MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA (AFI)
(Formerly known as Amateur Athletics Federation of India)
(Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)
(Incorporated Amendments upto 21.10.2018)

I. The name of the Society is “Athletics Federation of India”
II. The registered office of the Society shall be situated in Delhi.
III. The objectives for which the Society is registered are:
   1. To promote and encourage Athletics in India.
   2. To organize and control Athletics in India
   3. To provide facilities for training in Athletics and Physical exercises.
   4. To render as and when possible financial assistance to individual athletes,
      officials, affiliated units, foreign affiliated units of IAAF for the training,
      providing equipment, literature, holding competitions, attending Seminars,
      meetings etc.
   5. To provide the Athletes, Coaches with latest knowledge and technique in
      Athletics.
   6. To enforce all rules and regulations of the International body in so far as they
      are related to Athletics.
   7. To be the official organization in complete and sole in charge of all Athletics
      matters in India.
   8. To guard and enforce the rules and conduct the activities as defined in Article
      VIII – (A) & (B) in cooperation with District/ State Athletics Associations and
      coordinate with other agencies with regard to Athletics activities.
   9. To select and control the Indian Athletics Contingent to the Olympics, Asian
      Games, Commonwealth Games, SAF Games and various other International
      competitions under the patronage of the I.O.A., IAAF and other Federations / 
      Associations.
   10. To generate interest of the people of the country in promotion of Athletics
       and to that end the formulation of State Athletics Association for the
       development of Athletics within a State.
   11. To admit the membership of the State Athletics Associations and other units.
   12. To take disciplinary action against any affiliated District/ State / Unit
       organization for misconduct or any undesirable activity bringing disrepute to
       the country, AFI and Athletics or which is prejudicial to the interest of the
       society and for not organizing meets at the State Level, District level and
       sending teams for various competitions.
13. To promote representation of AFI delegates in the International bodies/forums, send them for various meetings, Seminar, encourage them to contest elections of the SAF, AAA, IAAF and any other organization where the AFI is a member and meet expenses involved in it.

14. To establish good relation with other countries by inviting their teams & Officials, sending Indian Athletes & Officials for training & participation in their Competition, sending our delegation, Official, coaches to other countries & meet their expenses.

IV. For the attainment of aforesaid objectives, the Federation may:

1. Edit, compile, print and publish periodicals, books, brochures or leaflets.
2. Accept or procure subscriptions, donations or other contributions on such terms, as it may be considered reasonable.
3. Procure, collect and accept gifts and endowments on such terms, as it may be considered reasonable.
4. Borrow or raise money for the purpose of the Federation including the issue of or upon bonds, debentures, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other obligations or securities of the Federation.
5. Acquire movable or immovable properties on behalf of the Federation and sell, lease, exchange, dispose off or otherwise deal with all or any part of such properties.
6. To plan Coaching schemes for the benefit of Athletes of the Country.
7. Do all other things that may be necessary or expedient to promote the development of Athletics in India and for the conduct of its business and generally to do all such things as may be necessary for expedient, lawful, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

V. The income and property of the Federation herewith detailed shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in the Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members provided that nothing therein shall prevent the payment of remuneration to its officers or staff or other persons in return for any services actually rendered by them in their current professional capacity. Part of the money collected by any individual / organisation / company can also be paid commission out of the money raised by that agency / individual.
I. DEFINITION AND EXPLANATION

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

i. Federation shall mean the “Athletics Federation of India” also known as AFI in abbreviated form.

ii. Members shall mean an affiliated member of the “Athletics Federation of India”. (This does not mean the recognized member).

iii. ‘Constitution’ shall mean the Constitution of the Athletics Federation of India.

iv. ‘Assembly’ shall mean and include the representative 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 Association of Athletics Federations also known as IAAF.

v. (a) International Relationships: The Athletics Federation of India is affiliated to the IAAF and through the IAAF to the Asian Athletics Association. The Athletics Federation of India recognizes, accepts, applies, observes and abides by the current constitution, Rules and Regulations of the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) and the AAA (Asian Athletics Association) as well as any future amendments. This applies especially to the Anti-Doping Rules, the handling of disputes and relations with Athlete’s representatives.

(b) Any Citizen of India elected to the IAAF, AAA Council, SAAF, IOA would be the member of the Executive Council of the Athletics Federation of India.

vi. ‘Council’ shall mean the Executive Council of the Athletics Federation of India constituted under the rules and regulations hereinafter contained.

vii. ‘State Association’ shall mean State Athletics Association affiliated to the AFI.

viii. ‘Board’ shall mean any / or All India Sports body affiliated to AFI.

ix. ‘Recognised’ shall mean the State Athletics Association / Department, which are given recognition only for the purpose of participation.

II. ASSOCIATION YEAR

The Official year of the Athletics Federation of India shall be the Financial year commencing from the 1st of April.

III. MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Federation shall be open to the under mentioned units, subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

1) Athletics Associations of States as well as Centrally Administered Union Territories (The geographical boundaries of a State / Centrally Administered Union Territories) shall be the same as recognised by the Constitution of India.

2) Sports central bodies or organizations of All India character.

3) Sports bodies, which are promoting Athletics at various levels, can be given recognition i.e. only for participation in limited Championships.
IV. **CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**:

The membership shall be divided into three categories i.e. Category ‘I’, Category ‘II’ & Category ‘III’ and this classification is liable to changes, if required any, from year to year. The categorization of State Associations will be made on the basis of total points earned by the respective affiliated State Associations of the Federation. The following factors shall be taken into account for preparing the Merit list of the Affiliated Units for the purpose of categorization:

a) Points won by the State Athletes Men, Women, Boys & Girls, in four consecutive years preceding National Inter State Athletics Championships and National Cross Country Championships organized by AFI.

b) Team Championships will be decided on the point system instead of Medal tally as it will be very useful for the development of Athletics in the country and for the benefit to the Athletes:

Point System:-

- First place 7 Points,
- Second place 5 Points,
- Third place 4 Points,
- Fourth place 3 Points,
- Fifth place 2 Points,
- Sixth place 1 Point.

c) Organisation of AFI Championships by the affiliated Unit in a year will be awarded points as follows:

- ii. Conducting Junior National Championships & or National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet :- 30 Points.
- iii. Conducting Zonal Athletics Championships :- 15 Points.
- iv. Conducting International Athletics Championships :- 100 Points.

d) Athletics activities carried out by the Unit in a year :- 25 Points.

e) Team participating in National Championships will get 5 Points for each Championships with following criteria:

- i. Senior Team should consist of minimum Four (4) members.
- ii. Junior Team should consist of minimum Ten (10) members.

In all the cases the Athlete should qualify the minimum qualifying standard.

f) For representing Indian Athletics Team (by an Unit’s Athlete) in the International Championships, the points awarded will be as follows:

- i. Olympic Games :- 20 Points.
- ii. World Athletics Championships :- 20 Points.
- iii. Commonwealth Games :- 20 Points.
- iv. Asian Games :- 15 Points.
- v. Asian Athletics Championships :- 15 Points.

