

Table Tennis Federation of India

(Affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation Asian Table Tennis Union & Indian Olympic Association)

Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI 1860

Memorandum of Association (Incorporating all amendments made up to December 2020)

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

under the Societies Registration Act XXI OF 1860

(Punjab Amendment Act 1957) as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi NO. S 1756 OF 1960-61

I hereby certify that

"TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION OF INDIA"

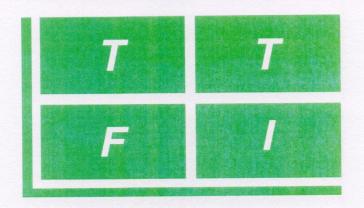
has this day been registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment) Act 1957, as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi

Given under my hand at DELHI this TWENTYEIGHTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE

Seal of Registrar (M.L.Dhawan) of Societies: DelhiRegistrar of Societies, Delhi

M.P. SINGH Secretary General-TTF

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION OF INDIA



NAME:

The name of the Association shall be "Table Tennis Federation of India".

HEADQUARTERS:

The Registered Office of the Federation shall be at NEW DELHI.

ASSOCIATION YEAR

The Official year of the Table Tennis Federation of India and its affiliated State Associations shall be the financial year commencing from the 1st of April.

OBJECTS:

The objects of the Federation shall be as follows:

- a) To encourage, promote, develop and stabilise the game of Table Tennis.
- b) To provide the Players, Coaches with latest knowledge and technique in TTFI.
- c) To arrange and/or manage the National and Inter-State Table TennisChampionships, the Inter- Institutional Championships, the Federation Cup and such other Tournaments and matches as the Federation may consider desirable for Seniors, Youth, Juniors, Sub-Juniors and Cadets.
- d) To make and publish the Rules and Regulations for the same and fix the dates and places where such championships, tournaments or matches shall be held.
- e) To makesimilar arrangements for International Championships or Tournamentsand/or matches;
- f) To participate in International Championships or Tournaments and/or matches.
- g) To Frame the Transfer Policy of the Players.

To make and maintain an annual National Ranking List of Players of the Federation To collect funds, acquire properties borrow and advance monies for the purpose of the Federation and employ them in such a manner as the Federation considers desirable consistent with the objects and aims of the Federation.

To receive subscriptions and fees from the affiliated associations and to receivedonations and contributions from members and benefactors of the rederation.



- k) To purchase, take, lease or hire or otherwise acquire and sell or let out any movable orimmovable properties, rights, easements or privileges necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Federation;
- To invest the funds of the Federation in such a manner as is decided upon by the Federation from time to time
- m) To uphold, maintain and publish the Laws of Table Tennis as adopted by the International Table Tennis Federation for the time being in force;
- n) To frame and adopt such rules and regulations as may be found necessary by the Federation and to give its decision on all matters which may be referred to it by theyarious affiliated associations.
- o) To select, manage and control the TTFI Contingent for the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, SAF Games and various other International competitions under the patronage of the IOA, International Federation, Asian Table Tennis Union and other International Federations / Associations.
- p) To promote women participation in the administration of TTFI from the District, State and National levels for which TTFI will endeavour to prepare a strategic plan from time to time and implement it effectively.
- q) To combat overage participation in Juniors as per the Rules and Regulations framed by TTFI from time to time.
- r) To take disciplinary action against any affiliated District/State Unit for misconduct or any undesirable activity bringing disrepute to the country and the sport of Table Tennis or which is prejudicial to the interest of the society and for not organizing meets at the State & District levels and sending teams for various competitions.
- s) To establish good relations with other countries, inviting teams and officials, sending Indian players and officials for training and participation in competitions abroad and sending delegations, officials and coaches to other countries and meeting their expenses.
- t) To discourage doping at every level.
- u) To run Veteran / Para Activities through various nominated representatives / Committees.
- v) To do all such things as are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the above or any of them.

1. INTERPRETATION

Every reference in these rules to the masculine includes the feminine gender and a singular includes plural number. In these rules, unless there is something in: the subject or context inconsistent there with:

- a) "Federation" shall mean the Table Tennis Federation of India and no other association shall be entitled to use this name.
- b) (i) "Association" shall mean a State Association which is an ordinary member of the Table Tennis Federation of India.
 - (ii) "Institutional member" shall mean an organisation in the public or private sectors which has a centralised sports Organisation and operates on an All-India basis through its branch offices.
- c) A "Player" shall mean any Table Tennis player registered under the rules of the Federation.
- d) "General Council" shall mean the Council of Members of the Federation entitled to attend any General Body meeting.
- e) "Committee" shall mean the Executive Committee of the Table Tennis Federation of India.

- f) "Committee Members" shall include the office bearers and nine members duly elected at the General Council Meeting and Members co-opted/nominated under rules.

