

ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

CONSTITUTION

Definitions:

The terms given below denote the following:

1. Federation or AIFF means the All India Football Federation
2. FIFA means Federation Internationale de Football Association.
3. IFAB means the International Football Association Board.
4. AFC means the Asian Football Confederation.
5. IOA means the Indian Olympic Association.
6. National Association means an Association, which is in membership with FIFA.
7. Member Association means a Permanent Member, Associate Member or Provisional Member.
8. Permanent Member means a football Association of a State or Union Territory which has been granted permanent affiliation to the AIFF.
9. Associate Member, means the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB), the Railways Sports Promotion Boards (RSPB).
10. Provisional Member means a football Association of a State or Union Territory admitted as such by the AIFF as provisional member.
11. Constituent or Affiliated Unit means any District Association, Club, Board or any other Association or Institution affiliated to a Member.
12. Leagues means a Tournament for Clubs affiliated to a Member, organized by the Member or any of its constituent units or by the AIFF based on league format of competition.
13. Bodies mean the General Body, Executive Committee, the General Secretariat, the Standing Committees and Boards.
14. Financial Year means the period from 1st April to the 31st of March of the subsequent year.

15. AGM means the Annual General Body Meeting of the AIFF.
16. SGM means the Special General Body Meeting of the AIFF.
17. Official means every Board Member, Committee(s) or Sub Committee(s) member, Referee, Assistant Referee, Manager, Coach, Trainer and other persons responsible for the technical, medical and administrative matters of AIFF or of a Member or of a unit affiliated to the Member or of any competition of AIFF.
18. Player, means any football player registered with the AIFF or any of its Member Associations.
19. Association Football, means the Game of Football as regulated by the Laws of the Game and controlled by FIFA.
20. Statutes, means the Constitution of AIFF promulgated by the AGM or the SGM.
21. Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders, are those promulgated by the Executive Committee from time to time.
22. Laws of the Game refer to the Laws of the Game, authorized by the IFAB and published by FIFA.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Name, Headquarters and Affiliation

1. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) is a National Association registered with the Registrar of Societies, Mumbai, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
2. The Registered office and the Headquarters of AIFF shall be located at the AIFF Football House, Sector 19, Phase 1, Dwarka, New Delhi.
3. It is neutral in matters of politics and religion. It prohibits any form of political, religious, sexual, ethnic, linguistic, regional or racial discrimination.
4. It is formed for an unlimited period.
5. AIFF is a member of FIFA, AFC and Indian Olympic Association. Accordingly, it is itself obliged to respect the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, the AFC and to ensure that these

are likewise respected by its members.

Article 2 Objectives

The objectives of AIFF are:

- (a) To improve and popularize the game of football constantly and promote it throughout India in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes in urban, rural and remote areas including Schools, Colleges and Universities.
- (b) To organize its own annual domestic and international competitions.
- (c) To draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement.
- (d) To control every type of association football, including friendly matches by taking appropriate steps to prevent infringements of the Statutes, regulations or decisions of FIFA, AFC, AIFF or of the Laws of the Game.
- (e) To prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of matches of competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football.
- (f) To manage the international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms.
- (g) To protect the joint interest of its members.
- (h) To raise funds, purchase or hold any property and/or equipment or any interest in the same.
- (i) To do all such acts as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of foregoing objects and for promotion and development of the game of football.
- (j) To organize Children's festival of football and International Competitions from time to time.

Article 3 Non-discrimination and stance against racism

1. Discrimination of any kind against a State, Club, private person or groups of people because of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and

punishable by suspension or expulsion.

Article 4 Promoting friendly relations

1. AIFF shall promote friendly relations:
 - (a) Between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players. Every person and organization involved in the game of Association Football is obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations and the principles of fair play.
 - (b) In the society for humanitarian objectives.
2. AIFF shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players.

Article 5 Players

1. The Executive Committee of the Members and their constituents shall regulate the status of Players according to the provisions for their registration and transfer in accordance with special regulations made for this purpose by the AIFF.

Article 6 Indian Club Licensing System

1. AIFF shall operate a club licensing system in accordance with the principles of the club licensing regulations of AFC and FIFA.
2. The objective of the club licensing system is to safeguard the credibility and integrity of club competitions, to improve the level of professionalism of Indian football to promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play as well as safe and secure match environments and to promote transparency in the finances, ownership and control of clubs.
3. The Executive Committee of AIFF shall issue club licensing regulations governing the club licensing system. Inter alia, the club licensing regulations shall stipulate to which clubs the system applies. As a minimum, the club licensing system must be implemented in respect of top division clubs which qualify for AFC club competitions on sporting merit and national club competitions. The club licensing bodies shall consist of the Club Licensing

Committee and the Club Licensing Appeals Body. The members of these club licensing bodies shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Article 7 Laws of the Game

1. Each Member of AIFF shall play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB and approved by FIFA.

Article 8 Conduct of Members, Committees and officials

1. Members, Affiliated Units, Committees, Officials and Players must observe the Statutes, regulations, decisions and Code of Ethics of FIFA, AFC and AIFF in their activities. The Executive Committee shall draw up the Code of Ethics.

Article 9 Official languages

1. English shall be the official Languages of AIFF. English is the official language for minutes, correspondence and announcements.
2. Members/Boards are responsible for translations into the language of their choice, wherever they feel it necessary.
3. English is the official language at the General Body in adherence to FIFA provisions.
4. The Statutes, Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes, the Standing Orders of the general body, decisions and announcements of AIFF shall be published in English. They may be translated in other official languages of India. In case of dispute over the interpretation of the text, the English version shall be considered as final.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 10 Admission, suspension and expulsion

1. The General Body shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.

Article 11 Admission

1. An Association, which organizes and supervises football in its State

may become a member of AIFF. Only one Association shall be recognized in each State. In the context, the expression State shall refer to a State or Union territory recognized by the Government of India.

2. Permanent membership is only permitted if an Association has already been a provisional member of the AIFF for at least two years and is considered by General Body. General Body may extend provisional membership period also.
3. Any association wishing to become a member of AIFF shall apply in writing to the AIFF General Secretariat.
4. Any association wishing to become a member shall have at least ten affiliated District Associations each with a minimum of six affiliated clubs. Smaller States with less than 10 Districts shall have at least twenty-four clubs affiliated to them. A regular league shall be conducted among these clubs from the time the Association is granted provisional membership.
5. The association's legally valid statutes shall be enclosed with the application for membership and shall contain the following mandatory provisions:
 - (a) to always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, AFC and AIFF,
 - (b) to comply with the Laws of the Game in force,
 - (c) a declaration that it recognizes the Arbitration Tribunal of AIFF and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne as specified in the FIFA, AFC & AIFF Statutes.
6. The Services Sports Control Board, the Railways Sports Promotion Boards and the **Women's Committee** are recognized as Associate Members of the AIFF according to the special regulations of the AIFF. The regulations governing the application of the Statutes shall regulate the details of procedure for admission
7. This article shall not affect the status of existing members except those listed in clause (6) above
8. The members of AIFF are:-
 - i) One Football Association in each State or Union Territory as

defined by the Constitution of India

- ii) The Services Sports Control Board and Railway Sports Promotion Board

Article 12 New members

A1. The Executive Committee shall recommend to the General Body either to admit or not to admit an Association.

The new Association shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted as a permanent or associate member. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.

2. New members applying for membership should submit declaration that the Head Office is in the territory in which the member is the Football Authority.

3. A declaration to the effect that all the Official matches organized by this State Association will be played in the territory in which the applicant is the Football Authority.

4. A declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the Applicant guarantee that he makes decisions required by each affiliate to AIFF independently of an external entity.

B1. Every application to the AIFF must be submitted in writing to the General Secretariat of the AIFF.

2. The Application must be accompanied by a copy of the Applicant's Statutes and Regulations.

3. A list of its Officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;

4. A declaration to the effect that it agrees to be bound by the Statutes, regulations, and directives in their current form, and subject to later changes, as well as by the decisions of FIFA, of AFC, of AIFF and of the leagues of which it is composed.

5. A declaration to the effect that it undertakes to ensure that these are respected by its own constituent members and by any other person (player or official) with whom it has a contract.

6. A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the exclusive authority of an arbitration tribunal and the Court of Arbitration for Sports(CAS) in respect of all legal disputes involving itself or any of its members.
7. A declaration to the effect that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly or competition matches only with the prior consent of AIFF.
8. A copy of the minutes of its last General Assembly or constitutional meeting.

Article 13 Members' rights

1. Permanent and Associate Members have the following rights:
 - (a) To take part in the General Body.
 - (b) To draw up proposals for inclusion in the Agenda of the General Body.
 - (c) To nominate candidates for the AIFF Presidency and other posts in the Executive Committee.
 - (d) To take part in competitions organized by AIFF.
 - (e) To take part in AIFF's assistance and development programmes.
 - (f) To exercise all other rights arising from these Statutes and other regulations.
2. The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.
3. Provisional Members only have the following rights:
 - (a) To participate in the AIFF competitions.
 - (b) To attend the AGM as observers.

