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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### SPORTS LAW, No. 25 OF 1973

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs under Section 41 and read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973.

HARIN FERNANDO (M.P.),  
Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs.

At Colombo,  
3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.

#### Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Associations of Sports Regulations No. 01 of 2024.

#### PART I

#### Registration of National Sports Associations/ Federations

2. (1) Every application for registration of a National Sports Association / Federation in respect of any sport described in Schedule II hereto shall be-
  - (i) made to the Minister to whom the subject of Sports is assigned;
  - (ii) substantially in Form A set out in Schedule I hereto;



- (iii) signed by the President and Secretary of such National Sports Association / Federation; and  
(iv) accompanied by the following documents: -

- (a) a copy of the Constitution of the National Sports Association / Federation containing matters specified in Schedule III hereto;
  - (b) the name, office address and the contact information of such National Sports Association / Federation;
  - (c) the names, addresses and contact information of present Committee Members of such National Sports Association / Federation;
  - (d) a certified copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at which such Committee Members were elected;
  - (e) a certified copy of the Audited Financial Accounts of such National Sports Association / Federation for the previous year;
  - (f) details including the Names, Addresses, and other contact information of Affiliated, Clubs and other organizations of such Association and the Committee Members of such Affiliated, Clubs and other organizations.
- (2) The duly completed application shall be handed over to the Director-General of Sports.
  - (3) The Director-General may prior to registering any National Sports Association / Federation require for any additional information as may be necessary.
  - (4) The Minister shall, if he is satisfied that the National Sports Association / Federation applying for registration has complied with the provisions of the Law, and the regulations made thereunder, direct the Director-General to inform the National Sports Association / Federation to remit a sum of rupees fifty thousand (Rs.50,000/-) being the registration fee which shall be credited to the National Sports Fund.
  - (5) On receipt of the registration fee, the Director General shall register such National Sports Association / Federation and shall cause to issue to such National Sports Association / Federation a Certificate of Registration which shall be substantially in Form B set out in the Schedule I hereto.
  - (6) Such Certificate shall, unless earlier cancelled or suspended, be conclusive evidence for all purposes that the National Sports Association / Federation specified therein had been duly registered.
  - (7) The Director General shall within sixty days from receipt of such application communicate the decision in respect of the application to the President and the Secretary who had signed and submitted the application for registration.
  - (8) On receipt of an application for the registration of a National Sports Association / Federation and on payment of the said fee, the Director General shall recommend to the Minister of Sports to register such National Sports Association / Federation, having classified the Association / Federation based on the following criteria:
    - (i) Grade A - Annual turnover is Rs. 50 million and 25 or more members/clubs/affiliates.
    - (ii) Grade B - Annual turnover is Rs. 10 million or more but less than 50 million with 15 or more members/clubs/affiliates.
    - (iii) Grade C - Annual turnover is less than Rs. 10 million with any number of members/clubs/affiliates.

Provided that the Minister, having regard to the performance of an individual or team at an International Sports Event, may elevate the National Association of such Sport to a higher category (Grade A or Grade B as the case may be).

The Director General of Sports, in consultation with the Minister shall appoint a Committee comprising not more than 5 members to assess, evaluate and grade all the National Association of Sports already registered with the Department of Sports Development within three weeks of the publication of this Regulation in the Government *Gazette*. The said Committee shall inform the grading to the Director General within one week of the referring of the same for its review. The existing grading shall continue unless changed as provided herein or upon an evaluation conducted every five (05) years.

- (9) The Director-General shall maintain a Register of the National Sports Association / Federation registered with the Ministry of Sports. The Register shall be substantially in Form C set out in the Schedule I hereto.

## PART II

### Constitution of National Sports Association/ Federation

3. (1) Every National Sports Association / Federation shall have a Constitution consisting the matters specified in Schedule III hereto and shall be registered by the Director General:

Provided however that any National Sports Association / Federation which is registered in respect of particular sport on the date of commencement of these regulations shall, within three months from the date of commencement of these regulations, submit –