 Executive Board shall consist of President Council Meeting and Members and Nominated under rules.
- g) Executive Board shall consist of President, Senior Vice-Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Treasurer.
- h) "District" shall mean District Units or other areas interested in or encouraging the game which are affiliated to an Association.

 "Clubs" shall mean clubs or or other areas interested in or encouraging the game
- i) "Clubs" shall mean clubs or any other bodies interested in encouraging the game which are affiliated to a district unit.
- j) "Championships" shall mean the National Championships, Interstate Championships, Inter-Institutional Championships and the India Cup.
 k) "Region" shall mean any of the firm.
- k) "Region" shall mean any of the five regions East, West, North, South and Central India, as may be decided by the Federation.
- I) A "Coach" shall mean a person accepted as a "Coach" by the Committee of the Federation.
- m) "India" Shall mean the Republic of India.
- n) "Game" shall mean the game of Table Tennis.
- o) A "General Meeting" shall mean Annual General Meeting or special General Meeting of the Federation.
- p) "Match" shall mean any game of Table Tennis.
- q) "Member" shall mean the Members of the Table Tennis Federation of India.
- r) A "Member in good standing" shall mean an association to whom affiliation is granted with the Federation on a temporary basis and without vote and with a view to becoming a full member in due course of time.
- s) "Office Bearers" shall include the President, Secretary General and Treasurer whoshall beelected to the post asdefined in the constitution.

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- t) "Rules" shall mean the Rules, and Bye-Laws of the Federation for the time being in force.
- Tournament" shall mean an open tournament, Championship or exhibition match, either knockout or league where at cups, prizes or rewards are competed for or not on level or on handicaps terms or both and in respect of which previous intimation has been given to the Executive Committee/Board.
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- v) "Prize Money Tournament" shall mean a tournament conducted by State Associations/District Association/Affiliated Units where as "Cash Money" is offered to the players as per Rules and Regulations formulated by the Federation from time to time.
- w) "Financial Year" shall mean the period 1st April to 31st March.

2. FORCE OF RULES

Every member of the Federation shall be bound to conform to the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws of the Federation which may from time to time, be in force.

3. AREA

The area controlled by the Federation shall consist of the whole of territories constituting India under the Union Constitution.

4. ELECTED MEMBERS

President – One
Senior VicePresidents – Two
VicePresidents – Eight + One*
Secretary General – One
Sr. Joint Secretary – One
Joint Secretary – Four+ One*
Treasurer – One
Executive Committee Members – Four+ One*

* - Eight/Four Posts [Vice President/Joint Secretary and Executive Committee Members respectively] will be open for either gender and the ninth/fifth posts will be reserved exclusively for women. If the posts reserved for women remain vacant they will be filled by the House by nomination of women who have excelled in the sports at National/International level or as sports administrators.

"Office Bearers" would include the President, Secretary General and the Treasurer.

The President / Secretary General of the Federation will have the authority to take any important decision, where adequate time may not have been available to convene the Executive Committee Meeting. Such decisions have to be later ratified by the Executive Committee.

5. MEMBERS

A. STATE ASSOCAITION / UNION TERRITORIES

- i) The Membership of the Federation shall be open to the Central Association in any State or centrally administered areas of the Union Government as defined in the Constitution of the Republic of India which governs and controls the game within its territorial jurisdiction in such a way as to enable the participation of all other inhabitants in its activities without distinction and which has been duly recognised by the Federation.
- ii) The State Association barring Union Territories shall grant affiliation only to District Units and not to clubs. Every District Unit shall have at least two Clubs affiliated to it and shall conduct at least one Club Tournament and an Annual District Tournament.
- iii) Such an Association shall, save as hereinafter provided, annually hold at least two open tournaments and an Inter-District Championships for the districts within its jurisdiction affiliated to it and the Association Championships on the same pattern as the National and Inter State Championships of the Federation and shall have not less than sixteen entries in the Men's open singles, 8 for Women's singles, 8 in Youth, 8 in Junior Events, 8 in Sub-Junior & 8 in cadets. There shall be no dummy entries.
- iv) No Association shall change, extend or alter its territorial jurisdiction without the consent of the Federation.
- v) All the State Associations will follow the rules & regulations from time to time framed by TTFI & will include in their Constitutions.
- vi) All the State Associations have to affiliate at least 50% district associations in the State.
- vii) All State Associations are required to be registered as legal entities.

B. INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

- i) Institutional Membership of the Federation shall be open to such Institutions which have their own centralised sports organisation and operate on an All-India basis and promote the game in the organisation and which has been duly recognised by the Federation as such.
- ii) Such Institutions shall hold at least four tournaments in different regions of the country and also hold their Annual Championships every year.
- iii) Such institutions will be members of the Federation in good-standing and shall be entitled to all the benefits of membership including attendance at the Annual General Meeting, but without vote.
- iv) Institutions will conduct Inter-Institutional Championships at one of their centres on the lines of National and Inter-State Championships which are conducted by the Federation every year.
- v) Any Association or Institution that fails to fulfil the conditions set out, without good and sufficient reason to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, shall forfeit its right of membership, subject to a right of appeal to the General Council.