Article 14 Members' obligations

1. Members and their constituent units have the following obligations:
 - (a) To comply fully with the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of AIFF bodies at any time including the compliances of FIFA & AFC statutes, wherever applicable.

- (b) To take part in competitions organized by AIFF
- (c) To pay their membership subscriptions.
- (d) To ensure that their affiliated units comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions as well as the Code of Ethics of FIFA, AFC and AIFF bodies.
- (e) To observe the Laws of the Game of the International Football Association Board (IFAB).
- (f) To comply fully with all other obligations arising from these Statutes and other regulations.
- (g) To have District Associations in at least 70% of the Districts in that State. All these Districts shall be affiliated to them. Each of these Districts shall have a minimum of six affiliated Clubs. State Associations in smaller States which have less than 6 Districts shall have at least 24 Clubs affiliated to them.
- (h) To conduct a League among its clubs at District and State level.
- (i) Not to disrupt or attempt to disrupt the AIFF calendar of events by scheduling competitions and events clashing with the AIFF events.
- (j) To release their players as per the stipulations of the AIFF Regulations governing the Status, Registration and Transfer of Players, whenever there are called for National Training camps and competitions for the National teams including the age group teams.
- (k) To submit to AIFF legal committee or refer to arbitration as per statute, all disputes between members and its constituent units and AIFF without resorting first to litigation in court.
- (l) To abstain from any action contrary to the interest of AIFF.
- (m) To communicate to AIFF any amendment of the member's statutes and regulations, and a list of its officials or persons who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.
- (n) To specify in any contract that it concludes with a player or

official a clause by which any legal actions requiring arbitration arising out of the said contract or related to it must be subject to the sole authority of an arbitration tribunal, which will settle the legal action.

- (o) An obligation for its General Assembly to elect the members of its executive organ.
- (p) An obligation not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with non-recognized entities.
- (q) An obligation to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play
- (r) All other obligations arising out of these statutes or out of the regulations, directives and decisions of AIFF.

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

Article 15 Suspensions

1. The General Body is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously or repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. Such suspension shall last until the following General Body, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
2. A suspension by the Executive Committee shall be confirmed at the next General Body by a two-third majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
3. A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members shall not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member.
4. In addition to the sanctions imposed by the General Body, the Disciplinary Committee may impose sanctions in all matters coming under its purview according to the Disciplinary Regulations of the AIFF.
5. Members, which do not participate in at least three of all AIFF

competitions over a period of one year, shall be suspended from voting at the General Body until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

6. Members who do not pay their subscription fees and dues within the stipulated period shall lose their rights under Art. 13.1 (a to c and e & f).

Article 16 Expulsions

1. The General Body may expel a Member:
 - (a) If it fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards AIFF or
 - (b) If it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, decisions or the Code of Ethics of AIFF or
 - (c) If it loses the status of an Association representing Association Football in its state.
 - (d) If it fails to conduct Elections as stipulated in their Constitution.**

The presence of an absolute majority of Members (50% OF MEMBERS PLUS ONE) entitled to vote at the General Body is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a two third majority of the votes taken.

Article 17 Dispute

1. In the event of any dispute, which results in claims by two different Executive/Managing Committees of being the duly elected Committee in a State, the AIFF Executive Committee, has the right to derecognize both the Committees.
2. Before derecognizing the Executive/Managing Committees, the AIFF shall call the President and Secretary of the existing Committees to obtain their opinion. They should present themselves before the President of the AIFF within thirty days of the date of the notice sent to them. If after hearing them, the AIFF President feels that there is a split in the organization he shall call both parties and the AIFF shall try to settle the dispute amicably.
3. If still there is no settlement then the President shall recommend to the Executive Committee to appoint an ad-hoc Committee **consisting**

of six members with ex players/football administrators and also nominate a Convenor for the Ad Hoc Body to run the affairs of the State Association.

4. The ad-hoc Committee will be required to conduct the elections to the Executive Committee of the concerned Association within a period of six months.

Article 18 Executive or Managing Committees of Members.

1. The Executive or Managing Committee of Permanent Members and Provisional Members shall be elected. The Committees of the Associate Members may be nominated, but will have to adhere to No. 2 below.
2. A Member's statutes shall provide for a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the elected or nominated members.
3. The Executive or Managing Committee of Permanent Member Associations and Provisional Members that have not been elected, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognized by AIFF. Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the AIFF under the provisions of the Art. 17.3 of these Regulations shall be exempt from this clause.
4. Decisions passed by Executive or Managing Committees under art. 17.3 that have not been elected shall not be recognized by AIFF.

Article 19 Status of Leagues and other groups of clubs

1. Leagues, Clubs, District Associations or any other groups affiliated to a Member of AIFF shall be subordinate to and recognized by that Member. The Member's statutes shall define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these groups. The statutes and regulations of these groups shall be approved by the Member and shall not be in conflict with the statutes of FIFA and AIFF.
2. Every Member shall ensure that its affiliated District Associations or clubs can take all decisions on any matters regarding membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of an affiliated club's corporate structure. In any case, the Member shall ensure that neither a natural nor a legal person

(including holding companies and subsidiaries) exercises control over more than one club whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardized.

III. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

Article 20 Chief Patron, Patrons, Honorary President, and Honorary member

1. The Annual General Body Meeting may bestow the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member upon any persons for meritorious service to football.
2. The Annual General Body may also induct meritorious persons as Chief Patron or Patron of the AIFF.
3. The Executive Committee shall make these nominations.
4. The Honorary President or Honorary Member may take part in the Congress. They may express their opinion when it is sought by the Presiding Officer.

IV. ZONES

Article 21 Zones

1. The AIFF has constituted the following Zones:
2. (a) North Zone: Comprising of the States and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand and Delhi.
- (b) North East Zone: Comprising of the States of Tripura, Mizoram, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.
- (c) East Zone: Comprising of the States of Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa.
- (d) West Zone: Comprising of the States and Union Territories of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu

and Goa.

- (e) South Zone: Comprising of the States and Union Territories of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Karnataka ,Andhra Pradesh, **Telengana** and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
3. Each Zone shall have the following rights and obligations:
 - (a) To appoint to the Executive Committee members to which they are entitled in compliance with these Statutes;
 4. In order to decentralize and make the administration and organization of the competitions more efficient , the Executive Committee may delegate specific duties or powers to the Zones.

V. ORGANISATION

Article 22 Bodies

1. The General Body is the supreme and legislative body.
2. The Executive Committee is the executive body.
3. The General Secretariat is the administrative body.
4. Standing and ad-hoc committees and departments shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their primary duties are defined in these Statutes and their composition, function and additional duties are defined in special regulations.
5. The Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee, Player Status Committee, Club Licensing Appeals Body (CLAB) and the Arbitration Tribunal are the judicial bodies of the AIFF.

A. GENERAL BODY

Article 23 General Body

1. A General Body meeting may be an Ordinary or a Special General Body Meeting.

2. The Ordinary General Meeting shall be held every year. The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. Members shall be notified in writing at least thirty days in advance. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 15 days before the date of the Ordinary General Body Meeting. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the President's report, the financial statements and the Auditors' report.
3. The Executive Committee may convene a Special General Body Meeting at any time.
4. The Executive Committee shall convene a Special General Body Meeting if one-third of the Members make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. A Special General Body Meeting shall be held within 60 days of receipt of the request.
5. The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 30 days before the date of a Special General Body Meeting. The agenda of a Special General Body Meeting may not be altered.
6. The Honorary President and Members specially designated by the General Body along with the members of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary of the AIFF shall be called to attend the General Body Meeting in a consultative capacity.
7. The Executive Committee may invite third parties to attend the General Body Meetings. Third parties have no voting rights and can be consulted with the permission of the Executive Committee.
8. The Annual General Body Meeting shall be convened within nine months following the end of the financial year of the AIFF.
9. Notices of all meetings shall be issued by the General Secretariat.
10. The quorum for the Annual or Special General Body Meetings is 50% of the Members plus one.

Article 24 Vote, delegates, observers

1. Each Member has one vote in the General Body Meeting and is represented by its delegates. Only the Members present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
2. Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be nominated by the appropriate body of that Association. Nominations shall be signed by the President or the Honorary / General Secretary of the Association. In case of conflict the nomination signed by the President shall be treated as valid.

However no one can represent as a delegate who is criminally convicted by the court.

3. A Member of the Executive Committee of the AIFF shall not have voting right during the Annual and Special General Body Meetings the AIFF. He shall not be nominated as the representative of the respective Association during his tenure as member of the Executive Committee of the AIFF.
4. The President shall conduct the Annual General Meeting business in compliance with the Standing Orders of the General Body.

