



MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

AND

RULES & REGULATIONS

OF

BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA

This Constitution, as amended to give effect to the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026, was adopted by the General Body of the Boxing Federation of India dated 27.08.2026.

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“BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA”**

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY: “BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA”

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4. INTRODUCTION

- i. Boxing Federation of India is an affiliated member of World Boxing. By virtue of being an affiliated member of World Boxing, BFI is the sole body for selecting and sending Indian Boxers for participating in international events organized under the aegis of World Boxing.
- ii. World Boxing is an International Federation comprising National Boxing Federations and organizations operating in accordance with the conditions contained in these Statutes. World Boxing is the supreme authority in all matters relating to International Boxing.
- iii. World Boxing recognizes and cooperates with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) on all matters related to the governance of sports and the Olympic family.

5. OBJECT OF SOCIETY

- i. To promote true spirit and friendly competition among participating athletes of the member units.
- ii. To frame rules and regulations under which boxing competitions are conducted in the country.
- iii. To ensure that all competitions under BFI open to all the affiliated Units and shall be organised under the rules of BFI.
- iv. To draw up and enforce definitions acceptable to all affiliated Units under which alone, the sport can be conducted.
- v. To promote mutual respect among affiliated units in their relations and the reciprocal recognition of penalties and suspensions.

- vi. To ensure that the income and property of the BFI shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the BFI
- vii. To encourage and improve the Technical Cadres, Coaches and Promoters.
- viii. To strengthen friendship and mutual understanding among the athletes all over the country.
- ix. To have full control and complete jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the participation of the Boxing Teams outside the country.
- x. To certify the status of boxers from the country for International Level Competitions & Championships.
- xi. To admit State / Union Territories Boxing Associations and vocational Sports Promotion Bodies to the Membership of the Association.
- xii. To take disciplinary actions against the members affiliated State / Union Territories Association, or Board for commission of any acts or omissions which amount to breaches of the rules framed by the B.F.I. and generally which will bring discredit to the Association and / or nation.
- xiii. To stimulate the interest of the people of the country in the promotion of Boxing and to that end encourage the formation of State / Union Territories Boxing Associations for the development of the sport.
- xiv. To superintend the working of the State / Union Territories Boxing Associations for the conduct of competitions at the National Level and to forward their audited statements of Accounts with observation and recommendations for financial assistance.
- xv. To develop, encourage, organize and promote Boxing in the country.
- xvi. To promote and encourage the physical, moral and cultural education of the youth of the country for the development of character, good health and good citizenship.
- xvii. To enforce all rules and regulations of the World Boxing, in the conduct of Competitions in the country.
- xviii. To be the official organization in complete and sole charge of Boxing in India.
- xix. To render all the necessary Co-operation to the I.O.A (Indian Olympic Association) for the selection, training, coaching of the Boxing Teams / Boxers that will represent India in the Nationals, National Games and Olympic Games when such events are conducted under their patronage after selection of the Indian Team, to supervise and control the participation of the team in the said Competitions and tournaments.
- xx. To resist in the realm of boxing all pressures of any kind, whether of a political, racial, religious or economic nature.

- xxi. To protect the independence and autonomy of BFI, its members and stakeholders to govern and regulate the sport of Boxing accordingly, including exercising the right of democratic elections, free from any external influence.
- xxii. To do all other things that may be necessary or expedient to promote the development of boxing in the country and the conduct of its business.
- xxiii. To raise the physical and moral standards in the state by the educational and healthy pursuit of Boxing.
- xxiv. To further the development and welfare of Boxing in India irrespective of religion, caste, colour and creed.
- xxv. To control boxing by taking steps as shall be deemed necessary or desirable for preventing infringement of the regulations of the B.F.I. and the introduction of improper practices in the game.
- xxvi. To undertake such action as may be conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objects.

6. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English and Hindi shall be the official languages of Boxing Federation of India.

7. INTERIM COMMITTEE

On 07.04.2025, the World Boxing constituted an Interim Committee of the Boxing Federation of India to provide administrative continuity and to safeguard the rights and interest of Indian Boxers until elections are held and a new democratic Executive Committee is elected. As part of the responsibilities assigned to the Interim Committee, one key task was to initiate the revision and alignment of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) Constitution in accordance with the World Boxing Statutes. This task was completed as the BFI Constitution has been duly amended to ensure full alignment with the World Boxing Statutes and was further approved by World Boxing on 18.05.2025. The Interim Committee stood dissolved upon the successful completion of the election of the Executive Committee on 21 August 2025. On the same date, the Constitution was unanimously adopted and approved by the General Body, whereupon the Interim Committee ceased to exist and all powers, functions, and responsibilities vested in it came to an end.

8. DEFINITIONS

- i. “Association” means the State / Union Territory Boxing Association who are members of the Boxing Federation of India in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- ii. “Authorised Representatives” means persons representing each Association at the General Body.
- iii. “Act” means the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, and “Sports Rules” or “NSB Rules” means the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026, in each case as amended from time to time.

- iv. “Board” or “National Sports Board” means the National Sports Board established under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Act
- v. “Election Panel” means a roster of persons having adequate experience of the conduct of elections under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, maintained by BFI for the conduct of free and fair elections of the Executive Committees of its affiliated member State / UT Associations.
- vi. “Election Rules” means the Election Rules framed by BFI in consonance Schedule II of the Sports Rules, as applicable to BFI as a National Sports Body.
- vii. “Electoral Officer” means the person appointed from the National Sports Election Panel for the preparation of the electoral roll and the conduct of elections.
- viii. “The Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee constituted under these rules and regulations.
- ix. “Financial Year” in relation to Boxing Federation of India, means the period commencing on the 1st of April of each year and ending on 31st day of March every subsequent year.
- x. "General Body" means the general body of BFI constituted under Clause 16, comprising the Authorised Representatives of the Full Members, the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit elected to it under the SOM Bye-Laws, and such other categories of persons as are provided for in Clause 17, acting collectively as the supreme body of BFI.
- xi. “International Charters” means the Rules & Regulations, policies, codes and other such governance documents of World Boxing.
- xii. "Member" means a Full Member or an Associate Member of BFI admitted in accordance with Clause 9; "Full Member" means a State / Union Territory Boxing Association so admitted and registered as an affiliate unit with the National Sports Board; and "Associate Member" means a body admitted to associate membership under Clause 9, which shall have no right to vote.
- xiii. “National Sports Election Panel” means a sports election panel under Section 16 (1) of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025,
- xiv. “Official” means the supervisors, R&Js, Technical Officials, Coaches, Managers, Team Delegations, Timekeepers, Doctors, Physiotherapists, Masseurs, Sports Analysts and other supporting staff etc.
- xv. “Registering Authority” means the local / State Government Authority such as Registrar of Firms and Societies, Charity Commissioner etc.
- xvi. “Representative” means a person nominated by each Member to represent it at the General Body. Such person shall be an elected member of State / UT Association in Election AGM in presence of BFI Observer.

- xvii. “Safe Sport Policy” means the Safe Sport Policy framed under the Act and the rules made thereunder.
- xviii. “Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit” or “SOM” means an individual designated as such under the Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit Rules and the Sports Rules.
- xix. “Sports Promotion Body” means the Vocational Organization of all India nature (All India Police Sports Control Board, Services Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Steel Plant Sports Promotion Board), who are the governing bodies controlling boxing in their respective jurisdiction.
- xx. “Tribunal” or “National Sports Tribunal” means the National Sports Tribunal constituted under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the Act.

9. MEMBERSHIP

- i. The Federation shall consist of all those natural or legal entities that apply for membership to the Federation and include:
 - a. Full Members: State/Union Territory Boxing Associations;
 - b. Associate Members: Institutional Units recognized by the Federation including but not limited to Services Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Steel Plants Sports Board, All India Police Sports Control Board;
- ii. Members shall adhere to the Constitution, Code of Conduct, Anti-Doping Policy, and directions issued by the Federation from time to time.
- iii. Suspension, expulsion, or disaffiliation of members shall follow principles of natural justice.

10. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

A new applicant seeking membership shall submit a written application to the Executive Committee. The application shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee within sixty days of its receipt. Admission shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee and ratification by the General Body. The application along with the review report of the Executive Committee shall be placed before the next (Annual or Special) General Meeting for decision by a simple majority of the voting members present.

11. DEFAULTERS & DIS-AFFILIATION

A member Unit will cease to be a member of the Federation if:

- i. It fails to pay the renewal fee or other dues by 30th April every year. It shall be treated as a defaulter and shall lose its voting rights, representation in the General Body or Executive Committee or any Committees of the Federation, and participation privileges in events organized under the aegis of the Federation or other affiliated units.

- ii. Restoration of rights shall be subject to payment of all arrears along with a penalty of 20% of the total dues or the Annual Renewal Fee, whichever is higher, and subject to Executive Committee approval. Notwithstanding any action taken by the council against any other defaulter under these rules or the regulation thereunder the Council shall have full power to take legal steps against such defaulter for the recovery of dues of the Federation.

Where a Member remains in default in payment of its dues beyond one Financial Year, the Executive Committee shall issue a notice to show cause calling upon the Member to remedy the default within thirty (30) days, and shall afford it an opportunity of being heard.

- iii. If the default is not remedied, the Executive Committee shall place its report and recommendation before the General Body, which may by a reasoned resolution suspend or disaffiliate the Member. A resolution for disaffiliation shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes of the Members present and voting, the Member concerned not being entitled to vote.
- iv. No Member shall stand disaffiliated automatically or otherwise than by a reasoned order made after notice and hearing.
- v. BFI shall intimate every suspension or disaffiliation to the National Sports Board forthwith, the same being a ground for suspension or cancellation of the unit's registration under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Act. A Member so suspended or disaffiliated may pursue its remedies before the Dispute Resolution Committee and thereafter as permitted under the Act.
- vi. If any affiliated unit fails to conduct mandatory activities (as notified in the Annual Calendar) for two consecutive years, it may be relegated to an associate status, losing voting and electoral privileges until such time as compliance is re-established.
- vii. A disaffiliated member shall only be considered for re-affiliation upon submission of a fresh application and compliance with all required norms, including payment of admission fee and fulfilment of activity benchmarks.
- viii. If the Unit ceases to be a member of the State Olympic Association and the State Sports Council

12. SUSPENSION FROM MEMBERSHIP

- i. The President and/or the Executive Committee may suspend any affiliated Unit from membership of the Federation on any of the grounds set out below:
 - a. The member no longer satisfies the requisites of affiliation
 - b. The member has committed serious violations of these Rules or any of the Rules and Policies governing the conduct of Members

- c. The member fails to adhere to the Constitution, Code of Conduct, Anti-Doping Policy, and directions issued by the Federation from time to time.
- d. The member has acted in a manner which is detrimental or is contrary to the principles, and Objectives of the Federation
- e. The member has acted in a manner detrimental to the sport of Boxing or the governance of BFI
- f. The member has acted in a manner that brings disrepute to or harms the sport of Boxing (including boxers and all participants) or harms the image and integrity of BFI
- g. The member ceases to be a member of the State Olympic Association and the State Sports Council
- h. The member fails to conduct boxing activities in its respective states
- ii. For the avoidance of doubt, the President can independently suspend a member. However, such suspension shall remain in force only for a period of 3 months, within which such suspension will have to be ratified by Executive Committee.
- iii. The length of suspension may be a fixed period of time or an indefinite period subject to the satisfaction of any terms and conditions imposed.
- iv. Where a fixed term suspension is imposed, it may be extended by the same decision-making body that made the original decision (the “Decision Maker”) if the Decision Maker determines that the original grounds for suspension are likely to remain in issue at the end of the fixed term.
- v. Any suspension can be revoked at any time by the Decision Maker should the Member demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Decision Maker that the grounds for the suspension no longer apply and/or (where applicable) any terms or conditions imposed have been met.
- vi. A Member that has been suspended may not exercise any of the rights or benefits of Membership during the period of suspension.
- vii. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Clause, the concerned affiliated Unit or Athlete shall be given the opportunity to be heard before the appropriate Committee.

13. RE-AFFILIATION

A Unit, who ceases to be a member of the Federation either by forfeiture of membership or otherwise shall in no circumstances be eligible for re-affiliation unless all its arrears of membership fee or other dues, if any to the Federation, are cleared. The disaffiliated Unit shall only be considered for re-affiliation if it satisfies all conditions of affiliation.