6. AFFILIATION

- a) An application for new affiliation shall be made in writing to the Federation along with the affiliation fee and a copy of the rules, regulations, the names of office bearers and the committee members and a list of districts/clubs affiliated to it along with the Constitution.
- b) Any State/Institutional Association whose application for affiliation is notreceivedwithin three months prior to the notified date of the National and Inter-State Championships shall not be taken into consideration for such championships.
- c) Where an application for affiliation is received late, or where the controlling status of the association applying for Memberships is in dispute, or where, in the opinion of the Committee the applying Association has to stabilise itself to the satisfaction of the Committee before obtaining full membership of the Federation, the Committee may grant affiliation to such an association as a member "In good standing" for the firstyear or until such period as the General Council may decide. Any affiliation granted to any association during a year shall be ratified by the General Council in its next meeting. Such members "In good standing" have powers to attend the General Council Meetings and take part in its discussions but shall have no power to vote.
- d) Every affiliated association shall under intimation to the Federation holds its GeneralMeeting annually and not later than 30th June every year and submits its annual reportand annual statement of accounts to the Federation within thirty days of holding of such Meetings and the adoption of audited accounts. A copy of the Minutes of suchGeneral Meetings shall always be sent to the Federation as soon as it is approved by the Chairman of the Meeting. The executive Committee may at its discretion direct a representative of the Federation to attend such meetings as an 'Observer'.

7. AFFILIATION FEES

- i) Every affiliated State Association/Union Territories shall pay an annual affiliation fee of Rs. 5,000/- to the Federation.
- ii) Every affiliated Institutional Member shall pay an annual affiliation fee of Rs. 50,000/- to the Federation.
- iii) The affiliation fees for each year shall become due on the 1st day of April of that year and shall be payable to the Federation before the 30th June of that year.

8. ARREARS

If the affiliation fees remain unpaid after 30th June, the State Association / Union Territories / Institutional Member will automatically be suspended and will be treated as Associate member. Such Associate Member can be reinstated only after the full arrears are paid within 3 months.

9. Defunct Unit

No Association or Institution being in arrears, whether affiliation fee or any other dues, or not having held their Annual Meeting during the year and/or conducted the minimum stipulated number of tournaments/State Championships shall be relegated to the associate membership. They will not be permitted to attend or vote at any meeting, nor entitled to nominate a member to the Committee or participate in any team championships recognized by the Federation. Unless, of course, the General Meeting specifically condones any or all such lapses mentioned above, based on bona fide reasons, to the satisfaction of the Committee that has/have prevented the member from adhering to the rules specified.

10. RESIGNATION

- A member wishing to resign from the Federation shall give intimation in writing to President / Secretary General.
- b) Such member shall be held liable to clear the dues if any.

11. EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION

- a) If a member or player refuses or neglects to comply with any provision of the rules or is guilty of such conduct as the Committee/Board deems or considers likely to endanger the harmony or affect the character, stability and interest of the Federation, such a member or player shall be liable to expulsion or suspension for such period as the Committee may fix. Thereupon at least fourteen clear days' notice of such decision to suspend or expel shall be given in writing to the member or player who shall be at liberty to give an explanation or to present a defence in writing within fourteen days from the receipt of the said notice.
- b) The explanation or defence in writing shall be considered in another meeting of the Committee/Board and out of the two-thirds of Members present, whatever decision comes in simple majority shall be final. In case voting is taken by circulation of paper, the decision in simple majority will be considered as final.
- c) To protect the interest of the players and the administration of the expelled/ suspended member association or institution, Executive Board/Executive Committee may appoint an adhoc committee at their discretion.
- The Committee, may, at a regular meeting declare a person for life or for specific period, as a person non-grata with the Federation if it finds that the Committee deems or considers likely to endanger the harmony or affect the character, stability and interests of the Federation, such a decision to be taken by a majority of at least two thirds of the members of the Committee present. The person so declared shall not be considered by the Federation for election to any office or committee in the State unit concerned during the period so specified. If, however, the person concerned is already holding any office in the Federation and/or any of the affiliated units, he shall on such declaration ipso-facto cease to hold the office for the period so specified.

12. RE-ADMISSION

- a) A member removed from the list of Membership, be re-admitted by the Executive Committee if the entire amount of the arrears due is paid in full.
- b) A member whose resignation was accepted shall be entitled to re- admission on an application made properly under the rules.
- c) A member may be re-admitted by the Council by a three- fourth majority, such readmission shall not take effect for a period of six months from the date of expulsion or suspension.