Points achieved by every Unit will be accumulated at the end of the year and the category will be decided as mentioned in the Rules of Constitution (Clause IV):

i. **Category ‘I’** :- Category ‘I’ will consist of First Six permanent affiliated States Associations, in the order of Merit.
ii. **Category ‘II’** :- Category ‘II’ will consist of next Six permanent affiliated States Associations, after those listed in category ‘I’, in the order of Merit. One Organisation of All India character which has won the highest number of points (i) in the four consecutive years preceding National Open Athletics Championships and National Cross Country Championships and also (ii) the factors (c) to (e) as listed above.

iii. **Category ‘III’** :- Category ‘III’ will consist of the remaining permanent affiliated State Associations / Units / Boards etc.

**Note:** If any affiliated Unit does not adhere to the activities of the Federation, it may not be considered for inclusion in any of the categories. To fall in the categories ‘I’, ‘II’ & ‘III’, the affiliated Units must fulfill the conditions as laid down in the Constitution.

V. **AFFILIATION:**

a) Application for affiliation from an organization shall be submitted to the Hony Secretary along with a list of its office bearers for the current year along with the prescribed admission fees & activities report. In case there is no Athletics Championships is conducted by the Unit, applying for affiliation, the application can not be accepted.

b) The Hony Secretary shall place before the Executive Council such applications for disposal. The Executive Council may reject any application for affiliation without assigning any reason. In the case of rejection of an application for affiliation, the fees deposited shall be refunded to the organization concerned.

VI. **MEMBERSHIP FEES (ADMISSION FEE & RENEWAL FEE):**

The Admission Fee & Annual Renewal Fee payable to the Federation shall be as follows:

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<td>i) State Athletics Association :</td>
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<td>iii) Organisation of All India character:</td>
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<td>iv) Promotion Units *</td>
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* - These Units will be recognised for the purpose of participation for their respective department’s name only. They will not be entitled to attend meeting of AFI.

(Any Educational Unit will be treated at par with the State Associations for the purpose of membership fee e.g. A.I.U. etc.)

**Notes:**

a) It shall be the duty of the affiliated organizations to send their Annual renewal fee of membership and other dues to the Federation by the end of the first month of the Financial year.

b) The Hony Treasurer shall give thirty clear days notice to the members concerned to clear the Arrears, failing which the membership shall be deemed as cancelled with effect from the 31st day of the date of notice. The Hony Treasurer will also circulate the list of arrears to all members.
**VII. DEFAULTERS & DISAFFILIATION:**

a) A member failing to pay the membership fee as well as other dues, if any, due to Federation before the 30th April every year, shall be treated as defaulter and such defaulter shall neither be allowed to the membership of General Assembly, Executive Council or any Committees of the Federation. Further the member shall not be permitted to participate in the Championships conducted under the aegis of the Federation or other affiliated units.

Notwithstanding any action taken by the council against any other defaulter under these rules or the regulation there under the council shall have full power to take legal steps against such defaulter for the recovery of dues of the Federation. A defaulter will however be entitled for restoration of rights and privileges only on payment of the arrears of membership fee together with a penalty amounting to 20% of the Annual Renewal fee or the arrears, whichever is more, provided the Executive Council in its meeting approves the same and the restoration is communicated to the defaulter in writing.

b) If the renewal fee and the other arrears are not paid on or before the last day of the following year the defaulter will automatically ceases to be a member of the Federation.

c) **Defunct Unit:**

1) All the Affiliated State Athletics Association are supposed to conduct activities as mentioned in Rule ‘VIII’. Failure of State Athletics Association in conducting the activities will result in the relegation of the Unit from Permanent Member to Associate Member status. The Associate member will lose its elected position in the General Assembly as well as Executive Council. The Associate Member will have no voting right.

2) All the affiliated Member Units (Other than the State Athletics Associations) have to conduct their Unit’s Championships in line with the Calendar of AFI. Failure to conduct the activities as mentioned will result in the relegation of that Unit from Permanent member to Associate Member. That Associate member will lose its position in General Council as well as in Executive Council. The Associate Member will have no voting right.

3) Such Unit / Units relegated to Associate member, shall be eligible for regular membership only after conducting the mandatory events as mentioned in Sub-rule B, D, F & I of Rule “VIII”, for three consecutive years under the supervision of an official nominated by AFI.

**VIII. ACTIVITIES:**

A. All the District Athletics Associations affiliated, have to conduct District Athletics Championships and send their teams to participate in National Inter District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM).

B. It is mandatory for all affiliated State Units to conduct their Annual Championships separately for the Seniors (Men & Women), Juniors (Boys & Girls), Youth (Boys & Girls), State Cross Country, strictly as per the period (Dates) given by Federation (AFI) from time to time.

All Departmental Sports Boards / Institutions affiliated to AFI must conduct their Championships annually as per the period & time slot allotted by AFI and send their Teams for the participation in the various competitions organised by AFI.
C. To nominate the Selection Committee, Chief Coach with the panel of Coaches for their State and send their details to the Federation.

D. To conduct Annual General Assembly and send the Minutes of the Meeting along with the Audited Statement of Accounts and Annual Activity Report to the Federation every year.

E. To organize Coaching Camps in the State to prepare the Athletes for National Championships.

F. To prepare the State’s Annual Athletics calendar, in line with National Athletics Calendar.

G. To follow the guidelines provided in the Indian Athletics Manual of Federation during the organization of National Championships.

H. To take steps to stop ‘Overage’ participation and use of forbidden substances by the Athletes.

I. To organize Elections of the Office Bearers of State Athletics Association as per the time frame provided in their Constitution.

J. Use of Email ID provided by the Federation and to send the Entries for AFI Championships ON-LINE before Ten (10) days or the period as fixed by AFI prior to Championships.

K. To run their Web-Site.

L. To appoint Coordinator at State and District level for implementing “Kids Athletics” program as per AFI directions.

M. To make efforts for stopping the use of forbidden substances used by the Athletes to enhance their performance.

IX. REAFFILIATION:

A member, who ceases to be a member of the Federation either by forfeiture of membership or otherwise shall in no circumstances be eligible for re-affiliation unless all its arrears of membership fee or other dues, if any to the Federation, are cleared. The ceased member has to write application for re-affiliation which shall in all other respect comply with the provisions of rule ‘V’. A member in that case has to pay admission fee again.

X. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS:

Subject to the provisions of these rules generally or any By-Laws there under, a member shall amongst others have the following rights and privileges:

a) Right to vote through its accredited representative(s) of General Assembly meetings of the Federation, provided that the dues of the Federation have been paid in time.

b) Right to seek Election to the Executive Council or any Committee of the Federation, subject to the provision of the Rule ‘VI’ & ‘VII’.

c) Right to obtain information about working and accounts of the Federation.

