

**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA**

DULY AMENDED

1. The name of Society: **BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA.**
2. The registered office: West Bengal
3. Area of Operation: All INDIA.

4 (a). **The objects for which the Society is registered are:**

1. To promote and encourage Lawn Bowling in INDIA.
2. To organize and control Lawn Bowling in INDIA.
3. To provide facilities for training in Lawn Bowling and Physical exercises.
4. To render as and when possible financial assistance to individual athletes, officials, and to the affiliated organization for the promotion of training in Lawn Bowling and holding competitions, Lawn Bowling/ sporting events.
5. To provide the athletes, and coaches with new knowledge and technique in Lawn Bowling.
6. To enforce all rules and regulations of the World Bowls/BOWLS ASIA in so far as they are related to Lawn Bowling.
7. To be the official organization in complete and sole charge of all Lawn Bowling matters in INDIA.
8. To guard and enforce rules in cooperation with the STATE Lawn Bowling Associations of the state and in full and complete collaboration with the Indian Olympic Association & Bowls Asia,
9. To select and control the INDIAN Lawn Bowling Contingent to the INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, National competitions under the patronage of the BFI and other Federations/Associations.
10. To stimulate the interest of the people of the state in the promotion of Lawn Bowling and to that end the formulation of STATELawn Bowling Association for the development of Lawn Bowling within the Country
11. To admit the membership of the STATELawn Bowling Associations and other recognized units.
12. To take disciplinary action against any affiliated STATE/ Unit or Organization for misbehavior or any undesirable activity bringing discredit to the State and Lawn Bowling, or which is prejudicial to the interest of the society and for not organizing meets at the STATE level and sending teams for various competitions.

4(b). **For the attainment of aforesaid objects, the Association may:**

1. Edit, compile, print and publish periodicals, books, brochures, or leaflets & digital communication.
2. Accept or procure subscriptions, donations, or other contributions on such terms, as it may consider reasonable.
3. Procure, collect, and accept gifts and endowments on such terms, as it may consider reasonable.

4. Borrow or raise money for the purpose of the Association including the issue of or upon bonds, debentures, bills of Exchange, promissory notes or other obligations or securities of the Association.
 5. Acquire movable or immovable properties on behalf of the Association and sell, lease, exchange, dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of such properties and Run recreational Club for revenue generation for maintenance of the property.
 6. To plan Coaching schemes for the benefit of players of the State.
 7. Do all other things that may be necessary or expedient to promote the development of Lawn Bowling in state and for the Conduct of its business and generally to do all such things as may be necessary for expedient, lawful, incidental, or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.
- 4 (c). The income and property of the Association herewith detailed shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in the memorandum of association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members provided that nothing therein shall prevent the payment of remuneration to its officers or staff or other persons in return for any services actually rendered by them in their current professional capacity. Part of the money collected by any individual/organization/company can also be paid commission out of the money raised by that agency/ individual.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA**

I. DEFINITION AND EXPLANATION

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

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| (a) | “The Society” means | : | “BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA” |
| (b) | “Governing Body” means | : | The body elected by General Body of the society for the management of the society. |
| (c) | “Financial Year” means | | 1st April to 31st March. |
| (d) | “General Body” means | : | Meeting of all regular members of the Society. |
| (e) | “Office bearer” means | : | President, Senior Vice President, 6 Vice Presidents
General Secretary, 1 senior Joint secretary and 6 Joint Secretaries, Treasurer & 6 Executive Committee members |
| (f) | “BFI” means | : | Bowling Federation of India. |
| (g) | “NADA” means | : | National Anti -doping Agency. |
| (h) | “IOA” means | : | INDIAN Olympic Association. |
| (i) | “Act” means | : | The Society Registration Act 21, 1860. |
- i) Association shall mean the “BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA” also known as BFI in abbreviated form.
 - ii) Members shall mean an affiliated member of the “BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA”.