13. ASSEMBLY:

Assembly of the Federation will consist of:

- i. Two representatives of each affiliated Permanent Member State / Union Territory Table Tennis Association, with voting rights.
- ii. One representative of each affiliated Permanent Member Board or Institution or Organisation of All India character, without the voting right.
- iii. One representative of each associate member without the voting right.

14. MEETINGS:

a) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall ordinarily be held during each year at the place to be decided by President/Secretary General. The ordinary business of an Annual General Meeting shall inter-alia be:

- i) To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting held during the year.
- ii) To receive and adopt the annual report and the audited statement of accounts as presented by the Committee.
- iii) To consider any recommendation of the Executive Committee and/or any motion, notice where of is given by an Association in full membership with the Federation.
- iv) To elect the Office-bearers and nine members for the Committee in accordance with Election Procedure (Annexure-I) provided election is due.
- v) To discuss ways and measures for promotion and development of table-tennis.
- vi) To appoint Auditor/s for the year and to fix the remuneration. Auditors should be registered with CAG.
- vii) To fixthevenuesof thenextNationalChampionshipsandthe Inter-State Championships
- viii) Appointment of Athlete's Commission
- ix) Appointment of Ethics Commission
- x) To transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting with the permission of the Chairman.

b) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- i) A special General Meeting may be convened (i) by the President in Consultation with Secretary General at whichever place and at whatever time he finds convenient (ii) by order of the Committee whenever if deems expedient or (iii) by the Secretary General within six weeks after receipt by him of a requisition in writing to that effect bearing the signatures of at least one-third of the Associations in membership with the Federation.
- ii) Every such requisition shall specify the business for which Special General Meeting is to be convened and only such business shall be transacted at such a Meeting.

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c) EMERGENT MEETING

- Notwithstanding anything in the Constitution, an emergent meeting of the Assembly may be convened by the Secretary General in consultation with the President on urgent specific matters.
- d) The meetings of Annual General Assembly, Special General Assembly, Executive Committee, All Committees / Commissions and any other emergent meetings, except the meetings where elections are to be held can be held through Video Conferencing after giving adequate notice in accordance with the TTFI Constitution. The mode of Meeting shall be decided by the President / Secretary General TTFI. In case of any dispute between the President and the Secretary General, approval shall be taken by the Executive Committee members by circulation.

15. NOTICE& QUORUM FOR THE MEETINGS

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

Meeting		Notice Period		<u>Quorum</u>
i) Annual General Meeting (Annual Meeting of the Assembly)		21 Clear days.		15 Representatives.
ii) Special General Meeting		7 Clear days.		15 Representatives.
iii) Emergent Meeting	7 Clear	days. (By Tel./Mail)	15 Repr	resentatives.
iv) ExecutiveCommittee Meeting		10 Clear days.		7 Representatives.
v) Emergent Executive Committee Meetings		7 Clear days.		7 Representatives.
vi) Executive Board Meetings.		7 Clear days.		3 Representatives.

Notes:

- (1) Clear means from the date of posting. The notice can be sent either by post or by Email. In case of urgency, it may be communicated telephonically.
- (2) Besides the above, meeting may be convened by the Secretary General during the National Championships at a very short notice with the consent of the majority of the members present at such meetings and can only discuss matter relating to the particular Championships or related matter.
- (3) On any issues of very urgent nature and under special circumstances when a meeting of the Executive Committee cannot be convened, the Secretary General may obtain the approval of the members of the Committee by circulation and act accordingly, provided that majority of members favour the proposal so circulated. But such cases must be placed at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee for formal ratification and record.

16. ATTENDANCE IN MEETINGS

a) Attendance at any General Meeting shall be open to the members of the Committee, the duly nominated representatives of the Associations, Institutions and other members. Each Association or Institution shall nominate one representative in writing

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to attend such meeting. All acts of representatives at such meetings shall bind their respective units.

A General Meeting shall ordinarily be presided by the President, or in his absence by Senior Vice President or one of the Vice Presidents or in their absence by a person from among those present at the meeting.

17. VOTING:

Affiliated Permanent Member State/Union Territory units only will have the rights of TWO votes through their representatives in the AGM/SGM or Extraordinary Meetings of TTFI.

Each affiliated Permanent Member State/ Union Territory units shall be represented by **Two Representatives** authorized (in writing) by the President and Secretary of the affiliated Member State/Union Territory units, in the AGM / SGM / Extraordinary Meetings. Such Representatives must be a duly elected member of the Executive Committee of State/UT Association during the AGM where the other office-bearers were elected.

To avoid any ambiguity, it is clarified that the President or Secretary of a State/UT Association, who desires to be the representative, his/her individual authority shall be accepted provided the General Assembly of the State/UT Association has authorized the name(s) of the representative through a resolution. Only those with such an authorization will be allowed to represent the State/UT Association.

