IV. Membership Fees: (Admission Fee & Annual Renewal Fee):

- a) The fee for Admission to Membership of the Association, as well as the Annual Renewal Fee payable to the Association, shall be as follows:

| | Sports Organisations | Fee for Admission to Membership | Annual Renewal fee |
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| i) | National Sports Federations/ included in the Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games Programme. | Rs. 1000/- | Rs. 1000/- |
| ii) | Olympic Associations of States & Union Territories (without voting rights) | Rs. 750/- | Rs. 750/- |
| iii) | National Sports Federations of Indian Games (without voting rights) | Rs. 500/- | Rs. 500/- |

- b) The Membership Fee shall be paid on or before 31st August of every year. Defaulters shall not be entitled to attend the meetings of the General Assembly, Executive Council, other IOA Commissions; nor shall they be permitted to participate in the National Games. Defaulters will be served a Registered Acknowledgement Due notice by the IOA Treasurer, for payment of the annual renewal fee, along with the penalty fee of Rs.100/- per month, of a year of default. Defaulters will be entitled for restoration of rights and privileges only on payment of the annual renewal fee along with the applicable penalty fee.
- c) If even after the serving of a Registered Acknowledgement Due notice by the IOA Treasurer, a National Sports Federation /State Olympic Association does not pay the renewal fee along with the full applicable penalty fee on or before the last day of September of the same financial year, the I.O.A. Executive Council will recommend to the General Assembly the disaffiliation of the member of the I.O.A. The decision of the I.O.A. General Assembly will be final in this respect.

V. **Annual General Meetings**

- I) The Annual General Meeting (Also Known as Annual Meeting of the General Assembly) shall be held in the last quarter of every year at a Place, Date and Time to be decided upon by the President.
- II) The normal Agenda of the Annual/Special General meetings, amongst other things, shall be:
 - a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General meeting.
 - b) Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of the Secretary General.
 - d) Consideration and passing of audited Statement of Accounts for the previous financial year, and budget for the next year.
 - d) Appointment of Auditors and fixing their remuneration.
 - e) General Elections, if due.
 - f) Consideration of the Annual Sports Calendar of the National Sports Federations/IOA.

VI. Special General Meeting

i) Special General meeting may be summoned at any time by the President IOA at his discretion.

and/or

Shall be convened on a written requisition signed by Presidents and Secretaries of not less than 50% Member units within one month from the date of receipt by the President of the said requisition. If the President IOA fails to convene a requisitioned meeting within the specified time, then the requisitionists can convene a meeting under arrangements made directly by them. In the requisitioned meeting only specified items of agenda announced will be considered for discussion.

ii) To pass a resolution of no confidence, it will be a mandatory requirement that such resolution against the President, Secretary General, Treasurer and other Executive Council Members be passed only by 2/3 members present and by voting. A resolution of no-confidence not supported by 2/3 majority will be deemed to have fallen through and the motion will be treated as null and void. The quorum for such meeting will be 3/4 of the total strength of the representatives of the IOA entitled to vote.

VII Notices and Quorum for Meetings

In convening meetings, the Notice period and quorum as given here under shall be observed:

| Meeting | Notice | Quorum |
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| Annual General Meeting (Annual meeting of the General Assembly) | 30 clear days | One third of the Representatives entitled to vote, |
| Special General Meetings | 15 clear days | -do- |
| Meeting of the Executive Council | 15 clear days | One third of the total strength of Representatives Rounded off to Make the whole figure |
| Emergency Meetings of Executive Council | 10 clear days | -do- |

Notes:

- i) Notification for the meetings may be sent by letter or by telegram,/E-mail/Fax/Speed Post as considered expedient.
- ii) For adjourned meetings to be held on the same day, or at a later date no quorum is necessary.