Article 25 Candidates for the office of AIFF President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Members of the Executive Committee.

1. A candidate for the office of President of AIFF shall have served as a member of the Executive Committee of the AIFF or President or Honorary Secretary of a Member Association for at least four years during the preceding twelve years. A candidate for the post of Treasurer shall have served in the Executive Committee of the AIFF or the Executive Committee of a Member Association for a period of at least four years. Candidates for all other posts shall be members of the Executive Committee of a Permanent Member from the Zone from which they are seeking election. Candidates for the office of President and Treasurer shall be below the age of 70 years.
2. The nomination for the post of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer or Members shall only be valid if signed by the President or the Honorary Secretary/**General Secretary** of a Permanent Member Association or an Associate Member Association (provisional members are not allowed to sign the nomination form). The nomination in the prescribed Proforma shall be sent to AIFF General Secretariat/**Returning Officer** at least fifteen days before the date of the Ordinary Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) where the elections are held. If the last date for the receipt of nominations is a Holiday or a Sunday the nomination shall be accepted during the office hours of the next working day. The

- nomination shall be received only during office hours. Such communication must reach the Office in the prescribed period.
3. A candidate for the post of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Member of the Executive Committee shall be proposed by at least five Permanent and/or Associate Members. A Permanent and/or an Associate Member can propose the name of only one candidate for the post of President. A Permanent and/or Associate Member can also propose only one candidate for the post of Treasurer. A Permanent and/or Associate Member can also propose only one candidate from each Zone for the post of Vice President. A Permanent and/or Associate Member can also propose only two candidates from each Zone for the post of Member of the Executive Committee.
 4. All the nominations shall be scrutinized on the day immediately after the last day prescribed for accepting the nominations, i.e. the immediate next day (if it is not a holiday).
 5. A candidate may withdraw his nomination within three days after the scrutiny takes place.
 6. The General Secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of candidates for all posts at least eight days before the date of the AGM
 7. The Executive Committee shall request the Indian Olympic Association or FIFA or AFC as the case may be to appoint one of its members, as the Returning Officer to conduct the Elections.
 8. All Election procedures including accepting of nominations, scrutiny, balloting and all other matters concerning the Elections shall be conducted by this Returning Officer. He shall be assisted by the General Secretariat of the AIFF.
 9. The name of the Returning Officer & his/her contact details shall be intimated to all Members by the General Secretariat before the Election process begins.

Article 26 Ordinary Annual General Body Meeting

Agenda

1. The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee or Member(s). Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Ordinary Annual General Body Meeting shall be sent to the General Secretariat in writing, with a

- brief explanation, at least twenty five days before the date of the AGM.
2. The AGM agenda shall include the following mandatory items;
 - (a) a declaration that the AGM has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes,
 - (b) roll call,
 - (c) approval of the agenda,
 - (d) address by the President,
 - (e) appointment of three Members to check the minutes,
 - (f) appointment of scrutinizers,
 - (g) suspension or expulsion of a Member (if applicable),
 - (h) approval of the minutes of the preceding AGM or SGM,
 - (i) activity report (containing the activities since the last AGM),
 - (j) presentation of the consolidated and revised Balance sheet and the profit and Loss Statement,
 - (k) approval of the financial statements,
 - (l) approval of the budget,
 - (m) admission for membership (if applicable),
 - (n) discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee within the period stipulated under para 1 (if applicable),
 - (o) votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the AGM (if applicable),
 - (p) appointment of auditors.
 - (q) election of the President, (if applicable)
 - (r) election of the Treasurer, (if applicable)
 - (s) election of Vice Presidents and members of the Executive Committee representing the respective Zones, (if applicable)
 - (t) installation of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Members of the Executive Committee. (if applicable),
 3. The agenda of an Ordinary Annual General Meeting may be altered, provided two-thirds of the Members present at the AGM and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.
 4. The Annual or Special General Body Meeting of the AIFF shall not make any decision on any point not included in the Agenda.

**Article 27 Amendments to the Statutes, Regulations
Governing the Application of the Statues and the
Standing Orders of the General Body.**

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1. The Statutes, Regulations governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing orders can only be amended at a Special General Body of the AIFF.
 2. Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat by a member or by a Member of the Executive Committee **forty-five** days before the date of the meeting. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least two other Members.
 3. For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, 50% + 1 the of the Members eligible to vote must be present.
 4. A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if 2/3rds of the Members present and eligible to vote, agree to it.
 5. Any proposal to amend the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Body must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee.
 6. A proposal for an amendment to the Regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Body shall be adopted only if more than half of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
 7. No amendment to the Constitution shall be made which proves to be repugnant to the provisions of sec.2(15),11,12 and 13 and 80 (G) of the Income Tax Act 1961, as amended from time to time. Further no amendments shall be carried out without the prior approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax.

Article 28 Elections, other decisions, requisite majority

1. All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
2. Any other decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll, members being called in English alphabetical order.

3. For the election of the President and Treasurer, the candidate polling half of the vote's recorded plus one vote will be declared elected. If there are more than one candidate and no candidate polls the required number of votes a second ballot will be conducted. Only the candidates polling the highest and second highest number of votes will be included in this ballot and the candidate obtaining the highest number of votes will be declared elected. In the event of tie, the winner or the remaining candidates shall be decided by draw of lots.
4. For the posts of Vice President and Member the candidate / candidates securing the highest number of votes will be declared elected.
5. The Vice Presidents and the Executive Committee Members representing the Zones, shall be elected by all the members of the General Body. However the candidates shall belong to the respective zone.
6. Standing Committees/Ad-hoc Committees are to be appointed by the Executive Committee only.

Article 29 Minutes

1. The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the General Body Meetings.
2. The minutes of the General Body Meetings shall be checked by the designated Members.

Article 30 Effective dates of decisions

1. Decisions passed by the General Body shall come into effect for the Members thirty days after the close of the General Body Meeting, unless the General Body fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 31 Composition, election of President, Vice-Presidents and Members

1. The Executive Committee consists of 19 members:

- 1 President
 - 1 Treasurer.
 - 5 Vice-Presidents and
 - 10 Members representing the five zones all elected by the representatives of the Permanent and Associate Members of the AIFF.
 - 1 Member representing SSCB or RSPB (by rotation).
 - 1 Member elected by the Women’s Committee.
2. The President, The Vice Presidents, the Treasurer and the Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Body for a period of four years, however,the President and the Treasurer shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 years. Their mandate shall begin after the end of the General Body Meeting, which has elected them. They may be re-elected subject to the following :
 - (a) The President may hold the office for a maximum period of twelve years with or without break.
 - (b) The Treasurer may serve a maximum of two successive terms of four years each after which a minimum cooling off period of four years will apply to seek fresh election.
 3. The different Zones are apportioned the following posts in the Executive Committee:

(a) North Zone	:	Vice-president (1) members (2)
(b) NE Zone	:	Vice-president (1) members (2)
(c) East Zone	:	Vice-president (1) members (2)
(d) West Zone	:	Vice-president (1) members (2)
(e) South Zone	:	Vice-president (1) members (2)
(f) SSCB/RSPB	:	members (1)
(g) Women’s Committee	:	members (1)
 4. Not more than one member from the same Association may serve on the Executive Committee simultaneously.
 5. The mandate of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Members is for four years, however,the President and the Treasurer shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 years. They may be re-elected subject to Clause 1 of this article.
 6. If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the longest serving Vice- President shall represent him until the next Annual General Body Meeting. The AGM shall elect a new President, if necessary.

7. Any vacancy arising in the Executive Committee for any post other than the President shall be filled up by the Executive Committee by nomination from amongst the members of the respective zone.
8. A member of Executive Committee may not be at the same time being a member of the Judicial Bodies of the AIFF.
9. A Member of AIFF may not have more than one representative in the Executive Committee of the AIFF.

Article 32 Powers of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the General Body or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes.
2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times a year.
3. The President shall convene the Executive Committee meeting. If nine members of the Executive Committee request a meeting, the President shall convene it within a period of 30 days from the receipt of the written request.
4. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Members of the standing committees.
5. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman and Members of the judicial bodies.
6. The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda.
7. The Executive Committee may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time.
8. The Executive Committee shall appoint the delegates from AIFF to FIFA, AFC, IOA and any other organization whenever required.
9. The Executive Committee shall compile the regulations for the organization of standing committees and ad-hoc committees.
10. The Executive Committee shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President.
11. President and the General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees and the General Body ex-officio.
12. The Executive Committee shall decide the place and dates of all AIFF competitions.
13. The Executive Committee shall approve regulations stipulating how AIFF shall be organized internally.