However, in case President/Secretary nominates different person(s), the person(s) authorized by the President shall be deemed to be the duly authorized person(s).

Each affiliated Board / Institution / Organisation of All India character shall be represented by **One Representative** in the AGM / SGM / Extra Ordinary Meetings, without any voting right.

The President and Secretary of the affiliated Unit will authorize their representative(s) as mentioned in the above paragraph, in writing to the TTFI Secretariat before the last specified date.

18. ELECTIONS& TENURE:

- (a) Elections shall be held once in Four years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect the Elected (eligible) members amongst the representatives of the members.
- (b) The President shall hold the office maximum for 3 terms of four years each with or without a break. The Secretary General and Treasurer shall hold the same Office maximum for 2 terms of 4 years each consecutively after which a minimum cooling off period of one term of 4 years shall apply to seek fresh election for the post of Secretary General and Treasurer. Other Office bearers will hold the office for a term of 4 years in the normal course and will be eligible for re-election for any like term/terms.
- (c) The President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 years. The above age limit will be subject to the provision that it shall not disturb the current tenure, provided he/she has been properly elected to the post.

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- (d) No office-bearer of the Federation shall be eligible to be the office-bearer simultaneously of any other National Sports Federation / Association except IOA or any other multiple disciplines Association.
- (e) The election procedure is appended in the Annexure I "Election Rules".

19. DUTIES OF THE OFFICE BEARERS:

A. PRESIDENT

The President shall be entitled to take decisions of an emergency nature subject to intimation being given to the Committee Members as early as possible and in any case within fifteen days of such decision taken. If for any reason the President has to be absent from the Country for any period during his tenure of office, the senior Vice President or one of the Vice-presidents shall hold charge during his absence, and shall exercise all the powers of the President.

B. SECRETARY GENERAL

a) Save as herein provided the Secretary General shall convene, attend, take, submit for confirmation and keep in a minute book the proceedings of all the Meetings or shall ordinarily transact the business by a circular through Email/Courieror any other measure under emergent circumstances, to all the Committee Members who shall votefor/against the proposal of the SecretaryGeneral within fifteen days of receiving the circular. Such a proposal if agreed to by the majority of the Committee members replying thereto shall be valid and effective as if it had been passed at a Meeting of the Committee and all work done by circulars shall be duly noted at a meeting of the committee. The absence of reply within the stipulated time shall be taken as abstention from voting.

The Secretary General shall ensure that the Minutes of the Meetings are circulated to the respective members within twenty-one days from the date of the meeting. Objections if any, from members to any of the facts recorded in the minutes should be forwarded to all members within fifteen days of receipt of the Minutes by them.

- b) The Secretary General shall have charge of all property, correspondence and records of the Federation which shall be properly kept at the registered office and shall be handed over to his successor immediately after his relinquishing the office. Senior Joint Secretary shall hold charge during his absence, and shall exercise all the powers of the Secretary General.
- c) The Secretary General is empowered to incur a contingency expenditure up to a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/-(One Lac) per month.

C. TREASURER

- a) The Treasurer shall ensure receipt of all subscriptions and donations and keep a regular account of receipts and the disbursements.
- b) The Treasurer shall submit at the end of the year a complete statement of accounts for the financial year duly audited, for the approval of the Committee and a copy of the same after such approval shall form the part of the Annual Report. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the monies received by the Federation from any source and shall cause to issue receipts for the same on the official form. He shall pay liabilities of the Federation as directed by the Committee.

20. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE(S)

The Federation will encourage the participation in International and various forums. Nomination of TTFI representatives to International Federation/Asian Federation/Commonwealth Federation/IOA (Indian Olympic Association) / SAF (South Asian

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Federation) or any other National & International forums will be made by President and Secretary General of TTFI.

In the event of disagreement between the President and Secretary General, the decision of General Assembly will prevail.

However, the member of an international body, who is duly elected and holding a post in such an organisation, shall automatically be eligible to attend the General Body Meeting of the TTFI. He or she, however, will have no voting rights.

21. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The Office bearers attending a Meeting of the Federation officially convened for the purpose of transacting the business of the Federation and not residing at the place where the Meeting is held may ordinarily be paid First AC Sleeper return Railway/Economy air fare from and to his placeof residence plus Rs.1,500 per day of the meeting as daily allowance wherehospitality is not provided. Members of the Executive Committee, other than office bearers, may be paid IInd AC Rly. fare plus Rs. 500 per/day of the meeting where hospitality is not provided.

22. FINANCE

- a) The funds of the Federation shall be under the control of the Committee/Board which shall have the power to borrow and/or spend such sum of money as it may deem proper for carrying out the objects of the Federation.
- b) An account shall be opened in a scheduled Bank as may be approved by the Committee/Board in the name of the Federation to be operated jointly by any Two i.e. President/Secretary General and Treasurer of the Federation, one of whom shouldbe the Treasurer.