- iii) 'Constitution' shall mean Memorandum of Association and these rules & regulations.
- iv) 'Assembly' shall mean and include the representative deputed by the members in accordance with the rules hereinafter contained and the person(s) holding Indian Citizenship and who is / are Member(s) of the Bowling Federation of India and are the Founder Members & Life members of BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA.
- iv) The BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA is affiliated to the World Bowls/Bowls Asia & Indian Olympic Association. The BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA recognizes, accept, applies, observes, and abide by the current constitution, Rule and Regulations of the World Bowls/Bowls Asia/IOA, as well as any future amendments. This applies especially to the Anti Doping Rules, the handling of disputes, and relations with Athletes' Representatives. Any member of BFI elected to the council and/or Executive Body of the Lawn Bowling Federation of India shall be ex-officio Member of BFI with full Voting Rights.
- v) 'Council' shall mean the Executive Council of the BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA constituted under the rules and regulations hereinafter contained.
- vi) 'STATE Association" shall mean STATELawn Bowling Association affiliated to the BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA & union territories.
- vii) 'Recognized' shall mean the State/ Department, which are given recognition only for the purpose of participation.

II. ASSOCIATION YEAR

The official year of the BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA shall be the financial year commencing from 1st of April.

III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the BOWLING FEDERATION OF INDIA shall be open to the undermentioned, subject to approval by the President & General Assembly however for promoting Lawn Bowls in the state, President/General Secretary (Subject to Ratification) may accord affiliation in anticipation of ratification by Executive Council/General Body of BFI.

- 1) Lawn Bowling Associations of STATES as well as,
- 2) Sports central bodies or organizations of State character,

(V.) AFFILIATION/MEMBERSHIP

- a) Application for affiliation/Membership from an organization/STATE shall be submitted to the President/General Secretary/CEO along with a list of its office bearers for the current year (for STATE units/Institution along with the prescribed admission fees & activities report.
- b) The General Secretary/CEO shall place before the Executive Council such applications for disposal. The Executive Council may reject any application for affiliation/Membership without assigning any reason. In the case of rejection of an application for affiliation/Membership the fees deposited shall be refunded to the party concerned. In case affiliation granted by President & later it is not been approved by General Body/Executive Body is out.
- c) These memberships shall be finalized provisionally by Chairman/President in consultation with General Secretary, CEO.

(VI.) MEMBERSHIP FEES (ADMISSION FEE & ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE AS DECIDED FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME).

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- i) It shall be the duty of the affiliated organization/members to send their annual renewal fee of membership and other dues to the federation by the end of the first month of the financial year.
- ii) The treasurer shall give thirty clear days notice to the members concerned calling upon the member to clear the arrears failing which the membership shall be deemed as cancelled with effect from the 31st day of the date of notice. The Treasurer will also circulate the list of arrears to all members.
- iii) Contribution to be made by Affiliated Members / Organizations to the INDIA Lawn Bowling Contingent for any national Competition if not paid in full to the Association in time will be treated as arrears.

VII. DEFAULTERS & DIS-AFFILIATION

- a) A member failing to pay the membership fee as well as other dues, if any, due to BFI before the 31st December every year shall be treated as defaulter and such defaulter shall neither be allowed to the membership of the General Assembly, Executive Council nor Committees of the BFI. Further the member shall not be permitted to participate in the championships conducted under the aegis of the BFI or other affiliated units. But for this proper written advice notes need to be sent by the Treasurer BFI.
- b) If the renewal fee and the other arrears are not paid on or before the last day of the following year the defaulter will automatically cease to be a member of the BFI provided specific notice has been served to the defaulter and given reasonable time.

VIII. RE-AFFILIATION

A member, who ceases to be a member of the Association either by forfeiture of membership or otherwise shall in no circumstances, be eligible for re-affiliation unless all its arrears of membership fee or other dues if any to the BFI, are cleared. The penalty shall be Rs1000/- per month in addition to annual subscription fee for entire duration of delay. The ceased member must write application for re-affiliation which shall in all other respect comply with the provision of Rule V. A member in that case has to pay admission fee again.

IX. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

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

- a) Right to vote through its accredited representative(s) of General meetings of the Association provided that the dues of the BFI have been paid in time.
- b) Right to seek election to the Executive Council or any committee of the Association subject to the provision of the Rule vi & vii.

X. MANAGEMENT

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

XI. ASSEMBLY

Assembly of the Association consists of:

1. Three representatives of each of the STATE Association.
2. President, General Secretary & Treasurer.
3. Member of BFI Executive Committee.