14. To represent and commit AIFF in respect of third parties.
15. To appoint the Coaches for the national representative teams and the other technical staff.
16. To apply maximum supervision in all of the areas of activity of AIFF;
17. To prepare and convene the Annual General Meeting and Special General Body Meeting.
18. To draft the budget and the accounts.
19. To draft the activities report.
20. To nominate and, where appropriate, to dismiss members of the consultative committee.
21. To prepare the Regulations to be adopted or amended by the General Body, to issue or modify regulations other than the regulations governing the application of Statutes, and to issue or modify directives for the consultative committees.
22. To institute, organise and abolish official competitions at national level;
23. To maintain relations with the international and national sporting bodies, and also to exercise the right to propose representative of AIFF for election to their various bodies.
24. To propose any person suitable to be awarded the title of Honorary President or Member of AIFF to the General Body .
25. To provide information to the members of AIFF and the public.
26. To approve the Statutes and Regulations of the leagues, as well as any amendments to the same.
27. Furthermore, the Executive Committee exercises those areas of authority that are not expressly assigned to some other organ.
28. At its own discretion, it may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority and call on the services of advisers or grant mandates to third parties.

C. PRESIDENT

Article 33 President

1. The President represents AIFF legally.
2. He is primarily responsible for:
 - (a) Implementing the decisions passed by the General Body and the Executive Committee through the General Secretariat.
 - (b) Supervising the work of the General Secretariat.
 - (c) Relations between AIFF, its affiliated members, political bodies,

Government and non government organizations, FIFA and AFC and national and International Organizations.

3. Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
4. The President shall preside over the Meetings of General Body. the Executive and Emergency Committees and of such Committees of which he has been appointed as Chairman.
5. The President shall have an ordinary vote in the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
6. If the President is absent or unavailable, the senior Vice-President shall deputize. If he is also absent the next longest serving Vice President shall preside.
7. Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organization regulations of AIFF.

D. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Article 34 Emergency Committee

1. The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall consist of the AIFF President, the five Vice Presidents and the Treasurer.
2. The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through means of electronic communication or circulation. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
3. All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
4. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the longest serving Vice-President available shall deputize. If he is also absent the next longest serving Vice President shall preside.
5. The President is entitled to designate a deputy for any member who is unable to attend or has conflict of interests. The deputy shall belong to the Executive Committee and the same Zone as the member who is unable to attend or has conflict of interests.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 35 Standing committees

1. The standing committees are:
 - (a) Finance Committee
 - (b) Competitions Committee
 - (c) Futsal & Beach Football Committee
 - (d) I League and Federation Cup Committee
 - (e) Referees Committee
 - (f) Technical, Coaching & Development Committee
 - (g) Sports Medical Committee
 - (h) Legal Committee
 - (i) Committee for Ethics and Fair Play
 - (j) Club Licensing Committee
 - (k) Women's Football Committee
 - (l) Ethics Committee
 - (m)
2. The Chairmen of the standing committees shall preferably be members of the Executive Committee when not in conflict with the relevant standing committee regulations. However whenever required the Executive Committee may appoint Chairman of the standing committees from the members of the General Body who are found to have expertise on the subject dealt with by the respective standing committee.
3. The members of each standing committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Members of AIFF or the President of AIFF. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the members of the standing committee shall be designated for a term of office of a maximum of four years; or as mentioned in the relevant standing committee regulations. The terms of all the sub-committees will end after a new committee takes over after the end of the elections of the Executive Committee.
4. The composition, specific duties and powers of the individual committees shall be stipulated in the relevant standing committee regulations.
5. Each Chairman shall represent his Committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant standing committee regulations.
6. Each Committee may, if necessary and permitted under the relevant standing committee regulations set up, from amongst its members a bureau and/or sub-committee to settle urgent matters.

7. Each Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article 36. Finance Committee

- (a) To prepare and place the draft budget for the year for consideration of the Executive Committee.
- (b) To call for draft budget from different Committees.
- (c) To take necessary steps to regulate and monitor the finance.
- (d) To allocate budget grants to different heads of expenditure and to ensure that Budget grant is not exceeded without previous approval of the Executive Committee.
- (e) To forward requisition to the Executive Committee as and when necessary and to obtain sanction for supplementary grant.
- (f) To call for tenders for brochures, advertisement and other matters.
- (g) To fix up passage money and other expenses for delegates appointed to attend meetings of AIFF and other organisations relating to Football.
- (h) To place before the Executive Committee for sanction of any expenditure exceeding Rs. 50,000/- not provided in the budget.
- (i) To recommend annual increment, Provident Fund, Bonus, Ex gratia, Dearness Allowance, Gratuity for the Staff for approval of the Executive Committee.
- (j) To review the annual budget of the Federation to be prepared by the General Secretary of AIFF and recommend the same after modification , if any, for adoption by the President.
- (k) To receive and review reports from the General Secretary on financial performance along with fund flow statement.
- (l) To receive and review internal audit report of the internal auditor.
- (m) To review the actual performance of the Federation against the approved budget.
- (n) To make recommendations.

(The Hony. Treasurer shall be an Ex Officio member of the Committee)

2. To open Current, Savings, Fixed Deposit, Overdraft, loan, cash credit, Escrow and/or any other bank account with any Bank and all Cheques, promissory notes,

drafts, bills of exchange, telegraphic transfer, electronic transfer and other negotiable instruments and all receipts of money paid to the Federation, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Finance Committee shall from time to time by resolution determine.

3. The Finance Committee may from time to time approve to borrow, receive payment of any sum or sums of money, with interest or otherwise, from banks, financial institutions, corporate and/or any other persons for the purpose of the Federation in such manner as the Committee may approve and for that purpose to mortgage, charge all or any part of the movable fixed and current assets of the Federation.

Article 37 Competitions Committee

The committee shall deal with all matters in connection with the tournaments (other than I league & Federation Cup) run directly by the Federation including drawing up fixtures of all tournaments. The committee shall deal with all complaints, claims, protests and misconducts of players and officials of clubs and associations in connection with the tournament matches. The committee shall also deal with all matters in connection with tournaments (not directly run by the Federation) upon reference to them by the Executive Committee. They may also propose to the Executive Committee amendments and additions to the existing regulations.

Article 38 Futsal and Beach Football Committee

1. The Futsal and Beach Football Committee shall organize the AIFF Futsal and Beach Football Championship in compliance with the regulations for the competition, the List of Requirements and the Organizing Association Agreement and draw up the Futsal and Beach Football Laws of the Game and deal with general issues relating to Futsal and Beach football.

Article 39 I league and Federation Cup Committee

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1. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Committee for I League and Federation Cup.
 2. The I league & Federation Cup Committee shall organise the above competitions as well as all the other Club competitions in compliance with the provisions of the regulations applicable to such competitions, the List of Requirements and the Agreement with the participating Clubs and Local Organising committees. They may also propose to the Executive Committee amendments and additions to the existing regulations

Article 40 Referees & Assistant Referees Committee

The Referees & Assistant Referees Committee shall :

- (a) implement and interpret the Laws of the Game and may propose amendments to the rules of the tournaments & events to the Executive Committee. It shall appoint the referees and assistant referees for matches in competitions organised by AIFF
- (b) To deal with all matters relating to Referees
- (c) To conduct examination of Referees for recruitment or for any other purpose
- (d) To hold courses and clinics and take such other steps as may be necessary for improvement of the standard of Refereeing
- (e) To appoint Referees in all national tournaments & matches and in other matches played under the auspices of the Associations and the Federation
- (f) To recommend the classification of Referees and refereeing educators every year according to their competence to Executive Committee for approval
- (g) To maintain a Register of referees & refereeing educators. For violation of any stipulation or Rule or for any cogent reason may declare any referee or refereeing educator inactive, provided however, no such declaration shall be made without providing reasonable opportunity of hearing to the concerned Referee/ refereeing educator
- (h) To draw up draft budget and forward the same to the Finance Committee

Article 41 Technical ,Coaching & Development Committee

The committee shall primarily analyse the basic aspects of football coaching, coaches education and technical development and :

- a) recommend the measures as may be necessary for improvement of standard of the game in the country.
- b) recommend matters relating to the technical aspects of the game .
- c) recommend appointment and salary / allowance of coaches.
- d) recommend coaching budget
- e) look after the affairs of grass root development and youth football academy
- (f) conduct coaching programmes, frame guidelines and deal with all affairs of coaches education.

Article 42 Sports Medical Committee

1. The Sports Medical Committee shall deal with all medical aspects of football.

Article 43 Legal Committee

1. The Legal Committee shall analyse and opine basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of AIFF and its Members.

Article 44 Committee for Ethics and Fair play

1. The Committee for Ethics and Fair Play shall deal with everything relating to ethics in Football and the promotion of fair play.

Article 45 Club Licensing Committee

1. The Club Licensing Committee will operate as the first instance body and decide whether the League and/or AFC license should be granted or not to an applicant under the Indian Club Licensing Regulations. In the case of a License refusal by the Club Licensing Committee, the decision must be put in writing and include the reasoning.
2. The Club Licensing Committee shall have a panel of 5 members and a quorum of 3 members. Each quorum must have among its members at least one professionally qualified lawyer and an auditor holding a qualification recognized by the appropriate national professional body among their members.