23. AUDITORS

- a) The representatives present at the Annual General Meeting shall appoint a firm of CharteredAccountants/Auditors, registered with CAG, to audit the accounts of the Federation. The amount of remuneration to be paid to an Auditor shall be fixed at the time of such appointment.
- b) Any vacancy of an Auditor shall be filled in by the Executive Committee duringtheyear.

24. (A) MANAGEMENT - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Federation shall be managed by the Executive Committee, consisting of one President, two Senior Vice Presidents; nine Vice-Presidents, one Secretary General, one Treasurer, one Senior Joint Secretary, five Joint Secretaries, and five members (i) one each will be from North, South, East, West and Northeast and ii) two National Ranked or Ex-International player who are not presently active nominated by President with Voting Rights in EC.

If a smaller number of nominations is received, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancies.

- a) The first meeting of the Executive Committee each year will be held immediately after the Annual General Meeting. Subsequent meetings will be convened, whenever necessary and on the orders of the President in consultation with the Secretary General.
- b) The Agenda of the first meeting shall "inter-alia" include;
 - 1. Appointment of Sub-Committees.
 - 2. Formulation of Ranking Rules.

- 3. Appointment of five Associate Joint Secretaries.
- 4. Appointment of eight Associate Vice-Presidents.

c. Special Invitees

Chairman of various sub-committees

(B) MANAGEMENT STAFF

The Executive Committee shall appoint Management Staff on agreed terms and conditions in accordance with the Management plan approved by the Board from time to time.

(C) RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a) To carry out the objects of the Federation of the Memorandum of the Federation and to make, maintain and publish all necessary standing orders, regulations and bye - laws in connection there with;
- b) To decide all questions of law and rules relating to the game;
- c) To explain, define and/or interpret the Rules;
- d) To appoint an Auditor or Auditors, if the one or both appointments are not made at the Annual General Meeting to audit the accounts;
- e) To prohibit the holding of unauthorised Tournaments within the jurisdiction of the Federation.
- f) To prohibit any act or practice by affiliated Associations, Institutions, District Associations respectively which, in the opinion of the Committee is detrimental to the interests of the game and to deal therewith in such manner as it may think proper;
- g) To re-instate, upon terms or otherwise, and for good cause shown, any player who has ceased to be an amateur;
- h) To inflict penalties on affiliated Associations, Institutions, and/or persons for any infringement of the rules;
- To consider and deal with all applications for affiliation at a meeting convened for the purpose or by circulation and decide all questions as to the right to representation at the General Meetings;
- j) To delegate all or any of its power to its duly appointed Sub-Committees or to an Association;
- k) To appoint Sub-Committees with terms of reference, provided that no member be elected to serve in more than one Sub-Committee and no Sub-Committee shall have more than seven members;
- To fill interim vacancies of any of the office-bearers and members of the Committee before the completion of the term;
- m) To enlist the co-operation for any special purpose of any person or persons, and
- n) To do all such other things as may be necessary for the General Welfare and Conduct of the Federation.

(D) NOTICE & QUORUM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Save as herein otherwise provided notice in writing of any meeting of the committee shall be given to all the Committee members at least 10 clear days before the date of the meeting at the registered address by E-mail or courier with the Agenda fixed for the same. The notice will be issued by the Secretary General.

The Quorum necessary for the transaction of any business of a meeting of the Committee shall be 7 members and no business shall be transacted without such a Quorum.

(E) VOTING IN EC

Every question at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall, save as herein otherwise provided, be determined by the majority of votes of the Committee Members present and voting with each Member having one vote only. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

(F) EXECUTIVE BOARD

- i) There shall be an Executive Board, consisting of President, Senior Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary General and Treasurer.
- ii) The Executive Board will have all powers which presently are with the Executive Committee.
- iii) There will be at least three meetings of the Executive Board every year.
- iv) The Quorum of the meeting will be three members.
- v) The minutes of the Executive Board meeting will be circulated to all the Members of the Executive Committee. If the majority of the Executive Committee members does not agree with the Executive Board decisions, the same will not be implemented till the Executive committee finally decides thereon.
- vi) The meeting of the Executive board will be fixed by the President in consultation with the Secretary General, notice for which will be issued by the Secretary General only.
- vii) All decision of the Executive Board will be by simple majority.
- viii) Notice of the meeting shall be given by E-mail or courier to the members at least 7 clear days before the date of meeting.

25. TRANSFER OF PLAYER

- i) Transfer of player
- a) A player seeking transfer to another affiliated unit of the Federation shall inform the three parties concerned—his /her current state association, the transferee association and the federation—and register in writing before July 31 of the said year.
- b) The player seeking No Objection Certificate (NOC) from his/current state association shall give at least 30-day notice.
- c) The application should accompany a letter of consent from the transferee association.
- d) The state association should respond within 30 days of the receipt of application. The absence of response from the association shall be deemed as consent. The player should then approach the Federation. The Federation shall exercise its authority to issue a NOC, in writing, to the player.
- ii) Those applying for transfer after April 1.
- (a) A player shall follow the steps mentioned under (i) so as to complete the transfer process before July 31. Applications received after July 31 will not be considered for transfer for the current season.