XI. MANAGEMENT:

The management of the Federation with regard to its affairs, the administration and enforcement of its rules, regulations and bye-laws shall be entrusted to the Executive Council, which shall also deal with all permanent and temporary appointments as well as dismissal or suspension of the other staff without assigning any reason.
XII. **ASSEMBLY:**

Assembly of the Federation consists of:

1. Three representatives of each of the Organisation from category ‘I’.
2. Two representatives of each of the Organisation from category ‘II’.
3. One representative of each of the remaining qualified Organisation.

XIII. **ELECTED MEMBERS:**

The following will be the Elected Members of the Federation and they shall be elected from amongst the members of the Assembly:

(a) President One
(b) Senior Vice President One
(c) Vice Presidents Four + One *
(d) Honorary Secretary One
(e) Senior Joint Secretary One
(f) Joint Secretaries Four + One *
(g) Honorary Treasurer One
(h) Executive Council Members Seven + One*

* - Four/Seven Posts[Vice President/ Joint Secretary and Executive Council Members respectively] will be open for either gender and fifth/eighth post will be reserved exclusively for women.

“Office Bearers” would include the President, Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.

The President / Hony Secretary of the Federation will have authority to take any important decision, where adequate time may not have been available to convene the Executive Council Meeting. Such decisions will later be ratified by the Executive Council.

XIV. **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

The Executive Council of the Federation shall consist of:

1. All Elected Members
2. Chairman of Two Committees i.e. Planning, Coaching & Coordination Committee and Technical Committee.
3. Four Members to be nominated by the President / Hony Secretary, which will consist of outstanding former Sports Persons / Sports Administrators / Outstanding Coaches.
4. Associate Vice Presidents – To be appointed by the Executive Council
5. Life Presidents #

# - Life Presidents can be appointed for their distinguished services to the Athletics and they will be entitled to attend the Council / Assembly meetings without voting rights.

XV. **ELECTIONS:**

(a) Elections shall be held once in Four years at the Annual General Assembly Meeting (AGM i.e. Meeting of the Assembly) to elect the Elected members amongst the representatives of the members. It can also be held before the due date but the tenure will be Olympic to Olympic year. (To elaborate further it means, result of election will come into existence from October of the Olympic year, if it is a routine meeting).
1. Each member unit duly affiliated with the Federation (AFI) will intimate the name(s) of their representatives which is to be signed by both President and Secretary of the member unit (Names of such may be sent by way of a single letter or by separate letters) within four days from the notification of the date of elections.

2. The notice of the Annual General Assembly Meeting (AGM) will be sent to all Members Unit(s) fifteen (15) clear days in advance.

3. The President AFI will nominate the Returning Officer.

4. The President / Hony Secretary will prepare the list of authorized representatives of the Member Unit(s) who are authorised to vote and circulate this list to all member Unit(s), 11 (Eleven) days before the AGCM. This list of Electoral College will be handed over to the Returning Officer on the same day. {i.e. the day when it is circulated to all Member Unit(s)}.

5. Nomination for any post of Elected Member should be proposed and seconded by one authorized representative of Member Unit(s).

6. Nomination for the various post of the Elected members will be filed within 4 (Four) days from the circulation of the Electoral College.

7. Returning Officer will scrutinize and prepare the list of valid nominations, Post wise and publish it on the last day of filling the nominations.

8. The withdrawal of nomination may be made within 2 (Two) days from publishing of list of valid nomination by the Returning Officer.

9. The Returning Officer will prepare the Final list of contesting candidates and display it on the Federation (AFI) web-site on the last date fixed for withdrawal of nomination.

10. The Annual General Assembly (AGM) will be held on and if required and polling for the post of the Elected members will be held in the AGM only. The counting of Votes will be done immediately after the voting is complete.

11. Returning Officer will declare the Result of all the Posts of Elected members after the whole process of Election is over.

XVI. **VOTING:**

The affiliated units will only have the right to vote in the AGM/SGM or Extra Ordinary Meetings of AFI. The Units will authorize in writing the name of their representatives who will represent the respective affiliated Unit in the AFI meetings, with the right to TWO votes, to be casted with three representatives. Every Unit affiliated to AFI will have two (2) votes in the AGM / SGM / Extra Ordinary Meetings. The affiliated Unit President & Secretary will authorize their delegates in writing to the AFI Secretariat before the last date. Only those unit will have the right to vote in AGM / SGM / Extra Ordinary meetings who will fulfil all its obligations mentioned under the clause “Activity”.

In case any of the Unit fails to comply with the Activities, will be made associate member without right to vote. The list of Unit will be decided in the month of January every year who will be eligible vote be Regular Members / Associate Members. However, the Associate members will be readmitted as a regular Member when they will fulfil the obligation mentioned in clause “Activity” continuously for Three (3) years.
XVII. **TENURE OF POSTS:**

(a) Tenure for the post of President shall be maximum of three (3) terms of Four years i.e. maximum of Twelve (12) years, with or without break.

(b) Tenure for the post of Hony Secretary and Hony Treasurer shall be maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of four (4) years i.e. maximum of eight (8) years and after a cooling off period of four (4) years, may be eligible for seeking fresh election for either of the post.

(c) The President, Hony Secretary and Hony Treasurer shall cease to hold the post on attaining the age of 70 years.

XVIII. **HOLDING OF OFFICE:**

No office Bearer of the Federation shall be eligible to be the Office Bearer simultaneously of any other National Sports Federation / Association except IOA or any other multiple disciplines Association.

XIX. **MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES**

Nomination of AFI representatives to the Committees of IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) / AAA (Asian Athletics Association / IOA (Indian Olympic Association) / SAAF (South Asian Athletics Federation) or any other National & International forums will be made by President and Hony Secretary.

In the event of disagreement between the President and Secretary, the decision of General Assembly will prevail.

XX. **COMMITTEES**

The Chairperson / Chairman, conveners and members of the following Committees / Commissions will be nominated by the President / Hony Secretary.

i) Selection Committee,

ii) Technical Committee,

iii) Examination Committee,

iv) Planning/Coaching/Coordination Committee,

v) Statistical Committee,

vi) Medical Committee,

vii) Disciplinary Committee,

viii) Constitutional Committee,

ix) Women Committee,

x) Arbitration Commission,

xi) Complaint Redressal Committee,

xii) Committee against Sexual Harassment,

xiii) Any other Committee which the Management feels necessary.

XXI. **VACANCIES:**

The office of a member of the Council (including that of an Office Bearer) shall fall vacant:

a) If the organization, he/she represents, ceases to be a member or he/she ceases to be a member of any member organization.
b) If he/she resigns from his post by a notice in writing to the Hony Secretary and his resignation is accepted by the Executive Council (In the case of Hony Secretary, the notice of the resignation shall be addressed to the President). The Executive Council shall have power to fill up vacancy so caused by co-option from amongst the representatives to the Assembly and that will remain good, until the next election.

c) In case if any vacancy falls vacant for any other reason whatsoever, can be filled in the Executive Council Meeting / Annual General Meeting, whichever is earlier, and if required the President / Hony Secretary so decides, the election can be held in the House itself for the vacant post. The President / Hony Secretary can invite nomination(s) in the House and if required, election can be conducted by the secret ballot under the supervision of President or the House may decide the name of Returning Officer.

