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Definitions:

The terms given below denote the following:

1. AIFF or Federation means the All India Football Federation.
2. AFC means the Asian Football Confederation.
3. AGM means the Annual General Body Meeting of AIFF.
4. Affiliated Unit or Constituent Unit means any District Association, Club or any other unit, division, association or institution affiliated to a Member of AIFF.
5. Associate Member means a government or public sector body involved in promotion and development of Football, admitted by AIFF.
6. Association Football means the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
7. Club means a Football club which is a legal entity affiliated to a Member Association or its Affiliated Unit.
8. Club Licensing means a process by which clubs are given licenses by AIFF to play in AFC & AIFF Competitions.
9. Competition means any Football competition / tournament/ match (whether a League or a knock-out competition / tournament, friendly match or otherwise) owned / organized / sanctioned by or requiring the sanction of AIFF and/or sanctioned by / requiring the sanction of or organized by any Member.
10. FIFA means Federation Internationale de Football Association.
11. Financial Year means a period of twelve months starting from 1st April and ending on 31st March.
12. Football means as the context requires, any or all types and forms of football including without limitation to Association Football, futsal and beach soccer.

13. IFAB means the International Football Association Board.
14. IOA means the Indian Olympic Association.
15. Intermediaries means a natural or legal person who, for a fee or free of charge, represents players and/or clubs in negotiations with a view to concluding an employment contract or represents clubs in negotiations with a view to concluding a transfer agreement.
16. Laws of the Game refer to the Laws of the Game, issued by The IFAB and published by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA statutes.
17. League means a professional league / tournament and / or amateur league / tournament which consists of a combination of clubs within the territory of AIFF and which is under the authority and sanction of the AIFF.
18. Licensed Match Agent means a duly licensed match agent.
19. Match Officials are the Match Commissioners, Referee Assessors and Referees.
20. Members of AIFF are:
 - a. The Permanent / Provisional Members being Football associations, each representing one State or Union Territory as specified in the Constitution of India.
 - b. the Associate Members of AIFF.
21. Member means a Permanent Member, Associate Member or a Provisional Member of AIFF.
22. Member Association means a Permanent Member or a Provisional Member of AIFF.
23. Officials means all officials including members of the Executive Committee, Standing and Ad hoc Committees, Judicial Bodies, General Secretary and Managerial Staff of General Secretariat, Managers, Coaches, Trainers, Match Officials, Medical Officials, Staff and any other person(s) responsible for Technical, Medical

and administrative matters in AIFF, Member Associations, Affiliated Units, Competitions or Clubs as well as other person(s) obliged to comply with the AIFF Constitution (except Players and Intermediaries).

24. Permanent Member means a Football Association of a State or Union Territory as specified in the Constitution of India, which has been granted permanent affiliation to the AIFF.
25. Player means a Football player registered in accordance with the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players or any other manner prescribed from time to time.
26. Provisional Member means a Football Association of a State or Union Territory admitted by AIFF as a provisional member.
27. Referee means a person who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with any Football match to which he has been appointed.
28. Regulations means rules, regulations, codes, instructions and directives as promulgated by the AIFF or any another entity authorized by AIFF to do so (in accordance with Article 32.36) from time to time.
29. Scratch Team means a team consisting of Players not registered to the same Affiliated Unit or Member and/or composed of players who are no longer duly registered as they have finished their football career as a professional and/or amateur player.
30. Season means AIFF Football Season starting from 1st of June and ending on 31st May of the subsequent year or any other period as decided by the Executive Committee.
31. SGM means the Special General Body Meeting of AIFF.
32. Statutes means the Constitution of AIFF, the Regulations Governing the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Body, promulgated by the General Body.

For the purposes of this Statute and provided the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and the masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa. Reference to persons shall include any individual, legal person, corporation and/or any other entity of any kind whatsoever.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Name, Headquarters and Affiliation

1. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) is registered with the Registrar of Societies, Mumbai, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
2. The Headquarters of AIFF are at AIFF Football House, Sector 19, Phase 1, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075.
3. It is formed for an unlimited period.
4. AIFF is a member of FIFA, AFC and Indian Olympic Association. Accordingly, it is self obliged to respect the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA & 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 domestic and international Competitions or to grant the mandate / right to third parties to do the same on its behalf in accordance with Article 32.36;
- c) To draw up Regulations and ensure their enforcement;

- d) To control all types of Football, ensure compliance and prevent infringements of the statutes, codes, rules, regulations, standing orders, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC & AIFF and the Laws of the Game;
- e) To prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of Competitions or give rise to abuse of Football;
- f) To institute strong measures and campaigns against bribery, corruption, drugs, match fixing and racism in Football;
- g) To manage the international sporting relations connected with Football;
- h) To protect the interest of its Members;
- i) To raise funds, purchase or hold any property and any other asset or any interest in the same;
- j) 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;
- k) To settle disputes between and amongst Players, Officials, Clubs, Member Associations, AIFF and other organizations.

Article 3 Non-discrimination and Stance Against Racism

1. AIFF is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
2. Discrimination of any kind against a country, state or union territory, Club, private person or group of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation 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; and
 - (b) in society for humanitarian objectives.
2. Every person and organization involved in the game of Football is obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations and the principles of fair play.
3. 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 status of Players and the provisions for their transfer are regulated by AIFF in accordance with the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and, where applicable, the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
2. Each Player must be registered with AIFF in accordance with the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
3. Members and their Affiliated Units must comply with the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

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 Leagues, 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 the Clubs to which the system will apply. 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

The AIFF and Member Associations shall organize and/or play:

1. Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game;
2. Futsal in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA;
3. Beach Soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA; and
4. Any other type of Football in accordance with the relevant laws for that type of Football recognized by FIFA.

Article 8 Code of Conduct

Committee members and Officials of AIFF and its Member Associations and their Affiliated Units, Intermediaries, Licensed Match Agents and Players must observe the statutes, regulations, decisions and Code of Ethics of AIFF, AFC and FIFA in their activities.

Article 9 Official Language

English is the official language of AIFF.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 10 Admission, Suspension and Expulsion

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

Article 11 Admission of Provisional Members

1. A legal entity registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a non-profit public company registered under the Companies Act 1956 / 2013 or any other statutory modification thereof, which organizes and supervises Football in its State may make an application to become a Provisional Member of AIFF.
2. There will be only one Member Association from each State. In this context, the expression State shall refer to a State or Union territory as specified in the Constitution of India.
3. A Provisional Member may be considered by the General Body to become a Permanent Member only if it has already been a Provisional Member for at least two years. The General Body may, at its discretion, cancel or extend the provisional membership period.
4. The said legal entity, wishing to become a Provisional Member of AIFF, shall apply in writing to the AIFF General Secretariat.
5. The said legal entity, shall fulfill the Executive Committee's criteria regarding the number of District Associations / minimum number of Clubs that are required to be affiliated to the Provisional Member. The criteria will inter alia be based on the area, population and number of districts in the respective State / Union Territory.
6. The said legal entity, wishing to become a Provisional Member should have organized and conducted a regular League before applying for membership.