3. Members of the Club Licensing Committee (FIB) may not belong simultaneously to a statutory judicial body of AIFF and must act impartially in the discharge of their duties.

Article 46 Quorum

1. The quorum for a General Body or any Committee meeting shall be 50% plus one of the total number of members entitled to attend the meeting.
2. If there is no quorum the meeting shall take place 24 hours after the scheduled time. There is no quorum required for such meeting, unless any item on the agenda envisages amendment of the statutes election of office bearers, suspension or dismissal of a member or dissolution of AIFF.

Article 47 The President, Vice President or any Member of the Executive Committee or the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or Member of any sub committee member shall cease to hold office if:

- a) Submits his resignation.
- b) Fails to attend three consecutive meetings of their respective committees.
- c) Is declared a defaulter for non-payment of dues or moneys owing to AIFF.
- d) Is found guilty of an offence involving gross moral turpitude or declared of unsound mind by competent authorities.

VI. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 48 Disciplinary measures

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

1. for natural and legal persons:
 - (a) a warning
 - (b) a reprimand

- (c) a fine
- (d) the return of awards
- 2. for natural persons:
 - (a) a caution
 - (b) an expulsion
 - (c) a match suspension
 - (d) a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench
 - (e) a ban from entering a stadium
 - (f) a ban on taking part in any football-related activity
- 3. for legal persons:
 - (a) a transfer ban
 - (b) playing a match without spectators
 - (c) playing a match on neutral territory
 - (d) a ban on playing in a particular stadium
 - (e) annulment of the result of a match
 - (f) expulsion
 - (g) a forfeit
 - (h) deduction of points
 - (i) relegation to a lower division
- 4. The Executive Committee shall draw up an AIFF Disciplinary Code.

VII. JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 49 Judicial bodies

- 1. The judicial bodies of AIFF are:
 - (a) The Disciplinary Committee;
 - (b) The Appeal Committee.
 - (c) Arbitration Tribunal.
 - (d) Player status committee

(e) Club Licensing Appeals Body

2. The responsibilities and function of these bodies shall be stipulated in the AIFF Disciplinary Code; except in the case of Club Licensing Appeals Body whose responsibilities and function shall be stipulated in the Indian Club Licensing Regulations. The members of the Judicial bodies shall not belong to the Executive Committee or any of the AIFF Sub Committees.

Article 50 Disciplinary Committee

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and of the number of members deemed necessary. At least two members of the Disciplinary Committee shall have legal qualifications.
2. The function of this body shall be governed by the AIFF Disciplinary Code. The Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone.
3. The Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the AIFF Disciplinary Code, on Members, Clubs, Officials, Players and match and players' agents.
4. These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the General Body and Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

Article 51 Appeal Committee

1. The Appeal Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall have legal qualifications.
2. The function of this body shall be governed by the AIFF Disciplinary Code. This Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the Chairman may rule alone.
3. The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee that are not declared final by the relevant AIFF regulations as well as decisions passed by the Players' Status Committee concerning the eligibility of Players.
4. Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

VIII. ARBITRATION

Article 52 Arbitration

1. AIFF shall create an option for recourse to arbitration, by nominating a panel of 10 independent arbitrators to resolve any disputes between AIFF, its Members, Clubs, Players, Officials and all those involved in the Game of Association Football. The arbitration tribunal will only deal with internal disputes that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the other two judicial bodies of the AIFF.
2. With regard to substance, the arbitrators shall be guided and apply the various regulations of AIFF, FIFA, AFC and the Indian Law.
3. The Arbitration procedure shall be according to the special Regulations made for this purpose.

Article 53 The Players Status Committee

1. The Players' Status Committee shall monitor compliance with the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of players for various AIFF competitions. Its powers and jurisdiction are governed by the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Player

Article 54 Club Licensing Appeals Body

1. The Club Licensing Appeals Body will only review decisions made by the Club Licensing Committee and will not rehear the case or review new evidence that has not been submitted before the submission deadline. The Club Licensing Appeals Body decides on all appeals taken by the license applicant against decisions of the Club Licensing Committee. The decision must be in writing and include the reasoning.
2. The Club Licensing Appeals Body has the power to make a final binding decision on whether a license should be issued or not and what sanctions, if any, should be imposed on the license applicant.

3. Members of the Club Licensing Appeals Body must not simultaneously be members of any other statutory body or committee of AIFF.
4. The Club Licensing Appeals Body has the power to review all decisions of the Club Licensing Committee (FIB) and to affirm, reject, vary or replace decisions and/or sanctions issued by the Club Licensing Committee (FIB).
5. The Club Licensing Appeals Body is the body of last instance and its decision is final.
6. The Club Licensing Appeals Body will not have the authority to define the makeup of the divisions of the national club competitions.

Article 55 Jurisdiction of Arbitration Tribunal

1. Only the arbitrators shall deal with appeals against decisions and sanctions of the last instance, after all previous stages of appeal available at AIFF, Member, Club level have been exhausted. The reference to arbitrators shall be sought by an application made to the AIFF General Secretariat within 10 days of notification of the decision.
2. The arbitrators shall not, however, hear appeals on:
 - (a) violations of the Laws of the Game
 - (b) suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months
 - (c) decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunal of a Member
 - (d) decisions of the Disciplinary and Appeal Committee
 - (e) decisions of the Club Licensing Appeals Body
3. The arbitrators are also empowered to deal with all disputes between a third party and any entities or persons mentioned in para 1 if an arbitration agreement exists.

Article 56 Obligations

1. The Members, Clubs, Leagues, and all other natural or legal persons affiliated to them, shall agree to recognize the arbitrators appointed by the AIFF as independent judicial authority and to ensure that their members, affiliated Players and Officials comply with the decisions passed by them. The same obligation shall apply to licensed match and players' agents.

2. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in the AIFF and FIFA Regulations.
3. To ensure the foregoing, the Members shall insert a clause in their statutes stipulating that their clubs and members voluntarily agree not to take dispute(s) to courts of law and are required to submit any disagreement to the jurisdiction of the AIFF.
4. The Members, Clubs, Leagues, players, officials, players' agents and all other natural or legal persons affiliated to them, shall agree to recognize the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) as independent judicial authority and to ensure that their members, affiliated Players and Officials comply with the decisions passed by FIFA or CAS. The same obligation shall apply to licensed match and players' agents.

IX. SUBMISSION TO DECISIONS OF AIFF

Article 57 Principles

1. The Members and their constituent units shall agree to comply fully with any decisions passed by the relevant FIFA, AFC and AIFF bodies, which, according to these Statutes, are final and not subject to appeal.
2. They shall take every precaution necessary to ensure that their own members, players and Officials comply with these decisions.
3. The same obligation applies to licensed match and player's agents.

Article 58 Sanctions

1. Any violation of the foregoing provisions will be punished in compliance with FIFA, AFC and AIFF Disciplinary Code.

X GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 59 General Secretariat

1. The General Secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of AIFF under the direction of the General Secretary.

Article 60 General Secretary

1. The General Secretary is the Chief Executive of the General Secretariat.

2. He shall be appointed on the basis of a legally valid agreement.
3. He shall be responsible for:
 - (a) Implementing decisions passed by the General Body and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directive
 - (b) Managing and keeping the accounts of AIFF properly
 - (c) Compiling and circulating the minutes for the meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and standing and Ad-Hoc Committees
 - (d) AIFF's correspondence
 - (e) Relations with the members and Committees
 - (f) Organizing the General Secretariat
 - (g) The appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat
4. The President shall appoint the managerial staff in the General Secretariat on the proposal of the General Secretary

XI. FINANCE

Article 61 Treasurer

Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible to:

- i) Manage all accounts of the Federation in conjunction with the President, the General Secretary and the Finance Committee
- ii) Prepare the Income and Expenditure Statement for presentation to the Finance Committee
- iii) Liaise with the Federation auditors in auditing of the Accounts

Article 62 Financial Year

1. The financial period of AIFF shall be from the 1st April to 31st of March of the subsequent year.

2. The revenue and expenditure of the AIFF shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. AIFF's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.
3. The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of AIFF with its subsidiaries as at 31st March.
4. The funds of the Federation shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of section 13(1) (d) read with sec.11(5) of the Income Tax Act 1961.
5. The Federation formed shall be irrevocable and the benefits of the Federation shall be opened to all, irrespective of caste/creed/religion. The funds and income of the Federation shall be solely utilized for the achievements of its object and no portion of it shall be utilized for payment to Executive Committee/Sub Committee/ General Body Members by way of Profit, Interest and Dividend.