- (i) the Constitution consisting the matters specified in Schedule III hereto for registration; and
  - (ii) a Corporate Plan for following ten years period including the current level of international ranking, expected target within time period and the strategies to increase the level of performance for the approval, to the Director General.
- (2) Every National Sports Association / Federation shall make or amend its Constitution in accordance with the directions, Charters, procedures, rules or regulations of its respective International Sports Federations and submit for approval at its Special General Meeting.
- (3) The Constitution shall be submitted to the Director General for registration within forty five days from the date of the approval.
4. Every National Sports Association / Federation shall consist of Affiliates, Clubs or other Organizations which may be related to the particular Sport, as may be determined by the Constitution of such National Sports Association / Federation.
- 5.(1) (a) Every National Sports Association / Federation shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of such numbers of office bearers as set out in their Constitution including following:
- (i) the President and vice- President;
  - (ii) the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary;
  - (iii) the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer who shall –
- (a) For a Grade A and B National Sports Association / Federation, a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka or a treasurer having the certificate issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, or higher certificate or a certificate on banking and finance issued by Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka, and an Assistant Treasurer having at least three-year experience in the field of finance management.
  - (b) For a National Sports Association / Federation in Grade C, a Treasurer having experience at least for three years as an Account Manager and an Account Clerk in a licensed Commercial Bank accredited under the provisions of the Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988 or a licensed special bank or a Finance Company licensed under the provisions of the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011 or a Finance Leasing Institute registered under the provisions of the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000 or a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007, and an Assistant Treasurer having at least three-year experience in the field of finance management.
- (2) (i) Every officer of the executive committee shall be appointed at the General Meeting that conduct the election for a period of 4 years;
- (ii) If a certain officer;
- (a) has held the office of President for total period of 08 years, such a person shall not be eligible to be re-elected as President. However, he shall be eligible to be elected as a member of the executive committee.

- (b) has held the office of Secretary for total period of 08 years, such a person shall not be eligible to be re-elected as Secretary. However, he shall be eligible to be elected as President or a member of the executive committee.
- (c) has held office for a total period of sixteen (16) years, such person shall not be eligible to be re-elected as a member of the executive committee in any capacity.

For avoidance of doubt, no person can hold office as a member of the executive committee for more than a collective period of 16 years.

However, in respect of the officers including the President; who have been appointed by the election as at the effective date of these regulations, the aforesaid regulation shall not be an obstacle to hold the said positions until the end of the term to which they have been appointed.

- (iii) However, if a certain officer or committee member is removed or punished or subjected to a prohibition by a formal inquiry; conducted by Sports Act and any recognized committee appointed under it; or by the relevant International Association or an International Association affiliated under it; or on disciplinary reasons by Disciplinary Committee of the National Association, such a person shall not be eligible for being re-elected for such office or the committee membership.
- (iv) At an event wherein any Executive Committee Member including President, Secretary and Treasurer of certain National Sports Association / Federation proceed in contrast to the Sports Act, Regulations, Orders and the Constitution of National Sports Association / Federation, such an officer can be removed from the office by calling a Special General Meeting in respect of a proposal by simple majority and such proposal shall be passed with 2/3 majority of National Sports Association / Federation entitled to exercise votes, or at a General Meeting, even before the completion of the relevant term.
- (v) no person shall hold office as an executive committee member in more than one National Sports Association / Federation at the same time.
- (3) Any vacancy occurring in the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer may be filled at a Special General Meeting. Any other vacancy may be filled at a Committee meeting subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) A person shall be disqualified from being elected or otherwise to hold or continue to hold any paid or unpaid office or to hold any paid or unpaid post or to be a member of a Committee of any National Sports Association / Federation or to be nominee of an affiliated club or organization in a National Sports Association / Federation, if he or she-
  - (a) is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind;
  - (b) is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be insolvent;
  - (c) is or has been convicted in a court of law for any offence and imprisoned for a term not less than six months within past four years;
  - (d) has been convicted of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term not less than six months, either by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a military tribunal;
  - (e) has been found guilty for any offence under the Sports Law or Prevention of Offences Relating to Sports Act as amended;
  - (f) has held office in the Committee of a National Sports Association / Federation previously and has been found guilty of a financial misdemeanor, malpractice, corrupt practice, breach of discipline or any such offence by a Committee with competent jurisdiction appointed by such National Sports Association / Federation, after due inquiry and such findings makes him unsuitable to hold office;
  - (g) has been an office bearer of any National Sports Association / Federation, an Executive Committee member for whom a written notice has been issued under the Section 32 of the Sports Law and has been convicted of violating of the provisions of the Section 32 (a), (b) and (c) of the Sports Law in an inquiry conducted by a formal committee appointed by the National Sports Association / Federation, Ministry of Sports or Department of Sports Development;