VIII. Elections

- A) The elections shall be held once in a four years at the Annual General Meeting (Annual Meeting of the General Assembly) to elect the Executive Council whose number shall not exceed 1/3 of the General Assembly, from among the representatives present;
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice President No. 1
 - 3. Vice President No. 2
 - 4. Secretary General
 - 5. Treasurer
 - 6. 7 (Seven) members elected from amongst the representatives of the National Sports Federation
 - 7. IOC Members in India
 - 8. One representative elected out of the Athletes' Commission.
- B) National Sports Federations will forward to the IOA the name of the representatives who should be the member of the National Sports Federations 30 days prior to the holding of the elections at the Annual General Meeting of the IOA entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting The President of the National Sports Federation must attend the meeting in person, he can nominate only if he is unable to attend the meeting
- C) The elected representatives of the National Sports Federations of Olympic Programme must have the voting majority in the Executive Council in accordance with the rule 29.3 of the Olympic Charter.
- D) The National Sports Federation affiliated to the International Federation governing their respective sport included in the programme of the Olympic Games from their representative shall constitute the voting majority in the General Assembly and in the Executive Council.
- E) *Any vacancy which occurs in Executive Council* shall be filled by co-option from among the remaining office bearers, members of the Executive Council and members of the

General Assembly. Such decision shall be ratified in the next meeting of the General Assembly.

F) The right of exercising the vote shall vest only in the President of the National Sports Federation affiliated to the International Sports Federation. As an exception the President if unable to attend the meeting, the National Sports Federation shall nominate a representative by name to attend the meeting of the General Assembly/ Executive Council.

G) *The Executive Council shall be elected only from and by the IOA General Assembly.*

H) *Both the Genders shall be fairly represented in the Executive Council*

I) Life President

At the General Assembly of the IOA, the House may nominate up to three persons who have rendered unique and distinguished service for the cause of the Olympic movement in the country as Life President. Such Life President shall hold the office during the lifetime. The Life President shall be invited to the General Assembly meeting of the IOA. The Life Presidents shall, have no right to cast his vote at the Annual General or Special General Meetings of the IOA.

IX. Tenure of Posts

i) Office-bearers and Members of Executive Council of the Association may hold office as such for one or more terms of 4 years each on obtaining simple majority votes of the members present and voting in the election.

X. Holding of Office

i) No office-bearer of a National Sports Federation shall be eligible to be office-bearer simultaneously of any other National Sports Federation.

XI ELECTION PROCEDURE:

The procedure for election of the members of the Executive Council shall be as follows:

- 1. Nomination forms shall be sent to all voting members of the IOA not later than 30 days before the Elective General Assembly;*
- 2. Nominations may be submitted by any voting member of the IOA not later than 15 days before the Elective General Assembly;*

3. *All voting members of the Council will then be notified of the names and brief background of the candidates for the different positions within the Executive Council not later than 7 days before the Elective General Assembly;*
4. *An independent election commission composed of 3 members will be elected by the General Assembly in order to conduct and supervise the election process. The members of this commission must not be a candidate, must be independent and neutral and must have no interest in the election process;*
5. *Elections must be conducted by secret ballot;*
6. *In case where there is more than one nominee for a position on the Executive Council, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be elected;*

XII. Voting

- a) At the Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings of the I.O.A the following Members shall be entitled to cast their votes.
 - i) National Sports Federations - One Representative with one vote
whose Sport is included in
the Olympic, Commonwealth
and Asian Games Programme
 - ii) Members of the I.O.C. who will - One vote each
have one vote each being Members
of I.O.A.
 - iii) Athletes' Commission - Two representatives with one
vote each
- b) Voting if necessary, in the IOA Executive Council, IOA Emergency Executive Council and/or at the Annual General or Special General meetings of the IOA shall be by show of hands unless any member demands otherwise. Elections of the office-bearers & Executive Council Members will be held by secret ballot.
- c) The right of exercising the vote shall vest in the President of the National Sports Federation affiliated to the International Sports Federations. As an exception the / President if unable to attend the meeting, the National Sports Federation shall nominate a representative by name to attend the meeting of the General Assembly/ Executive Council.
- d) The National Sports Federation affiliated to the International Sports Federation governing the sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games or their representatives, shall constitute the voting majority in the General Assembly

- e) While dealing with the question relating to the Olympic Games, only the votes cast by the members of the Executive Council and the National Sports Federations affiliated to the International Federations governing the sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games will be taken into the consideration