Article 63 Auditors

1. The AIFF may appoint internal auditors. The internal auditors shall submit quarterly statements to the Finance Committee.
2. The statutory (independent) auditors shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee and present report to the Annual General Body. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of four years. This mandate may be renewed.
3. The internal auditors shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
4. The statutory auditors shall be appointed by the General Body.
5. **Resignation by Auditors**

Article 64 Memberships subscriptions

1. Membership subscriptions are due on 1st January of every year. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the General Body at which they were admitted.
2. The General Body shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every four years on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amounts to no

more than Rs 1,000.

Article 65 Settlement

1. AIFF may debit any Member's account to settle claims.

Article 66 Levies

1. Members shall pay AIFF the following levies:

1. For a Tournament, an Exhibition or a Competitive Match played between Clubs and/or State teams belonging to two different affiliated units a levy will have to be paid to the AIFF. The levy shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions in the Regulations governing the application of the Statutes on the basis of the gross revenue and shall be payable by the Member under whose jurisdiction the match is being played.

2. For Tournaments involving Club teams or Teams sponsored by the State Associations the following levies will be paid:

- i) Tournaments where the teams involved are not participating in the **I league** : Rs. 5,000.00
- ii) Tournaments where one or more teams participating in the **I league** are involved: Rs. 25,000.00
- iii) For Tournaments and exhibition matches involving one or more foreign teams the levies shall be as decided by the Executive Committee of the AIFF but not less than Rs 5 Lakh.

3. There will be no levies for tournaments organized for teams consisting solely of players below 21 years of age.

XII. RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article 67 Rights

1. AIFF are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions described hereunder and other events coming under its respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing

and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights under intellectual property Law.

2. The Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulations to this end. The Executive Committee shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilized exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

Article 68 Authorizations

1. AIFF is exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.
2. The Executive Committee shall issue special regulations to this end.

XIII. COMPETITIONS**A. AIFF COMPETITIONS**

Article 69 Venues

1. The Executive Committee shall decide the venue for the competitions organized by AIFF. As a Rule, Tournaments may not be held on the same State on two successive occasions. The Executive Committee shall issue guidelines in this connection.
2. The AIFF Tournament Regulations shall stipulate that a certain amount of the gross revenue shall be utilized for development purpose.

B. MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 70 AIFF match calendar

1. The Executive Committee shall compile a Match and Tournament calendar that shall be binding upon the affiliated units. This calendar will be in conformity with the FIFA and AFC Calendar.

Article 71 Inter State matches and competitions

1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for issuing provisions for organizing matches and competitions between Association Teams and between League and/or Club Teams. No such match or competition shall take without the prior permission of AIFF.
2. The Executive Committee may draw up further technical provisions.

Article 72 Contacts

1. Matches may not be played or sporting contacts made between members and Associations that are not Members of AIFF or provisional members of the AIFF, or their clubs, without the approval of AIFF, save as elsewhere provided in these statutes.
2. Only players who are registered for a particular team affiliated to a Member Association can play in a Tournament.
3. Members and their Clubs may not play on the territory under the jurisdiction of another Member without the latter's approval.
4. International Matches shall be subject to approval of AIFF, FIFA and AFC.

Article 73 Approval

1. No Association or Club Team that is affiliated to a Member shall participate in competitions and exhibition matches on the territory of another Member without the authorization of both the members and AIFF. In exceptional circumstances AIFF alone may authorize these matches.
2. Matches involving teams from another country are subject to the Regulations Governing International matches /Competitions and authorization of FIFA, AFC & AIFF.

XIV. FINAL PROVISION

Article 74 Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure

1. The Executive Committee shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in these Statutes or in cases of force majeure.

Article 75 Investments and Dissolution

1. The AIFF may be dissolved by a resolution to that effect passed by not less than 2/3rds of the Member Associations present and eligible to vote. The quorum for this meeting shall be 4/5ths of the total number of members.
Upon dissolution of the AIFF, all its funds and assets shall be entrusted to the appropriate Government authority of the Country or to another organization whose objects are similar to those of AIFF.

Article 76 Enforcement

The AIFF may be dissolved by a resolution to that effect passed by not less than 2/3rd of the Member Associations present and eligible to vote. The quorum for this meeting shall be 4/5ths of the total number of members.
Upon dissolution of the AIFF; all its funds and assets remaining as on the date of the dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the Executive Committee / Sub Committee Members etc., but the same shall be entrusted to the appropriate Government Authority of the Country or to another Federation/ Association whose objects are similar to those of the Federation.

This amended Constitution was adopted at the Special General Body Meeting of the All India Football Federation held on the 26th of May, 2006, at the AIFF Football House, Phase I, Sector 19 Dwarka, New Delhi and came into effect from the 1st of June, 2006 and further amended and approved at the Annual General Body Meeting of the All India Football Federation held on 20th December, 2006 at AIFF Football House, Dwarka, New Delhi and further amended and approved at the Annual General Body Meeting of the All India Football Federation held on 19th March 2012 and ratified at the Special General Body Meeting of the AIFF, Football House, Dwarka, New Delhi on 22nd August 2012.

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New Delhi, 20th December 2013

FOR ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

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President

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General Secretary

I APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO AIFF

Regulations Governing

The Application of the Statutes

Article 1 Application for Admission to Membership

1. AIFF shall verify that each application for admission is complete and forward it to a three member Committee specially constituted by the Executive Committee for this purpose.
2. This Committee after satisfying itself that there is a genuine reason to grant admission shall recommend granting of provisional membership to an Association requesting admission to AIFF.
3. The Committee shall scrutinize the activities of the Association for a period of two years and shall compile a final detailed report for AIFF describing how the Association is organized
4. The Executive Committee shall lay down the procedure for admission in special regulations.

Article 2 Final Admission

1. The Executive Committee shall decide whether the Association fulfils the requirements for admission to AIFF based on the Committee's final report.
2. If the requirements have been fulfilled, the next annual General Body shall decide whether to admit the Association or not.

II. DEFINITION, NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF MATCHES

Article 3 Inter-state matches

1. Inter-state football matches recognized by AIFF are those between two Members of AIFF and for which each Member fields a representative Team.
2. The terms used to define a match are those that give an appropriate political and geographical description of the territories of the Members whose Teams are involved in the match and over which States or Districts the Members have sole control and jurisdiction.

Article 4 Inter-club and inter-league matches

1. An inter-club match is a match played between two clubs. Although the club may belong to different Members, such a match shall not be recognized as an interstate match.
2. An inter-league match is a match played between teams from two Leagues. Although the Leagues may belong to different Members, such a match shall not be recognized as an interstate Match, subject to the provisions of art.3 par. 2.

Article 5 Notification

1. Every interstate match involving League/s, Club/s or teams representing the State, including friendly matches and those played in Tournaments or in games including football, shall be notified to the AIFF General Secretariat by the Members organizing them 30 days prior of their being arranged. In any case, such notification shall reach AIFF at least 15 days before the planned date of the match.

2. Failure to give notification of a match within this prescribed period shall incur a fine of Rs. 20,000.00. Failure to provide any notification whatsoever shall incur a fine of Rs. 50,000.00. These fines shall be paid to AIFF within 10 days of receipt of AIFF'S decision. This is in addition to the levies applicable.

Article 6 Report

1. The Honorary General Secretary of the Member on whose territory the match is played shall, within 14 days of each match notify the AIFF General Secretariat of the result of the match, the surnames and first names of the Referee and Assistant Referees who officiated and the surnames, first names and status of the Players and substitutes of each team, using the official form for this purpose. This form shall be filled in completely and signed. The match data sheet shall be sent immediately after the match.
2. Failure to send the form within 30 days of the prescribed period shall incur a fine of Rs.1000.00. Failure to send the form within 90 days shall incur a fine of Rs.5000.00. Even if the form is not received after this period the Association shall be subject to disciplinary action and an additional fine. These fines shall be paid to AIFF within 10 days of receipt of AIFF's decision.

Article 7 Registrations

1. The result of every Inter State or Tournament match shall be recorded in an official list constantly updated by AIFF.

III INTER-CLUB AND INTER-LEAGUE MATCHES

Article 8 Authorizations

1. No interclub or interleague matches between Teams from different Members shall be played without the express authorization of the Members concerned. The Members shall include a provision in their regulations stipulating at what point in time the Clubs are required to seek authorization and, in addition, the sanctions to be imposed if this rule is breached.
2. A Member shall inform the Members concerned of every match which it knows has been arranged and played in their area of jurisdiction and for which permission was either not sought or given.

3. Scratch Teams consisting of players not belonging to the same Club or Member shall not be permitted to play in Clubs or Teams representing Members or similar Teams unless authorization has been granted by the Members on whose territory the match is planned and the AIFF.

IV TOURNAMENTS

Article 9 Authorization

1. All Tournaments involving two or more teams (Clubs or representative teams) that belong to different Members must be authorized by the respective associations and the AIFF.
2. The request for authorization shall be submitted by the Member on whose territory the Tournament is planned at least 15 days before the earliest of the proposed dates.