- (h) has, during the two year period prior to the submission of nomination, functioned as professional journalist attached to any media organization as a paid employee or as a freelance journalist in electronic or print media or who is an owner or beneficial owner or co-owner or a major shareholder of a media organization;
- (i) is a parent or sibling of a competitor in that particular Sports in National Pool or National team;
- (j) has during the two year period prior to the submission of nominations, functioned as a Professional Coach of that National Sports Association / Federation;
- (k) is an agent or manager of a Sports personnel;
- (l) is not, or ceases to be a citizen of Sri Lanka;
- (m) has, during four years prior to the submission of nominations, been engaged in selling or supplying sports goods, sports gear or any item or equipment relating to such Sport to such National Sports Association / Federation or involved in providing sports related training programme or academy or involved in providing sports related services;
- (n) or any member of the immediate family (being a spouse, parent, sibling, son or daughter or son-in law or daughter-in-law) has an interest in betting, gaming or wagering, or in a betting, gaming or wagering organization or is employed in the day -to -day operations of such organization or organizations;
- (o) is a public officer employed in or posted to, the Ministry of Sports;
- (p) is either serving a ban, suspension or prohibition imposed by the decision - making body of such National Sports Association / Federation or a competent body established by such National Sports Association / Federation or by the International Sports Organization to which is affiliated or a period of two years have not lapsed after serving such ban, suspension or prohibition on the date of submission of nominations;
- (q) has during the four years prior to the submission of nominations had been serving a punishment imposed on him by an Anti-Doping or an Anti-Corruption Tribunal of such National Sports Association / Federation or the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency or of the International Sports Organization or Federation to which it is affiliated or World Anti-Doping Agency, for doping, corruption, betting and misuse of inside information; or he has been subjected to a ban, suspension or prohibition imposed by such National Sports Association / Federation or International organization or the World Anti-Doping Agency;
- (r) being a person who represented the country in an international sports event with the approval or concurrence of the Minister of Sports for an activity related to sports and had not returned to Sri Lanka;
- (s) is or becomes an elected or nominated Member of Parliament, any Provincial Council or any Local Authority;
- (t) he is being a member of Election Committee of such National Sports Association / Federation;
- (u) (i) he being a person who is holding the post of President, Secretary, Treasurer or Cheque signing officer or other responsible officer in that regard of a National Sports Association / Federation which has failed or neglected to submit an Audited Financial Statement certified by the committee within 02 months after the end of financial year which is the stipulated time period is found guilty at an inquiry conducted by a formal inquiry board appointed by the National Sports Association / Federation or the Minister in charge of the subject of Sports or the Ministry of Sports or the Department of Sports Development ;
- (ii) he being an Executive Committee Member who is found guilty of a financial misuse or financial fraud in respect of the Accounts Reports submitted to the Auditor General within 02 months after the end of the financial year or after the due date at an inquiry conducted by a formal committee; A formal committee means a committee appointed by the General Meeting of the National Sports Association / Federation or Special General Meeting or Executive Committee or Disciplinary Committee of the Association or else the Minister in charge of the subject of Sports or Ministry of Sports or the Department of Sports Development;
- (iii) he being a person who is holding the post of President, Secretary, Treasurer or the other Cheque signing officer of a National Sports Association / Federation which has not submitted the Audited Financial Statements certified by the Executive Committee within 02 months after the end of each financial year, such persons are not permitted to submit nominations for the posts in the forthcoming year of election until the inquiry is conducted and the offender is determined;

- (5) Every office bearer of the Committee of the National Sports Association / Federation who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in any procurement shall disclose the nature of his interest on an annual basis.
- (6) The Director General shall have the power to inquire into any violation of the said provisions. The Director General after being satisfied that an officer of the executive committee is in violation of the provisions herein shall take appropriate steps against such officer of National Sports Association / Federation in the following manner;
  - (i) Remove the said officer from such National Sports Association / Federation. In the event of a person holding office in more than one National Sports Association / Federation, remove such officer from the committees of all such National Sports Association/ Federation;
  - (ii) Impose a ban on such officer from holding office in any National Sports Association /Federation for a period not less than three (3) years and not more than five (5) years;
  - (iii) Make a recommendation to the Minister in charge of Sports to take any further appropriate action in terms of the Sports Law;

### PART III

#### Duties, Powers and Functions of a National Sports Association/ Federation

6. Every National Sports Association / Federation shall have the following duties, powers and functions to -
  - (i) develop and promote the relevant sport at every level in every part of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) improve the facilities needed to promote and popularize such Sport with a view to increasing the participation of players in such Sport and to achieve national and international recognition and grading;
  - (iii) uplift the standards of such sport to the level of international ranking;
  - (iv) increase the level of performance of the National Team;
  - (v) identify the talented personal in such sports in every age group and provide support to them in every way and manner;
  - (vi) formulate a transparent selection criteria to select the players in accordance with the National Sports Selection Committee appointed by the Minister, with due consideration to the selective criteria specified by respective International Sports Federation and the term for representing the country in international or regional sports event in coordination with the Director General;
  - (vii) ensure transparency in administration and governance;
  - (viii) provide training programmes to increase the capabilities and talents of players;
  - (ix) maintain high performing athletes tracking systems by use of players data bases, comprising information about bio data of players, participated event, games, matches, tournaments, teams represented, their performances and where seeding, grading or ranking are given, such seeding, ranking and grading;
  - (x) enter into Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Sports for obtaining financial support;
  - (xi) prepare Corporate Plan for a period of ten years including the current level of international ranking, expected target within time period and the strategies to increase the level of performance;
  - (xii) prepare an Annual Action Plan for succeeding year and submit it to the Director General three months prior to the expiry of current year;
  - (xiii) submit to the Auditor General the Financial Statement certified by the Committee within two months of the ending of each financial year;
  - (xiv) holding the Annual General Meeting; and