XIII. Duties of Office-Bearers

a) **PRESIDENT**

The President shall be the Head of the Indian Olympic Association and shall preside over all meetings of the Assembly and Executive Council. He shall guide the Indian Olympic Association in all its activities. He shall exercise superintendence over office-bearers and members of the Executive Council and other Commissions in the discharge of their duties. He shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Association and its efficient administration. In particular, the President shall have the following powers/responsibilities:-

- i) To implement the objectives of the Association
- ii) To ensure that the financial position of the IOA is sound and no unauthorized expenditure is incurred. The President, IOA is authorized to sanction expenditure upto Rs.1,00,000/- for any one item. Expenditure sanctioned in excess of Rs.5,00,000/- has to be regularized by the Executive Council and beyond that the expenditure has to be regularized by the General Assembly.

b) **VICE PRESIDENT**

In the absence of the President, 1st Vice President shall preside over the meetings. In the event of prolonged absence of the President, 1st Vice President will take over the duties and responsibilities of the President during the period of absence. In the absence of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President will assume the above noted responsibilities.

c) **SECRETARY GENERAL**

The Secretary General shall be in charge of the day-to-day administration of the Association and shall transact all official business in accordance with the decisions of the President, IOA, General Assembly and Executive Council. He shall be responsible for calling meetings of the IOA Annual General/Special General Assembly/Executive Council, as per rules and to implement their decisions. He shall be responsible for carrying on all correspondence in the name of the Association save as otherwise directed by the President. He shall keep and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the IOA General Assembly and Executive Council of the Association, the register of Members

and all such records as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient working of the Association. He shall also be responsible for the maintenance of the properties (Movable and Immovable) of the Association. He shall prepare and submit at the Annual General meetings of the Association his Annual Report. He shall convene meetings of the Association under the directive of the President. The financial powers of the Secretary General are restricted to sanctioning of Rs. 50,000/- for any one item.

d) **TREASURER**

- i) He shall be responsible for the management of the finances of the Association and ensure that the accounts of the Association have been maintained properly and audited regularly. He shall receive all moneys of the Association and shall pay all bills certified by the President, Secretary General, unless the amount of a bill exceeds the limits of the sanctioning authority or the budgeted amount in which case, the amount must have sanction of the competent authority (before it is paid). He shall, in consultation with the Finance Commission, prepare and submit an Annual Income and Expenditure Account, together with a duly Audited Balance-Sheet. He shall also maintain an inventory of the Association's property and submit the same along with the accounts.
- ii) He shall prepare and submit to the Secretary General the list of all National Sports Federations/Associations/State Olympic Associations who have defaulted on the payment of their affiliation fee and penalty dues, within the stipulated period of time.

e) **Paid Director**

There shall be one or more paid Directors for the Association to look after the day-to-day administration of IOA Secretariat under the guidance and supervision of the Secretary General and President. The financial powers of the paid Director will be restricted to the sanction of Rs. 5000/- for any one item.

XIV. **Bank Account**

An account shall be maintained in such Scheduled or Nationalized Bank or Banks, as may be approved by the Executive Council in the name of the Association and shall be jointly operated upon by the Treasurer and the President, or the Treasurer and the Secretary General.

XV. **Powers, Functions and Duties**

A) of the General Assembly:

- i) To formulate and enforce the policy of the Association.

- ii) To carry into effect the objects of the Association.
- iii) To hold election of office-bearers and the Executive Council every four years, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution
- iv) To admit to membership any organization eligible under this Constitution.
- v) To hold and control the funds and other properties of the Association.
- vi) To consider the Annual Report of the Secretary General, audited statement of accounts for the previous financial year, Budget Estimates of the Association, and to appoint Auditors.
- vii) To appoint committees or sub-committees, as and when necessary.
- viii) To enforce all rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee.
- ix) To enforce and defend the exclusive right of the International Olympic Committee and the Association to use of Olympic properties pursuant to the Olympic Charter.
- x) To be the official organization in complete and sole charge of all Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games matters in the country.
- xi) In cooperation with National Sports Federations to guard and enforce the applicable rules.
- xii) To have full and complete jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the participation of India in the Olympic Games and other games under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Federation, Olympic Council of Asia, and/or Indian Olympic Association.
- xiii) To assist in cooperation with National Sports Federations / Associations to arrange the selection, training and coaching of the teams that will represent India in the Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games and other international competitions and tournaments under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Federation, Olympic Council of Asia, S.A.F. Games and / or Indian Olympic Association.
- xiv) To undertake with the assistance of National Sports Federations / Associations the financing, management, transportation, maintenance and welfare of teams from India taking part in the Olympic, Commonwealth

and Asian Games and other International competitions / tournaments under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Federation, Olympic Council of Asia, S.A.F. Games and / or Indian Olympic Association.