7. The said legal entity's legally valid statutes approved by the Registrar of Societies/Registrar of Companies along with a list of its members/constituents and affiliated units 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 AIFF, AFC and FIFA;
 - (b) to comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
 - (c) a declaration that it recognizes the jurisdiction of the AIFF judicial bodies and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) as specified in the FIFA, AFC & AIFF statutes.
8. The Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes shall regulate the details of procedure for admission.

Article 12 New Member

1. The Executive Committee shall recommend to the General Body whether or not to admit a new Member.
2. The new Member Association shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted as a Permanent Member. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.
3. The new Member shall submit a declaration that its Head Office is in the State/Union Territory which it represents.
4. A declaration to the effect that all the official matches organized by this Member Association will be played in the State/Union Territory which it represents unless otherwise authorized by AIFF.
5. A declaration to the effect that the legal structure/composition of the applicant guarantees that it makes decisions independently, as required by a Member, without any influence, directly or indirectly, of any external entity.

Article 12A Associate Members

1. Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) and Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) are Associate Members of AIFF.
2. Associate Members do not have any voting rights.
3. A government or public sector body involved in promotion and development of Football, may be admitted by AIFF as an Associate Member.
4. Associate Members shall have jurisdiction over the units/divisions and players of their respective teams.
5. Units and divisions of Associate Members stationed at various States/Union Territories are entitled to affiliate themselves to the Member Associations where they are stationed so that the Players can participate in the Competitions open only to the Clubs affiliated to the Member Association.
6. Players of an Associate Member's teams, participating in the Competitions of Member Associations, will have to be registered with the respective Member Association. They will have to follow the regulations of AIFF in this regard.
7. An Associate Member is entitled to select 30 (thirty) Players from its various units/divisions, for Competitions in which they participate. The remaining Players may play for the Member Association with which they are registered.
8. Associate Members are not permitted to run any Competition without prior approval of AIFF and subject to payment of levy to AIFF as provided in these Statutes. However, SSCB is permitted to run the Durand Football Tournament, subject to payment of levy to AIFF as provided in these Statutes.
9. Associate Members may participate in Competitions subject to the criteria provided in the regulations of the respective Competitions.

10. Every application for Associate Member of AIFF must be submitted in writing to the General Secretariat of AIFF in the following manner:
 - a) The Application must be accompanied by a copy of the Applicant's statutes and regulations.
 - b) A list of its officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.
 - c) A declaration to the effect that it agrees to be bound by the statutes, regulations, orders, decisions and directives of AIFF, AFC and FIFA and their bodies and undertakes to ensure that these are respected by its affiliated units/divisions, players and officials.
 - d) A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of AIFF judicial bodies in respect of legal disputes involving itself and/or any of its Affiliated Units and/or its Players with AIFF, Members of AIFF, the Affiliated Units of Members and Players.
 - e) A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS).
 - f) A declaration to the effect that it undertakes to organize or participate in only those Competitions which have prior authorization/sanction of AIFF.
 - g) A copy of the minutes of such meeting in which the resolution/decision to become an Associate Member of AIFF was passed.
11. The decision for admission of Associate Members shall be taken by the Executive Committee.
12. New Associate Members admitted by AIFF will pay a one-time registration fee, as decided by the Executive Committee, however, it will not be less than Rs. 5,00,000.

Article 13 Members' Rights

1. Permanent 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 owned/organized/sanctioned 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. Provisional Members and Associate Members only have the following rights:
 - a) To participate in the Competitions owned/organized/sanctioned by AIFF.
 - b) To attend the General Body Meetings without voting rights.
3. The above rights of Members are subject to the provisions of the Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article 14 Obligations of Member Associations and their Affiliated Units

1. Specific obligations of Member Associations are as follows:
 - a) Member Associations and their affiliated District Associations have to be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a nonprofit public company registered under the Companies Act, 2013, with Football promotion and development as their main objective.

- b) The Executive Committee shall set up the criteria regarding the number of District Associations/minimum number of Clubs that are required to be affiliated to a Member Association. The criteria will inter alia be based on the area, population and number of districts in the respective State/ Union Territory.
 - c) To ensure that they and their Affiliated Units have their own constitutions/memorandum of association/articles of association in line with AIFF Statutes.
 - d) Member Associations shall not have individuals as members with voting rights.
 - e) Affiliated units of Member Associations have to be legal entities.
 - f) Member Associations will admit, as a member/affiliate, a Club which is recommended by AIFF if the said Club meets the membership/affiliation criteria of the Member Association. In case the decision of membership/affiliation is not communicated to the Club/AIFF within 3 months of its application, the Club will be deemed to be a member/affiliate of the relevant Member Association. In such cases, the membership/affiliation fee and criteria will be uniform with Clubs of the same status as mentioned in the statutes and regulations of the relevant Member Association, at the time of application for membership/affiliation.
2. General obligations of Members are as follows:
- a) To comply with the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of AIFF, AFC, FIFA and their bodies;
 - b) To ensure the tenure of the members of the executive body to be a maximum of 4 years. They may be re-elected by the supreme and legislative body;
 - c) To take part in Competitions;
 - d) To pay their membership subscriptions and dues;

- e) To ensure that their Affiliated Units comply with the statutes, regulations, codes, directives and decisions of AIFF, AFC, FIFA and their bodies;
- f) To play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game;
- g) To play futsal in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA;
- h) To play beach soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA;
- i) To play any other type of Football in accordance with the relevant laws of the game for that type of Football issued by the competent FIFA body;
- j) To comply fully with all other obligations arising from these Statutes and other regulations;
- k) To compulsorily conduct Competitions (for both men and women) among its Affiliated Units at District and State level;
- l) Not to disrupt or attempt to disrupt the AIFF calendar of events by scheduling competitions and events clashing with the AIFF events;
- m) To ensure the release of Players affiliated to the Members and their Affiliated Units as per the stipulations of the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players;
- n) To submit to AIFF for resolution as per these Statutes, all disputes, inter se, Member Associations, their Affiliated Units and AIFF, without resorting first to litigation in court;
- o) To abstain from any action contrary to the interest of AIFF;
- p) To fulfill such criteria laid down by the Executive Committee in relation to development and promotion of Football in the respective State/Union Territory;
- q) To communicate to AIFF any amendment to the Member's statutes and regulations and/or its officials or persons who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally

binding agreements with third parties, within 30 (thirty) days of such amendment;