The request for authorization shall be accompanied by a list of the Team(s) that is planning to take part in the Tournament and the Tournament Regulations drawn up by the Organizing Body.

If Tournament is played in the territory of a Member without prior permission, the Member in question shall be sanctioned in compliance with the disciplinary regulations of the AIFF.

No match involving one or more teams from outside India shall be played without the permission of AIFF. Request for permitting such matches shall be received at least 60 days before the date of the match. Issue of permission is subject to approval / authorization of FIFA, AFC & AIFF and compliance with relevant Regulations.

V LAWS OF THE GAME

Article 10 Amendments to the Laws

1. AIFF shall notify its Members of any amendments and decisions regarding the Laws of the Game within one month of receipt of the same from FIFA.
2. The Members shall enforce these amendments and decisions no later than 1 July following IFAB'S annual meeting. Exceptions may be granted only to Members whose football season has not terminated by the date.

3. Members may apply such amendments and decisions as soon as they have been issued by IFAB.

VI REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

Article 11 Nomination

1. Each Referee and Assistant Referee appointed to an interstate match shall belong to a neutral Member unless otherwise previously agreed by the Members concerned.
2. The Referee and Assistant Referees chosen to officiate at an interstate match shall be included in the official AIFF List of active National Referees and Assistant Referees.

Article 12 Report

1. The Referee of every interstate match shall send a report within 48 hours of the match both to AIFF and the Member on whose territory the match was played.
2. This report shall be made on the official form given to the Referee by the Member under whose jurisdiction the match was played.
3. The report shall record all the disciplinary measures taken and the reasons for these measures.

Article 13 Reimbursements

1. Referees and Assistant Referees at interstate or matches involving clubs from two different states shall be entitled to:
 - (a) a daily allowance.
 - (b) reimbursement of travel expenses.

AIFF Expense Regulations shall determine the amounts, Travel category and number of days due for reimbursement to which Referees and Assistant Referees are entitled.

2. The amounts owed to the Referees and Assistant Referees shall be paid to them in Rupees on the same day as the match by organizing member
3. The expenses for Hotel incurred by Referees and Assistant Referees

for the above matches shall be borne by the organizing member.

VII FINAL PROVISION

Article 14 Enforcement

The Regulations governing the application of the Statutes were adopted by the Special General Body Meeting held at USI's Seminar 1 Conference Hall on the 7th of November 2004 and will come into force from the 22nd of **November 2004.**

For All India Football Federation

Sd/-

President

Praful M Patel

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General Secretary

Kushal Das

Standing Orders of the AGM

Article 1 Participation in the AGM

1. Each Member may be represented at the Annual General Body Meeting by one delegate. He will have all rights assigned to him by these Statutes.
2. The names of the delegate shall be notified to the General Secretariat at least seven days before the date of the AGM.
3. AIFF shall bear the costs of travel and accommodation for one delegate of each Member taking part in the Annual General Meeting.

Article 2 Chair

1. The President shall chair the Annual General Meeting. If the President is unable to attend, the longest serving vice-president available shall deputize. If none of the vice-presidents is present, the AGM shall elect a member of the Executive Committee as Chairman.
2. The chair shall ensure that the AGM is conducted in strict compliance with these Standing Orders, open and close the AGM and debates, and, unless the AGM decides otherwise, grant delegates permission to speak and conduct all discussions.
3. The chair shall be responsible for maintaining order during debates. He may take the following action against any AGM participant who disturbs the debates:

- (a) a call to order.
 - (b) a reprimand.
 - (c) exclusion from one or more sessions.
3. If an appeal is made against such action, the AGM shall decide immediately without debate.

Article 3 Interpreters

Official interpreter shall be appointed to translate into any of the official languages of the AGM. They shall be appointed by the General Secretary.

Article 4 Debates

1. Debates on each item on the agenda shall be preceded by a short report:
 - (a) by the chair or a member of the Executive Committee designated for this purpose.
 - (b) by a representative of the committee designated by the Executive Committee to give a report.
 - (c) by a delegate from the Members that requested the item be included in the agenda.
2. The chair then opens the debate.

Article 5 Speakers

1. Permission to speak is granted in the order in which it is requested. A speaker may not start speaking until he has obtained permission to do so. Speakers shall address the AGM from the rostrum intended for this purpose.
2. A speaker may not speak for a second time on the same item until all other delegates who have requested permission to speak have spoken.

Article 6 Proposals

1. All proposals shall be submitted in writing. Proposals which are not relevant to the subject under discussion shall not be admitted to the debate.
2. Any amendment shall be drawn up in writing and passed to the chair before being put to the debate.

Article 7 Procedural motions and closing of debates

1. If a procedural motion is made, discussion on the main question shall be suspended until a vote has been taken on the motion.
2. If a motion is made to close the discussion, it shall immediately be put to the vote without debate. If the motion is approved, permission to speak shall only be granted to those Members who have asked to speak before the vote was taken.
3. The chair shall close the discussion unless the AGM decides otherwise by a simple majority of those voting.

Article 8 Votes

1. Voting by secret ballot, except for elections, is prohibited.
2. Before each vote, the chair, or the person designated by him, shall read the text of the proposal aloud and explain the voting procedure (quorum) to the AGM. If an objection is raised, the AGM shall decide immediately.
3. Votes may be taken by roll call if requested by at least 10 of the Members present and entitled to vote.
4. No-one is compelled to vote.
5. As a Rule, votes are taken by a show of hands (voting cards) or by the use of electronic equipment.
6. Proposals shall be put to vote in the order in which they are submitted. If there are more than two main proposals, they shall be put to vote in succession and the delegates may not vote for more than one of the proposals.
7. Alterations to amendments shall be put to vote before the amendments proper, and amendments before the main proposal.
8. Proposals without a vote against are regarded as having been passed.
9. The chair shall check the results of the vote and announce it to the AGM.

10. No-one is permitted to speak during the vote and until after the result has been announced.

Article 9 Elections

1. Elections shall be carried out with ballot papers by secret ballot. The General Secretary, assisted by the three members nominated by the AGM shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers.
2. The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the chair before the count.
3. If the number of ballot papers returned is equal to or less than the number of ballot papers distributed, the election shall be declared valid. If the numbers returned exceeds that of the ballot papers distributed, the vote shall be declared null and void and another vote shall be taken immediately.
4. The absolute majority shall be calculated on the basis of the number of valid ballot papers collected. Empty ballot papers or invalid votes are disregarded. If two or more votes are given in support of one candidate on one ballot paper, only one vote shall be valid.
5. The chair shall announce the result of each ballot.
6. The General Secretary shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately. The General Secretariat shall keep these envelopes and destroy them 100 days after the end of the AGM.

Article 10 Enforcement

These Standing Orders of the General Body were adopted by the Special General Body Meeting held at USI's Seminar 1 Conference Hall, on the 7th of November 2004 and shall come into force from the 22nd of November 2004.

For All India Football Federation

President
P. R. Dasmunsi

Honorary Secretary
Alberto Colaco

AIFF CODE OF ETHICS

(Prepared pursuant to the AIFF Constitution)

Preamble

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to safeguard AIFF's image and pursuit of objectives against the unethical actions of Officials (as defined in the AIFF Statutes) and to ensure Officials' integrity in the discharge of their duties.

1. Regulations governing conduct

1.1. Ethical obligations and non-discrimination

All persons bound by this Code shall adhere to the principles and objectives of FIFA, AFC and AIFF in all actions within or outside the AIFF, its Member Associations and Clubs, and refrain from any undertaking injurious to AIFF or its principles and objectives. These persons shall respect these ethical obligations in the performance of their duties as Officials of AIFF, its Member Associations or Clubs.

While discharging their duties, Officials shall under no circumstances act in a discriminatory manner, especially in terms of ethnic background, race, cultural values, politics, religion, gender or language. They shall also pledge to behave in a dignified manner.

2. Representational and conduct obligations

Persons bound by this Code shall represent AIFF, its Member Associations and clubs in an ethical manner.

In all dealings with State bodies, National and International Organizations, Associations and Groups, the persons bound by this Code shall act in an apolitical manner and in accordance with the objectives of FIFA, AFC and AIFF, its Member Associations and clubs. Under no circumstances may they abuse their position to obtain personal benefits.

3 Eligibility for a removal from office

Only persons with the highest ethical principles who are willing to be bound by this Code without reservations may serve as an official or a member of a body.

Anyone who does not fulfill or ceases to fulfill these conditions shall be deemed ineligible to serve as an official or a member of a body and, if already in office, shall be relieved of that position. The same applies to persons convicted of an offence that calls into question their ability to discharge their duties.

Prior to being elected or appointed as an official or a member of a body, all persons must automatically declare any interests they have that may interfere with their duties.