- xv) To certify the eligibility of the competitors from India for such International competitions as require such certification.
- xvi) To act as the channel of communication between the National Sports Federations and the Government of India for financial or other assistance to the Federations.
- xvii) To admit to membership National Sports Federations and State Olympic Association which shall be required to submit their Annual Reports and Audited Statement of Accounts to this Association.
- xviii) To take disciplinary action against any National Sports Federation for misbehavior or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the country.
- xix) To have power to frame bye-laws and rules which are consistent with the Constitution.
- xx) To grant recognition to such National Sports Federations the games of which are duly recognized by the International Olympic Committee. Under Special circumstances indigenous games can also be given recognition. No Membership fee will be charged from such units (*unless IOA decide otherwise*) They will have no voting rights.

B) of the Executive Council

- i) To conduct the business of the Association during the interval between meetings of the General Assembly and duly report all the decisions and the actions to the General Assembly for its information.
- ii) To determine, in consultation with the National Sports Federations the number of competitors, managers, coaches etc. to be selected by each such National Sports Federation which participates in an International Sports Competition under the aegis of IOA.
- iii) To be responsible for the proper supervision of the Indian teams for the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games during the period of the Games and their trip to and from the Games.

- iv) To initiate and recommend to the General Assembly schemes for the promotion and development of sports and games in the country.
 - v) To consider and, if feasible, recommend to the General Assembly schemes and proposals for the grant of financial assistance to State Olympic Associations and National Sports Federation for development of sports and games, with special reference to those that are not developed or in areas that are under-developed.
 - vi) To consider the Annual Report of the Secretary General and submit it to the General Assembly with their recommendations.
- C) of the Finance Commission:
To advise the I.O.A. on:
- i) Control of the finances and accounts of the Association.
 - ii) Transfer or accept transfer of any immovable or movable property on behalf of the Association with the concurrence of the I.O.A. Executive Council.
 - iii) Consideration of the accounts and scrutinize proposals for expenditure.
 - iv) Ways and means to raise funds for the Association.
 - v) The Annual Accounts and financial estimates of income and expenditure the Association prepared by the Treasurer.
 - vi) Budget for the total recurring and non-recurring expenditure for the year, based on the income resources of the Association.

XVI. Qualification of Representatives:

Representatives deputed by Member Units to attend Annual or Special General Assembly meetings shall be citizens of India and men of good standing, sound judgment and independent mind with a knowledge of and belief in Olympic principles. The President or, in his absence, the Chairman of the meeting shall approve the accreditation of all members before the commencement of the Annual or Special General Assembly meeting.

XVII. Eligibility Code:

- A. To be eligible for participation in the Olympic Games and any other International Competition and Tournament, a competitor must observe and abide by the rules of the International Olympic Committee and, in addition, the rules of his or her International

Federation, as approved by the I.O.C. even if the Federation's rules are more strict than those of the I.O.C., as well as Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and any other international competitions, recognized by the I.O.C., Commonwealth Games Federation and Olympic Council of Asia.

B. A competitor must not:

1. Use or be allowed to be used any other logo sponsored other than as approved by the Indian Olympic Association during the Olympic, Asian, Commonwealth, SAF and National Games 15 days prior and after the Games.
2. Carry advertising material on his person or clothing in the Olympic Games, World or Continental Championships and Games, under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Federation and Olympic Council of Asia, other than trade marks on technical equipment or clothing as agreed by the International Olympic Committee / Commonwealth Games Federation / Olympic Council of Asia with the International Federation.