- r) To specify in any contract that it concludes with a Player or Official, a clause by which any dispute requiring arbitration arising out of the said contract or related to it must be subject to the sole jurisdiction of AIFF judicial bodies;
- s) An obligation for its supreme and legislative body to elect the members of its executive body;
- t) Not to maintain any relations of sporting nature with entities that are not recognized by AIFF, AFC and/or FIFA or with Members and/or their Affiliated Units that have been suspended or expelled;
- u) An obligation to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play;
- v) All other obligations arising out of these Statutes or out of the regulations, directives and decisions of AIFF;
- w) To convene its supreme and legislative body at least every year;
- x) To adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of AIFF shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the AIFF judicial bodies and that any recourse to ordinary courts is prohibited;
- y) To be held responsible for the good conduct and all financial commitments of their Clubs towards AIFF, AFC and FIFA;
- z) To notify AIFF promptly of any change in its membership, address and/or in the name of principal office bearers and authorized signatories;
- aa) To manage its affairs independently and with no influence from any third parties, even if such third party influence was not the fault of the Member Association concerned;

- bb) To conduct yearly independent audit of accounts and submit the annual report (financial Statements, auditors reports, activity report etc.;
- cc) To administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
- dd) To recognize each of the other Member Associations as the sole controlling body of Football in their respective territories;
- ee) Not to form themselves into regional associations or federations without the prior approval of AIFF;
- ff) To regulate all Competitions and Affiliated Units which exist within their geographical territory;
- gg) Referees committee must be an integral part of the Member's structure and refereeing organization, regulations and development must come under their exclusive control and under no circumstances may it fall under the supervision or control of other bodies, such as the leagues, unions or government.

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 has the authority to suspend a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member if the conduct of the Member is adverse to the best interests of Football or AIFF, or has violated its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. Such suspension shall last until the following General Body Meeting, 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 and the Ethics Committee may impose sanctions in all matters coming under their purview.
5. Member Associations which do not participate in at least three Competitions owned/organized by AIFF in a Season shall be automatically suspended from voting at the General Body until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.
6. Associate Members who do not participate in at least three Competitions owned/organized by AIFF in a Season shall be automatically suspended.
7. 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 obligations under these Statutes including financial obligations; or
 - b) If it violates its own statutes, rules, regulations, decisions, codes, and/or those of AIFF, AFC and/or FIFA;
 - c) In case of a Member Association, if it loses the status of an association representing Football in its state.
2. 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, AIFF shall call the President and Secretary of the existing committees to obtain their opinion. They should appear before the President of AIFF within 30 (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 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 to oversee the affairs of the State Association.
4. While appointing the ad-hoc committee, the Executive Committee may consider including all or any of the following:
a retired international footballer, a sports administrator, an advocate, a chartered accountant, an appointee from the state sports councils/State Olympic Association
5. The ad-hoc committee will oversee the functioning of the concerned Member Association till the new highest decision making body is elected and shall make best efforts to conduct the elections to the highest decision making body of the said Member Association, within a period of six months of its appointment.
6. Till the time the new body is elected, the ad-hoc committee will select and field the team for that particular state to participate in Competitions.

Article 18 Executive or Managing Committees of Members

1. The executive or managing committee of Permanent Members and Provisional Members shall be elected.
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. Also, the decisions passed by such executive or managing committees that have not been elected shall not be recognized by AIFF.

Article 19 Affiliated Units

1. Affiliated Units 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 Affiliated Units. The statutes and regulations of these Affiliated Units shall be approved by the Member Association and shall be in line with the statutes of AIFF, AFC and FIFA.
2. Every Member Association shall ensure that its Affiliated Units can take all decisions on any matters regarding membership, independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of an Affiliated Unit's corporate structure. In any case, neither a natural nor a legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries), shall exercise control, directly or indirectly, over more than one Affiliated Unit of a Member Association. In any Competition, neither a natural nor a legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries), shall exercise control, directly or indirectly, over more than one team.

III. HONORARY PRESIDENT

Article 20 Honorary President

1. The Annual General Body Meeting may bestow the title of 'Honorary President' upon any persons for meritorious service to Football.
2. The Executive Committee shall make this nomination.
3. The 'Honorary President' shall take part in the General Body Meetings.

IV. ZONES

Article 21 Zones

1. AIFF has constituted the following Zones:
 - a) **North Zone:** Comprising of the Member Associations representing the States/Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand and Delhi.
 - b) **North East Zone:** Comprising the Member Associations representing the States of Tripura, Mizoram, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.
 - c) **East Zone:** Comprising the Member Associations representing the States of Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.
 - d) **West Zone:** Comprising the Member Associations representing the States/Union Territories of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu, Goa and Lakshadweep.
 - e) **South Zone:** Comprising the Member Associations representing the States/Union Territories of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Telangana.

2. In relation to participation in Competitions, the Executive Committee may allot Zones to some or all Associate Members, as it deems fit. The Executive Committee may re-allot/cancel their Zones, as it may deem fit.

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 may be drawn up by the Executive Committee.
5. The Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee, the Player Status Committee, the Club Licensing Appeals Body (CLAB), the Ethics Committee and the Commission(s) formed under Article 22.6 below, are the judicial bodies of the AIFF.
6. Other committees ("Committees") and/or judicial bodies ("Commissions") formed by the Executive Committee or any other body authorized to do so in accordance with Article 32.36, to regulate Competitions under their respective rules and regulations.

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 Body Meeting shall be held every year. The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. Member Associations shall be notified in writing at least 30 (thirty) days in advance. In case of an Ordinary Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) where the elections are held, the nomination forms and electoral college shall be sent together with the above notification at least 30 (thirty) days in advance. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 15 (fifteen) days before the date of the Ordinary General Body Meeting. This convocation shall contain the agenda, 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 Member Associations 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 (sixty) days of receipt of the request.
5. The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 30 (thirty) 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 persons 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 Meetings 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 AIFF, however, in

special circumstances the Executive Committee may extend this time by a maximum of three months.

9. Notices of all meetings shall be issued by the General Secretariat.
10. The quorum for the Annual or Special General Body Meetings shall be 50% of the Members plus one.

Article 24 Vote, Delegates, Observers

1. Each Permanent Member has one vote in the General Body Meeting and is represented by its delegate. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
2. Delegates must belong to the Permanent Member that they represent and be nominated by the appropriate body of that Permanent Member. Nominations shall be signed by the President or the Honorary/General Secretary of the Permanent Member. 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 AIFF shall not have voting right during the Annual and Special General Body Meetings of AIFF. He shall not be nominated as the representative of the respective Member Association during his tenure as member of the Executive Committee of AIFF.
4. The President shall conduct the General Body 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 must be a citizen and resident of India.
2. A candidate for the office of President of AIFF shall have served as a member of the Executive Committee of 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 Permanent Member for a period of at least four years. A candidate for the woman Vice president shall be a woman who has served in the Executive Committee of the AIFF or the executive committee of a Permanent Member or the Women's Football Committee of AIFF or a Permanent Member 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.