4. Integrity and protection of personal rights

Persons bound by this Code shall act with complete integrity. While discharging their duties, the persons bound by this Code shall ensure that the rights of those persons with whom they come into contact and of the persons affected by their actions are respected and protected at all times.

5. Loyalty and confidentiality

Officials and members of bodies shall discharge their duties – especially with regard to AIFF, its Member Associations and Clubs – with absolute loyalty and preserve the confidentiality of any information, documents and correspondence to which they are exposed as a result of their position.

6. Accepting gifts and benefits

Gifts, particularly gifts in kind, and any other benefits may be accepted only if they are of token value in accordance with the relevant local and cultural customs. Any gifts or benefits that are not of token value shall be submitted to the presiding body for approval. Any gifts not approved shall be handed

over to and retained by the relevant organization. In the absence of a presiding body, the body of which the individual in question is a member, shall adjudicate. It is forbidden to accept any gifts of money.

Persons bound by this Code shall not be accompanied to official events by family members or any other persons at the expense of AIFF, its Member Associations and Clubs or any other organization, unless the relevant organization has approved such an arrangement in advance.

7. Bribery

Persons bound by this Code shall not accept bribes through the offer, promise or acceptance of a gift or any other benefit in return for violating their duties in the interest of third parties. All persons bound by this Code shall neither bribe third parties nor encourage or incite third parties to attempt to bribe others to further their own interests or those of third parties.

8. Payment for mediation

Accepting payment for mediation of any kind in connection with activities as an official or a member of a body is strictly forbidden unless approved in advance by the presiding authority. In the absence of a presiding authority, the body of which the individual in question is a member shall adjudicate.

9. Impartiality and voting

Persons bound by this Code shall not discharge their duties when unable to guarantee impartiality, particularly where a conflict of interest exists. The existence of any such circumstances must be reported immediately.

Unless the AIFF Statutes dictate otherwise, all persons bound by this Code shall have a free vote without restrictions during deliberations in AIFF, its Member Associations and clubs.

10. Duties of disclosure by this Code and reporting

Persons bound by this Code shall report any unethical incidents involving others who are also bound by this Code to the AIFF Ethics and Fair play Committee, if an investigation has not otherwise been

initiated.

In accordance with paragraph 7 above, when required to do so, all implicated persons shall declare details of their income to AIFF and provide the relevant documents for inspection.

11. Sanctions

Any person found to be in breach of this Code shall be subject to sanctions. In the event of this Code being breached, the AIFF Ethics and Fair play Committee shall submit a report to the AIFF Executive Committee. The AIFF Executive Committee has the right to provisionally suspend the person from his duties and refer the matter to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for adjudication.

Sanction shall not be imposed before an investigation has been initiated and the person in question has had the opportunity to present a written or oral statement.

12. Scope and application

This Code shall apply to all officials in conjunction with the provisions of the FIFA,AFC and AIFF Statutes, Constitution and Rules and Regulations.

Any person accepting a position in an AIFF body or as an official shall automatically be bound by this Code.

13. Final provision

This Code of Ethics was adopted by the AIFF Executive Committee on 29th July, 2006 and comes into force with immediate effect.

For All India Football Federation

Alberto Colaco
General Secretary

29th July, 2006

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SERVICES SPORTS CONTROL BOARD AND THE RAILWAY SPORTS PROMOTION BOARD.

1. SSCB & RSPB shall have jurisdiction over the units and players of the Defence Services and Railways respectively.
2. Services Units and Railways Divisions stationed at various States/U.T. are entitled to affiliate themselves to the Member Associations where they are stationed so that the players can participate in league and other Tournaments open only to the Clubs affiliated to the Members.
3. Players of teams participating in the leagues of Member Associations shall have to be registered with the respective Member Association. They will have to follow the Inter State transfer regulations of the AIFF.
4. SSCB and RSPB shall be entitled to select 25 players each and to make available the services of players from such units for the National Championship. The remaining players are entitled to play for the Member Association with which they are registered.
5. SSCB Shall not be permitted to run any open competition except the Durand Football Tournament. For the year in which the Tournament is conducted SSCB shall pay a royalty to Delhi Soccer Association and a registration fee to the Federation as fixed by the Executive Committee.
6. SSCB and RSPB are entitled to participate in only the following AIFF tournaments: National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy, U-21 National Football Championship, Women's National Football Championship.

These Regulations were adopted by the Special General Body Meeting held at USI's Seminar 1 Conference Hall, on the 7th of November 2004 and shall come into force from the 22nd of November 2004.

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Rules and Regulation of the Women's Football Committee of the AIFF

Art. I

- a) The Women's Football Committee shall be an affiliated unit of AIFF.
- b) The Women's Football Committee shall conduct all activities of Women's Football in India, under the supervision of the All India Football Federation.
- c) All Member Associations shall have a State Women's Football Committee, which shall either be nominated by the Executive Committee or elected by the units affiliated to the Member Associations.
If a Member Association does not constitute a State Women's Football Committee the Executive Committee of the AIFF shall be empowered to appoint a State Women's Football Committee.
- d) The State Women's Football Committee shall elect from amongst themselves a member to represent their unit in the General Council of the Women's Football Committee.
- e) The Members of the General Council shall elect from among themselves the Governing Body of the Women's Football Committee. The Governing Body shall have:
 1. Chairperson - One
 2. Members - Five (one from each zone)

- f) The Chairperson shall nominate four more members to the Governing Body of the Women's Football Committee. At least two of these members shall be women.
- g) The Chairperson and the nine members shall then elect the following:
 - a. A Deputy Chairperson
- h) The General Council of the Women's Football Committee shall meet once every year. Elections shall be held once every four years. The election shall be held in the same year in which the elections to the Executive Committee of the AIFF are held. The elections shall be completed by the 30th of September of that year.
- i) The Chairperson and the Dy. Chairperson of the Governing Council of the Women's Football Committee shall represent the Women's Football Committee in the General Body of the AIFF.

Art. II MEETINGS:

- i) The Women's Football Committee shall meet once in a year.
- ii) Governing Council Meetings will be held three times in a year.
- iii) The Chairperson of the Women's Football Committee will preside over the meetings of the Women's Football Committee and the Governing Council. In his absence the Dy. Chairperson will preside.
- iv) The Chairperson will have a casting vote.

Art. III FINANCE:

The budget of the WFC annually shall be proposed by the EXCO, and the same shall be approved by the AGM of AIFF or its EXCO Committee considering the availability of funds.

Art. IV TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The Technical Development Committee of Women's Football shall be constituted by Governing Council of the Women's Football Committee.

Art. V POWERS OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

- i) Shall preside over all meetings of the General and Governing Council of the Women's Football Committee.
- ii) Shall convene all meetings of the Women's Football Committee.
- iii) Shall represent the WFC in all circumstances.

- iv) Shall ensure implementation of the decisions of the Governing and General Council of the Women's Football Committee.
- v) To appoint the Secretary of the W.F.C. with the approval of the Governing Council of the W.F.C.
- vi) To ensure the regular and effective functioning of the organs of the WFC to allow it to achieve its objectives within the framework of the AIFF Statutes and Regulations.

Art. VI POWER OF SECRETARY:

- i) The Secretary of the Women's Football Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the WFC in consultation with the AIFF President.
- ii) He/She will be responsible for functions of all matters concerning Women's Football.
- iii) He/ She shall attend all meetings of the WFC as an ex officio member, entirely in a consultative role.

Art. VII POWERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL:

Women Football EXCO shall prepare a Calendar of the annual events, organize all women's competitions, prepare the budget, recommend financial measures to the AIFF, recommend proposals for the Youth Development Programme, Training of women Coaches, recommend proposal for Managers, Assistant Managers and Technical Team of the visiting Team and such other issues that strengthen women footballers.

Art. VIII PLAYER STATUS:

Player Status shall be guided by the Players Status regulation of AIFF.

Art. IX TENURE OF THE WOMEN FOOTBALL COMMITTEE:

- i) The Tenure of the Women Football Committee shall be the same as the Tenure of AIFF for four years.
- ii) The tenure of the Governing Council of Women Football shall be the same as AIFF EXCO for four years.

Art. X GENERAL:

- i) All other issues which require to be done to strengthen the functioning of Women's Football Committee, can be done so by appropriate bye-laws to be approved by the EXCO of AIFF based on the proposal of the WFC EXCO;
- ii) Office of the Women Football Committee shall always be located at the Central Office of AIFF.
- iii) In between any issue or dispute that may arise between the Women Football Council and the Women Football EXCO or between the WFC and AIFF, or between State Football Associations and Women's Football Committee, the ruling of the President. AIFF shall be the final and absolute after hearing both sides in the Executive Committee.
- iv) Audit and accounts shall be conducted by the same Auditor of AIFF.
- v) All International correspondences pertaining to Women Football shall be done only by AIFF.
- vi) All International competitions, proposals shall be looked after by AIFF.

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