The Assembly will also elect the chairman and conveners of the following committees: -

- i) Selection Committee
- ii) Technical Committee
- iii) Marketing & Development Committee

- iv) Athletes commission with voting right
- v) Ethics Committee
- vi) Disciplinary Committee

XII. OFFICE BEARERS

The following will be the Office Bearers of the Association and they shall be elected from amongst the members present and authorized to vote of the assembly:

- (a) President
- (b) 1 Sr vice-president
- (c) 1 Vice President
- (d) General Secretary
- (e) 2 Joint Secretary
- (f) 1 Treasure,
- (g) 6 Executive members
- (h) 1 Athletes Commission

XIII. EXECUTIVE Committee

The Executive Council of the Association shall consist of:

1. All the Elected Office Bearers.

XIV. ELECTIONS

- i) Election as per Sports code & As per good Governance Code.

XV. MEETING

A) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- i) The Annual General Meeting of the assembly shall be held every year at a place, date & time to be decided upon by the President/Working President. As far as possible the meeting shall be held by rotation at different places. But in case due to unavoidable reason, the meeting is not held every year, it can take place after two years. In case the Annual General Meeting is not held in the year, the Annual Report of the General Secretary and the audited Statement of Accounts for that year may be considered in a meeting of the Executive Council, which can be later ratified in the Annual General Meeting.
- ii) The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall also include:
 - a) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of the Special General Meeting; if any.
 - b) Consideration and adoption of the General Secretary's annual report on the working of the Association.
 - c) Consideration and passing of the Audited Statement of Accounts of the year and the Budget for the next year to be submitted by the Treasurer.
 - d) Appointment of Auditors and fixing their remuneration.
 - e) Election of the Executive Council, Office Bearers (if due) and committees.
 - f) Consideration of the Annual Athletics Meets calendar.
 - g) Amendment(s) to the constitution (if any).
 - h) Any other business of which due notice has been given.

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- i) Any matter affecting the welfare of the Association which the President may bring or allow to be brought before it. This will include discussion about developmental activities and analysis of programs and policies of the Association. President can call meeting on telephonic message.

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

B. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

Special General Meetings may be summoned at any time by the President at his discretion and shall be convened by the General Secretary/any of the Joint Secretary as appointed by President from time to time. If 15 member units want any serious matter(s) concerning the development of lawn Bowls to be discussed. President may call such a meeting within 30 days, provided 11 member units send a representations/ requisition to President in writing.

C. EMERGENT MEETING

Notwithstanding anything in the constitution, an Emergent Meeting of the assembly may be convened by the Hony. Secretary/Joint Secretary as directed by the President in consultation with the President on urgent specific matters.

XVI. NOTICES AND QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

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

Meeting Notice Period Quorum

- i) Annual Gen. Meeting 15 clear days One-third of the (Annual Meeting of the Representatives Assembly) entitled to vote or 10 representatives whichever is less.
- ii) Special General Meeting 10 clear days 7 representatives,
- iii) Emergent Meeting 10 clear days 7 representatives (By Tel / Fax)
- iv) **Executive Council:** Meeting 10 clear days 7 representatives
- v) **Emergent Executive:** Council Meeting 7 clear days 5 representatives
- vi) **Committee Meetings:** 7 clear days 3 representatives

NOTE: 'Clear' means from the date of posting / by telephone / by Fax/by courier/by Mail. The Notice can be sent either by post (UPC) by courier or by Fax or by Email.

XVII. TENURE OF POSTS

Office bearers and members of the Executive Council of the Association may hold office as such for one or more terms of 4 years each by obtaining simple majority vote of the members present and voting in election. However, the president shall not hold the post for more than 3 terms.

XVII. VACANCIES.

The office of a member of the council (including that of an office bearer) shall fall vacant

- a) If the Organization he represents ceases to be a member or he ceases to be a member of any member Organization.
- b) If he resigns his office by a notice in writing to the President and his resignation is accepted by the Executive Council, The Executive Council shall have power to fill up vacancy so caused by cooption from among the representatives to the assembly and that will remain good until the next election.