3. The nomination for the post of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer or members of the Executive Committee shall be valid, only if, signed by the President or the Honorary Secretary of a Permanent Member (Provisional Members and Associate Members are not allowed to sign the nomination form). In case of conflict the nomination signed by the President shall be treated as valid. The nomination forms shall be sent directly to the Returning Officer at least 15 (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 Returning Officer in the prescribed period.
4. A candidate for the post of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Member of the Executive Committee shall be proposed by at least five Permanent Members. A Permanent Member can propose the name of only one candidate for the post of President. A Permanent Member can also propose only one candidate for the post of Treasurer. A Permanent Member can also propose only one candidate from each Zone for the post of Vice President,

except for the woman Vice President who can be from any zone. A Permanent Member can also propose only two candidates from each Zone for the post of Member of the Executive Committee.

5. 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).
6. A candidate may withdraw his nomination within three days after the scrutiny takes place.
7. The General Secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of candidates for all posts at least 8(eight) days before the date of the AGM.
8. The Executive Committee shall appoint an independent person as the Returning Officer preferably a retired high court judge. Also, it may request the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association, FIFA and AFC to appoint observers for the Elections.
9. The name and contact details of the Returning Officer shall be intimated to all Member Associations by the General Secretariat at least 30 (thirty) days before the AGM.
10. All Election procedures including accepting of nominations, scrutiny, balloting and all other matters concerning the Elections shall be conducted by this Returning Officer.

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 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 (if applicable),
 - 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) Adoption of the audited financial statements,
 - k) approval of the budget,
 - l) fix the amount of the annual subscription for Members, (if applicable)
 - 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 AGM may be altered, provided two-thirds of the Members present at the AGM and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.
4. In case of extraordinary circumstances, if certain or all agenda items of an AGM cannot be taken up then they may be taken up in a reconvened AGM to be held within 3 (three) months of the first AGM, provided two-thirds of the Members present at the first AGM and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.
5. 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 Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Body

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 Permanent Member or by a member of the Executive Committee 45 (forty-five) days before the date of the meeting. A proposal submitted by a Permanent Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least 2 (two) other Members.
3. For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, 50% + 1 of the Members eligible to vote must be present.
4. A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if 2/3rd 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 section 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 required approval of the Income Tax department.

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, Member Associations 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 the Permanent Members of the General Body. However the candidates shall belong to the respective zone.
6. Members of Standing Committees, ad-hoc Committees and judicial bodies are to be appointed by the Executive Committee.

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

Decisions passed by the General Body shall come into effect for the Members 30 (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 20 members:
 - 1 (One) President;
 - 1 (One) Treasurer;
 - 6 (Six) Vice-Presidents, of which one shall necessarily be a woman;
 - 10 members representing the five zones all elected by the representatives of the Permanent Members of AIFF;
 - 1 (One) woman member to be appointed by the Executive Committee;

- 1 (One) member who is a former national team player who has played in at least 25 matches for the national team, to be appointed by the Executive 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 4 (four) years, however, the President and the Treasurer shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 (seventy) 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 12 (twelve) years with or without break.
 - b) The Treasurer may serve a maximum of 2 (two) successive terms of four years each after which a minimum cooling off period of 4 (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) North East 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) In addition to the above, the woman Vice President (1) may be from any of the above five zones.
 4. A Member Association of AIFF cannot have more than one representative in the Executive Committee of the AIFF.
 5. The mandate of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Members is for 4 (four) years, however, the President shall cease to hold such positions on attaining the age of 70 (seventy) years.

6. If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the Senior Vice President shall represent him until the next Annual General Body Meeting. The AGM shall elect a new President, if necessary.
7. In case of any vacancy arising in the Executive Committee, election for such post shall be held at the next AGM as per the process laid down herein.
8. A member of Executive Committee cannot, at the same time, be a member of any of the judicial bodies of the AIFF.
9. The Honorary President shall be a permanent invitee to the Executive Committee meetings.

Article 32 Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall carry out the objectives of the AIFF.
2. The Executive Committee shall pass decisions on all matters 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.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least 3(three) times a year.
4. The President shall convene the Executive Committee meeting. If 9 (nine) members of the Executive Committee request a meeting, the President shall convene it within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the receipt of the written request.
5. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the standing committees.
6. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman and members of the judicial bodies.
7. The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda.

8. The Executive Committee may decide to set up or dissolve ad-hoc committees, if necessary, at any time.
9. The Executive Committee shall appoint the delegates from AIFF's Executive Committee or from any other Member Association or the Honorary President or any other representative of AIFF to FIFA, AFC, IOA and any other organization whenever required.
10. The Executive Committee shall compile the regulations for the organization and functioning of standing committees and ad-hoc committees.
11. The Executive Committee shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President.
12. President and the General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees and the General Body ex-officio.
13. The Executive Committee shall decide the place and dates of all AIFF Competitions save and except if such right has been granted to third parties in relation to any Competition in accordance with Article 2 b above.
14. The Executive Committee shall approve regulations stipulating how AIFF shall be organized internally.
15. To represent and commit AIFF in respect of third parties.
16. The Executive Committee shall designate the longest-serving AIFF Vice President as the 'Senior Vice President'.
17. To appoint the Technical Director and Head Coaches for the senior national teams.
18. To apply maximum supervision in all of the areas of activity of AIFF.
19. To convene the Annual General Body Meeting and Special General Body Meeting.
20. To approve the draft budget.

21. To approve the annual financial statements and send the same to the statutory auditors for their report thereof.
22. To approve the recommendations of the Audit & Finance Committee.
23. The Executive 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 AIFF.
24. To compile the activity report.
25. To nominate and, where appropriate, to dismiss members of the standing committees and ad-hoc committees.
26. 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 standing committees and ad-hoc committees.
27. To institute, organize and abolish AIFF Competitions at national level.
28. To maintain relations with international and national sporting bodies, and also to exercise the right to propose/nominate representative of AIFF for election/nomination to their various bodies.
29. To propose any person suitable to be awarded the title of 'Honorary President' or, to the General Body.
30. To provide information to the members of AIFF and the public.
31. To approve the Regulations for Competitions owned/organized by AIFF, as well as any amendments to the same.

32. To form Committee(s)/Commission(s) including the I-League Committee, by whatever name called, to regulate League(s) owned/organized by AIFF save and except where such rights have been granted to third parties under Article 32.36. The composition and functioning of such Committee(s)/Commission(s) will be decided by the Executive Committee or any other body authorized to do so by the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 32.36. The regulations of such League(s) shall be formulated by the Executive Committee or any other body authorized to do so by the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 32.36 and such regulations will not be in violation of the statutes, regulations, codes, directives and orders of AIFF, AFC and FIFA.
33. To change the name of any AIFF body or Competition.
34. To lay down the procedure for conduct of its meetings and those of the other bodies except the General Body.
35. Furthermore, the Executive Committee shall exercise those areas of authority that are not expressly assigned to some other entity.
36. At its own discretion, it may delegate tasks arising under its area of authority and call on the services of advisers or grant mandates/rights 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 present, shall deputize.
7. Any additional powers maybe entrusted on the President by the Executive Committee.