XVIII. Amendment of Rules and Regulations

No amendment shall be made to these Rules and Regulations except at the Annual or Special meeting of the General Assembly and unless supported by two-thirds of the representatives present and voting. All proposed amendments must be presented to the Secretary General a week before the meeting, and forwarded by him to every Member.

XIX. General Disciplinary Regulations

- a. Violation of the existing rules cannot be excused on grounds of ignorance of the said rules.
- b. Whoever incites a member Unit to commit an infraction or aids and abets the said Unit infraction shall be sanctioned in the same manner as the Unit which commits the infraction.
- c. All Units of the Indian Olympic Association shall undertake to supply to the I.O.A., copy of their respective statutes, Constitution and Rules & Regulations, a list of their respective accredited Members Units and their office-bearers and Members, a copy of Annual Report, Annual Balance-sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts, and a report of their activities, duly approved by their general body, within one month of the closing of the financial year, along with a calendar of sports for the ensuing year. Failure to supply this information within the stipulated period will constitute a breach of this rule and may render the defaulting Unit to disciplinary action under these rules.
- d. The President, IOA shall have the power to call for explanation from its member units regarding the issue where a sports-person has been found guilty of *violating World Anti Doping Code* or IOC prohibited substances but no action has been taken by the

concerned member unit. The recommendations of the IOA President shall be placed before the General body for appropriate disciplinary action *as per the World Anti Doping Agency Code*.

- e. Every National Sports Federation should make sure that they should not make any provision which would be in contradiction with the rules and regulations of their respective International Federation to which they are affiliated.
- f. Every State Olympic Association should make sure that they should not make any provision which would be in contradiction with the rules and regulation of Indian Olympic Association.

XX. Settlement of Disputes/Conflicts in the National Sports Federations/State Olympic Associations.

- (i) All National Sports Federations (subject to the regulations and directives of their respective International Federations) and State Olympic Association affiliated to I.O.A. shall include in their Constitution a provision that the Federations/Associations would have all unresolved disputes settled by the *Arbitration Commission of IOA* and their Members shall voluntarily surrender their right of seeking redress in any Court of Law.
- (ii) All unresolved disputes arising within the National Sports Federations (subject to regulations and directives of their respective International Federation) and within State Olympic Associations affiliated to the IOA shall be referred by the Federations/Associations to the IOA for settlement for arbitration process by the Arbitration Commission of the IOA
- (iii) As a general rule, before any important resolution or a measure such as mentioned above effecting a National Sports Federation is taken by the IOA, the IOA will first inform, consult and coordinate with the International Federation concerned. It is clear that the IOA must respect the autonomy of the National Federations as independent legal entity.
- (iv) Before taking any decision it will be imperative that the IOA should consult the concerned International Federation in order to avoid any potential conflict with the International Federation concerned.
- (v) No decision can be taken except in consultation with the concerned International Sports Federation. IOA must respect the autonomy of the National Sports Federations and the concerned National Sports Federation must abide by the regulation of their respective International Sports Federation to which they are affiliated.
- (vi) All matters in relation to breach of Ethics shall be referred to the Ethics Commission of the IOA in relation to everyone connected with the Olympic movement for decision as per the Olympic Charter.

XXI. Disciplinary Sanctions

- (i) The I.O.A. member Units are liable to the following disciplinary sanctions:-
- (ii) Caution;
- (iii) Warning;
- (iv) Suspension for a specified period of time;
- (v) Expulsion from the I.O.A.

- Note
1. No penalty shall be imposed before the Unit at fault has been heard at the interrogation specially conducted for this purpose.
 2. Should an affiliate Unit fail to present itself through its accredited office-bearer at the interrogation, it shall be considered as having been interrogated.
 3. As a general rule, except in special circumstances duly appreciated, suspension shall be applied as a temporary measure.
 4. Disciplinary sanction will not be taken unless supported by two-third of the General Assembly Members present and voting.