- (a) Immediately after Executive Committee is appointed in the election of the National Sports Association / Federation, the Executive Council shall inform all the affiliated member institutes and obtain the nominations to elect the members of Technical Committee, Finance Committee and Disciplinary Committee for a period of 04 years, and make the appointments as per the qualifications.
- (b) In order to appoint the Selection Committee of National Sports Association / Federation for a period of Two (02) years, the relevant National Sports Association / Federation shall duly inform all the member institutes affiliated to their Sports Associations/ Federations to obtain nominations and select the most suitable Ten (10) members at an Executive Committee meeting, and the applications together with the selected list of nominees shall be referred to the National Sports Selection Committee with a copy to the Director General of the Department of Sports Development. The National Sports Selection Committee shall submit its recommended list of the said nominees to subject Minister in charge for approval through the Secretary to the Ministry.

In the event any National Sports Association / Federation not being able to comply with the aforesaid regulation, the National Sports Selection Committee may seek a waiver from the Secretary to the Ministry of Sports.

- (c) Conduct a Special General Meeting to elect the members to the Election Committee.
- (xv) If the Audited Financial Statement/s of the preceding year/s is/are to be adopted by the Auditor General, table the Annual Report together with such documents at its Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting.
- (xvi) submit following documents to the Director-General within one month of the Annual General Meeting of every year: -
  - (a) where necessary, bio data of the office bearers elected to such National Sports Association / Federation;
  - (b) a certified copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting together with a copy of the Attendance Register;
  - (c) a certified copy of the Audited of Financial Statement for the financial year presented before the Annual General Meeting and proof that such Audited of Financial Statement has been adopted at the Annual General Meeting;
  - (d) the names and contact information of the members of the Election Committee elected at such Annual General Meeting;
  - (e) development plan for a period as may be set out in their Constitution including tournament calendar and talent identification programme;
  - (f) a bi-annual progress report on activities of National Sports Association / Federation for information and monitoring of financial assistance granted by the Government;
- (xvii) submit a notice at least 21 days (Twenty one days) prior to the Annual General Meeting to its affiliates including the list of the members entitled to be present and to vote at the Annual General Meeting, a certified copy of the Audited Financial Statement, of the preceding financial years along with the list of nominees;
- (xviii) register affiliates, clubs and other organizations engaged in the particular Sport and maintain a Register which shall be substantially in Form D set out in the Schedule I hereto;
- (xix) issue a Certificate of Registration to such affiliate, club or other organization;
- (xx) (a) Submitting reports to the Director General of Sports to facilitate the supervision and monitoring activities of other main member sports clubs of the National Sports Association / Federation, from the regional sports clubs; the lowest unit of the National Sports Association / Federation, to the District Sports Associations and Provincial Sports Associations.
- (b) Inquiring whether the District Sports Association promotes the relevant sport within its territory, conducts not less than 02 regional tournaments annually, trains athletes and maintains permanent pool of athletes and whether the District Association monitors and supervises the local sports clubs in a proper manner, and reporting to the Director General of Sports.

- (c) Reporting to the Director General of Sports on the details of conducting not less than 02 inter-district sports tournaments annually by the provincial association of sports within its jurisdiction, training of athletes and maintaining permanent provincial sports reserves, promoting the relevant sport within their jurisdiction, and whether the Provincial Associations of Sports properly monitor and supervise the District Associations of Sports.
- (xxi) follow government standard procurement procedures in respect of procurement and awarding of tenders at the circumstances wherein the relevant National Sports Association / Federation does not have a legally prepared procurement guideline.
- (xxii) follow procurement procedure laid down by the Government of Sri Lanka or National Procurement Commission in respect of any procurement for funds which received from locally or internationally;
- (xxiii) enter into any agreement with an International Federation with the approval of the Ministry of Sports to conduct any international Sports events in Sri Lanka unless such National Sports Association / Federation has all funding required for conducting such event;
- (xxiv) to make rules to regulate the procedure in regarding to the meetings of the Committee of the National Sports Association / Federation and the transaction of business at such meetings;
- (xxv) where necessary, to appoint such number of officers to the staff of the National Sports Association / Federation.
- (xxvi) Each National Sports Association / Federation has the responsibility to include and affiliated Sports Associations consisted with the persons having special needs (with physically disabled, visual impairments and hearing impairments etc.) related to their sports.
- (xxvii) The details about all activities including elections of the sports clubs, institutes, District Sports Associations, Provincial Sports Associations or the sports clubs and member organizations affiliated to a District or Provincial Association; affiliated to a National Sports Association / Federation, shall be presented annually by the respective National Sports Association / Federation to the Director General of Sports.
- (xxviii) When National Sports Association / Federation enter into international agreements and international financial transactions, such National Sports Association / Federation shall act with transparency and integrity subject to the financial, anti-corruption and anti - money laundering laws of the country adhering to the financial discipline and integrity.
7. (i) The power of making recommendations in respect of appointing the Selection Committee of all National Sports Associations / Federations should be vested only in National Sports Selection Committee and the particulars about dates, venues, relevant details and selection criteria of the selection trials should be informed to the athletes before 14 days. The copies of all such details should be presented in writing to the National Sports Selection Committee also on the same day. The National Sports Selection Committee has the power to cancel the selection trials of the National Sports Associations / Federations that do not present such particulars and the selection trials held on personal discretion of the President / Secretary and Coaches of National Sports Associations / Federations as well as the selections made thereby.
- (ii) All National Sports Associations / Federations should present the selection criteria to the National Sports Selection Committee 28 days before the conduct of selection trials; and the selection criteria should be published in their official website and the website of the Ministry in charge of the subject of Sports. Also, at the end of the selection trials, its results should be published in their official website and the correct name list of selected athletes should be submitted for the recommendation of the National Sports Selection Committee. The objections, if any, on these results of the competition should directly be presented to the National Sports Selection Committee. Subsequent to considering the objections, list of verified results together with all the details should be published on the same day in the official website of the National Sports Associations / Federations.