XX. VOTING: Only Two per unit General Assembly as per Sports Code.

XXI. POWERS, FUNCTIONS & DUTIES

A. OF THE ASSEMBLY

- 1. To formulate the policy of the Association and the principles on which it shall be carried out.
- 2. To carry into effect the objects of the Association.
- 3. To hold election of office bearers, the Executive Council and the committees every four year in accordance with the rule of constitution.
- 4. To frame rules for honorary or associate membership of the Association.
- 5. To admit membership of any organization/individual eligible for affiliation under the constitution.
- 6. To raise funds for the Association and to hold the same and to control and administer other properties of the Association.
- 7. To impose or enforce penalties for any violation of the rules and the by-laws of the Association as also of the BFI.
- 8. To appoint auditors to examine and certify the Balance Sheet of the Association annually.

9. To consider and to adopt the annual reports, statement of accounts and sanction the budget estimates of the Association.
10. To be the sole official Organization in complete and sole charge of all Athletics matters in the state.
11. To institute, locate, conduct, and manage all meets proposed for the selection of INDIA's lawn Bowls Contingent for the National level Championships.
12. To convene All India Lawn Bowling Championships.
13. To appoint Sub-Committees as and when necessary.
14. To appoint selection committee to select INDIA's Lawn Bowling team and officials.
15. To recognize and register STATE.
16. To organize Lawn Bowling training camps and coaching clinics independently or in co-operation and collaboration with the Sports Authority of India and the National Institute of Sports.
17. To amend the constitution when considered necessary.
18. To maintain a register of approved officials.
19. To hold or arrange to hold individual physical efficiency tests.
20. To explain and interpret the rules and regulations of the Association and to give decision on any point not covered by them.
21. To maintain affiliation with the BFI & IOA
22. To make rules and regulations for holding all State Athletics competitions.
23. To take disciplinary action against any member of its representative for misbehavior or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the country or to the Federation.
24. To delegate any of its power to any person or body.
25. To have powers to frame by-laws and rules which are not inconsistent with the constitution.
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26. To have power to suspend any member or any other athlete from taking part in the State Competition.
27. To exercise such other power and perform all other duties as are incidental and to relate to the aims and objectives of the Association mentioned in the Memorandum of Association.
28. To take decision regarding continuing / discontinuing of its affiliation with any other body.
29. The President/Sec Gen will constitute the sub committees as per the requirements.

B. OF THE EXECUTIVE Committee

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

1. To carry out the objectives of the Federation specified in the Memorandum of Association.
2. To conduct the General Management and the direction of the Federation during the interval between meetings of the assembly and duly report all the decisions and actions to the assembly for its approval.
3. To manage, supervise and administer the funds of the Federation as delegated by the assembly.
4. To recommend to the assembly to submit to membership organizations eligible under the constitution.
5. To initiate and recommend to the General Assembly schemes for promotion and development of athletics in the state.
6. To decide cases of indiscipline, misconduct, protest, breaches of regulation and impose suitable penalties against individuals where necessary, subject to his right to appeal to the General Assembly.
7. To approve disciplinary action and hear appeals against such action taken by subordinate bodies.
8. To fill in Vacancy in the Executive Council.
9. To sanction tours.
10. To consider the Annual Report prepared by the Hony. Secretary and the Annual Audited Statement of Accounts of the Hony. Treasurer and submit the same with their recommendations to the assembly.
11. To appoint representatives of the Federation for any institution or organization.
12. To appoint special committees for specific functions and duties and to appoint officers, clerks and other staff and to define their duties and functions and to suspend or dismiss them or dispense

with their services as occasion may require and fix their salaries, remuneration, allowances and other privileges, if any, and direct payment thereof through the Honorary Secretary from the funds of the Association.