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 Honorary President, the six 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 Senior Vice President available shall deputize. If he is also absent the next longest serving Vice President present, shall deputize.
5. The President is entitled to designate an alternate member for any member who is unable to attend or has conflict of interest. The alternate members shall belong to the Executive Committee and the same Zone as the member who is unable to attend or has conflict of interest.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 35 Standing Committees

1. The Standing Committees are:
 - a) Audit & Finance Committee.
 - b) Competitions Committee.
 - c) Futsal & Beach Soccer Committee.
 - d) Referees Committee.
 - e) Technical Committee.
 - f) Sports Medical Committee.
 - g) Legal Advisory Committee.
 - h) Club Licensing Committee.
 - i) Women's Football Committee.
 - j) Development Committee.
2. The Standing Committees shall have a minimum of 3 (three) members. The Chairmen of the standing committees shall preferably be members of the Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided in these Statutes and when in conflict with the relevant standing committee regulations. However whenever required the Executive Committee may appoint Chairmen 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. Any person or his immediate family member, with a material business relationship with AIFF, shall not be appointed as a member of the any 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 4 (four) years or as mentioned in the relevant Standing Committee regulations. The terms of all the Standing 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. The term of the standing committees shall last for 4 (four) years, beginning upon the respective date of appointment by the Executive Committee. Members of the standing committees may be relieved of their duties at any time by the Executive Committee.
6. Each Chairman shall represent his Committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant standing committee regulations.
7. 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.
8. Each Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

9. The Standing Committees shall review and approve the minutes, which shall be filed with the General Secretary for retention. Copies of such minutes shall be made available to the Executive Committee.

Article 36 Audit & Finance Committee

1. The members of the Audit & Finance Committee shall consist of at least 3 (three) members. The members of the Audit & Finance Committee shall be knowledgeable and experienced in financial and/or regulatory and legal matters. The Chairman of the Audit & Finance Committee may not belong to the Executive Committee or any other AIFF bodies.
2. No fewer than one of the committee's members shall fulfill the independence criteria provided in these Statutes.
3. The Audit & Finance Committee shall advise and assist the Executive Committee on all financial matters of AIFF , including without limitation:
 - a) advise the Executive Committee on the steps necessary to regulate and monitor the financial affairs of AIFF;
 - b) review the draft budget and financial statements prepared by the General Secretariat and make recommendations on the same to the Executive Committee;
 - c) Opening of Current, Savings, Fixed Deposit, Overdraft, loan, cash credit, Escrow and/or any other bank account with any Bank;
 - d) make recommendations to the Executive Committee 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 AIFF. The Finance Committee may also recommend to mortgage, charge all or any part of the movable fixed and current assets of AIFF;

- e) To fix up passage money and other expenses for delegates appointed to attend meetings of AIFF and other organisations relating to Football;
 - f) To place before the Executive Committee for sanction, any material expenditure not provided in the budget;
 - g) To recommend annual increment, Provident Fund, Bonus, Ex-gratia, Dearness Allowance, Gratuity for the Staff for approval of the Executive Committee;
 - h) ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting;
 - i) review the External Auditors' report at the request of the Executive Committee; and
 - j) assess and provide recommendations on the AIFF's internal control systems and risk management policies;
 - k) annually review the effectiveness of risk assessment, risk management and the internal control system;
 - l) review reports and the effectiveness of the internal audit function;
 - m) deal with other matters relating to the monitoring of AIFF's finances;
 - n) review, at least annually, tax matters, including the status of income tax reserves and governmental tax audits and developments in this area;
 - o) ensure compliance with the applicable accounting standard.
4. The Audit & Finance Committee shall cooperate in its duties with the Statutory & Internal Auditors.
 5. The frequency of meetings is determined by the Chairman according to the needs and the urgency of matters to be dealt with. The Audit & Finance Committee must hold at least three (3) meetings per year.

Article 37 Competitions Committee

1. The Competitions Committee shall deal with all matters (save and except for those that fall under the jurisdiction of another Committee / Commission) in connection with Competitions (other than Leagues owned/organized by AIFF), in accordance with these Statutes and all relevant Regulations.
2. The Competitions Committee shall also deal with matters in connection with competitions not owned/organized by AIFF, upon reference to them by the Executive Committee.
3. To recommend to the Executive Committee, amendments or alterations to the Regulations for Competitions (other than Leagues owned/organized by AIFF).

Article 38 Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee

The Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee shall organize the AIFF Futsal and Beach Soccer Competitions in compliance with the relevant regulations and deal with general issues relating to Futsal and Beach Soccer.

Article 39 Referees Committee

The Referees Committee shall:

1. regulate the organisation of Referees, giving advice and assisting with all matters related to refereeing and Referees in compliance with the relevant FIFA Regulations in this regard;
2. implement and interpret the Laws of the Game and may propose amendments to the Laws of the Game to the Executive Committee for recommendation to FIFA;
3. appoint the referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, referee assessors and referee instructors for Football matches in Competitions owned/organised/registered by the AIFF; and

4. approve a panel of AIFF Elite Referees and Assistant Referees and Referee Instructors on a yearly basis.

Article 40 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall primarily analyze the basic aspects of football coaching, coach 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 for the Senior Men's National Team.
- d) recommend coaching budget.
- e) look after the affairs of grassroots and youth development.
- f) Recommend coaching programmes, frame guidelines and deal with all affairs of coach education.

Article 41 Sports Medical Committee

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

Article 42 Legal Advisory Committee

The Legal Advisory Committee shall analyze and opine basic legal issues relating to Football and the evolution of the statutes and regulations of AIFF and its Member Association.

Article 43 Club Licensing Committee

1. The Club Licensing Committee will operate as the first instance body and decide whether a National 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 may not belong simultaneously to a statutory judicial body of AIFF and must act impartially in the discharge of their duties.

Article 44 Women's Football Committee

The Women's Football Committee shall deal with all matters related to women's football in accordance with these Statutes and all relevant regulations including all women's Competitions.

Article 44 A Development Committee

1. The Development Committee shall consist of at least 3 (three) members. No fewer than one of the committee's members shall fulfill the independence criteria as defined in these Statutes.
2. The Development Committee shall deal with AIFF's national development programmes. It shall devise and propose appropriate strategies, check these strategies and analyse the support and programmes provided to Member Associations and their Affiliated Units in this regard. The Development Committee shall in particular analyse the major development challenges at stake, advise and assist the Executive Committee on AIFF's development programmes, propose new development activities and address the related budget matters, draw up guidelines and regulations on development programmes, recommend the thematic focus, types of activity and budget allocation per State/ Union Territory and/or per Member Association.