Such Reaffiliation must be approved by the Executive Committee and the General Body of the Federation.

14. MEMBERSHIP FEES

i. The membership fees for admission shall be as follows (Full Member):

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| a. | State/Union Territories Boxing Associations | Rs. 10,000/- |
| b. | Sports Promotion Body | Rs. 50,000/- |

ii. The annual subscription fees for per Financial Year applicable to all Members are as follows (Associate Member):

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| a. | State/Union Territories Boxing Associations | Rs. 5,000/- |
| b. | Sports Promotion Body | Rs. 10,000/- |

iii. The annual subscription fees shall fall due on 1 April, each Financial Year and should be paid on or before April 30, of the Financial Year.

iv. The Annual Subscription fees shall be subject to change at the discretion of the Executive General Body.

15. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE MEMBERS

I. A Full Member which is not in default in payment of its annual subscription or other dues shall have the right —

- (a) to nominate two (2) Authorised Representatives to attend and vote at meetings of the General Body, each such Representative exercising one (1) vote;
- (b) to have its Authorised Representatives propose and second nominations to the Executive Committee and to any Committee;
- (c) to participate in the competitions and activities conducted under the aegis of BFI; and
- (d) to receive the annual report, the audited accounts and the annual calendar of BFI.

II. An Associate Member shall have the right to nominate one (1) representative to attend the meetings of the General Body and to participate in its proceedings, but shall have no right to vote, no right to propose or second a nomination, and no right to seek election to the Executive Committee.

- III. Nothing in this Clause shall confer upon any Member a right to vote otherwise than in accordance with Rule 10(3) of the Sports Rules.

16. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

I. Every Member shall have the following obligations:

- a) to comply with these rules and regulations and other rules of competition of Boxing Federation of India in addition to the World Boxing Regulations;
- b) to intimate dates of their annual calendar of championships as agreed with the Boxing Federation of India and forward the result thereof to the Boxing Federation of India within 15 days of the completion of the event. Members shall also furnish a copy of their Annual Report and Annual Audited Accounts to the Boxing Federation of India by 31st of May every year;
- c) to ensure that their boxers and Officials do not take part in any unauthorised competitions that is not organized under the aegis of BFI or World Boxing;
- d) to refrain from participating in competitions outside of India without the prior permission of the Boxing Federation of India;
- e) to refrain from holding competitions of All-India nature without prior permission of the Boxing Federation of India; fully comply with the anti-doping regulations as laid down by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Federation. They must take steps to prevent use of prohibited substances by athletes under their jurisdiction;
- f) maintain active communication with the Federation, promptly respond to official correspondence, and utilize the digital systems (e.g., email, online portals) provided by the Federation for entries, updates, and other administrative tasks;
- g) to fill any vacancy in their respective Executive Committee/committee only after the approval of the BFI.
- h) to conduct their respective elections every four (4) years after duly informing and providing all necessary documents to the BFI.
- i) To align their constitution with the BFI constitution.
- j) Every affiliated member State / UT Boxing Association shall keep BFI updated, at all times, with a complete and current list of all its District Units, and shall promptly intimate to BFI every competition, tournament or championship organised by such District Units, together with the dates, venue and results thereof. Any change in the District Units, or in the competitions conducted by them, shall be communicated to BFI without delay.

II. REGISTRATION OF AFFILIATE UNITS WITH THE NATIONAL SPORTS BOARD

- a. BFI shall facilitate the registration of each of its affiliated State/UT Associations and other affiliate units with the National Sports Board, including by furnishing or assisting such units to furnish: (a) the affiliation certificate issued by BFI; (b) the unit's certificate of registration as a society, company or trust, as applicable; and (c) particulars of the members of the unit's governing body.
- b. BFI shall further ensure that each such affiliate unit similarly facilitates the registration of its own sub-units (including district- and club-level bodies) with the National Sports Board on the same basis.
- c. Every unit registered under this Clause shall notify BFI, and BFI shall in turn notify the National Sports Board, of any change in the particulars so registered within thirty (30) days of such change, in accordance with Rule 17 of the Sports Rules.

III. CODE OF ETHICS

- a) The Executive Committee shall formulate, adopt and publish on the website of BFI a Code of Ethics in accordance with the guidelines specified by the National Sports Board under clause (e) of section 6 of the Act, and shall place the same before the General Body for ratification at its next meeting.
- b) The Code of Ethics shall apply to the members of the Executive Committee, the members of every Committee and Commission of BFI, the employees and staff of BFI, its sponsors, coaches, athletes, officials, Members and affiliates, to every person who is a candidate for election or who is appointed or seeks appointment in BFI in any capacity, and to such other relevant persons as the Executive Committee may specify.
- c) The Code of Ethics shall establish minimum standards for the ethical and appropriate conduct of the persons to whom it applies, and shall be framed in accordance with the Code of Ethics of World Boxing and of the International Olympic Committee and in consonance with the applicable laws in India.
- d) The Code of Ethics shall provide measures for the protection of vulnerable persons against abuse by a person in a position of trust, responsibility or authority. For this purpose, a "person in a position of trust" means any person who exercises authority, control or influence over another person, or a person on whom another person is dependent, and who is connected or associated with the affairs of BFI.
- e) Compliance with the Code of Ethics shall be monitored by the Ethics Committee constituted under the Appendix to this Constitution, which shall have the power to inquire into any alleged breach and to pass such orders as it is empowered to pass.

IV. SAFE SPORT POLICY

- a. BFI adopts the Safe Sport Policy framed by the National Sports Board under sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Act, which shall apply to all activities, events, operations and proceedings conducted by BFI and by its Members and affiliate units.
- b. The Safe Sport Policy shall be published on the website of BFI and shall be binding upon every Member, affiliate unit, official, coach, support personnel, athlete and employee of BFI.

- c. BFI shall take all measures necessary to ensure the protection and safety of women and minor athletes and of such other classes of persons as may be prescribed, including the appointment of a designated safeguarding officer, the conduct of periodic awareness and training programmes, and the maintenance of a confidential channel for reporting.
- d. The Internal Grievance Redressal Committee constituted under Clause 16(V) shall be responsible for the implementation of the Safe Sport Policy, save in respect of complaints of sexual harassment of women at the workplace, which shall be dealt with exclusively by the Internal Complaints Committee.
- e. Every Member shall adopt the Safe Sport Policy and shall report annually to BFI on its implementation. Failure to do so shall be a ground for disciplinary action under these Rules and Regulations.

V. INTERNAL GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE

- a) There shall be an Internal Grievance Redressal Committee, constituted by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Body, to establish and operate the internal grievance redressal mechanism required by sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Act.
- b) The Committee shall consist of three (3) members, of whom at least one shall be a woman and at least one shall be an independent person who is not a member of BFI. The Chairperson shall be an independent person. The term of the Committee shall be four (4) years, co-terminous with the term of the Executive Committee.
- c) The Committee shall receive and redress complaints and grievances of every nature concerning BFI, its Members, athletes, coaches, officials, support personnel and staff, other than (a) complaints of sexual harassment of women at the workplace, which shall be referred forthwith to the Internal Complaints Committee; (b) matters within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Ethics Committee; and (c) disputes within the jurisdiction of the Dispute Resolution Committee.
- d) The Committee shall dispose of every grievance in a fair, timely and transparent manner, and in any event within sixty (60) days of receipt, by a reasoned order in writing communicated to the complainant. The complainant shall be given an opportunity of being heard.
- e) The Committee shall maintain a register of grievances received and their disposal, and shall place a consolidated report before the Executive Committee and thereafter before the Annual General Meeting. The identity of a complainant shall not be disclosed save where disclosure is required by law.
- f) An athlete, coach or other individual aggrieved by an order of the Committee may prefer an appeal to the Dispute Resolution Committee within thirty (30) days. No fee shall be payable by an athlete on such appeal.
- g) BFI shall publish on its website the procedure for making a grievance, the form in which it is to be made, and the contact particulars of the Committee.

17. GENERAL BODY

- I. The General Body of BFI shall consist of —
 - (a) two (2) Authorised Representatives of each Full Member registered as an affiliate unit with the National Sports Board, each having one (1) vote;
 - (b) four (4) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit elected under the SOM Bye-Laws annexed hereto, of whom two (2) shall at all times be male and two (2) shall at all times be female, each having one (1) vote; and
 - (c) one (1) representative of each Associate Member, and such other categories of persons as may be required by the World Boxing Statutes, who shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the General Body but shall have no right to vote.
- II. No person shall represent more than one Member, and the two Authorised Representatives of a Full Member shall be separate individuals.
- III. The nomination of an Authorised Representative shall be supported by a resolution of the Executive Committee of the Member concerned, attested by its President and Secretary, and shall be communicated to BFI before the meeting.
- IV. Where the World Boxing Statutes require the inclusion of a category of persons not provided for above, such category may be included by the Executive Committee with the ratification of the General Body, and the voting rights of such persons shall be as provided in Rule 10(3)(c) of the Sports Rules, namely one vote for each such person.

18. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- I. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Body in accordance with the Election Bye-Laws.
- II. Qualifications. Any person seeking to contest for election, or to seek nomination, to the Executive Committee must satisfy each of the following conditions —
 - (a) be a citizen of India who has attained at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
 - (b) have the nomination form duly proposed and seconded by a voting member of the General Body;
 - (c) not be declared to be of unsound mind;
 - (d) comply with the World Boxing Statutes and these Rules and Regulations relating to the age and term of the Executive Committee, and be not more than seventy-five (75) years of age on the last date of nomination for election; and
 - (e) in the case of a government servant, have the necessary approvals from the Government, as applicable.
- III. To contest for election, or seek nomination, to the office of President, Secretary General or Treasurer, a person must in addition be a Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit, or have previously served for at least one (1) full term as a member of the Executive Committee of BFI, or one (1) full term as President, Secretary General or Treasurer of a Full Member.

- IV. Any person who satisfies Clause 18(II) and 18(III) and, where applicable, Clause 17.4, and who is not subject to a Disqualification Event, may contest for election to the Executive Committee, whether or not that person is a member of the General Body.
- V. Disqualification Events.
A person shall be subject to a "Disqualification Event" if any of the following applies —
 - (a) being below eighteen (18) years of age;
 - (b) being declared to be of unsound mind under applicable law;
 - (c) being declared insolvent under applicable law, the disqualification operating for the period of insolvency;
 - (d) being convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction in India of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment, in which case the disqualification shall operate for one (1) full term of the Executive Committee after completion of the sentence; and
 - (e) being subject to a ban from holding any post or office by an order of the Ethics Committee of BFI, the disqualification operating for the duration of such ban.
- VI. The disqualification under Clause 18(II) and (III) shall be tested as on the last date for filing of nominations and shall continue for so long as such membership subsists; the disqualification under 18(VI) and 18 (VI) (a) (b) shall be tested as on the last date for filing of nominations, and "one term" means four (4) years.
- VII. A person subject to a Disqualification Event, or disqualified under Clause 17.8, shall not be a member of the General Body or of any Committee of BFI and shall not be eligible to contest for election, or seek nomination, to the Executive Committee or the Athletes Committee. Where a person already holding office ceases to satisfy the eligibility criteria, he or she shall demit office immediately and, failing immediate resignation, shall be deemed to have demitted office with effect from the date on which the disqualifying event occurred.
- VIII. The term of the Executive Committee shall be four (4) years from the date of its constitution and shall in no case exceed four (4) years. No person shall continuously hold the office of President, Secretary General or Treasurer, whether separately or in combination in either posts, for more than three (3) consecutive terms, and shall be eligible for re-election to those offices or to the Executive Committee only after a mandatory cooling-off period of one (1) term.

19. POWER AND FUNCTION OF GENERAL BODY

The powers and functions of the General Body shall be:

To formulate the policy of the Federation and the principles on which it shall be carried out.

- i. To carry into effect the objects of the Federation.