13. To procure, accept, collect and receive subscriptions, donations, gifts, legacies, contributions and endowments and to raise money by all lawful means for the benefit of the Federation and for fulfilment of the aims and objectives of the Association.
14. To invest the funds of the Association in such securities or in such a manner as the Executive Council may deem fit and from time to time vary such investments if and when necessary.
15. To co-opt any expert or specialist for any specific purpose as and when necessary but such person shall have no power to vote.
16. To nominate the general Secretary or any other member or members to act on behalf with full authority to sign any deed or document or to give valid and effectual discharge as if all the members of the Executive Council have been acting jointly.
17. To fix up the passage money and other expenses necessary for representatives of the Association to attend meetings of BFI/IOA or any other body.
18. To fix up passage money and other expenses of INDIA Lawn Bowling teams going out of India if not otherwise prescribed under this constitution.
19. To provide building, premises, furniture, apparatus, and other means needed for carrying out work of the Association and to frame the rules, therefore.
20. To enter, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the Association.
21. To explain, define and interpret the provisions of this constitution when disputed.
22. To exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Assembly.
23. To do all such acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the doing of the foregoing acts or any of them.
24. To purchase movable and immovable properties for and on behalf of the Association.
25. To sell discard or transfer any property of the Association.

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C. OF COMMITTEES

The President/General Secretary/ CEO will define the powers, functions, and duties of all committees as and when formed.

XXII: DUTIES OF OFFICE- BEARERS

A. PRESIDENT

- a) The President shall be the constitutional head of the Association and shall preside over all meetings of the Assembly and the Executive Council. He shall guide the Association in all activities. He shall exercise superintendence over office bearers and the members of the Executive Council and other committees in discharge of their duties. He shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Association and its efficient administration. The President and in his absence the Working President shall have full powers to preserve order in all meetings and shall have all the powers and privileges which are generally vested in him under accepted parliamentary procedure.
- b) The President shall have a casting vote in case of a tie in an addition to his deliberative vote.
- c) The President shall ensure that the financial position of the Association is sound. The President is authorized to sanction expenditure up to any amount for any one item, which is not included in the budget. Expenditure in excess of this amount, will be sanctioned by the Executive Council.
- d) In case of emergencies, the President will have full power to issue orders, which may subsequently be confirmed by the assembly or the Executive Council.
- e) President shall have financial powers of Rs1,00,000 on each item.

B. SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENTS

Senior Vice President/VICE PRESIDENTS will exercise the powers of the President when the President authorizes the Senior Vice President /Vice Presidents who will enjoy the same authority in the Association as the President in the specified jurisdiction delegated to him.

C. GENERAL SECRETARY: The General Secretary shall be the executive officer of the Association and shall be responsible for carrying out all the decisions of the assembly, Council and Committees and shall see that all the rules of the Association are observed by all the concerned and shall be subject to the general control and direction of the council and the President inter alia.

- a) Convene all meetings of the Assembly, Council and Committees after obtaining approval from President under the rules and shall cause minutes of all proceedings and resolution of all such meetings to be correctly recorded in a book specially provided for the purpose and such minutes shall upon questions put and votes taken thereon to be signed by the Chairman at the meeting and when signed by him shall be conclusive evidence of the correctness of the entry.
- b) Shall be responsible for carrying on all correspondence in the name of the Association or as otherwise directed by the President.
- c) Shall be in-charge of all records and documents (including the register of members) as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient working of the Association.
- d) Shall have custody and maintain in proper order and condition all movable and immovable properties of the Association and maintain up to date stock book and have annual stock taking made of all such properties.
- e) Transact all official business of the Association.
- f) Act as Secretary and convener of the Assembly, Council and Committees of the Association.
- g) Exercise a general supervision over the employees of the Association.
- h) Conduct all affairs of the Association according to its rules, regulations and by-laws or as directed by the President.
- i) Collect or cause to be collected all subscriptions and fees and get in with due diligence all other monies dues and payable to the Association, make overall collection as and when received or released to the treasurer and requisition for such money as may from time to time be needed for meeting the necessary expenses sanctioned by the council.
- j) Forward all bills for payment to the General Treasurer up to the extent sanctioned in the budget estimates and after the approval of the President.
- k) Have an imp-rest cash of Fifty Thousand Rupees recoupable as soon as accounts are rendered.
- l) Sanction advance upto fifty thousand rupees.
- m) Ensure that the accounts of the Association have been properly maintained by the Treasurer and are regularly audited.
- n) Prepare every year, the annual report on the working of the Association and place the same before the assembly after getting it duly approved by council.
- o) General Secretary can help the preparatory committee of the athletes for various Lawn Bowling Championships. He can also take the assistance of other persons of his own choice or he can also nominate some other persons as head of this preparatory committee.
- p) He can also give charge of his Secretaryship to anyone, if circumstances permit, with the approval of the President.

