**AFFILIATION CRITERIA OF STATES/UTs/UNITS/ALONGWITH VOTING RIGHTS OF EACH UNITS MEMBERSHIP**

**Article 10 Admission, suspension and expulsion**

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

**Article 11 Admission**

1. An Association, which organizes and supervises football in its State may become a member of AIFF. Only one Association shall be recognized in each State. In the context, the expression State shall refer to a State or Union territory recognized by the Government of India.

2. Permanent membership is only permitted if an Association has already been a provisional member of the AIFF for at least two years and is considered by General Body. General Body may extend provisional membership period also.

3. Any association wishing to become a member of AIFF shall apply in writing to the AIFF General Secretariat.

4. Any association wishing to become a member shall have at least ten affiliated District Associations each with a minimum of six affiliated clubs. Smaller States with less than 10 Districts shall have at least twenty-four clubs affiliated to them. A regular league shall be conducted among these clubs from the time the Association is granted provisional membership.

5. The association’s legally valid statutes shall be enclosed with the application for membership and shall contain the following mandatory provisions:

 (a) to always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, AFC and AIFF,

 (b) to comply with the Laws of the Game in force,

 (c) a declaration that it recognizes the Arbitration Tribunal of AIFF and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne as specified in the FIFA, AFC & AIFF Statutes.

6. The Services Sports Control Board, the Railways Sports Promotion Boards and the Women’s Committee are recognized as Associate Members of the AIFF according to the special regulations of the AIFF. The regulations governing the application of the Statutes shall regulate the details of procedure for admission

7. This article shall not affect the status of existing members except those listed in clause (6) above

8. The members of AIFF are:-

 i) One Football Association in each State or Union Territory as defined by the Constitution of India

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

 **Article 24 Vote, delegates, observers**

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1. Each Member has one vote in the General Body Meeting and is represented by its delegates. Only the Members present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.

2. Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be nominated by the appropriate body of that Association. Nominations shall be signed by the President or the Honorary / General Secretary of the Association. In case of conflict the nomination signed by the President shall be treated as valid. However no one can represent as a delegate who is criminally convicted by the court.

3. A Member of the Executive Committee of the AIFF shall not have voting right during the Annual and Special General Body Meetings the AIFF. He shall not be nominated as the representative of the respective Association during his tenure as member of the Executive Committee of the AIFF.

4. The President shall conduct the Annual General Meeting business in compliance with the Standing Orders of the General Body.