- ii. To hold elections of the Elected members and the Executive Committee, every four years in accordance with the constitution.
- iii. To admit membership of any organization eligible for affiliation under the Constitution.
- iv. To raise funds for the Federation and to hold the same and to control and administer other properties of the Federation.
- v. To impose or enforce penalties for any violation of the Rules and the Byelaws of the Federation as also of World Boxing.
- vi. To appoint Auditors to examine and certify the Balance Sheet of the Federation, annually.
- vii. To consider and adopt the Annual Reports, Statement of Accounts and sanction the Budget estimates of the Federation.
- viii. To be the sole official Organisation in complete and sole charge of all Boxing matters in the country.
- ix. To institute, locate, conduct and manage all meets proposed for the selection of Indian Boxers Contingent for the World Boxing Championships, Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and other competitions.
- x. To consider and decide upon participation of National teams in international competitions
- xi. To invite teams from abroad and arrange competitions
- xii. To convene National Boxing Championships.
- xiii. To appoint Sub-Committees as and when necessary.
- xiv. To amend the Constitution, when considered necessary.
- xv. To maintain a register of qualified Referee/Judges, Timekeepers, and Medical Officers as recommended by the Ring Officials Commission
- xvi. To hold or arrange to hold individual physical efficiency tests.
- xvii. To explain and interpret the Rules & Regulations of the Federation and to give decisions on any point not covered by them.
- xviii. To maintain affiliation with the World Boxing
- xix. To make Rules and Regulations for holding National Competitions.
- xx. To decide any dispute arising in and / or between Members

- xxi. To take disciplinary action against any member or its representatives for misbehaviour or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the country or to the Federation.
- xxii. Any dispute between any Member and the Federation shall be resolved by the General Body.
- xxiii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, every dispute, difference or disagreement arising out of or in relation to this Constitution, or between BFI and its Members, officials, athletes or affiliates, shall be adjudicated by the Dispute Resolution Committee, and on appeal by the Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee, constituted under the Appendix titled "Various Committees", in accordance with the procedure therein, and not by the General Body.
- xxiv. Before any dispute is referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee, it shall first be referred to a Mediation Panel of three (3) members having past experience of mediation, appointed by the General Body at the Annual General Meeting in which the election to the Executive Committee is conducted; only upon the Mediation Panel certifying that there is no scope for amicable settlement may the aggrieved party approach the Dispute Resolution Committee.
- xxv. The orders of the Dispute Resolution Committee and the Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and binding, subject only to such recourse to the National Sports Tribunal as is permitted under the Act. Any petition relating to the conduct or outcome of an election shall lie only to the National Sports Tribunal within the time permitted under the Election Rules.
- xxvi. To consider and decide any matter referred to it by a member
- xxvii. To have power to suspend any member or any other Athlete from taking part in the National Competition.
- xxviii. To have power to suspend any elected member for violating this constitution or for bringing disrepute to the federation
- xxix. To delegate any of its power to any person or body.
- xxx. To have powers to frame by-laws and rules which are not inconsistent with the Constitution.
- xxxi. To explain, interpret, and implement the rules and regulations of the Federation and give decisions on any points not covered therein
- xxxii. To exercise such other power and perform all other duties as are incidental and to relate to the aims and objectives of the Federation mentioned in the Memorandum of Association.
- xxxiii. To take decisions regarding continuing / discontinuing its affiliation with any other body.

20. REPRESENTATIVES ENTITLED TO ATTEND GENERAL BODY MEETING

- i. He shall be a citizen of India
- ii. He shall be the age of 18 years or above.
- iii. He shall be an elected member of the State / UT member association during the election AGM duly notified to BFI and in presence of BFI observer
- iv. He shall not be an Executive Committee member of any other National Sports Body
- v. He shall not be convicted in any criminal offence which is punishable for more than two years
- vi. He shall not be suspended by the Ethics Commission
- vii. He shall not be a Government servant or holding a public office

21. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- I. The Executive Committee of the Boxing Federation of India shall consist of the following:
 - President — 1
 - Vice-President — 1
 - Vice President — 1 (female)
 - Secretary General — 1
 - Joint Secretary — 2
 - Treasurer — 1
 - Executive Member — 3
 - Executive member — 1 (female)
 - Executive Member (SOM – Female) — 1
 - Executive Member (SOM – Male) — 1
 - Athletes Committee Representative (Female) — 1
 - Athletes Committee Representative (Male) — 1
- II. Save for the Athletes Committee Representatives, every position on the Executive Committee shall be filled by election by the General Body, for a term of four (4) years, in accordance with the Election Bye-Laws. Any person who satisfies the qualifications in Clause 17 and is not subject to a Disqualification Event may contest, whether or not that person is a member of the General Body.
- III. Where a person elected to the Executive Committee is an Authorised Representative of a Member, he or she shall continue to hold office until the end of the term notwithstanding the withdrawal of that representation by the Member concerned; provided that where the Member is suspended or expelled, the office shall be deemed to have been vacated.
- IV. The two Athletes Committee Representatives shall be from the Athletes Committee, to be elected from among themselves as per the Athletes Committee Rules.
- V. If any member of the Executive Committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council without prior leave of absence, such member shall be deemed to have vacated his / her office with effect from the date of the third such meeting.
- VI. The President / Secretary General with concurrence of the President shall have the authority to take any important decision where adequate time may not be available to

convene a meeting of the Executive Committee; every such decision shall thereafter be placed before the Executive Committee for ratification.

- VII. All the above Members of the Executive Committee will have voting rights in the meeting of the Executive Committee.
- VIII. The term of the Executive Committee shall be 4 (four) years.
- IX. There shall be a minimum of four (4) Executive Committee meetings in each calendar year. The dates, location, and agenda of each meeting shall be confirmed by the President.
- X. The Executive Committee meetings will be held in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format as considered fit by the President.
- XI. No Government servant shall, except with the previous sanction of the Government or the prescribed authority, hold an elective office in BFI. Further, such Government Servants shall be allowed to hold elective office as per instructions of Government of India issued from time to time.

22. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- I. The Powers and Functions of the Executive Committee shall be:
 - a) To conduct the general management of the Boxing Federation of India and for this purpose to appoint such commissioners and executives as the Executive Committee may deem fit, having such powers including powers to commercialize the sport of boxing for such term or terms as the Executive Committee deems fit, but not exceeding an aggregate period of two terms of 4 (four) years each;
 - b) To recommend disaffiliation or taking action against any Member in breach;
 - c) To recommend any application for Membership to the General Body in accordance with the terms and conditions of these rules;
 - d) To nominate members of the Commissions;
 - e) To recommend to the General Body a scheme for the promotion and development of boxing.
 - f) To frame rules for the conduct of National Championships and other tournaments.
 - g) To review membership of Members as per these rules and regulations and recommend to the General Body decision of disaffiliation or any other decision for non-compliance with these rules and regulations.
 - h) To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the General Body.
 - i) The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year.
 - j) The Executive Committee shall ensure that the Disciplinary Committee takes proper steps against defaulting officials, competitors, team managers, coaches and seconds.

- k) An appeal from an order of the Disciplinary Committee shall lie to the Dispute Resolution Committee, and not to the Executive Committee, and shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the order appealed against. A further appeal shall lie to the Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee.
- l) There shall be a fee which may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- a) A "Conflict of Interest" may take any of the following forms as far as any individual associated with BFI is concerned: (a) Direct or indirect financial interest, where BFI or a Member enters into a contractual arrangement with an entity in which the individual concerned, or his/her relative, holds an interest; (b) Roles compromised, where the individual holds two posts or positions under BFI or a Member the functions of which would require one to be beholden to, or in opposition to, the other; (c) Commercial conflicts, where the individual's endorsement contracts or other professional engagements would compromise his/her primary obligation to the sport; (d) Prior relationship, where the individual has a prior independent commercial engagement with a vendor now to be engaged by or on behalf of BFI; and (e) Position of influence, where the individual occupies a post calling for decisions of governance, management or selection, and a friend, relative or close affiliate is subject to such decision-making.
- b) A Conflict of Interest may be tractable (resolvable through recusal and/or full disclosure) or intractable (requiring removal of the individual from the post concerned).
- c) Within fifteen (15) days of taking any office under BFI, every individual shall disclose in writing to the Executive Committee any existing or potential Conflict of Interest, and the disclosure shall be published on the website of BFI. Incumbents as of the date this clause takes effect shall make such disclosure within thirty (30) days of that date.

23. FILLING VACANCIES IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- I. Where a casual vacancy arises in an Elected Post on the Executive Committee and the unexpired portion of the term is less than one (1) year, the Executive Committee may fill the vacancy by co-option of a person who satisfies the qualifications in Clause 18 and is not subject to a Disqualification Event, and shall place the co-option before the General Body for ratification at its next meeting.
- II. Where the unexpired portion of the term is one (1) year or more, the vacancy shall be filled by a bye-election conducted by an Electoral Officer appointed from the National Sports Election Panel, in accordance with the Election Bye-Laws, Will be done earliest and rectified in the next AGM.
- III. Where the vacancy arises in a seat reserved for a Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit, or in a seat counted towards the minimum representation of women on the Executive Committee under the first proviso to clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Act and Rules 8(2) and 8(3) of the Sports Rules, the vacancy shall be filled only by a

person who fulfils the eligibility criteria for that reserved category, so that the reserved character of the seat is preserved at all times.

- IV. A vacancy in a seat of an Athletes Committee Representative shall be filled only by election by the Athletes Committee from amongst its own members, in accordance with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Act, at a meeting held within fifty (50) days of the vacancy arising. Such a vacancy shall not be filled by co-option by the Executive Committee.
- V. Every member of the Executive Committee shall continue to satisfy the eligibility criteria in Clause 17 throughout his or her term.

24. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF PRESIDENT

- i. The President shall be the Head of the Boxing Federation of India.
- ii. He shall preside over all the meetings of the General Body and of the Executive Committee.
- iii. He shall oversee Members of the Executive Committee and other Commissions in the discharge of their duties.
- iv. He shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Boxing Federation of India and its efficient administration.
- v. He may call a meeting of the Executive Committee and the General Body through the Secretary General as and when necessary and shall perform all such duties attached to the office he holds.
- vi. He shall give a 'casting vote' in case of a tie in addition to his deliberation vote.
- vii. In the event of an equality of votes (a tie) between candidates in any election to the Executive Committee, the Athletes Committee or any other elected body of BFI, the tie shall be resolved exclusively by lot, drawn by the Electoral Officer, in accordance with clause 12(iii) of the Election Bye-Laws (Schedule II of the Sports Rules). For the avoidance of doubt, the President shall have no casting or veto vote in relation to the outcome of any election.
- viii. He shall implement the objectives of the Boxing Federation of India
- ix. He shall also deal with the disciplinary matters connected with the Boxing Federation of India and members.
- x. He will endeavour to keep the sound financial position of the Boxing Federation of India, and he is authorised to sanction expenditures of up to Rs. 2,00,000 (Rs. Two lakh only). Expenditure in excess of the same by him will have to be sanctioned by the Finance Committee and regularised by the Executive Committee.
- xi. The President through the Secretary General has to ensure that various business meetings, as required under these rules and regulations, have been duly held and business transacted.
- xii. All the National Championships shall be declared "closed" by the President or in his absence the next vice-president or any other senior most Executive Committee Member present, or in their absence whomsoever the President nominates.
- xiii. The head of Operations of the Boxing Federation of India Commercial Arm will be appointed by the Executive Committee headed by the President.
- xiv. He shall appoint observers for the elections of the member State / UT Associations.
- xv. It shall be mandatory for every election to the Executive Committee (by whatever name called) of an affiliated member State / UT Boxing Association to be conducted in the presence of an Observer appointed and deputed by the Federation, in addition to the Electoral Officer drawn from the Election Panel. The Observer so deputed

shall oversee the conduct of the election and verify that it is held in a free, fair and transparent manner in accordance with the constitution of the State / UT Association and these Rules and Regulations. No election of a State / UT Association conducted without a Federation Observer so deputed shall be recognised by the Federation, and the State / UT Association shall extend all necessary cooperation and access to such Observer.