D. JOINT SECRETARIES

The Senior Joint Secretary will exercise the power of General Secretary when the General Secretary is not available for transaction of Association work. Specific duties and powers can also be assigned to the Joint Secretary by the President with due approval of the Executive Council.

E. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be subject to the general control and direction of the council inter alia.

- a) Prepare and place the budget for the year before the council for necessary sanction that shall allocate the budget grants to the different heads of expenditure.
- b) Make all payments of the Association after the connected bills and vouchers have been duly checked by him and passed for payment by the General Secretary/President/ or by the executive Committee as per passing powers.
- c) Deposit all money as and when received from the General Secretary or any other sources into accounts of the Association with banks.
- d) Have charge of all funds of the Association.
- e) Maintain the books of accounts of the Association.

- f) Operate the banking accounts of the Association jointly with the President / General Secretary
- g) Have an imp-rest of Twenty thousand Rupees.

XXIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- i) All constituent Organizations of the Association shall be abiding by the rules & regulations. They shall be responsible for conducting athletics competitions/sending the athletes for all the National level competitions.
- ii) Each affiliated Organization shall direct its own activities, conduct its competitions, and control its athletes in accordance with the principles set forth in the rules and regulation and by-laws of the Association.
- iii) Any penalty imposed by any Organization affiliated to the Association on any of its members for any infraction of the principles set forth in its rules, regulation and byelaws shall be honored by other affiliated Organizations.
- iv) Disciplinary action whenever taken by an affiliated Organization against members in its jurisdiction shall be reported by it to the General Secretary of the Association for record and information to other affiliated Organizations within ten days of action having been taken. An appeal against such action of the affiliated Organization shall lie with the President/ Executive Council.
- v) If any STATE Unit / Department Unit affiliated to recognized by Association, fails to conduct the Athletics meets within the period allotted preferably before July every year, such STATE/ Departmental units will be liable for disaffiliation/ de-recognition without serving any notice. In case of genuine reasons like natural calamities etc. President is authorized to allow for a change in the date/ venue of the Meet.
- vii) All STATE/Department Units are required to participate in State Championships. They are required to send their Calendar of Events and detailed Reports of their Athletics Meets along with the results to the Association. If any Unit fails to send its team in State Meets, and they fail to conduct their Annual Athletics Championships for seniors / juniors, they will automatically stand disaffiliated.
- (viii) To avoid disputes in the STATEs, the presence of an Observer from the Association will be mandatory during the Election meetings of the STATE Associations. The Observer will be sent to the Election meetings of those STATEs, who submit the list of their Units along with a copy of the Constitution and other relevant information's, as deemed necessary. Proceedings of Election Meetings of STATE Units without the presence of Observer of the Association will not be accepted.

XXIV. SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 1) The Executive committee shall have power to suspend any member or athlete from State/National Competitions for so long as shall be stated in its decision, which later on has to be ratified by the general Council.
- 2) On the application of any member the Assembly may reinstate any athlete who by reason of any infringement of the World Bowls rules has been declared ineligible to take part in competitions under WORLD BOWLS rules. Any application of reinstatement must be forwarded to the General Secretary, BFI. Such application shall be given in detail the circumstances leading to the ineligibility and the reasons advanced for reinstatement.

XXV. AMENDMENTS OF MEMORANDUM, RULES AND BYE LAWS

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

XXVI. FORCE OF THE BYE- LAWS

For all the purposes of the bye laws made under the rules of the Association as provided for in this constitution shall have the same force as of the rules in the constitution.

XXVII. RESIDUARY POWERS

Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the PRESIDENT/ GENERAL SECRETARY

XXVIII. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The BFI will appoint Disciplinary Committee from among the members of the Executive Council not exceeding three to deal with all matters pertaining to disciplinary regulations and the committee will submit its report or findings to the President/Executive Council. The decision of the PRESIDENT/Executive Council will be put up for ratification of Assembly.