- (iii) The participation of the project officer in charge of the relevant national sport at the Ministry of Sports should be taken for the selection trials and the National Sports Selection Committee should be informed accordingly.
- (iv) At the end of the selection trials, following particulars should be provided to the National Sports Selection Committee in writing on that day itself or the following day:
  - (a) Attendance sheet of the selection committee members who participated for the selection trials certified by the President or Secretary of the National Sports Association / Federation.
  - (b) Name list of athletes who participated for the selection trials signed by the selection committee members of the National Sports Association / Federation.
  - (c) The record describing the way of selection of all athletes and the sheet of awarding marks for them certified by the selection committee of the National Sports Association / Federation.
  - (d) Details of the events participated, the places achieved by the selected athletes and their correct name list including the additional athletes.
- (v) The National Sports Selection Committee is vested with the power to conduct inquiries / investigations and to make recommendations with reference to all appeals / complaints received by the National Sports Selections Committee at the end of the selection trials of the National Sports Associations / Federations, subject to provisions contained in Part IV here in.
- (vi) The membership changes occurred in Executive Committees of all National Sports Associations / Federations should be informed in writing to the National Sports Selection Committee.
- (vii) When giving the appointment letters to the selection committees of the relevant National Sports Associations / Federations recommended by the National Sports Selection Committee, a copy of it should be provided to the National Sports Selection Committee by the Ministry of Sports.
- (viii) A database on the details of the athletes of all national pools should be prepared, updated and maintained by the National Sports Selection Committee. In that regard, the particulars of the talents and bio-data of all athletes in the pools of National Sports Associations / Federations should be referred to the National Sports Selection Committee. The information on the inclusion / removal of athletes after naming the national pools should be provided to the National Sports Selection Committee.
- (ix) Nomination should not be given for any international tournament prior to obtain the approval of the National Sports Selection Committee and an appropriate method should be followed in recommending coaches / managers / assistant coaches / sport trainers / masseur for such international tournaments and the agreement of the National Sports Selection Committee should be obtained thereto in line with below criteria:
  - (a) The contribution to the field of sports thus far,
  - (b) Their present performance in the field of sports,
  - (c) Knowledge, understanding and experience in the relevant sport,
  - (d) Skills shown as an athlete / coach.

#### **PART IV**

##### **The Procedure in Appealing against decisions or actions of National Sports Association/ Federation**

#### **OMBUDSMAN**

8. (1) Minister in charge of Sports in consultation with National Sports Council shall appoint a fit and proper person as Sports Ombudsman. Such Ombudsman shall be a retired Grade (I) / Special Grade SLAS (Sri Lanka Administrative

Service) official. A person appointed as Ombudsman shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of three years. No person shall hold the office of Ombudsman for more than six years.

- (2) The duty of the Sports Ombudsman shall be to conduct independent and impartial investigation for any person who is aggrieved by any decision or action of a registered National Sports Association / Federation. The person aggrieved shall request in writing to Sports Ombudsman within a period of 14 days of such decision or action. After a fair and impartial review, the Sports Ombudsman shall make recommendations to the Sports Minister through the Director General of Sports within 14 days of receiving such request.
- (3) The remuneration of the Ombudsman shall be decided by the Minister in charge of Sports in consultation with the Secretary to the Ministry of Sports and paid through the National Sports Fund.
- (4) Referring any dispute pertaining to a decision or action of a registered National Sports Association / Federation to the Ombudsman shall be a pre-condition to any appeal to the Appeals Advisory Committee pertaining to decision or action of a registered National Sports Association / Federation. The time period applicable to make such appeal to the Appeals Advisory Committee shall not apply until a recommendation is made by the Ombudsman.
- (5) The Minister in charge or the Director General shall not be bound by the recommendations of the Sports Ombudsman.
- (6) Every National Sports Association / Federation shall make aware of the availability of the Ombudsman to its' members and sports personnel on an annual basis together with the contact details of such Ombudsman.

#### APPEALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9. (1) The Minister in charge of Sports shall appoint an Appeals Advisory Committee comprising 10 members headed by a retired Judge of the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal. The members of an Appeal Advisory Committee shall hold office for a period of three (3) years and may be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of three (3) years. No person shall hold office as a member of the Appeals Advisory Committee for more than six (6) years.
- (2) The Minister shall appoint a Secretary to Appeals Advisory Committee. Such Secretary shall hold office for a period of three (3) years and may be appointed for a further period of three (3) years. No person shall hold office as Secretary of the Appeals Advisory Committee for more than six (6) years.
- (3) The remuneration of the Members of the Appeals Advisory Committee and the Secretary to Appeals Advisory Committee shall be decided by the Minister in charge of Sports in consultation with the Secretary to the Ministry of Sports and paid through the National Sports Fund.
- (4) Any person who is aggrieved by the recommendations of the Ombudsman may make an appeal to the Appeals Advisory Committee through the Secretary to the Ministry of Sports. Any Appeal to the Appeals Advisory Committee shall have the same effect as an appeal made to the Minister as provided in Section 30 of the Sports Law.
- (5) Such appeal shall be forwarded within 14 days from the date of the recommendation/s of the Ombudsman.
- (6) In order to substantiate the said appeal, all the relevant evidences and other required particulars, as well as the original of the receipt obtained after paying a non-refundable sum of Fifty Thousand Rupees (Rs. 50,000/-) for Grade A National Sports Association / Federation, Twenty Five Thousand Rupees (Rs. 25,000/-) for Grade B National Sports Association / Federation and Fifteen Thousand Rupees (Rs. 15,000/-) for Grade C National Sports Association / Federation in valid currency of Sri Lanka to the Shroff of the Ministry shall be presented to the Secretary in charge of Sports with four (04) copies together with the said appeal. All the charges paid for the appeals shall be credited to the National Sports Fund. Any appeal preferred by an athlete connected to his or her player selection or player payments is exempted from making any payment.

- (7) The Secretary to the Ministry of Sports shall forward the duly perfected Appeals to the Secretary of the Appeals Advisory Committee within 7 days of payment. In the event of any vacancy of Secretary to the Appeals Advisory Committee, the Secretary to the Ministry of Sports shall forward such appeal directly to the Appeals Advisory Committee.
- (8) The Appeals Advisory Committee may call for further material as they deem fit and shall make their recommendations within 14 days of the receipt of such Appeal and forward the same to the Minister in charge of Sports through the Secretary to the Ministry of Sports.
- (9) The Minister in charge shall not be bound by the recommendations of the Appeals Advisory Committee.

## PART V

### Rescission of Regulations

10. The following Regulations made by the Minister of Sports in terms of the Sports Law is hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

National Association of Sports Regulations, No. 1 of 2016 published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 1990/23 of October 27, 2016

Gazette Extraordinary No. 2006/13 of February 13, 2017  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2017/41 of May 05, 2017  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2089/56 of September 22, 2018  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2093/39 of October 18, 2018  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2105/38 of January 10, 2019  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/8 of June 18, 2019  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/85 of August 23, 2019  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2137/86 of August 23, 2019  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2166/9 of March 10, 2020  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2173/13 of April 30, 2020  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2177/8 of May 27, 2020  
Gazette Extraordinary No. 2186/31 of July 31, 2020  
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11. Every National Sports Association / Federation registered under the rescinded regulations shall deem to be the National Sports Association / Federation registered under these Regulations.

#### **PART VI** **Interpretation**

12. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires-

“athlete” shall mean any person who participates in any sport at the international or national level or any sports event;

“betting” shall mean and include-

- (a) placing, accepting, laying or otherwise entering into any bet with any other party (whether individual, company or otherwise) in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any game, match or event;
- (b) soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging, facilitating or authorizing any other party to enter into a bet in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any match or event or game;
- (c) ensuring the occurrence of a particular incident in a match or event or game, which occurrence is to the player’s knowledge the subject of a bet and for which he expects to receive or has received any reward;

“corruption” shall mean fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise influencing improperly, or being a party to any effort to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise influence improperly, the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any match or event;

“Doping” means any offence in terms of the Convention against Doping in Sports Act, No. 33 of 2013 or any amendment thereto;

“Major Tournament” “meet” or “competition” means, a tournament, meet or competition as may from time to time be approved by the Minister on a recommendation made in that behalf by a National Sports Association / Federation;

“National Sports Association / Federation” has same meaning as in the Sports Law and shall include the members and affiliates of such National Sports Association and or Federation;

“Sports Law” means the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 or any amendment thereto.