- xvi. He shall have the power of suspension of any elected member, official, or Athlete in case of breach of the provision of this constitution, directives issued by BFI, unethical conduct, causing wrongful loss or bringing disrepute to the federation.
- xvii. He shall have the power to appoint the members of the commissions or appoint independent inquiry commissions.
- xviii. He shall be a part of any Interim Committee formed to run the affairs of BFI.
- xix. In any situation of emergency, or of an urgent and unforeseen nature, affecting the Federation, the sport of Boxing, the safety or interests of athletes, or the obligations of the Federation towards World Boxing, the National Sports Board or any other competent authority, where it is not reasonably practicable to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee in time, the President shall be competent to take such decisions and such immediate action as the situation may require in the best interests of the Federation. Every decision or action so taken shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next meeting for ratification and shall, unless and until modified or rescinded by the Executive Committee, remain valid and binding.
- xx. The President shall be the principal executive authority of the Federation and shall supervise the implementation of all decisions of the General Body and Executive Committee. In cases requiring immediate action in the interests of the Federation, its athletes or international obligations, the President may exercise such powers as are necessary, provided that such action is placed before the Executive Committee for ratification in the next Executive Committee meeting.
- xxi. The President shall not be removed from office save by a motion of no-confidence carried by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths (3/4ths) of the total voting strength of the General Body, at a General Meeting specially convened for the purpose after not less than twenty-one (21) clear days' notice setting out the grounds of the motion. Nothing in this provision shall derogate from the powers of the National Sports Board, the National Sports Tribunal or any other authority under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the rules made thereunder.
- xxii. All bank accounts of the Federation shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Federation and shall be operated jointly under the signatures of any two of the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer. Any two such signatures shall be sufficient and valid for the operation of the bank accounts of the Federation, including the drawing, signing and endorsing of cheques, instructions and instruments, and for all other dealings with the bankers of the Federation, subject to such financial limits and controls as the Executive Committee may prescribe from time to time.
- xxiii. The President shall have the final authority to allot and award the hosting rights of all National Championships, National Competitions and other Federation events to affiliated State / UT Associations, after considering the recommendations of the concerned committee, if any, and the overall interests of the Federation.
- xxiv. The President shall have the final authority to approve and sanction all National Coaching Camps, High Performance Camps, Foreign Exposure Tours, Training Programmes and any other athlete support programmes of the Federation, including the selection of athletes, coaches, support staff and other officials forming part

- thereof, upon consideration of the recommendations of the respective Selection Committee or such other committee as may be constituted.
- xxv. The President shall have the final authority to approve Technical Officials, Referees, Judges, Delegates, Team Officials and other representatives of the Federation for National Championships, International Competitions, meetings, seminars or any event where nominations are required on behalf of the Federation on recommendation of the respective committee.
 - xxvi. The President shall exercise the final power of approval in respect of the Annual Calendar for Training & Competition (ACTC) of the Federation before the same is submitted to any government authority, World Boxing, or any other competent body, duly considering recommendations made by any committee or Executive Committee Member .
 - xxvii. The President may nominate any other member of the Executive Committee to chair a meeting in his absence.
 - xxviii. The President may suspend a member of the Executive Committee, an official or an athlete only after recording reasons in writing and affording that person a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
 - xxix. In the event of any difference of opinion between the President and the Secretary General, the President's decision shall be final.
 - xxx. The President shall approve the agenda for every meeting of the General Body and of the Executive Committee.
 - xxxi. The Chairpersons of all Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President.
 - xxxii. The President shall be the principal representative of BFI before World Boxing, the International Olympic Committee, Asian Boxing and Government authorities.
 - xxxiii. No legal proceedings shall be instituted or defended in the name of BFI except with the approval of the President or the Executive Committee.
 - xxxiv. All agreements exceeding such financial threshold as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee shall require the approval of the President.
 - xxxv. The President may nominate the Legal Advisor, the International Relations Advisor and the High Performance Advisor.
 - xxxvi. Pending inquiry, the President may place any office bearer, member, athlete or official under interim suspension where the continuation of such person is likely to prejudice the interests or reputation of BFI.
 - xxxvii. The Chief Executive Officer of the Federation shall be appointed by the President.

25. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF VICE-PRESIDENT

- i. They shall perform such duties may be assigned to them from time to time by the President. The Vice President may perform any tasks / functions as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the General Meeting.

26. POWERS AND FUNCTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

- i. The Secretary General shall be the head of the administration of BFI and shall be responsible for carrying out all decisions of the General Body and of the Executive Committee, and for the implementation of this Constitution, the Bye-laws and the policies and procedures of BFI.

- ii. The Secretary General shall convene the meetings of the General Body and the Executive Committee, shall maintain the minutes and records of BFI, and shall conduct its correspondence.
- iii. The Secretary General with concurrence of the President, shall avail of the assistance of such Committees, Commissions and officers as the Executive Committee may appoint, and may delegate such functions to them as he or she considers appropriate.
- iv. He shall keep all the Minutes of all the Meetings and records of the Boxing Federation of India
- v. He will convene the meetings of the General Body and Executive Committee under the advice of the President and perform all such acts as are assigned to him under these rules and regulations and rules framed thereunder.
- vi. He shall prepare and submit at the Annual General Meeting his Annual Report.
- vii. The financial powers of the Secretary General are restricted to sanctioning of payment of Rs. 1,00,000/ (One lakh only) at any time within the budget.
- viii. He will also receive payments in absence of the Treasurer and pass the accounts for him.
- ix. He shall be responsible for the smooth conduct of the National or any other championships of the Boxing Federation of India as per guidelines set out by Boxing Federation of India.
- x. He shall be solely liable for all compliances including but not limited to statutory compliances under applicable laws, rules and regulations from time to time.
- xi. He shall also be responsible for the maintenance of the properties (Moveable and immovable) of the Boxing Federation of India.
- xii. All bank accounts of the Federation shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Federation and shall be operated jointly under the signatures of any two of the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer. Any two such signatures shall be sufficient and valid for the operation of the bank accounts of the Federation, including the drawing, signing and endorsing of cheques, instructions and instruments, and for all other dealings with the bankers of the Federation, subject to such financial limits and controls as the Executive Committee may prescribe from time to time.
- xiii. He shall help the President in the financial matters and assist the president to keep the federation financially sound.
- xiv. He shall maintain records of all the States/UT's and districts of the respective States/UT's.

27. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF JOINT SECRETARIES

They shall perform such duties may be assigned to them from time to time by the President and / or the Secretary General. The Joint Secretaries may perform any tasks / functions as directed by the President, the Secretary General, the Executive Committee or the General Meeting.

28. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF TREASURER

- i. The Honorary Treasurer shall be in charge of the funds of the Boxing Federation of India.

- ii. He shall maintain all accounts, receive monies, issue receipts, and pay all BFI dues duly certified by the President / Secretary General or their delegate or such persons authorised by the Executive Committee, within the amounts passed in the budget.
- iii. Deposit all the moneys received by the Boxing Federation of India into bank accounts of the Boxing Federation of India.
- iv. Have an imprest of Rupees 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only).
- v. Operate jointly with the President or Secretary General any account in a nationalized bank duly approved.
- vi. All bank accounts of the Federation shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Federation and shall be operated jointly under the signatures of any two of the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer. Any two such signatures shall be sufficient and valid for the operation of the bank accounts of the Federation, including the drawing, signing and endorsing of cheques, instructions and instruments, and for all other dealings with the bankers of the Federation, subject to such financial limits and controls as the Executive Committee may prescribe from time to time.
- vii. He will submit such Statements of Accounts as may be called from him.
- viii. He will present an Audited Statement of Accounts and budget for the year and do all acts necessary for the due performance of his duties.
- ix. He shall be liable for prudent fund management and accounting thereof strictly in accordance with statutory provisions and guidelines of Boxing Federation of India as applicable from time to time.

29. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- I. The President may engage a Chief Executive Officer for the management of the day-to-day administration, operations, accounts, finances, human resources, legal affairs and media affairs of BFI, on such terms as it may determine.
- II. The Chief Executive Officer shall function under the general direction and control of the President and shall be accountable to the President.
- III. The Chief Executive Officer carries out the correspondence in the name of the Boxing Federation of India, save otherwise advised by the President and the Secretary General.
- IV. The Chief Executive Officer may participate and deliberate in the General Body and Executive Committee Meetings without voting rights.

30. SUSPENSION OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

In the following circumstances either the President or the Executive Committee may suspend an Executive Committee member from the Federation and all associated roles if:

- i. the individual has breached any provision of these rules, or any other directive issued by the Federation and is viewed to be harmful to the interests of World Boxing and the sport of Boxing;
- ii. the individual fails to perform any of his / her duties as an Executive Committee member

- iii. the individual is considered to have brought the sport of Boxing, BFI, and World Boxing into serious disrepute
- iv. Where the President suspends an Executive Committee member unilaterally under this Clause, such suspension shall remain in force only for a period of three (3) months, provided it shall be ratified by the executive committee.
- v. No Executive Committee member shall be suspended under this Clause without being given a reasonable opportunity to be heard before the President or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, and the reasons for suspension shall be recorded in writing and communicated to the member.
- vi. A suspension imposed under this Clause shall remain subject to the due-process standards of, and to appeal before, the Ethics Committee and/or the Dispute Resolution Committee constituted under the Appendix to this Constitution.

31. ELECTIONS

I. General provisions for the Elections

- a) Elections shall be held once in every Four years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM i.e. Meeting of the General Body) as per these rules and regulations as well as the election bye-laws of the Federation to elect the members of the Executive Committee from amongst the eligible members/representatives.
- b) Only affiliated units in good standing shall have voting rights, in addition to the SOMs who are part of the General Body.17.1
- c) Elections shall be held by secret ballot in all cases, without exception, in accordance with clause 3(ii) of the Election Bye-Laws (Schedule II of the Sports Rules).
- d) There shall be no proxy voting,
- e) Election procedure shall be in accordance with the Election Rules in Schedule II of the Sports Rules, as set out in the Election Bye-Laws annexed to this Constitution.
- f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, all elections to the Executive Committee, the Athletes Committee and every other elected body of BFI shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the Election Rules in Schedule II of the Sports Rules, which shall prevail over any inconsistent election provision in this Constitution.
- g) Eligibility to contest shall be governed by sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Act, and disqualifications by Rule 11 of the Sports Rules. Any petition relating to the conduct or outcome of an election shall lie only to the National Sports Tribunal, within thirty (30) days of the declaration of results, to the extent permitted under the Election Rules. The reference in this Constitution to the Model Election Guidelines of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 shall stand substituted, to the extent of any inconsistency, by the Election Rules in Schedule II of the Sports Rules.
- h) Elections to all Elected Posts on the Executive Committee shall be held at least once in every four (4) years, in a fair and transparent manner and strictly in accordance with the Election Rules in Schedule II of the Sports Rules as set out in the Election Bye-Laws annexed hereto.

- i) The term of the Executive Committee shall not exceed four (4) years. No organ of BFI, including the General Body, shall have the power to extend the term of the Executive Committee or to postpone an election beyond that period. Any relaxation may be granted only by the Central Government under Rule 18(2) of the Sports Rules or section 34 of the Act.
- j) Elections shall be held at a General Meeting concluding not later than the date of expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint an Electoral Officer from the National Sports Election Panel at least sixty (60) days prior to such expiry; shall notify the date of election, in consultation with the Electoral Officer, at least fifty (50) days prior; the draft electoral roll shall be released at least forty-five (45) days prior, with at least seven (7) days allowed for objections; and the call for elections, the final electoral roll and the invitation for nominations shall issue at least thirty (30) days prior.
- k) Where for any reason an election has not been concluded before the expiry of the term, the outgoing Executive Committee shall stand functus officio save for the discharge of such routine functions as are necessary to conduct the election, and shall forthwith report the position to the National Sports Board.

II. ELECTION PANEL FOR AFFILIATE UNITS

- a. BFI shall prepare and maintain, and shall publish on its website, an Election Panel consisting of not fewer than ten (10) retired persons having adequate experience of the conduct of elections under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, for the conduct of free and fair elections of the Executive Committees of its affiliated member State / Union Territory Associations, as required by sub-section (6) of section 16 of the Act.
- b. The Executive Committee shall review and update the Election Panel not less than once in every two (2) years, and shall in any event ensure that the Panel is complete at all times.
- c. Every affiliate unit of BFI shall appoint an Electoral Officer from the Election Panel maintained under Clause 31 to oversee its election process and to ensure free and fair elections, as required by sub-section (7) of section 16 of the Act. No election of an affiliate unit conducted otherwise than by an Electoral Officer so appointed shall be recognised by BFI.
- d. The Electoral Officer so appointed shall conduct the election in accordance with the constitution of the affiliate unit and, mutatis mutandis, the Election Rules in Schedule II of the Sports Rules. His decision on any matter relating to the electoral roll or the validity of a nomination shall be final and binding, subject only to a challenge before the Dispute Resolution Committee after the declaration of results.
- e. The remuneration of an Electoral Officer appointed under this Clause shall be borne by the affiliate unit concerned and shall be as mutually agreed, subject to such ceiling as the Executive Committee may prescribe.
- f. The Observer deputed by BFI under Clause 24 shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, the Electoral Officer appointed under this Clause. The failure of BFI to depute an Observer shall not by itself invalidate an election otherwise duly conducted by the Electoral Officer.