XXII. ARBITRATION COMMISSION:

CONSTITUTION:

1. The President will nominate a three member Arbitration Board, duly approved by the Executive Council.
2. Out of three members, one member shall be from the legal background.
3. Members nominated should not have any conflict of Interest.

PLACE OF ARBITRATION:
Place of Arbitration proceedings shall be AFI Headquarters at New Delhi or any other place in Delhi as decided by the Arbitration Board.

COST OF THE PROCEEDINGS:
The cost of the Arbitration proceedings shall be born equally by the parties to the Arbitration. However, the entire cost of the proceedings can be imposed on either party of Arbitration if the Board so decides.

MODALITIES:

1. All State Associations shall include in their Constitution, a provision that Associations would have all unresolved disputes settled by the Arbitration Commission of the AFI and the Associations and its members shall voluntarily surrender their right of seeking redress in any court of law.
2. All unresolved disputes arising within the State Associations, shall be referred by the Associations to the AFI for settlement within Arbitration process by the Arbitration Commission of AFI.
3. The dispute has to be communicated to Hony Secretary AFI in writing by any party and thereafter the Hony Secretary AFI, in consultation with the President, will constitute Arbitration Board for the adjudication of the dispute.
4. The following disputes may be referred to the Arbitration Commission:
   i) Dispute between AFI Members / Affiliates.
   ii) Dispute within a State Association affiliated to AFI.
   iii) Dispute relating to affiliation with the AFI.
   iv) Age fraud appeal against the decision of the AFI Age Verification Committee.
   v) Dispute between AFI and its Vendors / Suppliers / Sponsors / Affiliates.
vi) Selection disputes.
vii) Election disputes.
viii) Affiliation disputes of District Athletics Association within a State Association.
ix) Affiliation dispute of a State Association.

XXIII. **COMPLAINT REDRESSAL COMMITTEE:**

The Complaint redressal committee will be headed by one of the Executive Council Member of AFI. The President AFI will nominate the Chairman, Convener and three other members of this Committee in consultation with Executive Council. Any Complaint / Grievance will be lodged with the Hony Secretary AFI, who will place the same before the Committee for a final decision within four (4) weeks of receipt of the complaint.

XXIV. **COMMITTEE AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT:**

The Committee against Sexual Harassment will be headed by one of the Executive Council Member of AFI. The Chairperson, Women's Committee, will be the Convenor of this Committee and four other members including Chairman will be nominated by the President, in consultation with the Executive Council. Out of the four, one will be an eminent women Athlete or eminent women Athletics Coach.

(i) Any complaint / grievance lodged with AFI’s Hony Secretary, will be placed by him before the Committee for a final decision within four (4) weeks of receipt of the complaint.

(ii) The Committee shall address complaints in a time bound manner and take appropriate disciplinary action in case of misconduct and where conduct in the complaint amounts to a specific offence under Indian Penal Code or any other law, the Federation will take steps to initiate appropriate legal proceedings.

XXV. **MEETINGS:**

A. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

i. The Annual General Meeting of the Assembly shall be held every year at a place, date & time to be decided by the President / Hony Secretary. As far as possible the meeting shall be held by rotation at different places. But in case due to unavoidable reason, the meeting is not held every year, it can take place after two years. In case the Annual General Meeting is not held in the year, the Annual Report of the Hony Secretary and the Audited Statement of Accounts for that year may be considered in a meeting of the Executive Council, which can be later ratified in the Annual General Meeting.

ii. The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall also include:

a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and the Special General Meeting, if any.

b) Consideration and adoption of the Hony Secretary’s Annual Report on the working of the Federation.

c) Consideration and passing of the Audited Statement of Accounts of the year and the Budget for the next year to be submitted by the Hony Treasurer.
d) Appointment of Auditors and fixing their remuneration.
e) Election of the Office Bearers & Executive Council (if due).
f) Consideration of the Annual Athletics Championships Calendar.
g) Amendment(s) to the Constitution (if any)
h) Any other business of which due notice has been given.
i) Any matter affecting the welfare of the Federation which the President may bring or allow to be brought before it. This will include discussions about developmental activities and analysis of programme and policies of the Federation. The President can call meeting(s) on telephonic messages.

**Note:** The Annual Report, Audited Statement of Accounts & all other relevant papers shall be circulated to the members before the meeting.

### B. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Special General Meetings may be summoned at any time by the President at his discretion and shall be convened by the Hony Secretary. If Twenty (20) affiliated members want any serious matter(s) concerning the development of Athletics to be discussed, President may call such a meeting within 30 days, provided twenty (20) affiliated members send a representation to the President / Hony Secretary in writing.

### C. EMERGENT MEETING

Notwithstanding anything in the Constitution, an emergent meeting of the Assembly may be convened by the Hony Secretary in consultation with the President on urgent specific matters.

### XXVI. NOTICES AND QUORUM FOR MEETINGS:

In convening meetings, the notice period and quorum, as given hereunder shall be observed:

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<td>i) Annual General Meeting</td>
<td>15 Clear days.</td>
<td>One third of the Representatives entitled to vote or 15 Representatives. Whichever is less.</td>
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**Notes:**
(1) Clear means from the date of posting. The notice can be sent either by post or by Email. In case of urgency it may be communicated telephonically.
(2) Besides the above, meeting may be convened by the Hony Secretary during the National Athletics Championships at a very short notice with the consent of the majority of the members present at such meetings and can only discuss matter relating to the particular Championships or related matter.

(3) On any issues of very urgent nature and under special circumstances when a meeting of the Executive Council can not be convened, the Hony Secretary may obtain the approval of the members of the Council by circulation and act accordingly, provided that majority of members favour the proposal so circulated. But such cases must be placed at the next Meeting of the Executive Council for formal ratification and record.

XXVII. **POWERS, FUNCTIONS & DUTIES:**

**A. THE ASSEMBLY:**

1. To formulate the policy of the Federation and the principles on which it shall be carried out.
2. To carry into effect the objects of the Federation.
3. To hold election of the Elected members and the Executive Council, every four years in accordance to the rules of Constitution.
4. To frame rules for Honorary or Associate membership of the Federation and to invite the President of the Republic of India to be the Patron in Chief of the Federation.
5. To admit membership of any organization eligible for affiliation under the Constitution.
6. To raise funds for the Federation and to hold the same and to control and administer other properties of the Federation.
7. To impose or enforce penalties for any violation of the Rules and the Bye-Laws of the Federation as also of the IAAF.
8. To appoint Auditors to examine and certify the Balance Sheet of the Federation, annually.
9. To consider and adopt the Annual Reports, Statement of Accounts and sanction the Budget estimates of the Federation.
10. To be the sole official Organisation in complete and sole charge of all Athletics matters in the country.
11. To institute, locate, conduct and manage all meets proposed for the selection of India’s Athletics Contingent for the World Athletics Championships, Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and other contests.
12. To convene National Athletics Championships.
13. To appoint Sub-Committees as and when necessary.
14. To recognize and register National and all times records in Track & Field events.
15. To organize Athletics training camps and coaching clinics independently or in cooperation and collaboration with the Sports Authority of India and National Institute of Sports.
16. To amend the Constitution, when considered necessary.
17. To maintain a register of approved officials.
18. To hold or arrange to hold individual physical efficiency tests.
19. To explain and interpret the Rules & Regulations of the Federation and to give decision on any point not covered by them.
20. To maintain affiliation with the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federation).
21. To make Rules and Regulations for holding National & All India Athletics Competitions.
22. To take disciplinary action against any member or its representatives for misbehavior or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the country or to the Federation.
23. To delegate any of its power to any person or body.
24. To have powers to frame by-laws and rules which are not inconsistent with the Constitution.
25. To have power to suspend any member or any other Athlete from taking part in the National Competition.
26. To exercise such other power and perform all other duties as are incidental and to relate to the aims and objectives of the Federation mentioned in the Memorandum of Association.
27. To take decision regarding continuing / discontinuing of its affiliation with any other body.

B. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

The Executive Council shall, as provided hereafter, have the following powers:

1. To carry out the objectives of the Federation specified in the memorandum of Association.
2. To oversee the general management and to give implement the policies of the Federation during the interval between meetings of the Assembly and duly report all the decisions and actions to the Assembly for its ratification.
3. To manage, supervise and administer the funds of the Federation as delegated by the Assembly.
4. To recommend the Assembly for admitting membership, of the organisations eligible under the Constitution.
5. To initiate and recommend to the General Assembly, schemes for promotion and development of Athletics in country.
6. To decide cases of indiscipline, misconduct, protest, breaches of regulation and impose suitable penalties against individuals where necessary, subject to his right to appeal to the General Assembly.
7. To approve disciplinary action and hear appeals against such action taken by subordinate bodies.
8. To fill in vacancy in the Executive Council.
9. To sanction foreign tours.
10. To consider the Annual Report prepared by the Hony Secretary and the Annual Audited Statement of Accounts by the Hony Treasurer and submit the same with their recommendations to the General Assembly.
11. To appoint representatives of the Federation for any institution or organization.
12. To appoint special committees to perform specific functions and duties. To appoint officers, clerks and other staff and define their duties and functions. To suspend or dismiss them or dispense with their services as occasion may require and fix their salaries, remunerations, allowances and other privileges.
13. To procure, accept, collect and receive subscriptions, donations, gifts, legacies, contributions and endowments and to raise money by all lawful means for the benefit of the Federation and for fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Federation.

14. To invest funds of the Federation in such securities or in such a manner as the Executive Council may deem fit and from time to time vary such investments if and when necessary.

15. To co-opt any expert or specialist for any specific purpose as and when necessary but such person shall have no power to vote.

16. To nominate the Hony Secretary or any other member or members to act on behalf with full authority to sign any deed or document or to give valid and effectual discharge as if all the members of the Executive Council have been acting jointly.

17. To fix up the passage money and other expenses necessary for representatives of the Federation to attend meetings of IOA or any other body.

18. To fix up passage money and other expenses of Indian Athletics Teams going out of India, if not otherwise prescribed under this Constitution.

19. To provide building, premises, furniture, apparatus and other means needed for carrying out work of the Federation and to frame the rules.

20. To enter into and/or vary and/or carry out and/or cancel contracts on behalf of the Federation.

21. To explain, define and interpret the provisions of this Constitution when disputed.

22. To exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the assembly.

23. To take appropriate steps and decisions, if not covered under this Constitution and forward it to the General Assembly for its ratification.

24. To purchase movable and immovable properties for and on behalf of the AFI.

25. To sell, discard or transfer any property of the AFI.

C. COMMITTEES

The President will define the powers, functions and duties of all Committees as and when required. The President / Hony Secretary have the powers to accept / reject the report of any of the Committee.

XXVIII. DUTIES OF THE OFFICE BEARERS:

A. PRESIDENT:

a) The President shall be the head of Federation and shall preside over all meetings of the Assembly and the Executive Council. He shall guide the AFI in all activities. He shall exercise superintendence over Office Bearers and the Members of the Executive Council and other Committees in discharging their duties. He shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Federation and its efficient administration. The President and in his absence, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have full powers to preserve order in all meetings and shall have all the powers and privileges which are generally vested in him under accepted parliamentary procedure.

b) The President shall have a casting vote in case of a tie in an addition to his deliberative vote.
c) The President shall ensure that the financial position of the AFI is sound and no unauthorized expenditure is incurred. The President is authorized to sanction expenditure up to any amount for any one item, which is not included in the budget. Expenditure in excess of this amount will be sanctioned by the Executive Council.

d) In case of emergencies, the President will have full power to issue orders, which may subsequently be confirmed by the Assembly or the Executive Council.

e) He will not require representation after becoming President to sit in the Meeting, even to contest election for the next tenure.

B. Sr. VICE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENTS
Senior Vice President will exercise the powers of the President when the President is not available for transaction of Federation work or he authorizes the Senior Vice President, who will enjoy the same authority in the Federation as the President in the specified jurisdiction delegated to him.

C. HONY (Honorary) SECRETARY:
The Hony Secretary shall be the Executive Officer of the Federation and shall be responsible for carrying out all the decisions of the Assembly, Council and Committees and shall see that all the rules of the Federation are observed by all concerned and shall subject to the general control and direction of the Council and President inter alia.

a) Convene all Meetings of the Assembly and Council, under the Rules and shall record and sign minutes and resolutions of all such meetings. Shall be responsible for carrying on all correspondence in the name of the Federation or as otherwise directed by the President.

b) Shall be in-charge of all records and documents (including the register of members) as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient working of the Federation.

c) Shall have custody and maintain in proper order and condition all trophies, souvenirs and seals and insignia of the Federation of all movable and immovable properties of the Federation and maintain up to date stock books and have annual stock taking made of all such properties.

d) Transact all official business of the Federation.

e) Act as Secretary and Convener of the Assembly, Council and Committees of the Federation.

f) Exercise a general supervision over the employees of the Federation.

g) Conduct all affairs of the Federation according to its Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws.

h) To issue notice to member units for non-payment of dues and subscription fees. Forward all bills for payment to the Hony Treasurer up to the extent sanctioned in the Budget estimates and after the approval of the President.

i) Sanction advance upto Rupees Ten Thousand only.

j) Ensure that the accounts of the Federation have been properly maintained by the Hony Treasurer and are regularly audited.

k) Prepare every year, a Annual Report of the working of the Federation and place the same before the Assembly after getting it approved by the Council.

l) Hony Secretary can help the preparatory committee of the Athletes for various Athletics Meets. He can also take the assistance of other persons of his own choice or he can also nominate some other persons as head of this preparatory committee.
m) He will not require representation after becoming Hony Secretary to sit in the
meeting even to contest election for the next tenure.

n) He can also give charge of his Secretaryship to any one, if circumstances
permit, with the approval of the President.