XXII Appeal

- a) *Any decision taken by the IOA is subject to appeal before the Arbitration Commission of IOA within 21 days after the receipt of the decision.-*
- b) *All National Sports Federations (subject to regulations and directives of their respective International Federation) and State Olympic Associations affiliated to the I.O.A. shall commit themselves to refer their unresolved disputes for settlement through the process of Arbitration with the Arbitration Commission which would be highest internal authority for the resolution of disputes in India.*
- c) *Any appeal against a decision made by the Arbitration Commission may be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decision given by the Court of Arbitration for Sports shall be final and binding. Such appeal shall be submitted to the CAS within 21 days after the receipt of decision from the Arbitration Commission failing which the decision given*

by the Arbitration Commission shall be final and binding. Under no circumstances the time limit of 21 days shall be extended.

XXIII. Unsportsman-like Behaviour and Act of Violence:

During the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, SAF Games and National Games, or any other International competitions, any unsportsman – like behavior on the part of a sportsman / sportswoman, official or coach, which includes insulting, making undesirable gestures, abusing the decision of the Judges/Referees and provoking the opponents or spectators, etc., in a word, committing any act not in keeping with the propriety of sports, shall be punished as follows:

- (i) Disqualification for the duration of the activity of that item of sports;
- (ii) Disqualification for the entire duration of the competition;
- (iii) Prohibition from participation in competitions for a fixed period of time.

XXIV. Residual Powers

In the event of disagreement concerning the above Disciplinary Rules, the interpretation of these regulations shall fall within the competence of the I.O.A. General Assembly , which shall be the final authority as and when referred by the Executive Council subject to further decision by the Arbitration Commission as contained in Rule XX.

XXV. Disaffiliation/De-Recognition/Suspension of National Sports Federations/ State Olympic Associations.

- a) The I.O.A. General Assembly, either directly or through the I.O.A. Executive Council, based on his discretion, is entitled to consider disaffiliation/de-recognition/suspension of the National Sports Federations/State Olympic Associations on one or more of the under mentioned grounds, after ensuring that a Show Cause Notice has been served and an explanation has been obtained and considered from the organization recommended for disaffiliation/de-recognition/suspension.
 - i) Non-observance of directives issued by the Indian Olympic Association from time to time.
 - ii) Not holding elections after the completion of the normal tenure for which the office bearers are elected.

- iii) Not submitting annual audited statement of accounts, annual report and list of current office-bearers within the stipulated time period.
- b) Whatever the decision of the I.O.A. General Assembly, it must be supported by two-third majority votes of the Members present and voting.
- c) As a general rule, before any important resolution or a measure such as mentioned above effecting a National Sports Federation is taken by the IOA, the IOA will first inform, consult and coordinate with the International Federation concerned. *IOA must respect the autonomy of the National Federations as independent legal entity and these provisions are subject to the regulations of the International Sports Federation concerned.*
- d) Before taking any decision it will be imperative that the IOA should consult the concerned International Federation in order to avoid any potential conflict with the International Federation concerned.
- e) No decision can be taken except in consultation with the concerned International Sports Federation. IOA must respect the autonomy of the National Sports Federations and the concerned National Sports Federation must abide by the regulation of their respective International Sports Federation to which they are affiliated.

XXVI **State Olympic Association**

- a) The State Olympic Associations should formulate their Constitution in consonance with the IOA Constitution. No provision of constitution of State Olympic Association should be in contradiction to the Constitution of the IOA.
- b) The State Olympic Association will elect their office bearers only out of the State Sports Associations affiliated to the National Sports Federations as recognized by the IOA.
- c) No office bearers of one Sports Association in a State will be a member of another State Sports Association.
- d) The State Olympic Association will also have an Athletes' Commission. The General body of State Olympic Association should have 2 (two) members from the Athletes' Commission elected from amongst them and one member in the Executive Body of State Olympic Association.
- e) It would be mandatory for State Sports Associations to have all their disputes resolved through the aegis of Arbitration Commission set up by the Indian Olympic Association. Under no circumstances any member of the State Olympic Association would resort to litigation in a court of law. In the Constitution it would be mandatory for State

Olympic Association to include a provision that anyone going to the Court contrary to the provisions of State Olympic Association will entail sanction and disciplinary action.