32. MEETINGS

i. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:**

The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, if held;
- b. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of the Secretary General on the activities and functioning of the Federation;
- c. Review and approval of the Audited Statement of Accounts for the preceding year and the Annual Budget for the upcoming year, as presented by the Treasurer;
- d. Appointment of statutory auditors and determination of their remuneration;
- e. Conduct of elections to the Executive Committee posts, if elections are due;
- f. Review and approval of the annual calendar of national boxing championships and events;
- g. Consideration and approval of any proposed amendments to the Constitution, if applicable;
- h. Any other matter duly notified in advance to the Members;
- i. Any additional item relating to the development, governance, or welfare of the Federation that the President may bring before the Assembly or permit to be discussed, including a strategic review of programs, policies, and performance.

Note: All relevant documents including the Annual Report, Audited Financial Statement, and other agenda-related materials shall be circulated to all members in advance of the meeting.

ii. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Special General Meetings (SGM) may be called by the President, at his discretion, or upon request by 2/3rd members of the Executive Committee, to address urgent or significant matters concerning the affairs of the Federation. Where 2/3rd members of the Executive Committee submits a written request to the President and/or Secretary General specifying the subject matter to be discussed, particularly on matters related to the development and governance of boxing, the President shall cause a Special General Meeting to be convened within thirty (30) days of receiving such a request.

iii. **EMERGENT MEETING**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, an Emergent Meeting of the General Body may be convened by the President to consider any urgent or time-sensitive matter requiring immediate attention and decision of the Assembly.

iv. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- a. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened at least four (4) times in each calendar year. The dates, location, and agenda of each meeting shall be confirmed by the President.
- b. The Executive Committee meetings will be held in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format as considered fit by the President.

v. **EMERGENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, an Emergent Meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened by the President to consider any urgent or time-sensitive matter requiring immediate attention and decision of the Executive Committee.

33. NOTICE AND QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

The following notice periods and quorum requirements shall apply to the meetings of the Federation:

Type of Meeting	Minimum Notice Period	Quorum
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	15 clear days	one-third (1/3) of the total voting strength of the General Body, subject to a minimum of fifteen (15) voting members.
Special General Meeting (SGM)	10 clear days	one-third (1/3) of the total voting strength of the General Body, subject to a minimum of fifteen (15) voting members.
Emergent Meeting	10 clear days (by phone/email)	one-fourth (1/4) of the total voting strength of the General Body, subject to a minimum of twelve (12) voting members.
Executive Committee Meeting	10 clear days	one-half (1/2) of the total strength of the Executive Committee, subject to a minimum of seven (7) members.
Emergent Executive Committee Meeting	7 clear days	7 members
A General Meeting at which a resolution to amend this Constitution, to remove the President, or to dissolve BFI is to be considered shall require the presence of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the total voting strength of the General Body.		

Explanation:

- i. "Clear days" means the number of days excluding the day of sending the notice and the day of the meeting. Notices may be sent by post, email, or any other approved electronic method. In urgent situations, communication may also be made via telephone or messaging apps, subject to confirmation in writing.
- ii. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in this Memorandum of Association, every meeting of the Federation — including the Annual General Meeting, any Special General Meeting, any Emergent Meeting, meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergent Executive Committee Meetings, and meetings of every Committee or Commission — may be convened and held in person, through video conferencing or other audio-visual means, or in a hybrid format combining both, as the President may decide, save and except meetings at which elections by secret ballot are to be conducted, which shall be held in person. Members participating through video conferencing or other audio-visual means shall be counted towards the quorum and shall be entitled to speak and vote in the same manner as members participating in person. The Federation shall ensure that every such meeting is conducted on a secure platform enabling all participants to communicate concurrently, that the identity of each participant is duly verified, and that the proceedings are recorded and preserved in accordance with applicable law.

In the course of any National Boxing Championship, the President / Secretary General may, with the consent of the majority of members present, convene a meeting at short notice to discuss matters relating specifically to the event being held.

- iii. For matters of urgent importance, where it is not feasible to convene an Executive Committee meeting, the President / Secretary General may seek approval from Council members by circulation (email or written consent). Such decisions shall be considered valid only if a majority of Council members approve the proposal and shall be placed before the next meeting of the Executive Committee for ratification and record.

34. QUALIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Accredited Representatives of the Members which attend the General Body Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting shall:

- i. Be National passport holders of India/a person of Indian Nationality
- ii. Be persons of good standing;
- iii. Have sound judgment; and
- iv. Not have been convicted of any criminal offences
- v. Duly elected in an election AGM, notified to the BFI

35. RULES OF COMPETITION

All boxing competitions shall be conducted under the Rules of World Boxing as adopted by the Boxing Federation of India in their Rules of Competition.

36. COMMITTEES OF THE BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA

- i. The composition of the Commissions/Committee shall be decided by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- ii. The following Commissions/Committees shall be formed:
 - a. Technical and Rules Commission/Committee
 - b. Ring Officials Commission/Committee
 - c. Medical and Anti-Doping Commission/Committee
 - d. Sports and Competition Commission/Committee
 - e. Development Commission/Committee
 - f. Disciplinary Commission/Committee
 - g. Dispute Resolution Commission/Committee
 - h. Appellate Dispute Resolution Commission/Committee
 - i. Selection Commission/Committee
 - j. Coaches Commission/Committee
 - k. Competition Commission/Committee
 - l. Arbitration Commission/Committee
 - m. Ethics Commission/Committee
 - n. Athletes Commission/Committee
 - o. The Youth and Age Fraud Commission/Committee
 - p. Finance Commission/Committee
 - q. Internal Complaints Commission/Committee
 - r. Any other Commission/Committee
- iii. Duties & functions of each commission shall be formulated and be approved by the Executive Committee. The above Commissions shall all base their activities on Annual and four (4) year working programs and reports to be submitted to the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee and Annual General Meeting of the

- General Body following the elections of Executive Committee Member . The Commissions shall be subject to the directions of the Executive Committee.
- iv. In addition to, and to the extent of any inconsistency in supersession of, the Commissions named above, the Federation shall constitute the Committees set out in the Appendix titled “Various Committees”, which forms an integral part of this Constitution — including the Finance Committee, the Selection Committee, the Technical Committee, the Disciplinary Committee, the Internal Complaints Committee (which shall implement the Safe Sport Policy and discharge the functions of the committee against sexual harassment), the Athletes Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Dispute Resolution Committee and the Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee. The “Ethics Commission”, “Dispute Commission”, “Disciplinary Commission” and “Arbitration Commission” referred to elsewhere in this Constitution shall, for all purposes under the Act, be read as the Ethics Committee, the Dispute Resolution Committee and the Disciplinary Committee respectively constituted under the said Appendix.

37. AMENDMENTS

- I. This Memorandum of Association and these Rules and Regulations may be amended only at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting at which not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the total voting strength of the General Body is present, and by a resolution supported by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the members present and voting.
- II. No amendment shall be moved which is inconsistent with the Act, the Sports Rules or any regulation, guideline or direction of the National Sports Board. The Secretary General shall, before circulating a proposed amendment, obtain and circulate an opinion on its conformity with the Act and the Sports Rules.
- III. Every amendment adopted shall be filed with the National Sports Board and communicated to World Boxing and to the Registering Authority within thirty (30) days of its adoption.
- IV. Nothing in this Clause shall be construed as requiring the prior approval of World Boxing for an amendment made to give effect to a mandatory requirement of the Act or the Sports Rules.

38. RESIDUARY POWERS

Any matter not provided for these rules and regulations shall be dealt with by the General Body.

39. DISSOLUTION PROCEDURE

- I. BFI may be dissolved only by a resolution passed at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose, at which not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the total voting strength of the General Body is present in person, and supported by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the votes of the members present and voting. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- II. No dissolution shall take effect without the consent of the appropriate Government and after intimation to the National Sports Board and to World Boxing.

- III. Any dispute arising in the course of dissolution shall be referred to the National Sports Tribunal where the Tribunal is empowered under the Act to determine it; and only where the jurisdiction of the civil courts is not barred by section 23 of the Act shall the matter be referred to the principal Court of original civil jurisdiction of the district in which the headquarters of BFI is situate.
- IV. On dissolution, the assets and properties of BFI remaining after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among its Members, but shall be transferred to another society, trust or institution having objects similar to those of BFI, in accordance with section 14 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

40. MISCELLANEOUS

- i. Each Member of the Boxing Federation of India shall be furnished with a copy of Memorandum and rules and regulations of the Boxing Federation of India and Rules of the Competitions and World Boxing Regulations and shall be bound thereby. The Executive Committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any Member or Person connected with it for not conforming to these rules and regulations and rules and World Boxing Regulations. Should any Member or person thereof function in a manner detrimental to the credit and interest of the Boxing Federation of India or World Boxing or attempt to obtain redress through any outside channel in any matter capable of being dealt with under these rules and regulations and rules of the Boxing Federation of India shall be reported to all Members of Boxing Federation of India.
- ii. A member shall intimate dates of their Annual Championships and forward the Results thereof to the Boxing Federation of India. They shall also furnish a copy of their Annual Report and Accounts to the Boxing Federation of India.
- iii. Boxers and officials of the Members shall not take part in unauthorized competitions, contests, meets and events.
- iv. No member is empowered to arrange Competitions or participate outside the limits of India without prior sanction of the Boxing Federation of India.
- v. No member shall hold the Competitions of All India nature without the prior sanction of the Boxing Federation of India. The officials for the conduct of the Competition shall be approved by the Boxing Federation of India and shall also depute any observer to the competition. TA/DA of such officials shall be borne by the organizers of the concerned competition, meet or event.
- vi. In case there being more than one unit in a State, the Dispute Commission of the Boxing Federation of India shall be the final authority in deciding which unit is to be affiliated with the Boxing Federation of India. However, the Commission will give due consideration to the Unit recognized by the State/UT Olympic Association for being affiliated with the Boxing Federation of India.
- vii. The Boxing Federation of India may sue or be sued in the name of the President, Boxing Federation of India and suit or petition if any, shall be filed at the headquarters of the Boxing Federation of India.
- viii. For the purpose of any legal proceedings by or against the Federation, all complaints, written statements, petitions, applications, affidavits, vakalatnamas, memoranda of appeal and other documents to be filed before, or signed for submission to, any court, tribunal or other authority shall be signed and verified by the President, or by such person as may be specifically authorised in writing by the President in that behalf, and such signature and verification shall be sufficient to bind the Federation.

- ix. The official electronic mail address of the Federation, namely info@boxingfederation.in, shall be the official channel for all communication of and with the Federation. All notices, intimations, correspondence, returns, documents and other communications required or permitted to be issued, served or sent by or to the Federation under this Memorandum of Association, the Rules and Regulations and the Bye-laws may be validly issued from, or sent to, the said address, and any communication so issued or sent shall be deemed to have been duly served. Every affiliated member, and member of the General Body shall keep the Federation informed of a valid electronic mail address for the purpose of such communication, and the Federation shall publish the said official address on its website.
- x. No decision made by the General Body shall be reopened, modified or cancelled within a period of Six (6) months thereof.
- xi. The Executive Committee may frame bye laws or rules of competitions for the proper and efficient administration of the Boxing Federation of India.
- xii. All the necessary provisions of the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860 will also apply to the Boxing Federation of India.
- xiii. If the winding up or dissolution of the Boxing Federation of India is given effect to, in accordance which may remain after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the Boxing Federation of India or any of them, but shall be given to some other society in accordance with the decision of the members of the Council of the Boxing Federation of India or as provided in section 14 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

41. RIGHT TO INFORMATION

- I. BFI shall be subject to, and shall comply with, the Right to Information Act, 2005. To the extent that BFI is a public authority within the meaning of that Act by reason of grants or other financial assistance received by it from the Central Government or a State Government, BFI shall discharge the obligations of a public authority in respect of the utilisation of such grants and financial assistance.
- II. The Executive Committee shall designate a Central Public Information Officer and a First Appellate Authority for the purposes of the Right to Information Act, 2005, and shall publish their names, designations and contact particulars on the website of BFI.
- III. BFI shall make the disclosures required by section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and shall update them annually.

42. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND JURISDICTION

- I. The jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal constituted under section 17 of the Act, and of the Supreme Court of India in appeal therefrom under section 25 of the Act, is expressly preserved. Nothing in this Constitution, in the Bye-laws or in any policy or direction of BFI shall be construed to oust, curtail, restrict or penalise recourse to the Tribunal or to the Supreme Court.
- II. Every dispute which under the Act falls to be adjudicated by the National Sports Tribunal shall lie before the Tribunal in accordance with the Act. Subject to section 20 of the Act and to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dispute Resolution Committee in respect of matters reserved to it, any proceeding in respect of which

the jurisdiction of the civil courts is not barred by section 23 of the Act shall be instituted before the courts at Gurugram, where the headquarters of BFI is situate.

- III. A Member, athlete, coach, official or other person shall ordinarily exhaust the internal remedies provided under this Constitution before instituting proceedings elsewhere. The obligation to exhaust internal remedies is a matter of internal discipline only; it does not, and shall not be construed to, affect the jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal, the powers of the National Sports Board under section 9 of the Act, or the jurisdiction of any court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.
- IV. No disciplinary action shall lie against any person by reason only of that person having approached the National Sports Tribunal, the National Sports Board, a court of competent jurisdiction, or any statutory authority.
- V. Where any case to which BFI is a party stands transferred to the National Sports Tribunal under section 22 of the Act, BFI shall render every assistance to the Tribunal for the expeditious disposal of the matter.

APPENDIX – VARIOUS COMMITTEES

The composition, roles and responsibilities of the Committees set out below, framed in conformity with the Act and the Sports Rules, form an integral part of this Constitution.

A.1. Save as otherwise expressly provided in respect of the Ethics Committee, the Dispute Resolution Committee, the Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee, the Internal Grievance Redressal Committee and the Athletes Committee (whose members shall be appointed or elected in accordance with, and shall be governed by, their respective provisions and the independence requirements of the Act), the members and the Chairperson of every Committee shall be appointed by the President, approved by the Executive Committee, and ratified by the General Body by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

A.2. The term of the Ethics Committee, the Dispute Resolution Committee, the Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee, the Internal Grievance Redressal Committee and the Athletes Committee shall be four (4) years, co-terminous with the term of the Executive Committee. The term of every other Committee shall be one (1) year unless otherwise prescribed.

A.3. A member of the Ethics Committee, the Dispute Resolution Committee or the Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee shall not be removed from office save by a resolution of the General Body passed on grounds of proved misconduct or incapacity, after affording that member an opportunity of being heard. The Executive Committee shall have no power to remove such a member.

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall be constituted to ensure sound financial governance, prudence, transparency and accountability in the management of the Federation's resources, and shall support the Executive Committee and the Treasurer in safeguarding the financial integrity and sustainability of the Federation.

Duties and Functions: (a) to oversee the financial management of the Federation and advise the Executive Committee and the Treasurer on all matters relating to finance, budgeting and expenditure; (b) to examine and recommend the annual budget, revised estimates and long-term financial plans for approval by the competent authority; (c) to review the accounts and financial statements before they are placed for approval; (d) to advise on resource mobilisation, sponsorship, grants and other funding opportunities consistent with the non-profit character of the Federation; and (e) to perform any other function incidental or ancillary to effective financial oversight and governance, as may be entrusted by the Executive Committee.

2. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall be constituted, in compliance with statutory guidelines, to ensure a fair, objective and transparent process for the selection of players and teams for training and competitive events, including representation of the country at international events, guided by the principles of merit, consistency, performance standards and integrity.

Duties and Functions: (a) to select players and teams for national squads, training camps, international competitions, championships and multi-sport events in accordance with approved selection policies and criteria;

- (b) to formulate, review and apply transparent selection criteria, including performance benchmarks, ranking, trial results, consistency, fitness and conduct; (c) to ensure that selection decisions are based on objective and measurable parameters supported by documented evidence;
- (d) to consider athlete health, injury status and readiness in consultation with medical and high-performance staff;
- (e) to ensure that all selections are free from bias, conflict of interest or undue influence, members recusing themselves where a conflict arises;
- (f) to communicate selection decisions, including reserves and non-selected players, in a timely and reasoned manner;
- (g) to comply with national regulations and the requirements of World Boxing, including eligibility, age, nationality and anti-doping norms; and (h) to address selection-related representations within the scope of its mandate, without prejudice to the dispute resolution mechanisms of the Federation.

3. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

There shall be a Technical Committee to oversee the technical conduct of the sport across all events and categories recognised by the Federation. The Committee may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, constitute Sub-Committees for specific events, categories or disciplines.

Duties:

- (a) to recommend ways and means for improvement of the standard of Boxing in the country;
- (b) to formulate Rules for the conduct of National Championships and other events sanctioned by the Federation;
- (c) to frame technical norms, including competition formats, draw procedures and ranking, for players of various age groups and categories;
- (d) to scrutinise the entry forms and verify the age and eligibility of participants, in coordination with the Medical Board where necessary;
- (e) to frame Rules for awarding merit certificates and recognitions; and
- (f) to submit periodic reports to the Executive Committee.

4. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Disciplinary Committee shall be constituted to maintain discipline in the affairs and events of the Federation.

Duties: (a) to ensure that discipline is maintained at National Championships and other events of the Federation amongst all players and officials; (b) to ensure that the Rules of the Federation are observed by all Members, and to report the names of defaulters to the Executive Committee for necessary action; and (c) to recommend disciplinary action against any player, official, State Association or other person under the jurisdiction of the Federation for misbehaviour or any other anti-Federation activity that brings discredit to the Federation, the country or the sport of Boxing.

5. INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

A committee against sexual harassment shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the Rules of the Federation. The Presiding Officer (Chairperson) of the Committee shall be a woman, as required by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

Duties: (a) to receive complaints and grievances on matters concerning sexual harassment; (b) to establish procedures, conduct a fair enquiry and submit a report to the Executive Committee in a time-bound manner for appropriate disciplinary action; (c) where the complaint amounts to a specific offence under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 or any other law, to take steps to initiate appropriate legal proceedings in addition to any disciplinary sanction; and (d) to implement the Safe Sport Policy framed under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the rules made thereunder.

6. ATHLETES COMMITTEE

6.1. Composition and Eligibility

BFI will have an elected Athletes' Committee formed on the following criteria:

- (a) The Athletes' Committee shall be composed of 4 (Four) members — 2 (two) males and 2 (two) females, elected from amongst its member Boxers.
- (b) The Athletes Committee shall have a term of four (4) years from the date of election.
- (c) Tenure: A member may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms, i.e. twelve (12) years, after which the member must undergo a cooling-off period of one term, i.e. four (4) years, before again seeking election to the Athletes Committee.
- (d) Eligibility: To be eligible to be elected as a member of the Athletes Committee, an athlete must – (i) be an Indian citizen; (ii) be above 18 years of age on the day of announcement of election; (iii) be in good standing with BFI, meaning not currently suspended or otherwise ineligible to participate in BFI-recognised tournaments; (iv) not have previously served a suspension period of three (3) months or longer, unless BFI approves their eligibility taking into account all relevant factors; (v) never have received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code; and (vi) never have received any sanction from World Boxing, BFI or any of its State/UT Affiliates.

6.2. The functions of the Athletes' Committee shall be as follows:

- a) To ensure communication between the BFI and Boxers.
- b) To serve as a source of feedback and advice to the Executive Committee with regard to both current and contemplated policies of BFI.
- c) To advise the Executive Committee on the perspective and needs of Boxers on, inter alia: (i) talent development; (ii) training and competition schedules; (iii) redress of Boxers grievances; (iv) selection criteria; (v) logistical and administrative support; and (vi) athlete support and welfare beyond competitive sports career.
- d). To elect EC Members from amongst its own members, in accordance with Rules and Regulations.
- e) To liaise with the athletes' committees of other sports organisations, including that of the Indian Olympic Association and the World Boxing.

6.3. Conduct of Elections

The election to the Athletes Committee shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer appointed from the National Sports Election Panel, in the presence of an AAI-appointed Election Observer. There will be 4 (Four) members of the Athletes Committee. Members will be elected at the National Boxing Championships.

- a) Any vacancy in the Athletes' Committee due to death, resignation, removal or ineligibility of an Athlete Member shall be filled up for the remaining period his/her term at a meeting to be held within 50 (fifty) days of the vacancy arising.
- b) The Athletes' Committee shall be free to use the office(s) of BFI, including its headquarters for conducting its business.

- c) The Athletes Committee shall be liable to be dissolved if a vote of no-confidence is passed against it by the Executive Committee. In this regard, the procedure provided in Rule 14.11.

6.4 Nomination

Each nomination shall be endorsed by a Member Association. The BFI Office shall receive the written nomination no later than 30 days prior to the National Championships at which the election is held. Each candidate shall declare, with the nomination, the category they wish to represent.

6.5 Voting

Only athletes participating in the National Championships are eligible to vote. Each athlete shall vote for the representative of their category (for example, women boxers may vote only for women candidates). The election shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer appointed from the National Sports Election Panel. In the event of a tie in any election to the Athletes Committee, the result shall be determined by the casting and veto vote of the President.

6.6 General

To be eligible for election, a candidate must fulfil the eligibility criteria. Any member of the Athletes' Committee may be elected to the Executive Committee of BFI by and from among the Athletes Committee. In the absence of any rules or regulations issued by the Government of India in this regard, the forms, procedure and steps adopted for the election of the Executive Committee of BFI shall also be followed for the elections of the Athletes Committee. The age, term, tenure, qualifications and disqualifications applicable to election to the Executive Committee shall also apply to the election of the Athletes Committee Chairperson, Executive Committee Representatives and General Body Representatives. Any dispute or issue relating to the eligibility of a member or candidate of the Athletes Committee shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee. Any member of the Athletes Committee may be removed in consonance with the procedure adopted for members of the Executive Committee.

6.7. Functions

The Athletes' Committee is not a decision-making body. It shall receive complaints from the athletes' community on all questions of concern to athletes, represent the interests of all athletes competing in World Boxing and BFI-recognised tournaments, and advise and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all questions of concern to athletes.

6.8. Expenses, Code of Conduct and Review

BFI shall cover meeting costs necessarily incurred by members in attending or participating in Committee meetings, including costs of telephone or video conferencing; any other expenses must be approved in advance. The BFI Code of Conduct shall apply to all members of the Athletes Committee. These provisions shall be reviewed annually at the commencement of each calendar year, and any amendments must be approved in writing by the BFI Executive Committee.

7. ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Ethics Committee shall be constituted to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity and good governance within the Federation, and shall serve as an independent body safeguarding the values of fairness, transparency, respect and responsibility. It shall consist of up to five (5) members, one of whom shall be the Chairperson; the Chairperson and a majority of the members shall be independent persons (that is, persons who are not members of BFI).