D. SENIOR JOINT SECRETARY & JOINT SECRETARIES:
The Senior Joint Secretary will exercise the power of Hony Secretary when the
Hony Secretary is not available for transaction of Federation work. Specific duties
and powers can also be assigned to the Senior Joint Secretary by the President
with due approval of the Executive Council. One Joint Secretary will be nominated
by the Executive Council to look after and coordinate the affairs of each zone and
report the progress to the Executive Council. The Zonal Joint Secretaries will also
coordinate organization of Zonal Meets and registration of athletes, Officials,
overseeing regular holding of Annual Meetings of the units of the Zone. Position
will be reported to the Executive Council from time to time.

E. HONY (Honorary) TREASURER:
The Hony Treasurer shall be the custodian of funds/ accounts of the Federation.
Prepare and place the Budget for the year before the Council for necessary
sanction that shall allocate the Budget grants to the different heads of expenditure.
a) Make all payments of the Federation after the connected bills and vouchers
have been duly checked by him and passed for payment by the Hony
Secretary.
b) Deposit all money as and when received from the Hony Secretary or any other
sources into accounts of the Federation with banks.
c) Have charge of all funds of the Federation.
d) Maintain the Books of accounts of the Federation.
e) Operate the Bank accounts of the Federation jointly with President / Hony
Secretary.
f) Have an imprest of Rupees Ten Thousand.

XXIX. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS:
i. All Affiliated / Associate Members of the Federation shall adopt all the Rules and
Regulations concerning Athletics activities in their Constitution. They shall be
responsible for conducting the Athletics Championships as defined under Rule
‘XXXVI-B’, complete activities every year as defined in Rule ‘VIII’.

ii. Each affiliated organization shall direct its own activities, conduct its
Championships and control its Athletes in accordance with the principles set
forth in the Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Federation.

iii. Any penalty imposed by the Federation on any of its members for any violation
of the Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws shall be honoured by other affiliated
organizations.

iv. Disciplinary action whenever taken by an affiliated Organisation against
Members in its jurisdiction shall be reported by it to the Hony Secretary of the
Federation for record and information to other affiliated Organization within ten
days of action having been taken. An appeal against such action of the affiliated
Organization shall lie with the Executive Council.

v. All States / Boards should nominate their Chief Coaches and should inform the
Federation, the name and other details of the Coaches accordingly. If a unit fails
to nominate the State Chief Coach / Panel of Coaches, the unit will not be
allowed to take part in any Annual General Assembly Meeting (AGM) of AFI.
vi. If any State Unit / Board / Department Unit affiliated or recognized by AFI, fails to conduct the State / Unit / Board / Departmental Athletics Meets within the period allotted every year, such States / Boards / Departmental Units will be liable for disqualification / De-Recognition without serving any notice. In case of genuine reasons like natural calamity etc. President / Hony Secretary are authorised to allow for a change in the date / Venue of the Meet.

vii. All States / Boards / Departmental Units are required to participate in National Championships. They are required to send their Calendar of Events and detailed Reports of their Athletics Meets along with the results to the Federation. If any Unit fails to send its team in National Meets, and they fail to conduct their Annual Athletics Championships for Seniors / Juniors, they will automatically stand disaffiliated.

viii. To avoid disputes in the States, the presence of an Observer from the Federation will be mandatory during the AGM (Election Meetings) of the State Associations. The Observer will be sent to the Election Meetings of those States, who submit the list of their Units alongwith a copy of the Constitution and other relevant informations, as deemed necessary. Proceedings of Election Meetings of States / Units without the presence of an Observer of the Federation will not be accepted.

ix. All State Athletics Associations / District Athletics Associations are responsible for maintaining bank account in the name of the Regd. Society and they need to send audited Statement of Account every year to AFI by 30th September. No assistance will be provided by AFI to those Units, who are not maintaining their account regularly and sending the audited statement of accounts to AFI.

x. All the Affiliated Departmental Boards / Institutions are required to conduct one AFI National Meet in every three years failing which they will be liable to disaffiliation.

xi. Those State Athletics Associations / Boards who fail to do the activities as per the definition explained in the above Rules, will be removed from the regular membership of AFI and there will be the arrangement of making the Associate Member without voting right. So, those members who were not performing the activities will be made the Associate Members in the AGM and for three years their performance will be monitored. It will be only after three years that they will be eligible to become regular affiliated Member with the voting rights if they are found that they are doing their activities as per the Activity defined in Rule ‘VIII’.

XXX. SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT:

1. The Executive Council shall have power to suspend any member or an Athlete from participation in any National or International Competition(s) for the period as determined by the Council, which later on has to be ratified by the Assembly.

2. On the application of any member, the Assembly may reinstate any Athlete who by reason of any infringement of the IAAF Rules, has been declared ineligible to take part in competitions under IAAF Rules. Any application of reinstatement must be forwarded to the General Secretary IAAF by the Hony Secretary of the member responsible or the Athlete concerned. Such applications shall be given in detail, the circumstances leading to the ineligibility and the reasons advanced for reinstatement.
XXXI. **AMENDMENTS OF MEMORANDUM, RULES AND BYE-LAWS:**

1. The Assembly shall have power to alter, extend or abridge the purpose for which the Federation is established as stated in the Memorandum of Association in the manner provided for in section ‘12’ of the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860).
2. No amendment shall be made to these Rules except at the Annual or Special General Meetings of the Assembly and unless supported by two – third of the representatives present and voting. The Bye-Laws can be amended at a meeting of the Council convened for the purpose.
3. AFI will also abide by the changes, if any, made in the IAAF Constitution from time to time, provided the same are not inconsistent with the Indian Laws.

XXXII. **FORCE OF THE BYE-LAWS:**

For all purposes, the Bye-Laws made under the rules of the Federation as provided for in this Constitution shall have the same force as of the Rules in the Constitution.

XXXIII. **RESIDUARY POWERS:**

Any matter not provided for, in these Rules shall be dealt with by the Council.

XXXIV. **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:**

The AFI will appoint Disciplinary Committee from amongst the members of the Executive Council not exceeding five to deal with all matters pertaining to disciplinary regulations and the Committee will submit its report or findings to the Executive Council. The decision of the Executive Council will be put up for ratification of Assembly.

XXXV. **DISSOLUTION:**

i. The Federation may be dissolved at the Annual General Meeting specially called for the purpose either by the Council or upon requisition of two-third number of members, provided that majority of members present, vote for the same.

ii. If upon the dissolution of the Federation, there remain (after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities) any property whatsoever, the same shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Federation or any of them, but shall be given to a Society, carrying on similar objects, on such terms and conditions to be determined by votes of majority of members.

XXXVI. **MISCELLANEOUS**

A) The Federation will appoint National Coaches.

B) The Federation will hold, where feasible the under-mentioned Competitions annually. These Competitions should be organized through Inter-Block and Inter-District Competition in each State, leading to the Competitions at the National level.

List of Competitions:

1. National Open Athletics Championships.
3. Federation Cup National Seniors Athletics Championships.
4. At least Four (4) National Athletics Circuit Meets (Events to be decided in consultation with the National Coach).
10. Four Zonal Junior Athletics Championships.