Prevention of Offences Against Sports Act shall mean Act No.24 of 2019

(Regulation 2)

#### **SCHEDULE I**

#### **FORM A**

#### **Application for Registration of a National Sports Association / Federation**

- 1. Name of National Sports Association / Federation: .....
- 2. Address: .....
- 3. Date of formation of the National Sports Association / Federation: .....

4. Name of Sports or Group of Sports .....
5. The following documents are attached to this application:
- (a) a certified copy of the Constitution of such Association containing matters set out in the Schedule III hereto as guidelines; Yes/No
  - (b) the name, office address and the contact information of such Association and the names, addresses and contact information of present office bearers of the Committee of such National Sports Association / Federation; Yes/No
  - (c) a certified copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at which such office bearers were elected; Yes/No
  - (d) a certified copy of the Audited Accounts of such National Sports Association for the previous year; Yes/No (if applicable)
  - (e) details including the names, addresses, and other contact information of Affiliated, Clubs and other organizations of such Association and the Committee Members of such Affiliated Clubs and other organizations. Yes/No
6. Date of the Annual General Meeting at which the present office bearers of the Committee mentioned above were elected:  
.....

The application is being made consequent to a Resolution passed at the General Meeting of the .....  
(name of National Sports Association / Federation) duly authorizing the submission of the Application of Registration.

(Attach of a copy of the Resolution and a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting)

*Signature of President of National Sports Association / Federation:*

Name and Address:

Date:

Signature of Secretary:

Name and Address:

Signature of Applicant:

(Regulation 2)

## FORM B

### Certificate of Registration of a National Sports Association / Federation

Name of National Sports Association / Federation: .....

It is hereby certified that the..... has been registered under section 29 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 as the National Sports Association / Federation for (name of the sport) ..... with effect from this ..... day of ..... 20..... The registration number is granted to the Association is .....

Date: .....

.....  
Director General of Sports.

(Regulation 2)

### FORM C

#### Register of registered National Sports Association / Federation

1. Name of the Sports or Group of Sports: .....
2. Particulars of Order under section 28 of the Sport Law: .....  
(1) Date/Number of the Gazette: .....  
(2) File No. of the Sport Ministry/ Dept. of Sports Development: .....
3. Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Registration as a National Sports Association / Federation: .....
4. Address and contact information of the Association and office bearers: .....
5. Any previous cancellation/suspension of registration and dates of cancellation/suspension: .....
6. Interim Committee (if and period): .....
7. Annual General Meetings held: Yes/No and Date: .....
8. Annual Accounts audited by the Auditor General: Yes/No
9. Constitution registered by the Director General: Yes/No. .... Date: .....
10. National Tournaments conducted : .....

(Regulation 7)

### FORM D

#### PART A

#### Register of Members directly affiliated to National Sports Association / Federation

1. Name of the National Sports Association / Federation: - .....
2. Name of Affiliate Body: - .....
3. Address: - .....
4. Number of Members: - .....
5. Number of representatives allowed to be present at Annual General Meetings:- .....  
.....
6. Number of votes allowed to members at Annual General Meetings:- .....
7. Names of Members: - .....
8. Names and Address of office bearers with titles: - .....
9. Names and Address of members of the committees: - .....

#### PART B

#### Register of Members affiliated to Provincial Associations, District Associations, Federations, Leagues or any other Organizations which are affiliated to the National Sports Association / Federation

1. Name of Provincial Association, District Association, Federation, League or any other Organization: - .....
2. Address: - .....
3. Name of affiliate body: - .....
4. Address: - .....
5. Number of members: - .....
6. Names and Address of office bearers with titles: - .....
7. Names and Address of members of the committees: - .....



(Regulation 2)

## **SCHEDULE II**

### **Names of Sports**

1. Badminton
2. Aquatic Sports
3. Body Building
4. Cycling
5. Rifle
6. Hockey
7. Karate Do
8. Yachting
9. Rugby
10. Weightlifting
11. Gymnastic
12. Golf
13. Wrestling
14. Automobile Sports
15. Basket Ball
16. Athletics
17. Cricket
18. Netball
19. Tennis
20. Bridge
21. Carrom
22. Life Saving
23. Boxing
24. Judo
25. Billiards & Snooker
26. Football
27. Volleyball
28. Elle
29. Chess
30. Rowing
31. Table Tennis
32. Squash
33. Taekwondo
34. Softball Cricket
35. Powerlifting
36. Kabaddi
37. Sports for the Disabled (Paralympics)
38. Motor Cycle Sports
39. Baseball
40. Wushu
41. Throw ball
42. Archery
43. Equestrian
44. Traditional Karate
45. Handball
46. Tug of War
47. Shooting
48. Fencing