Duties and Functions:

- (a) to frame, interpret and oversee compliance with the Code of Ethics adopted by the Federation;
- (b) to examine complaints, references or information relating to alleged ethical misconduct, including conflicts of interest, abuse of position or conduct detrimental to the Federation;
- (c) to ensure that all proceedings are conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice, fairness and impartiality;
- (d) to inquire into matters concerning conflict of interest, including disclosures by Executive Committee Members, officials and committee members, and to recommend remedial measures;
- (e) to promote a culture of ethical awareness and good governance;
- (f) to recommend disciplinary or corrective action to the competent authority;
- (g) to maintain confidentiality of proceedings and records, except where disclosure is required by law; and
- (h) to submit reasoned findings and recommendations in writing and to place periodic reports before the appropriate authority, without prejudice to its independence.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- i. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee through a simple majority vote, and shall thereafter be placed before the General Body for ratification by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- ii. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall be responsible for hearing and deciding any and all disputes: (a) regarding any decision taken by BFI; (b) regarding elections of BFI or its affiliates; (c) regarding matters involving BFI's affairs; (d) regarding matters involving BFI's affiliates; (e) regarding matters involving affiliates of BFI's affiliates; (f) pertaining to any action against a player; (g) pertaining to selections; (h) pertaining to age fraud; (i) pertaining to any tournament conducted by BFI, its affiliates, or affiliates of BFI's affiliates; (j) pertaining to disciplinary action taken by BFI or its affiliates; (k) pertaining to affiliation, disaffiliation, suspension or any other kind of action taken by BFI vis-à-vis its affiliates; and (l) arising out of the field of play. Provided that wherever a State Affiliate has constituted its own dispute resolution committee, the complaint regarding or pertaining to that State Affiliate shall at the first instance be instituted before that State Affiliate's dispute resolution committee. In such cases, the BFI Dispute Resolution Committee shall hear appeals against the decision of the dispute resolution committee of the State Affiliates. Wherever there is no dispute resolution committee in a State Affiliate, the complaint may be filed directly with the BFI Dispute Resolution Committee.
- iii. The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and binding on all concerned parties, save for such recourse to the National Sports Tribunal as is permitted under the Act, and save for the appeal to the Supreme Court of India provided under the Act. Nothing in this sub-rule shall be construed to oust or curtail the jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal in respect of any matter which is not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dispute Resolution Committee under the Act.
- iv. Before any dispute is referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee, it shall first be referred to a Mediation Panel consisting of 3 members (who shall be persons with past experience of conducting mediation) which shall be appointed by the General Body of BFI in the Annual General Meeting in which the election for the Executive Committee is conducted. Only once the said Mediation Panel gives a certificate that there is no scope for

amicable settlement in the dispute may the aggrieved party file a complaint before the Dispute Resolution Committee.

- v. The BFI Dispute Resolution Committee shall follow the procedure as deemed appropriate by it. The Dispute Resolution Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall duly formulate the forms and procedures for filing complaints before the Dispute Resolution Committee and the same shall be published on the website of BFI.
- vi. The BFI Dispute Resolution Committee shall act independent of the BFI Executive Committee and General Body.
- vii. BFI's members, coaches, players, staff, or any other person or entity which has any dispute with BFI shall first bring all disputes before BFI's Dispute Resolution Committee, subject to such recourse to the National Sports Tribunal as is permitted under the Act.
- viii. The Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Committee may, from time to time, lay down nominal fees for filing complaints after approval from the Executive Committee, and BFI shall extend all assistance to the Dispute Resolution Committee in order to ensure that its operations run smoothly and efficiently.

9. APPELLATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Appellate Dispute Resolution Committee shall be constituted as an independent appellate body to provide a fair, impartial and binding mechanism for the resolution of disputes referred to it, functioning in accordance with the principles of natural justice, procedural fairness and transparency. It shall consist of up to five (5) members, one of whom shall be the Chairperson; the Chairperson and a majority of the members shall be independent persons (that is, persons who are not members of BFI). The members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and ratified at the next Annual General Meeting. The seat of the Committee shall be New Delhi and the language of its proceedings shall be English.

Duties and Functions: (a) to hear and decide appeals arising from the orders, decisions or awards of the Dispute Resolution Committee or of any other authority of the Federation; (b) to exercise its appellate jurisdiction as an independent and neutral body, free from interference by any organ or Executive Committee Member of the Federation; (c) to conduct its proceedings in a fair, efficient and time-bound manner and to afford parties a reasonable opportunity to present their case; (d) to pass reasoned orders or awards in writing, which shall be final and binding on the parties, subject only to such further remedies as may be available under applicable law, including appeal to the National Sports Tribunal; (e) to grant interim or ancillary reliefs where necessary; and (f) to ensure confidentiality of proceedings and orders, except where disclosure is required by law or for implementation.

ANNEXURE – ROSTER OF SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT (SOM) BYE-LAWS

These Bye-Laws shall be read in addition to the Act and the Sports Rules and shall be governed by the principles contained therein. BFI shall have a category of retired players who shall be termed Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit ("SOMs"). These Bye-Laws outline, inter alia, the reserved positions for SOMs in BFI management, the procedure for their selection and their elections.

1. SOM Rosters

BFI shall maintain two Rosters of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit – one for male sportspersons (“SOM Roster Male”) and one for female sportspersons (“SOM Roster Female”) (collectively the “SOM Rosters”) – which shall be duly published on the website of BFI. The SOM Rosters shall consist of 20 sportspersons each.

2. Procedure for selection of SOMs

The procedure for selection of SOMs shall be in strict compliance with the Sports Rules, as amended from time to time.

The call for applications for inclusion in the SOM Rosters shall be floated by the Executive Committee by issuance of a notice (“SOM Notice”) at least 150 days before the expiry of the term of the Executive Committee of BFI.

The SOM Rosters shall be prepared and published on the website of BFI at least 90 days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.

The SOM Notice shall specify the General Eligibility Criteria and the Tiered Eligibility Criteria (collectively the “Eligibility Criteria”).

3. Tiered Eligibility Criteria

The SOM Rosters shall be prepared by considering the following tournaments read with the Tiered Eligibility Criteria stipulated in the Sports Rules:

Tier 1 Applicants who have won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal in the Summer Olympic Games.

Tier 2 Applicants who have participated in two or more editions of the Summer or Winter Olympic Games.

Tier 3 Applicants who have participated in at least one edition of the Summer or Winter Olympic Games.

Tier 4 Applicants who have been awarded a Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award or an Arjuna Award by the Central Government.

Tier 5 Applicants who have won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in a World Championship or equivalent competition.

Tier 6 Applicants who have won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in the Commonwealth Games or Asian Games.

Tier 7 Applicants who have won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in an Asian Championship or equivalent competition.

Tier 8 Applicants who have participated in at least five sanctioned international events (individual sport) or five sanctioned international matches (team sport).

Tier 9 Applicants who have participated in at least one sanctioned international event (individual sport) or one sanctioned international match (team sport).

Tier 10 Applicants who have won at least one gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in the National Games or a National Championship or equivalent competition.

Provided that any medal or award, if rescinded or returned, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit under the relevant Tier. The fulfilment of the Eligibility Criteria shall be checked as on the date on which the SOM Notice is issued by BFI.

4. Populating the SOM Rosters

In the first instance, all applicants satisfying the General Eligibility Criteria and Tier 1 shall be included in the relevant gender’s SOM Roster. Where the Roster cannot be populated to the

prescribed threshold, applicants satisfying the General Eligibility Criteria and the immediately succeeding Tier shall be included sequentially until the required threshold is met.

Where the number of eligible sportspersons under a particular Tier exceeds the prescribed threshold, preference shall be accorded to the eldest applicant by age. Where the Roster still falls short, BFI may issue a fresh call for applications or frame additional tiered criteria consistent with the existing principles. Any person whose name is reflected in either of the SOM Rosters shall be deemed to be a Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit for the purposes of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

5. Election of SOM Representatives

There shall be four (4) sportspersons of outstanding merit elected by the members of the SOM Roster from amongst themselves to represent them in the General Body of BFI ("SOM GB Representatives"), each having one (1) vote in the meetings of the General Body; at all times, 2 shall be male and 2 shall be female.

Thereafter, there shall be an election for two (2) sportspersons of outstanding merit elected by the members of the SOM Roster from amongst themselves to represent them in the Executive Committee of BFI ("SOM EC Representatives"), each having one (1) vote in the meetings of the Executive Committee; at all times, 1 shall be male and 1 shall be female. Any person who has contested or been elected as a SOM GB Representative may also contest for election as a SOM EC Representative.

The elections for the SOM GB Representatives shall be conducted at a venue, and on a date, notified by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Electoral Officer appointed from the BFI Election Panel appointed by the Executive Committee.

The electorate for such elections shall comprise the sportspersons whose names appear on the SOM Roster Male and the SOM Roster Female (20 sportspersons each), who shall vote from amongst themselves. For the election of the SOM GB Representatives, the four (4) candidates securing the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and shall, accordingly, form part of the General Body of BFI; provided that, so as to maintain at all times the composition of two (2) male and two (2) female SOM GB Representatives, the four (4) candidates so elected shall be the two (2) highest-polling candidates from the SOM Roster Male and the two (2) highest-polling candidates from the SOM Roster Female.

In the election to the Executive Committee, a sportsperson of outstanding merit shall be entitled to contest for one (1) post only. Such sportsperson may contest either for a reserved SOM EC Representative post or for any one (1) other unreserved post on the Executive Committee, but shall not contest for both.

If a Sportsperson Of Outstanding Merit files a nomination for an unreserved post, he/she shall not be eligible to contest for the reserved SOM EC Representative post; and conversely, a sportsperson of outstanding merit who files a nomination for the reserved SOM EC Representative post shall not be eligible to contest for any unreserved post. The election to Executive Committee would be as per Election Bye-Laws.

The elections for the SOM GB Representatives shall be concluded at least 75 days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee, and shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer appointed from the BFI Election Panel for conducting the elections of the Executive Committee.

The age, term, tenure, qualifications and disqualifications applicable to election to the Executive Committee shall also apply to the election of the SOM GB Representatives and SOM EC Representatives. In the event of a tie, the result shall be determined by the casting and veto vote of the President.

ANNEXURE – ELECTION BYE-LAWS (SCHEDULE II OF THE SPORTS RULES)

1. INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

(i) In these Election Rules (which shall include the Act and the Sports Rules), unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) “candidate” shall mean any candidate contesting for Election to an Elected Post;

(b) “Election” shall mean the election of the Executive Committee of BFI conducted in accordance with these Election Rules for an Elected Post;

(c) “general meeting” shall mean a meeting of all members of the General Body of BFI, that is called and conducted in accordance with such BFI’s bye-laws; and

(d) “nomination” shall mean the process through which a candidate formally submits such candidate’s interest to contest for an Election to an Elected Post in accordance with these Election Rules.

(e) “Form” or “Forms” shall mean the various forms appended to Schedule II - Election Rules appended to the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules,

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(ii) Any terms used in these Election Rules but not defined herein, shall strictly and literally have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act and the Sports Rules.

2. Scope and Applicability

(i) These Election Rules strictly and literally apply to all elections in the BFI. (ii) Any candidate, voting member or other participant in the election shall also be subject to the Act, and the BFI’s Code of Ethics if he is not otherwise already bound and covered by the same.

3. Reserved Posts

(i) At least one of the sportspersons of outstanding merit on the Executive Committee and one of the representatives from the Athletes Committee on the Executive Committee, shall be a woman.

(ii) At all times, at least 4 members of the BFI Executive Committee shall be women.

4. Election to Executive Committee.

(i) The Executive Committee shall, by resolution, appoint an Electoral Officer from the National Sports Election Panel, at least sixty days prior to the expiry of such Executive Committee’s term, for the preparation of the electoral roll and conduct of elections to the Executive Committee.

(ii) The Executive Committee shall, in consultation with the Electoral Officer appointed under sub rule (i), notify the date for elections, at least fifty days prior to the expiry of such Executive Committee’s term.

(iii) The Electoral Officer shall be responsible for ensuring smooth conduct of the elections to the Executive Committee of BFI in compliance with these Election Rules.

(iv) The BFI shall provide the requisite number of administrative staff as specified by the Electoral Officer to assist such officer to conduct the elections to the Executive Committee.

(v) The timelines for elections of the Executive Committee of BFI shall be as follows:

EVENT	TIMELINE
Submission of application to be a sportsperson of outstanding merit	Within sixty days of the call for applications under sub-rule (1) of rule 5.
Preparation of a roster of male sportspersons of outstanding merit and a roster of female sportspersons of outstanding merit	At least ninety days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Election or nomination of sportspersons of outstanding merit to the General Body	At least seventy-five days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Appointment of an Electoral Officer	At least sixty days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee
Notification of election date	At least fifty days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Preparation and release of draft electoral roll	At least forty-five days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Call for elections, release of final electoral roll and invitation for nominations	At least thirty days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.

- any person who meets the eligibility criteria under sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Act and is not subject to disqualification under Rule 11 of National Sports Bodies Rules f may contest for election to the Executive Committee of a National Sports Body.

- Members of the General Body of BFI, shall be eligible to be included in the electoral college and participate and vote in the election to its Executive Committee as specified below, namely:

- every individual sportsperson of outstanding merit shall have one vote; and

- every State Affiliate unit of BFI, shall have a maximum of two votes, to be exercised by separate individual representatives of such State Affiliate.