C) TECHNICAL RULES:

Athletics Federation of India (AFI) will be guided by the International Association of Athletics Federation. AFI will also be guided by the changes, if any, made in the IAAF Rules in this regard from time to time, but if AFI decide, it can frame its rules for Domestic Competitions.

1) In all Competitions held under the banner of AFI, only AFI / IAAF approved equipment / implements will be used.

2) It is mandatory to use Photo-Finish System (TSR) in all National Level Meets including affiliated Boards Meets. The use of electronic equipment like Photo-Finish System, False Start Indicator, EDM, Display Timer, Field Score Board, Wind Gauge and Computerisation of Results (IAAF Meet Manager) is mandatory for organizing the AFI Championships.

3) No Athlete will be allowed to run bare footed in any competition on Track, Road or Cross-Country.

4) Athletes under 16 years will not be allowed to run in any Competition of more than 3000 mts. / 3 Kms.

5) No Athlete under the age of 18 years will be allowed to run in Marathon.

6) It is mandatory for State Unit / Boards / Departmental Units that they should get their Athletes registered at National / State or District level. State Units / Boards / Departmental Units not adhering to this requirement will not be allowed to participate in any National Championships.

7) All the State Units affiliated to AFI are required to conduct the Technical Officials Examination in their respective States prior to such an examination conducted by AFI. The Chairman Examination Committee will be consulted in this regard for preparation of Examination paper, Practical Tests, for conducting the State level examination.

8) In order to improve the Technical Conduct of various National / International Competitions and to have sufficient number of Technical Officials, AFI will conduct Technical Official’s Examination regularly on the pattern of IAAF.

9) AFI will organize the Seminars on regular intervals for Technical Officials to apprise them about any changes or amendments to the Rules and Technical Conduct. It will be mandatory for Technical Officials to attend such Seminar.

10) Duties of Technical Delegates:
   a) To confirm in writing about acceptance of offer.
   b) To reach the Venue at least 48 hours before the start of the Competition.
   c) To submit the report and results within ten (10) days of conclusion of the Championships.
   d) To verify and check the equipment / implements to be used in the Championships.
   e) To impress upon the Organiser to follow AFI directions (Indian Athletics Manual)
f) To apprise Hony Secretary AFI / Chairman Technical Committee about time
to time developments.
g) To physically verify the Meet and National Records and to send detailed
report in this regard to AFI.
h) To convene a meeting of the Technical Officials well before the start of the
Competition.
i) To assist the organizers in all Technical Matters.

11) AFI will also appoint Observer whenever necessary who will visit the venue
atleast 30 days before the commencement of the Athletics Championships. He
will ensure that all arrangements are according to the requirements of AFI. All
the expenses in this regard are to be paid by the Organiser.

12) AFI will form Medical / Publicity Committee which will assure the publicity of the
Meet. The Committee will ensure the following:
   a) T.V. Coverage.
   b) Press Release in all the Newspapers and magazines.
   c) Publicity in the host city / town / village to attract more people.

13) Programme of the Meet will be prepared by Technical Committee in
consultation with Hony Secretary AFI / Chief Coach Seniors as well as Juniors.

14) All the affiliated units must send the entries of the Athletes for participation in
the various Meets at at least 15 days before the commencement of the
Competition to AFI, failing which the entry will not be accepted and the team
will not be allowed to participate. A copy of the entry of the Athletes should
also reach to the organizers at least 10 days before the commencement of
the Competition, failing which AFI will notify the respective unit, not to send
their team for participation in the respective Competition.
   b) No reserve entry will be allowed.
   c) Change in the entry in the last moment will not be allowed.
   d) No board will get accommodation free of cost by the organizers of the Meet.

15) No unit can change the date and venue of the Competition allotted to them. In
   case of change, it will be liable for a fine upto Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty
   Thousand only) failing which it will be liable for disaffiliation / participation in any
   competition.

16) State Associations / Boards / Departmental Units will bid for the various
   competitions at least six months in advance. Executive Council of AFI is
   competent to allot any Championships among bidders. But if there is no bidder
   for any particular meet, Executive Council will allot the Meet to any Board
   without their consent . The Board affiliated to AFI has to accept the decision of
   Executive Council. In case of any delay in the Executive Council meeting, the
   President AFI is authorized to form a three (3) member Committee to decide the
   allotment of various Meets.

17) AFI will also appoint various Officials for successful conduct of the National
   Championships.

18) AFI will also make efforts to bring sponsorship for the various Athletics
   Championships. The revenue collected by the AFI through such sponsorship
   will be shared by the AFI with the organizer in the ratio of 70% (with AFI) – 30%
   (with the organizer). AFI will retain the right of keeping 70% of the total
   advertising space of such championship which includes the advertising space on
   hoardings, bib numbers, banners etc. .
19) The Host unit (LOC) must ensure & assure AFI that Host Unit, will provide reasonably good accommodation to the Athletes and officials. If AFI gets sufficient funds from sponsorships, AFI will be responsible for the total conduct of the Meet.

20) It is mandatory for all the outstanding Athletes to participate in National Championships organized by AFI. If any Athlete can not participate in any National Championships due to genuine reason, prior permission of the Hony Secretary of the Federation is required and the decision of the Hony Secretary will be Final & abiding on all.

21) Level ‘I’ Officials / NTO / FTO /FSTO should participate in their State Championships, otherwise they will not be eligible to participate in any National / International Championships held in India.

The Hony Secretary of State Athletics Associations should invite / nominate the Technical Officials for their State Championships with a copy of information to the Chairman Technical Committee AFI. If any Technical Officials does not participate in the Championships, where he/she is nominated with a valid reason, he / she will loose the right to officiate in any National / International Championships held in India. In other words, the Technical Officials should give maximum support to the State Athletics Association for smooth & successful conduct of the State Championships.

D) RECOGNITION OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AT NATIONAL LEVEL:

AFI has right to allot and/or grant permission for any championship (marathon/ road races etc. ) to any individual, boards, affiliated units, clubs, organization and the capitation fee will be as follows:-

Capitation Fees for All India Athletics Championships:  Rs.5,00,000/-
Capitation fees for All India/International Marathon and Road Races:  Rs.5,00,000/- + 10% of Prize Money
[For affiliated units]

For other organisations:-
Capitation fees for All India/International Marathon and Road Races:  Rs.5,00,000/- + 10% of Prize Money

{The amount mentioned is the minimum guarantee money payable to AFI, which may be increased depending upon the size / stature / Prize money of the Championship / Race}.

E) The member units shall ensure that they do not grant membership to a club or to an individual person to their state unit and in case such membership already exists, such members will not have the right to vote in any meeting of the member unit. Provided that in the case of Union Territory, affiliation may be granted to an individual club.

F) AFI will have two types of members:

i. **Affiliated**: Affiliated Members will have right to vote as per classification.

ii. **Recognised**: Recognised Members will have only One member in the General Council but with no voting right.

G) The Federation may sue or be sued in the name of Hony Secretary.