- f) The State Olympic Associations would be responsible for conduct of State Games and National Games as and when allotted in the best possible manner without any interference.
- g) The State Olympic Associations should submit their annual accounts within one month of the close of financial year duly audited and approved by the General Assembly. They would also submit their list of members of their General Assembly and office bearers before and after election is held.
- h) *The affiliated State Olympic Associations will abide by the Constitution of IOA.*

XXVII **National Sports Federation**

- a) The National Sports Federation will have their autonomy. Their constitution should be in consonance with the constitution of their respective International Sports Federation. None of the provisions of constitution of State Sports Associations should be in contradiction to the constitution of International Sports Federations
- b) The National Sports Federations should submit their annual accounts within one month of the close of financial year duly audited and approved by the General Assembly. They would also submit the list of the members of General Assembly and office bearers immediately before and after the elections are conducted.

XXVIII. **Miscellaneous**

- (a) The I.O.A. will ensure that:
 - (i) Each National Sports Federation in the particular field of specialization, has appointed, or would appoint, a National Coach who possesses a valid coaching diploma. Prior approval of the Indian Olympic Association would be necessary if the person already appointed, or proposed to be appointed, as National Coach, does not possess the requisite coaching qualification.
 - (ii) The National Sports Federation, in their respective field of specialization, must hold not less than one competition annually each for specified age-groups for senior, junior and sub-junior levels. These competitions should be organized through Inter Block and Inter-District competitions in each State, leading to the competition at the National level.
 - (iii) The Right to vote in any of the Federation for any one game, only one Sports Association is permitted in one State. It implies, therefore, that in the

field of Sports, it will be “One State, One Unit” and at the National level it would be one unit for one Sport.

- (b) The Association may sue or be sued in the name of the Secretary General, IOA. A law suit can only be filed at New Delhi, the headquarters of the I.O.A.
- (c) The provisions of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 will apply to the Association.
- (d) In all matters relating to the interpretation and application of the Constitution, as well as in matters not specifically provided for herein, the decision of the General Assembly shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- (e) The General Assembly upon recommendation being made by the Executive Council may, at its discretion, frame bye-laws not inconsistent with or contrary to this Constitution, for the proper and efficient administration of the IOA and its Executive Council.
- (f) The I.O.A. shall be guided by the Statutes, Rules, Regulations bye-laws, directions and instructions issued from time to time by the International Olympic Committee.
- (g) In case of interpretation difficulties of the Articles mentioned in this Constitution or in the eventuality of a conflict with the Rules of the ‘Olympic Charter’ the Rules contained in the latter (Olympic Charter) shall prevail.
- (h) The IOA will affiliate and approve, with the exception of widely played Indian Games, only such National Sports Federations, the game of which is on the approved list of the I.O.C. for the Olympic Games on the approved list of the Commonwealth Games Federation for the Commonwealth Games, and on the approved list of the Olympic Council of Asia for the Asian Games in consultation with the concerned International Federation.
- (i) It shall be binding on all the National Sports Federations/State Olympic Associations and other Units affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association to forward their Annual report and Audited Statement of Account every year. *The affiliated units shall also conduct their elections as and when due.* The non-compliance of these requirements may result in disaffiliation of the defaulting Units by the I.O.A. General Assembly on the recommendations of the Executive Council.
- (j) All the National Sports Federations/State Olympic Associations will forward to the I.O.A. A copy of their current and valid Constitution along with amendments whenever made. Important and significant information and statistics shall also be likewise supplied by them to the I.O.A. from time to time.

- (k) Any appeal by a member of a National Sports Federation (subject to the regulations and directives of the International Federation concerned wherever applicable) or State Olympic Association complaining against the procedure adopted by the concerned National Sports Federation /State Olympic Association for holding 'Elections', or any other issue connected with this subject must be made in writing, to the I.O.A. within 30 days of the occurrence of the incident. No complaint will be considered valid or entertained by the I.O.A. if it is made after the expiry of the 30 days period. The complaint must be specific and contain documentary evidence to prove the issue that is disputed.
- (l) The General Assembly and the Executive Council may frame guidelines to carry out the objectives contained in the Memorandum of Association and giving effect to the rules.

XXIX The flag and emblem adopted by the IOA and the anthem for use in relation to its activities including the Olympic Games shall be subject to the approval of the IOC

XXX The Constitution as well as any subsequent change or modification to this constitution must be submitted to the IOC for its approval

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