- The electoral roll for an election to the Executive Committee shall consist of only such members or their representatives in the General Body of BFI that have voting rights as per sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3), as the case may be, and are not otherwise strictly disqualified under the provisions of the Act, Rule 11 of the Sports Rules or these Election Rules in their literal sense.

- For the election of the Executive Committee, any disqualification(s) incurred by a voter or a candidate owing to the position held by him/her or his/her involvement in a State/UT Affiliate unit or their district affiliate units shall not be relevant for the purpose of sub-rule (viii).
- The eligibility of a voter and a candidate shall be tested strictly in accordance with the express and literal provisions of the Act, the rules made thereunder and these Election Rules.
- The draft electoral roll for the election shall be prepared and released by the Electoral Officer in consultation with the then Executive Committee of BFI, at least forty-five days prior to the expiry of the term of such Executive Committee:

Provided that the Electoral Officer's decision shall be final and binding in respect of the inclusion or non-inclusion, as the case may be, of any person on the electoral roll.

- The Electoral Officer shall provide for at least seven days from the release of the draft electoral roll, to receive and respond to any objections regarding the composition of the final electoral roll.

5. Conduct of Elections

- Elections shall generally take place at the Annual General Meeting of the BFI, where so required may also take place at a specially convened general meeting.
- Elections shall always be by secret ballot

6. Electoral Officer

- All administrative matters relating to any election shall be ruled upon by the Electoral Officer.
- The Electoral Officer shall be responsible for supervising the administrative process relating to the elections, including:
 - ensuring the correct application of the Act, and these Rules;
 - setting reasonable deadlines for each stage of the elections in accordance with the model calendar provided under clause 5 of these Election Rules, and enforcing such deadlines strictly;
 - determining and distributing the appropriate documentation and forms, including nomination forms and ballot papers, for each stage of the elections and enforcing and verifying their proper use;
 - distributing information to voting members, other members, the media and public;
 - managing relations with government bodies or the National Sports Board and any observers as deputed by the National Sports Board;
 - causing the publication of all notifications and forms concerning the elections on the official websites of the BFI, the National Sports Board and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and
 - all other tasks necessary to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process.

- The Electoral Officer may, only for reasons of practical necessity, modify the Forms, while ensuring that the principles of this Schedule are adhered to. This provision shall not entitle the Election Officer to expand the scope of any provision of the Act and the rules made thereunder and the Rules & Regulations of BFI and shall at all times construe the provisions in their literal sense and strictly.
- On the basis of mutual agreement with the Electoral Officer, BFI will pay a maximum amount of rupees five lakhs as fees, along with fees of a mutually agreed amount for an assistant to such officer, if any.

7. Calling elections and the electoral roll

- Elections shall be called by the BFI's Executive Committee in consultation with the Electoral Officer, at least thirty days prior to the expiry of such Executive Committee's term, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the BFI's constitutional documents and shall be included in the agenda of the applicable general meeting.
- The call for elections shall contain, at a minimum, the following:
 - the name of the Electoral Officer;
 - the final electoral roll prepared and released by the Electoral Officer pursuant to sub-rule (6) of rule 10 and in accordance with Form 1;
 - the Elected Posts that are the subject of such Elections and any pre-requisites or qualifications for Candidates to contest such Elected Posts;
 - an invitation to file for nominations for Elected Posts by interested Candidates;
 - the nomination form to be submitted by interested Candidates which shall be in accordance with Form 2; and
 - the electoral calendar which shall be in accordance with the model calendar specified in sub-clause (iii) below:
- The Electoral Officer shall conduct the Elections in accordance with the following model calendar:

Event	Day
Release of final electoral roll	Day 1
Filing of nominations	Day 8 to Day 10
Announcement of draft list of nominations received	Day 10
Objections to draft list of nominated candidates	Day 11 to Day 14
Scrutiny and disposal of objections to Draft list of nominated candidates	Day 15 to Day 16
Final list of nominated candidates	Day 17
Withdrawal of nominations	Day 18

Final list of contesting candidates

Day 19

Polling and announcement of results

Day 21

- The Electoral Officer may, only for reasons of practical necessity, modify the model calendar specified in sub-clause (iii), while ensuring that the elections are completed within a maximum period of twenty-one (21) days.
- A record of selections shall be maintained by the BFI Secretariat and certified by the Electoral Officer.

8. Nominations

- The nomination of a candidate for election shall be proposed and seconded by persons on the electoral roll.
- Every nomination form shall be delivered to the Electoral Officer in person by the candidate himself within the deadline specified.
- No member shall nominate more than one candidate for the same Elected Post, either as proposer or seconder and, if he so does, only the first valid nomination shall be accepted, and all other nominations of such member, shall be deemed to be void and inoperative.
- No person shall be permitted to withdraw his name as proposer or seconder, once the nomination form endorsed by him has been delivered to the Electoral Officer.
- The Electoral Officer shall prepare a list of all nominations received by him, Elected Post-wise in accordance with Form 3.

Scrutiny and Finalisation of Nominations

- The Electoral Officer shall scrutinise each nomination form received by him and determine its validity or otherwise strictly and literally as per the qualifications and disqualifications stipulated in the Act, rules made thereunder and the BFI's Rules & Regulations.
- During the scrutiny of nominations under sub-clause (i), each Candidate or one of his authorised representatives shall have the right to be present and raise any objection in relation to nomination of another Candidate for the Elected Post for which he has filed his nomination.
- Pursuant to the scrutiny of nomination forms, the Electoral Officer shall prepare a list of validly nominated candidates in accordance with Form 4.
- Every candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his candidature prior to the commencement of the Election by providing notice to the Electoral Officer in accordance with Form 5, and the Electoral Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of such notice.
- Any notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.

- The Electoral Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates in accordance with Form 6 of these Bye-Laws.
- The BFI shall produce the ballot papers in accordance with Form 7 under the supervision and charge of the Electoral Officer.
- The ballot papers shall be printed clearly and legibly, and the names of the contesting candidates shall be arranged, for each Elected Post, in alphabetical order according to the english alphabet.

9. Campaign Practices

- Electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair manner and, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
- Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidates, the BFI and its members.
- A Candidate shall not produce any spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause him prejudice, and criticism of other candidates, if made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work.
- No Candidate shall engage in criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion against any other Candidate, and there shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
- Every Candidate may present to the members in the electoral roll, his plans and views for the Elected Post, in the form of a written document, which shall be published by the Electoral Officer in accordance with clause 4 (i) (g) of these Election Rules.
- Candidates shall avoid excessive expenditure in campaigning, recognising that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the candidates.
- The promotion of a candidate shall exclude any form of publicity, including the use of new media or social networks, and no public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organised in the process of promoting a candidature, and no use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the media may be made in order to place a candidate at an advantage or a disadvantage.
- All candidates shall scrupulously avoid all activities that are “corrupt practices”, including bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters.
- Candidates may, in no case and under no pretext, give presents, offer donations, gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to voting members.
- The incumbent Executive Committee member, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used their official position for the purposes of their election campaign and in particular shall not -
 - use official transport including, vehicles, machinery and personnel for furtherance of their campaign;

- issue any advertisement at the cost of the BFI or its members in the newspapers and other media or misuse the BFI's official media channels during the elections;
- sanction grants or payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced; and
- enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of any of the BFI's members or its partners.

10. Neutrality and Independence

- As the voting is secret, voting members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly, in any form whatsoever, their intention to vote or not vote for a candidate.
- Incumbent Executive Committee members shall refrain from making any public declaration and may in no way support a candidate.
- Candidates shall not -
 - accept instructions from any person;
 - accept direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material or in kind, by any third party, or
 - enter into any form of undertaking with any person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the Elected Post.
- The BFI's executive team and administration shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times, and no support or service in relation to a candidature may be requested from any member of the BFI's administration or staff.

11. Polling

- Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is equal to the number of Elected Posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those Elected Posts, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such Elected Post.
- Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is more than the number of Elected Posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those Elected Posts remaining unfilled.
- At the poll, members who are in the electoral roll, shall be entitled to,-
 - cast one vote for each of the Elected Posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled; and
 - cast as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for an Elected Post, where more than one seat is to be filled.
- The ballot papers shall contain the name(s) of the Candidate(s), and the voters must mark one candidate only.

- Every voter shall be required, before he is supplied with a ballot paper, to give his signature on the authenticated copy of the electoral roll for taking the poll.
- Except for the circumstance under sub-clause (i), a secret ballot shall always be conducted, regardless of how many candidates there are, and the secrecy of the ballot shall be guaranteed by the provision of a procedure ensuring privacy for the voter, and the Electoral Officer shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers and be responsible for ensuring that the process is properly documented.
- Voting members must vote in person where required.
- The voter shall record his vote on the ballot paper in secrecy in a voting compartment specially provided for the purpose at the polling station.
- The voter shall record his vote on the ballot paper by placing a tick mark against the name of the candidate of his choice, and the tick mark to indicate the vote shall be placed by the voter only by means of an article (such as a stamp) specifically provided for the purpose by the Electoral Officer.
- The ballot paper marked by a voter shall be deposited by him in a ballot box specially prepared and sealed by the Electoral Officer and placed at such a conspicuous place in the polling station that it shall be constantly visible to all present in the polling station.
- The Electoral Officer shall close the poll at the designated time of closure, and such voters who are present at the polling station at the appointed closing hour, if any, shall be entitled to vote even if the poll proceedings have to be extended for sportspersons of outstanding merit more time.
- The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the Electoral Officer before the commencement of the voting, and if the number of ballot papers returned in the poll is equal to or less than the number of ballot papers distributed, the Election shall be declared valid, but if the number returned in the poll exceeds that of the ballot papers distributed, the vote shall be declared null and void and another poll shall be taken immediately.

12. Counting of Votes

- The Electoral Officer shall take up the counting of votes, post-wise and category-wise, as soon as may be, after the polling process is complete.
- Every contesting candidate can nominate one authorised representative who shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes, and other than such authorised representative, only the Electoral Officer and members of the BFI's executive or administrative team, as specifically approved by the Electoral Officer, may take part in the count.
- Every ballot paper on which a vote has been recorded shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly marked.
- The following ballot papers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected by the Electoral Officer, namely:-
 - those that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Electoral Officer;
 - those that bear any words other than the names of the candidates;

- those that are illegible or have been defaced;
- those that bear identifying marks; and
- those that include votes for more candidates than permitted in a particular poll.
- The Electoral Officer shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper, in red, the reasons for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.
- The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise, and category-wise where applicable, and recorded in the descending order of the votes so cast for each candidate in accordance with Form 8.
- The Electoral Officer shall thereafter ascertain the result of counting and the candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes in the said descending order, post-wise and category wise, where applicable, equal to the number of seats to be filled for each Elected Post or category of Elected Posts, where applicable, shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those Elected Posts.
- After completing and verifying the count, the Electoral Officer shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately, and the BFI shall keep these envelopes and shall retain them atleast until the declaration of results of the immediately subsequent Election of the Executive Committee, or till the pendency of any legal proceedings relating to such Elections, whichever is later.

13. Declaration of Results

- Once the count has been completed and verified, the names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected at the Elections shall be declared by the Electoral Officer at the general meeting.
- The results of the election shall be declared in accordance with Form 9 and published on BFI's official website within twenty-four (24) hours of completion thereof.
- If, after the counting of the votes, an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates, and the addition of one vote will entitle any of those candidates to be declared elected, the Electoral Officer shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.

14. Sanctions and Complaints

- All administrative matters relating to any election not covered by the Act, these rules or the BFI's bye-laws shall be ruled upon by the Electoral Officer.
- In the event of a breach of these Election Rules, the Electoral Officer may refer the same to the BFI's Ethics Committee, who may make to the candidate in question:
 - observations, which may be made public; or
 - issue a warning, which will be automatically made public on the BFI's official website.

- If a candidate or a voting member has any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections he may bring the same to the notice of the Electoral Officer.
- Any decision by the Electoral Officer under these rules shall be final and binding, and any petition to the National Sports Tribunal relating to conduct or outcome of election shall be limited to only any violation of the provisions relating to the process of conduct of election under this Schedule:

Provided that no such petition may be filed after a period of thirty days from the declaration of results of any election.

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