49. Roller Skating
50. Sepak Takrow
51. Sumo
52. Modern Pentathlon
53. Ju Jitsu
54. Sambo
55. Kho-Kho
56. Angampora
57. Kudo
58. Ballroom Dancing
59. Roll Ball
60. Climbing and Mountaineering
61. Canoeing and Kayaking
62. Scrabble
63. Muay Thai
64. Unifight
65. Powerboat
66. Surfing
67. Ball Badminton
68. French Savate
69. Lawn Bowl
70. eSports
71. Teqball
72. Jeet Kune - Do
73. Korfball

(Regulation 2, 3 and 5)

### **SCHEDULE III**

#### **Matters relating to the Constitution of the National Sports Association / Federation**

Every National Sports Association / Federation shall have the Constitution containing the following matters:

- (a) to hold an Annual General Meeting with the audited accounts once a year, on or before three months from the date of the end of financial year of such National Sports Association / Federation;
- (b) to conduct election to elect office bearers of the Committee of National Sports Association / Federation in accordance with the Constitution and in free and fair manner;
- (c) the manner of representation and voting rights of its affiliated, clubs and other organizations;
- (d) to enable relevant Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations be entitled to cast vote at the election, which should be exercised in accordance with the mandate given by their respective Affiliated, Clubs and other Organizations;
- (e) to appoint provincial or district officers who shall be responsible for the co-ordination of activities of affiliates, clubs in the relevant districts and report back to the National Sports Association / Federation;
- (f) to appoint not more than two representatives of affiliated School Associations to the Decision-Making Committee of such National Sports Association / Federation, upon nomination of such School Association affiliated and whether appointees are eligible for voting rights;
- (g) to hold the committee meetings of such Associations at least once a month and that at least one representative of the School Associations should be present at such meetings;
- (h) to give not less than forty days' Notice in writing to its Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations of Annual General Meeting of such National Sports Association / Federation;
- (i) to give Annual Report and a copy of the Audited Financial Statement certified by the Auditor General pertaining to the preceding financial year, at least twenty one days prior to the Annual General Meeting;

- (j) to give a list of members entitled to be present and eligible to vote at such Annual General Meeting specifying the number of votes each such person is entitled to exercise, to its Member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations, at least 21 days prior to Annual General Meeting;
- (k) to deny voting right to any member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations who has not participated in required Tournament, Matches or Games for a period and deny voting rights for new members at the meeting during which they are accepted as new members;
- (l) to make it obligatory for the immediately past office bearers of the Committee of the National Sports Association / Federation to hand over all documents, passwords, Bank account details and electronic data relating to the matters of such Association to newly appointed office bearers of the Committee within seven days from the appointment of such new office bearers;
- (m) to specify the procedure for election, removal, qualification, composition, term and the responsibilities of the office bearers of Committee and the members of the Election Committee, Decision Making Committee, Selection Committee, Seeding Committee or Ranking Committee, Technical Committees, Finance Committee and Disciplinary Committee;
- (n) the names of the persons who are nominated by the Affiliates, Clubs or other Organizations to cast their vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be notified to the National Sports Association / Federation at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting/ Election;
- (o) the procedure where an Annual General Meeting of a National Sports Association / Federation is postponed due to a lack of quorum, fourteen days notice in writing shall be given to re-convene the meeting with same agenda;
- (p) to make compulsory to duly keep Books of Accounts of Member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations;
- (q) the denial of participation and voting at Annual General Meeting and voting of election of the National Sports Association / Federation, if the Member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations fail to hold Annual General Meeting, proper election and accounts;
- (r) to ensure that a person shall not be appointed by a National Sports Association / Federation as a delegate or representative of such National Association to its respective International Federation or any other International Association unless such person is a citizen of Sri Lanka who has a background in Sports Organization;
- (s) to stipulate the procedure for appointment of coaches, referees, umpires and judges by such Associations and management and supervision of such coaches, referees, umpires and judges;
- (t) to adopt a Code of Conduct applicable to its Players, Members, Coaches, Referees, Umpires and all other Officials, in alignment with the requirements specified by their respective International Federations;
- (u) to specify the responsibilities of the Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations of the National Sports Association / Federation;
- (v) to follow or abide by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code and the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Code;
- (w) to have an Athlete Committee and to include representatives of the Athlete Committee within their governing bodies in alignment with the constitution of the International Sporting Organizations.
- (x) to specify that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be conducted under the provisions of the respective Constitutions of each and every National Sports Association / Federation.
- (y) to specify that, in the event of a discrepancy between the provisions of the International Sporting Organization and the laws of Sri Lanka, the laws of Sri Lanka shall prevail.
- (z) to specify that efforts should be made to establish Divisional Sports Clubs, District Sports Associations and Provincial Sports Associations in order to promote sports in every Grama Niladhari Division in Sri Lanka. It is the responsibility of such Association of sports to give all sports-loving citizens the humane right to engage in a sport of their choice.

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