H) The provision of the Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) will apply to the Federation.

I) In all matters relating to the interpretation of an application of the Constitution as well as in matters not specifically provided for herein, the decision of the Executive Council shall be final and binding on all concerned.
J) No decision taken at an Annual General Meeting or at a meeting of the Council shall be opened, modified or cancelled after the expiry of six months from the date of such decision.

K) Membership of every member shall continue on the specific condition that the member voluntarily accepts the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Commission of the AFI and that the member will submit disputes/grievance to the Arbitration Commission.

L) The Federation will be guided by the Rules, Regulations, Bye-Laws, directions and instructions issued from time to time by the IAAF and the IOA.

M) In order to stop overage participation in the junior category, if less than 5 Athletes from any participating unit are found overage in one calendar year, the unit will be imposed a fine of Rs.50,000/- . This fine has to be deposited by the defaulting unit within 3 months, failing which, the state/unit will not be allowed to take part in the National Athletics Calendar for the period of 1 year. At the same time, if 5 or more athletes are found overage in one Calendar year, the unit will not be allowed to participate in any competition organized by the AFI for the period of 1 year. However, the Athletes of such state / unit may be allowed to participate under the banner of AFI, if the President / Hony Secretary so desire.

N) **Financial Responsibilities:**
   
i. The Hony Secretary AFI will be paid to and fro air passage cost for His / Her official visits. He / She will also be paid DA towards out of pocket expenses for his / her official visits in India and abroad. He is also entitled to have local conveyance by taxi, as and when required. All these expenses to be approved by the President AFI.

   ii. Hony Treasurer AFI will be paid to and fro air passage cost for his official visits.

   iii. President in consultation with Hony Secretary will decide the monetary assistance to be paid to other Office Bearers or any other Member of the Federation including the salary of the staff of the Federation.

   iv. Organisation Delegates {OD}, Technical Delegates {TD} / National Technical Officials {NTO} nominated by the Federation for the various National level Athletics Competitions will be given following facilities by the organizers of the Meet :
      
a) IInd AC to & fro Rail fare from the place of residence to the Venue of the Competition.

      b) Free Boarding & Lodging, including the local conveyance for the duration of their stay of the venue of the Competition.

      c) Rupees Two Thousand for OD & TDs and One Thousand for NTOs per day for out of pocket expenses for the duration of their stay at the venue of the Meet and also for journey period.

      With regard to the above mentioned facilities for Technical Delegates & National Technical Officials , Hony Secretary AFI can reduce or increase the same, in case of any financial problem.

O) Indian Athletics Manual will be binding on all the affiliated / recognized Members & Organisations.

XXXVII. **CHARACTER OF THE FEDERATION:**

The Federation (AFI) is a permanent organization of Patriotic and National character. It is devoted to the physical and cultural education of the youth of India. It is independent, autonomous and free from political, religious or communal influences.
XXXVIII. **JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERATION:**
Delhi Courts will have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining with the AFI, its activities and members.

XXXIX. **ZONES:**
AFI is divided into Four Zones namely, East, North, South and West. The jurisdiction of these Zones will be as under :

i. **EAST:** Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura and West-Bengal = Twelve {12} States.

ii. **NORTH** :- Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand = Eight {8} States.

iii. **SOUTH** :- Andhra Pradesh, Andman & Nicobar, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamilnadu & Telangana = Eight {8} States.

iv. **WEST** :- Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujrat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan = Six {6} States.

The General Assembly will decide regrouping of States as and when required.

XL. **ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS:**
Athletics Federation of India will follow the current IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations, link to which is provided on the AFI website.

XLI. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

a) **For the Office Bearers of the Federation:**
In order to improve and streamline the working of the Federation, to achieve the objects, it is imperative that the Office Bearers specially President, Hony Secretary and Hony Treasurer be made accountable. The duties and responsibilities of President/Hony Secretary & Hony Treasurer in this regard are:

1. To plan and propose Athletics activities in the country.
2. To organize National / International Competitions for the Athletes as per the Constitution.
3. To organize the Clinics / Seminars concerning important issues with regard to the development of Athletics.
4. To prepare and send the team for International Competitions.
5. To conduct Coaching Camps for Juniors / Seniors in connection with the preparation of Athletes for International Competitions.
6. To provide all necessary facilities and help Athletes to achieve high level performance.
7. To make efforts to popularize Athletics.
8. To conduct Executive Council Meeting, Annual General Assembly as per Constitution.

If the Office Bearers fail to perform the Above mentioned activities, the Executive Council can make assessment of the whole working and propose an appropriate action, which needs to be ratified by the General Assembly.

b) **For State Athletics Association / Sports Boards:**
1. To organize State Level / National level Competitions.
2. To prepare and send the teams for various competitions.
3. To conduct Coaching Camps for Juniors / Seniors in connection with preparation for participation in various competitions.
4. State Athletics Associations / Boards are required to comply with the Rules and Regulations laid down in the AFI Constitution, failing which they are liable for disaffiliation. This includes the various activities and obligations mentioned in the Constitution.

5. No Office Bearer of State Associations / Sports Boards will go to the Press / any outside Organisation / any individual and give comments about the activities of the Federation.

6. Before going to the Press, they have to give in writing their complaints / grievances to the Hony Secretary, who in consultation with the President has to take appropriate action within 30 days. If need be, such complaints / grievances may be placed before the Executive Council Meeting of AFI.

In case of violation of the above, AFI Executive Council can propose appropriate action including the suspension of the concerned unit.

c) **For Coaches:**

1. The Coaches will be accountable for the performance of their Athletes in National and International Competitions.
2. No coach is supposed to encourage overage participation in Junior meets.
3. No Coach is supposed to encourage the Athletes for the use of banned drugs / prohibited technique.
4. No Coach will go to the Press / any outside organization / any other person in case of complaint / grievance about the activities of the Federation.
5. In case of any grievance or otherwise, concerned Coach has to give in writing his / her complaint / grievance to Hony Secretary of the Federation, who in consultation with the President has to take up appropriate action within thirty (30) days and can also allow the Coach to speak to the Press.

d) **For Athletes**

1. If any Athlete misbehaves with any authority including any Sports Official, Coaches, Technical Officials, members of AFI, he / she is liable for disciplinary action.
2. Any type of misconduct by an Athlete during Coaching camps and Competition etc. will make him / her liable to disciplinary action.
3. Athletes have to respect the AFI Constitution and all directions given by the Federation including the Rules and Regulations of the Federation.
4. No Athlete will go to the Press / any outside organization / any individual in case of any complaint / grievance about the athletics activities / Federation activities / Coaches and other matters concerning Athletics.
5. Before going to the Press, Athlete will have to give in writing their complaints / grievances, if any to the Hony Secretary, who in consultation with the President has to take appropriate action within 30 days. They can go to the Press, if no action is taken by the Hony Secretary / President.

In case of violation of any of the above, disciplinary Committee will propose appropriate action which needs to be ratified by the Executive Council.

Note: At least three (3) members of the Disciplinary Committee must be present in the meeting before any action is proposed.

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