26. PERSONAL EXPENSES

- i) A player may accept financial assistance, during the period of preparation and actual competition, which shall be limited by the regulations of the Federation to be decided by the Executive Committee/Board from time to time as follows:
- ii) Assistance administered through the Federation or hisAssociation for Travelling, subsistence, pocket money for incidental expenses, personal sports equipment and clothing, cost of medical treatment, physiotherapy and authorised coaching and

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- insurance cover in respect of accident, illness, disability and loss of personal property;
- Compensation authorised by the Federation in case of necessity, for financial loss resulting from his absence from work or other basic occupation in order to take part in any competition held under the auspices of the Federation or the ITIF, provided that in no circumstances does the amount of compensation exceed the amount which the player would have earned during the same period and.
- iv) prizes won in competition within the limits laid down;
- except when acting under the direct instructions of the Federation a player may accept payment, reward, benefit or allowance, as may be prescribed/ defined by the Federation in accordance with his amateur or professional status, for playing in any competition, or coaching, with the previous permission of the Federation.
- vi) For the payment of such expenses from the association in whose area the event is to take place, except where the payments are to be made by that association and;
- vii) For the receipt of such expenses, from the association having jurisdiction over him.
- viii) No player, may accept payment reward, benefit or allowance for playing in any world championship, other than specified under the rule.
- Subject to the over-riding provisions as above, the federation shall have absolute discretion to determine and regulate its own policy for payments, rewards, benefits and allowances in respect of players and events under its jurisdiction.

27. SANCTION FOR OPEN TOURNAMENTS

- a) Sanction to hold an open tournament shall only be given by an Association to a District unit in whose jurisdiction the club is situated.
- b) Every Association shall submit to the federation a list of Tournaments sanctioned for that year as soon as such sanction is given.
- c) The Federation may at its discretion allot dates for any open tournament in the country.

28. PROHIBITION

- No player of the Federation shall take part in any open tournament which has not been sanctioned or which has been prohibited by the Council or by the Committee of an affiliated association and the clubstaging a recognised open tournament shall not receive or accept the entry of any player who has been prohibited from taking part in any open tournament or competition.
- Any player taking part in an open tournament which has not been recognised by an Association, if held within its jurisdiction, shall be suspended or debarred from taking part in any open tournament held under the auspices of an affiliated Association, provided that the committee may re-instate a player for good cause shown.
- No player of the Federation shall leave India with a view/purpose of participating in an event relating to the game at any place abroad without prior permission of the Federationobtained in writing from the president and/or Secretary General. Permission or otherwise with reasons shall be communicated by the Federation within 30 days of receipt of communication from a player. Any point directly covered by the Rules shall be decided in the light of a request from a player.
- d) If any national ranked player giving any entry for a recognised tournament withdraws his entry after the draw for the tournament without valid reasons to the satisfaction of the Committee shall be debarred from participation in other open tournaments for one year from the date of commencement of the tournament from which he withdraws.

29. MEDICAL BOARD (AGE FRAUD & ANTI DOPING)

- a) There shall be a medical board consisting of panel of Doctors formed by TTFI in consultation with Director Health Services of the host State who will examine the players age and will also make players aware regarding abuse of Doping. TTFI will continue to frame robust guidelines from time to time for checking age frauds.
- b) TTFI shall comply with WADA/NADA code as amended from time to time and Anti Doping policies of ITTF.

30. ALTERATION IN RULES

- a) No alteration in the rules shall be made except at a General Meeting by resolution carried by two-thirds of the votes properly recorded at the meeting. Any alteration so made shall take effect as and from the beginning of the following year unless the Meeting shall decide otherwise.
- b) Proposals for any change in the rules must reach the Federation 10 days preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are to be considered. All such proposals shall be circulated to all those who have a right to attend a General Meeting as part of the Agenda for such Meeting. The Executive Committee, however, may bring in any proposal for the alteration in rules which according to the committee is of emergent nature and requiring immediate consideration.

31. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Of the Rules most nearly applicable and in accordance with the general terms and spirit of the rules, if any difficulty arises in the interpretation or implementation of any of those rules, the Committee shall have power to take such decision as may be necessary to get over the difficulty pending formal additions, alterations, or amendments to the Rules as the General Council may deem fit, by 3/4 majority of members present and voting.

In all matters relating to the interpretation and application of the Constitution, as well as in matters not specifically provided herein, the decision of the General Body shall be final and binding on all concerned.