Article 45 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 (twenty four) 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 46 The President, Treasurer, Vice President or Any Member of the Executive Committee or the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or member of Any Committee Shall Cease to Hold Office if He

- a) ceases to be a citizen or resident of India;
- b) has given a false declaration in the nomination form for his election;
- c) submits his resignation;
- d) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of their respective committees unless he has been granted leave of absence;
- e) is declared a defaulter for non-payment of dues or moneys owing to AIFF;
- f) has been charged by a court of law and charges have been framed in a non-bail able offence or is found guilty of an offence and sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than 6 (six) months, and a period of 5(five) years has not elapsed from the date of expiry of the sentence;
- g) is found to be of unsound mind by a Court of competent jurisdiction and the finding is in force;

VI. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 47 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.
 - e) Compensation.
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.
 - g) community work in relation to Football
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 issue the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

VII. JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 48 Judicial Bodies

1. The judicial bodies of AIFF are:
 - a) Disciplinary Committee;
 - b) Appeal Committee;
 - c) Ethics Committee;
 - d) Player Status Committee;
 - e) Club Licensing Appeals Body; and
 - f) Commission(s) appointed to regulate Competition(s) under their respective rules and regulations.
2. The responsibilities and function of the Disciplinary Committee shall be stipulated in the AIFF Disciplinary Code. The responsibilities and function of the Ethics Committee shall be stipulated in the Code of Ethics. In the case of Club Licensing Appeals Body, its responsibilities and function shall be stipulated in the Indian Club Licensing Regulations. The responsibilities and function of the Player Status Committee shall be stipulated in the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. Members of the judicial bodies shall not be members of any other AIFF body. The responsibilities and function of Commission(s) appointed with respect to any Competition shall be stipulated in the relevant Competition regulations.
3. The Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and other members, as decided by the Executive Committee.
4. The judicial bodies are to be composed in such a way that the members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks. The judicial bodies shall have a minimum of 3 (three) members.

5. The chairpersons, along with at least one other member each of the judicial bodies shall fulfill the independence criteria provided in these Statutes.
6. The chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and other members of the judicial bodies shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. Their term shall be for 4 (four) years. The chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and other members of the judicial bodies may be relieved of their duties by the Executive Committee.
7. The chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the judicial bodies may each serve a maximum of 2 (two) terms (whether consecutive or not).
8. If a chairperson, a deputy chairperson or a member of a judicial body resigns or becomes permanently incapacitated with regard to performing his functions during his term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve for the remainder of the initial term of office.

Article 49 Disciplinary Committee

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and such number of members deemed necessary, subject to the minimum number of members stated above. At least 2 (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 chairperson may rule alone.
3. The Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the AIFF Disciplinary Code, on Members, Clubs, Officials, Players, Intermediaries and Licensed Match 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 50 Appeal Committee

1. The Appeal Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the number of members deemed necessary, subject to the minimum number of members stated above. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall have legal qualifications.
2. The function of this body shall be governed by the AIFF Disciplinary Code the AIFF Code of Ethics and the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. This Committee shall pass decisions only when at least 3 (three) members are present. In certain cases, the Chairperson may rule alone.
3. The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee the Ethics Committee and the Player Status Committee that are not declared final by the relevant AIFF regulations.
4. Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee shall be irrevocable and binding on all the parties concerned. This provision is subject to appeals lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Article 51 Ethics Committee

1. The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the AIFF Code of Ethics. It shall pass decisions if at least 3 (three) members are present. The chairperson may pass decisions alone in specific cases.
2. The Ethics Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and such number of members deemed necessary, subject to the minimum number of members stated above. The Chairperson shall have legal qualifications. The other members may have legal qualifications or related experience.

3. The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the AIFF Code of Ethics and the AIFF Disciplinary Code on Officials, Players, Intermediaries and Licensed Match Agents.
4. The Executive Committee shall issue the AIFF Code of Ethics.
5. The Ethics Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article 52 Players' Status Committee

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

Article 53 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. Appeals for such review of decisions may only be lodged by:
 - a) a licence applicant who received a refusal from the Club Licensing Committee;
 - b) a licensee whose licence has been withdrawn by the Club Licensing Committee; or
 - c) a licensing manager on behalf of the licensor.
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. The Club Licensing Appeals Body has the power to review all decisions of the Club Licensing Committee and to affirm, reject, vary or replace decisions and/or sanctions issued by the Club Licensing Committee
4. The Club Licensing Appeals Body is the body of last instance and its decision is final in relation to grant of licenses under the Indian Club Licensing Regulations. However, such decisions shall be subject to appeals lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
5. The Club Licensing Appeals Body will not have the authority to define the makeup of the divisions of the national club competitions.

VIII. ARBITRATION

Article 54 Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

1. The AIFF recognizes the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) with headquarters in Lausanne (Switzerland) to resolve disputes between AIFF, Members, Affiliated Units, Competitions, Clubs, Players, Officials, Intermediaries and Licensed Match Agents.

Article 55 Jurisdiction of CAS

1. Appeals against final decisions passed by AIFF's judicial bodies shall be lodged with CAS within 21 days of notification of the decision in question.
2. Recourse may only be made to CAS after all previous stages of appeal available at the level of AIFF, Member, Affiliated Unit and Club have been exhausted.
3. CAS does not, however, hear appeals on:
 - (a) violations of the Laws of the Game; and
 - (b) suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months.

4. The appeal shall not have a suspensive effect. The appropriate FIFA body or, alternatively, CAS may order the appeal to have a suspensive effect.

Article 56 Obligations Relating to Dispute Resolution

1. The Members Associations and their Affiliated Units, Clubs, Leagues, and all other natural or legal persons affiliated to them, agree to recognize the jurisdiction of CAS. The same obligation shall apply to Licensed Match Agents and Intermediaries.
2. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in the AIFF regulations. Recourse to ordinary courts of law for all types of provisional measures is also prohibited.
3. The Member Associations shall insert a clause in their statutes or regulations, stipulating that it is prohibited to take disputes in the association or disputes affecting leagues, members of leagues, Clubs, members of Clubs, Players, and Officials to ordinary courts of law, unless the Statutes or binding legal provisions specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to ordinary courts of law. Instead of recourse to ordinary courts of law, such disputes shall be referred to the relevant judicial body of AIFF.
4. In case AIFF is made party to any dispute, the jurisdiction will be of the competent courts in Delhi.

IX. SUBMISSION TO DECISIONS OF AIFF

Article 57 Principles

1. Members and their Affiliated Units shall comply fully with any decisions passed by AIFF, AFC, FIFA and their relevant bodies, which, according to the statutes and relevant regulations are final and not appealable.
2. Members and their Affiliated Units shall take every precaution necessary to ensure that their own members, Players and Officials comply with these decisions.