XXIX. DISSOLUTION

- i) The Association may be dissolved at the general meeting specially called for the purpose either by the Council or upon requisition of two-third number of members, provided that majority of members present, vote for the same.
- ii) If upon the dissolution of the Association there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Federation or any of them but shall be given to the society carrying on similar objects on such terms and conditions to be determined by votes of majority of members present personally or in default thereof as the appropriate Court or State Government may determine on that behalf.
- iii) In the matter of dissolution/merger Section-13 and 14 of the Societies Registration Act-21, 1860 shall strictly be followed.

XXX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A) The Association will appoint Chief Coach.
- B) The Association will hold, where feasible the under-mentioned competitions annually. These competitions should be organized through inter-block and inter STATE competition in each State, leading to the competitions at the National level.
- (i) In all Competitions held under the banner of BFI, only BFI/World Bowls approved equipment will be used.

List of competitions:

1. National Lawn Bowling Championships (Seniors)
2. Other National /International Championships
3. National Lawn Bowling Championships (Juniors)

C) DOPING RULES

- i) BFI will be guided by the rules of WORLD BOWLS and amendments, if any, made to such rules from time to time.
- ii) BFI also recognizes NADA Dope Testing Laboratory for Domestic Competitions.

D) TECHNICAL RULES

BFI will be guided by the BFI Technical Rules. BFI will also abide by the changes, if any, made in the BFI rules in this regard from time to time.

E)

BFI will have one type of member:

- i) Affiliated: Each Member Unit will have three votes
- F) The Association may sue or be sued in the name of the General Secretary.
- G) The provision of the societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860)/Company Act may apply to the Association.
- H) In all matters relating to the interpretation of an application of the constitution as well as in matters not specifically provided for herein. The decision of the President/council shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- I) No decision taken at an Annual General Meeting or at a meeting of the council shall be re opened, modified or cancelled within a period of six months thereof.
- J) Every member shall be deemed to continue its membership on the specific condition that it voluntarily surrenders its right of seeking redressal in a court of law and accept the arbitration of the BFI.

Members shall abide by the majority decision of the disciplinary committee to settle disputes arising between:

- k) One member and another; or between the member and the Association.
- L) The Association will be guided by the rules, regulations, Bye- laws, directions and instructions issued from time to time by the BFI/IOA/WB and the IOA.

1. Financial Responsibilities

President/General Secretary/Treasurer of BFI will be paid to and fro AC II cost for his official visits. He will also be paid D.A. towards out-of-Pocket expenses for his official visits in India and abroad. He is also entitled to have local conveyance by taxi, as and when required. All these expenses to be approved by the President BFI. President in consultation with Secretary will decide the monetary assistance to be paid to other office bearers or any other member of the Association including the salary of the staff of the Association.

XXXI. CHARACTER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association is a permanent organization of Patriotic and State Character. It is devoted to the physical and cultural education of the youth of State. It is independent, autonomous, and free from political, religious, or communal influences.

XXXII. JURISDICTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Delhi Courts will have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the BFI, its activities and members.

XXXIII. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:

- (i) Treasurer will keep the records of accounts (income and expenditure) and made it audited every year by the auditor appointed by the General Body.
- (ii) If Inspector General of Registration desires to audit the account of the society, he can appoint any recognized auditor and the fee for the same will be borne by the society.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS/MEMBERS

1. If any athlete misbehaves with any authority including any Sports official, Coaches, Technical officials, Members of BFI/BFI he/she is liable to disciplinary action.
2. Any type of misconduct by player during coaching camps and Competition etc. will make him/ her liable to disciplinary action.
3. Athletes must respect the BFI/BFI Constitution & all directions given by the Associations including the rules & regulations of the Associations.
4. No athlete will go to the Press / any Outside Organization / any individual in case of any complaint / grievance about the Lawn Bowling activities / Associations activities of the coaches and other matters concerning Lawn Bowling.
5. Before going to the Press, athletes will have to give in writing their complaints / grievances, if any, to the General Secretary who in consultation with the President/Chairman/ Senior Vice President has to take appropriate action within 30 days.
6. Any Player/Office Bearers/Coach without the consent of the BFI Executive Committee indulges in any activities or participating in any unauthorized tournaments may be suspended and may cease right to be a player from INDIA.

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

Note: At-least three Members of the BFI Disciplinary Committee must be present in Meeting before any action is suggested.

Certified that this is the true copy of Byelaws.



PRESIDENT



GENERAL SECRETARY



TREASURER