32. FUNDS

The income and property of the Federation shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Federation as set forth in the Memorandum of Association; and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise however by way of, profit to the members of the Federation; provided however, that nothing therein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Federation or to any person in return for any services actually rendered to the Federation. If upon a winding up or dissolution of the Federation, there shall remain after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Federation units, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution(s) having objects similar to the objects of the Federation as determined by the Members of the Federation at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof, by such judge of the high court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter, and, if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions, then to some charitable objects and in such manner as required.

33. LEGAL JURISDICTION

No suit in respect of any matter relating to the affairs of the Federation shall be instituted in any court save and except in court of competent jurisdiction of the place where the Federation's Registered office is situated.

34. ARBITRATION

- In the event of any dispute or differences between the Table Tennis Federation of India or its Members, Constituents, all affiliated units, organizers, institutions, players, sponsors, office bearer(s) or between two affiliated units or between the affiliated units and its members, where TTFI is a party, including the interpretation/breach of any rules of the Federation shall be referred to a Sole Arbitrator. Such an Arbitrator shall always be appointed by the President of the Table Tennis Federation of India as per Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 2015 as amended from time to time and members shall on no account take recourse in a court of law and also shall never challenge the authority of the President of the TTFI to appoint the sole arbitrator.
- The seat of Sole Arbitrator shall always be New Delhi except as decided by the arbitrator and the Arbitration shall be conducted in English language only. The cost of the arbitration shall be determined by the arbitrator. The award of the Arbitrator shall be binding on the parties and shall be enforceable in any competent Court. The Courts at New Delhi alone shall have exclusive jurisdiction to try and entertain any litigation arising out of any dispute and all the members, constituents, affiliated units, organizers, institutions, players, sponsors and office bearer(s) will not take any objection now or in future with regard to the jurisdiction of Delhi Courts.

35. DISSOLUTION

The Federation shall not be dissolved except at a General Meeting of the Federation specially convened for the purpose and by a Resolution carried by a majority of four-fifths of the total votes of the Affiliated Units.

36. All the provisions of the societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 will apply to the above Rules.

37. CHARACTER OF THE FEDERATION

The Federation (TTFI) is a permanent organization of Patriotic and National character. It is devoted to the physical and cultural education of the youth of India. It is independent, autonomous and free from political, religious or communal influences.

38. JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERATION

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

TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION of INDIA <u>ELECTION PROCEDURES</u>

- 1. Each member unit duly affiliated with the Federation (TTFI) will intimate the name (s) of their representatives within four days from the notification of the date of elections.
- 2. The notice of the Annual General Assembly Meeting (AGM) will be sent to all Members Unit(s) twenty-one (21) clear days in advance.
- 3. The President TTFI will nominate the Returning Officer.
- 4. The President / Secretary General will prepare the list of authorized representatives of the Member Unit(s) who are authorised to vote and circulate the list to all member Unit(s), 11 (Eleven) days before the AGM. This list of Electoral College will be handed over to the Returning Officer on the same day. {i.e. the day when it is circulated to all Member Unit(s)}.
- 5. Nomination for any post of Elected Member shall be proposed by one of the authorized representatives of the Member Unit(s) whose name is included in the Electoral College list, and also subscribed by one such representative as the seconder.
- 6. No person shall be eligible to nominate more than one candidate for the same post, either as proposer or seconder; and if he/she so does, his/her signature on the nomination papers delivered second in point of time to the Returning officer shall be deemed to be inoperative.
- 7. No person shall be permitted to withdraw his/her name as proposer/seconder, once the nomination paper subscribed by him/her has been delivered to the Returning Officer.
- 8. Nomination for the various post of the Elected members will be filed within 4 (Four) days from the circulation of the Electoral College.
- 9. The Returning Officer will scrutinize and prepare the list of valid nominations, post-wise and publish it on the last day of the filling of nominations.
- 10. The withdrawal of nomination may be made within 2 (Two) days from publishing the list of valid nomination by the Returning Officer.
- 11. The Returning Officer will prepare the Final list of contesting candidates and display it on the Federation (TTFI) website on the last date fixed for withdrawal of nomination.
- 12. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post is equal to the number of posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those posts and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such post(s).
- 13. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post is more than the number of posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those post(s) only.
- 14. At the poll, each authorized representative, whose name is included in the Electoral College list shall be entitled to:
 - i) cast one vote for each of the posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled.
 - ii) cast as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for any post, where more than one seat is to be filled.
- 15. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held and if required and polling for the post of the Elected members will be held in the AGM only. The counting of Votes will be done immediately after the voting is complete.
- 16. The Returning Officer will declare the Result of all the Posts of Elected members after the whole process of Election is over.

Note:

- 1. In any case, no proxy voting will be allowed.
- 2. All employees of State/Central Government/PSUs, who desire to contest the elections will require prior written permission as per the rules of the respective governments through their competent authority.