3. The above obligations apply to the Licensed Match Agents and Intermediaries as applicable.

Article 58 Sanctions

Any violation of the provisions of the Statutes will be punished in compliance with AIFF, AFC and FIFA Statutes, Disciplinary Code, Code of Ethics and/or relevant Regulations.

X GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 59 General Secretariat

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 AIFF, on a full time basis.
2. He shall be appointed on the basis of a legally valid agreement.
3. His main responsibilities shall be:
 - 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 and preparing the financial statements.
 - c) Prepare the draft budget and place the draft budget before the Finance Committee.
 - d) Compiling and circulating the minutes for the meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees.
 - e) AIFF's correspondence.
 - f) Relations with the Members and Committees.

- g) Organizing the General Secretariat.
 - h) The appointment and discipline of AIFF staff.
4. The General Secretary shall appoint the AIFF managerial staff on the approval of the President.

XI. FINANCE

Article 61 Treasurer

Honorary Treasurer shall:

1. Be an ex officio member of Finance Committee.
2. Advise the General Secretariat on preparation of the draft budget and financials.
3. Advise AIFF on its strategy in financial and asset management matters.

Article 62 Revenue and Expenses

1. The revenue and expenses of AIFF shall be responsibly managed, including where appropriate the creation of reserves.
2. The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual accounts of AIFF for each Financial Year.
3. The funds of the Federation shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act 1961.
4. 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/or Dividend.

Article 63 Auditors

1. The statutory auditors shall be appointed by the General Body for such period and on such remuneration, as it may deem fit.
2. The statutory (independent) auditors shall audit the financial statements approved by the Executive Committee and present their report to the Members. If for any reason the statutory auditors resign in between two AGM's, the Executive Committee shall appoint auditors to conduct the audit for that Financial Year. New statutory auditors shall be appointed by the General Body at the next AGM.
3. The AIFF may appoint internal auditors. The internal auditors shall submit quarterly statements to the Executive Committee.
4. The internal auditors shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for such period and such terms, as it may deem fit.

Article 64 Membership 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 (thirty) 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 4 (four) years on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Permanent and Provisional Member and will not be less than Rs. 10,000 and for Associate Members it will not be less than Rs. 1,00,000.

Article 65 Settlement

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

Article 66 Levies

1. For Competitions owned / organized / sanctioned by a Member and played between Affiliated Units or State teams belonging to two or more Members, a levy will have to be paid to AIFF and shall be payable by the Member under whose jurisdiction the match is being played. The levy shall be as decided by the Executive Committee, according to the categories of Competitions, and will not be less than Rs. 25,000. The categories of Competitions will be decided by the Executive Committee.
2. For Competitions owned / organized / sanctioned by a Member involving one or more foreign teams the levies shall be as decided by the Executive Committee and will not be less than Rs. 5,00,000.
3. There will be no levies for tournaments organized for teams consisting solely of players below 16 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, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of commercial rights, financial rights, audio visual 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 may draw up 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 Competitions owned by AIFF, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.
2. The Executive Committee may issue regulations to this end.

XIII. COMPETITIONS

Article 69 Venue

The Executive Committee shall decide the venue for the Competitions owned / organized by AIFF. As a Rule, a Competition (other than that involving Clubs) may not be held in the same State on two successive occasions. The Executive Committee may issue regulations in this regard.

Article 70 AIFF Calendar

The Executive Committee shall approve an annual calendar compiled by the General Secretariat which shall inter alia include the Competitions owned / organized by AIFF and shall be binding upon the Member Associations and their Affiliated Units. This calendar will also include AIFF's obligations in relation to the FIFA and AFC dates and competitions.

Article 71 Inter State Competitions

1. The General Secretary shall approve regulations for organizing Competitions between Member Associations or between Affiliated Units of Member Association(s). No such Competition shall take without the prior authorization of AIFF.
2. The Executive Committee may draw up further provisions in this regard.

Article 71 (A) Intra State Competitions

Competitions organized by the Affiliated Units of the Member Association will have to be sanctioned by the concerned Member Association.

Article 71(B) International Competitions

Competitions involving one or more teams from outside India shall not be played without the authorization of AIFF. Authorization, notification and other requirements for organising such Competitions is governed by AIFF Regulations Governing International Friendly Matches/ Competitions and compliance of these Regulations is mandatory.

Article 72 Contacts

1. Players and teams affiliated to Members of the AIFF may not play matches or make sporting contacts with players or teams that are not affiliated to Members of AIFF, without the approval of AIFF.
2. Member Associations and their Affiliated Units may not play on the territory of another Member Association without the latter's approval.
3. Only Players who are registered in accordance with the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players can play in a Competition.

Article 73 Approval

1. No Member Association or its Affiliated Unit shall participate in competitions and exhibition matches on the territory of another Member Association without the consent of both the Member Associations and authorization of AIFF.
2. Member Associations and their Affiliated Units cannot participate in competitions in the territory of another member association of FIFA without the authorization of AIFF.

3. International Matches shall be subject to authorization of FIFA and/or AFC and AIFF, as applicable. 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

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 2/3rd of the Members present and eligible to vote. The quorum for this meeting shall be 4/5th of the total number of Members.
2. Upon dissolution of the AIFF, all its funds and assets shall be entrusted to the appropriate Government authority 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 4/5th 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 or to another federation / association whose objects are similar to those of the Federation.

Article 77 Adoption of Statutes

These Statutes were approved at the Special General Body Meeting of the All India Football Federation held on the 21st Dec , 2016, at New Delhi and confirmed and ratified at the Special General Body Meeting held on 8th June 2017 in Mumbai. These Statutes supersede all previous texts.

Mumbai 8th June 2017

For **ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION**

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF STATUTES

I Independence

1. The Independence criteria of AIFF:

	Members of standing committees requiring independence	Chairman and deputy chairman of judicial bodies	Other members of judicial bodies
Other official function in AIFF	Not permitted for members themselves and their immediate family members including the four years preceding initial term	Not permitted for members themselves and their immediate family members including the four years preceding initial term	Not permitted for members themselves and their immediate family members including the four years preceding initial term
Other official function in Members and their Affiliated Units	Not permitted for members themselves and their immediate family members including the four years preceding initial term	Not permitted for members themselves and their immediate family members including the four years preceding initial term	
Material business relationship with AIFF or a Member or its Affiliated Unit	Not permitted for members themselves and their immediate family members including the four years preceding initial term	Not permitted for members themselves and their immediate family members including the four years preceding initial term	

2. Additional provisions apply to the members of the AIFF Ethics Committee (cf. art. 34 of the AIFF Code of Ethics).
3. "Immediate family" or "immediate family member" means, with respect to any person, such person's spouse or domestic partner, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, children (including any stepchild or adopted child), grandchildren, son-, daughter-, father- or mother-in-law and the spouses of such persons, and including anyone else, whether by blood or otherwise, with whom the individual has a relationship akin to a family relationship for which such person provides financial support.
4. "Material business relationship" means, with respect to any person, that (i) such person has been, or (ii) such person is a current director or executive officer or employee of or owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the equity of any entity that has made payments to or received payments from AIFF, any Member or its Affiliated Unit or any sponsor, auditor, outside counsel or other paid adviser or contractor of any of AIFF, any Member or its Affiliated Unit for property or services in an amount which, in any single year, exceeds Rs.10,00,000. Any compensation or other amounts paid to any such person in their capacity as a member of the Executive Committee or of an AIFF body shall not constitute a material business relationship within the meaning of this provision.

I. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO AIFF

Article 1 Application for Admission to Provisional Membership

- a. Every application for Provisional Membership of AIFF must be submitted in writing to the General Secretariat of the AIFF.
- b. The Application must be accompanied by a copy of the Applicant's statutes and regulations.

- c. A list of its officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.
 - d. A declaration to the effect that it agrees to be bound by the statutes, regulations, orders, decisions and directives of AIFF, AFC and FIFA and their bodies and that it undertakes to ensure that these are respected by its members, affiliated units, players and officials.
 - e. A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of AIFF judicial bodies.
 - f. A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS).
 - g. A declaration to the effect that it undertakes to organize or participate in only those competitions which have prior authorization/sanction of AIFF.
 - h. A copy of the minutes of the General Body meeting in which the resolution to become a member of AIFF was passed.
2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. 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

Article 2 Final Admission

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

II. Definition, Notification and Registration

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-Affiliated Unit Matches

1. An inter-Affiliated Unit match is a match played between two Affiliated Units. Although the Affiliated Units may belong to different Member Associations, such a match shall not be recognized as an inter-state 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 inter-state Match, subject to the provisions of the above Article.

Article 5 Notification

1. Every Competition sanctioned / organised by any Member Association shall be notified to the AIFF General Secretariat by the

concerned Member Association, at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of the first match.

2. Failure to give the above notification within this prescribed period shall incur a fine, as fixed by the Executive Committee, which shall not be less than Rs. 20,000. Failure to provide any notification whatsoever shall incur a fine, as fixed by the Executive Committee, which shall not be less than Rs. 50,000. These fines shall be paid to AIFF within 10 days of receipt of AIFF's communication in this regard. This is in addition to the levies applicable.

Article 6 Report

1. The General Secretary of the Member Association on whose territory an inter-state Competition or Competition between Affiliated Units of different Members is played, shall, within 14 (fourteen) days of the completion of the said Competition, submit to the AIFF General Secretariat, the result of each match, the registration form of Players and team officials and Match Officials. The match data sheet shall also be sent immediately after the match.
2. Failure to submit the above information within 30 days of the prescribed period shall incur a fine, as fixed by the Executive Committee, which will not be less than Rs. 1000. Failure to send the official form within 90 days shall incur a fine, as fixed by the Executive Committee, which will not be less than Rs. 5000. In case, the official form is not received after this period, the Member Association shall be subject to disciplinary action and an additional fine, as decided by AIFF. These fines shall be paid to AIFF within 10 days of receipt of AIFF's decision.

Article 7 Registrations

The available details of every Competition shall be maintained and constantly updated by AIFF.

Article 8 Authorizations

1. Competitions involving teams of Affiliated Units from different Members or teams representing different Members will not be played without the express authorization of AIFF and the Members concerned.
2. The request for authorization shall be submitted by the Member on whose territory the Competition is planned, at least 30 days prior to the date of the first match.
3. The request for authorization shall be accompanied by a list of the teams that are planning to take part in the Competition and the Competition regulations drawn up by the organizing body.
4. If the Competition 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.
5. A Member shall inform AIFF and / or the concerned Member, as soon as the Member gains knowledge regarding any Competition which has not been sanctioned by AIFF and / or the relevant Member.
6. Scratch Teams are not permitted to play in any Competition unless authorization has been granted by AIFF and the Member on whose territory the Competition is planned.

V. LAWS OF THE GAME

Article 9 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. MATCH OFFICIALS

Article 10 Nomination

1. Each Match Official appointed to an interstate match shall belong to a neutral Member unless otherwise previously agreed by the Members concerned.
2. The Referees chosen to officiate at an interstate match shall be included in the official AIFF list of active national Referees.

Article 11 Report

1. The Match Officials, other than assistant 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 Match Officials 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 12 Reimbursements

1. Match Officials at interstate or matches involving Affiliated Units from two different states shall be entitled to:
 - a. daily allowance.
 - b. reimbursement of travel expenses.
2. Executive Committee shall determine the amounts, travel category and number of days due for reimbursement to which Match Officials are entitled.

3. The expenses for accommodation incurred by Match Officials for the above matches shall be borne by the organizing member.

VII. FINAL PROVISION

Article 13 Enforcement

These Regulations were approved at the Special General Body Meeting of the All India Football Federation held on the 21st Dec , 2016, at New Delhi and confirmed and ratified at the Special General Body Meeting held on 8th June 2017 in Mumbai. These Regulations supersede all previous texts.

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Standing Orders of the General Body of AIFF

Article 1 Participation in the General Body Meeting

1. Each Permanent Member may be represented at the 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 General Body Meeting.
3. AIFF shall bear the costs of travel and accommodation for one delegate of each Member taking part in the General Body Meeting.

Article 2 Chair

1. The President shall chair the General Body Meeting. If the President is unable to attend, the Senior Vice President shall deputize. If he is also absent, the next longest serving Vice President present, shall deputize. If none of the Vice-Presidents are present, the General Body Meeting shall elect a member of the Executive Committee who is present, as Chairman.
2. The chair shall ensure that the General Body Meeting is conducted in strict compliance with these Standing Orders, open and close the General Body Meeting and debates, and, unless the General Body Meeting decide 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 General Body Meeting participant who disturbs the debates:
 - a) a call to order.
 - b) a reprimand.
 - c) exclusion from one or more sessions.

4. If an appeal is made against such action, the General Body Meeting shall decide immediately without debate.

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 Permanent Member 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.
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 delegates who have asked to speak before the vote was taken.
3. The chair shall close the discussion unless the General Body Meeting 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 General Body Meeting. If an objection is raised, the General Body Meeting shall decide immediately.
3. Votes may be taken by roll call if requested by at least 10 of the delegates 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 General Body Meeting.
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 Returning Officer 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 Returning Officer 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 majority shall be calculated on the basis of the number of valid ballot papers collected. Empty ballot papers or invalid votes are disregarded.
5. The Returning Officer shall announce the result of each ballot.
6. The Returning Officer shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately. The Returning Officer shall keep these envelopes keep them for a minimum of 100 days after the end of the General Body Meeting.

Article 10 Enforcement

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