

KARNATAKA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION (AMENDED UP TO 19-05-2022)

MEMORANDUM OF KARNATAKA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

- i) The name of the Society is "**KARNATAKA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION (Kar.O.A.)**"
- ii) The Registered Office of the Association shall be situated in Bangalore. Its jurisdiction extends to the entire State of Karnataka as defined in the State Reorganization Act 1956.
- iii) **The objects for which the Association is registered are :**
 - 1) To develop, protect and promote the Olympic movement and amateur sports in Karnataka State.
 - 2) To promote and encourage the physical, moral and cultural education of the youth of the Karnataka State for the development of character, good health and good citizenship.
 - 3) To affiliate itself with Indian Olympic Association and to enforce all rules and regulations of the Indian Olympic Association.
 - 4) To be the official organization in complete and sole charge of all Olympic matters in the state.
 - 5) To educate the public of the State as to the value of amateurism in sport.
 - 6) To guard and enforce amateur rules in co-operation with the State Sports Associations.
 - 7) To maintain the highest ideals of amateurism and to promote interest therein.
 - 8) To do every act that may be necessary or expedient to keep the Olympic movement completely independent, autonomous and entirely free from all political, religious or commercial influence.
 - 9) To further the cause of the Olympic movement and of amateur sports and to guard and enforce rules of amateurism.
 - 10) To be the channel of communication as regards finance and other matters between State Sports Association/District Olympic Associations and the Karnataka State Government, as and when necessary.
 - 11) To admit membership of State Sports Associations/District Olympic association which shall be required to submit their annual reports and audited statement of accounts duly passed by their General Bodies, to the Kar.O.A. for information and file.

- 12) To have full and complete jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the participation of the Karnataka State in the National Games and other games held under the patronage of the Indian Olympic Association.
- 13) To encourage and assist in organizing Meets between cities, universities, regions, States and Indian and Foreign visiting teams.
- 14) To organize Karnataka State Games every year or as often as possible in co-operation with the State Sports Association/District Olympic Association affiliated to their respective National Federations/State Sports Associations and Karnataka Olympic Association.
- 15) To arrange for holding of the State Games in any City of the Karnataka State as and when considered desirable and when called upon.
- 16) To stimulate the interest of the public in Sports and Games in the Olympic Programs and to that end assist in the formation of State Sports Association and also in the formation of District Olympic Associations
- 17) To be solely responsible for raising funds for the Association, by such means as holding the Olympic Flag Day, etc.
- 18) To employ the funds of the Karnataka Olympic Association in such a manner as shall be deemed necessary in its best interest.
- 19) To purchase, take on lease, hire or otherwise acquired or dispose of any moveable or immoveable property, rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purpose of carrying on the activities of the Karnataka Olympic Association on such terms and conditions as the Executive Committee at its discretion, may deem fit.
- 20) To do generally all such other acts as may be necessary to further the interests of the State Sports Associations.
- 21) To take disciplinary action against any State Sports Association/District Olympic Association for misbehavior ,Violation of the Rules & Regulations of Karnataka Olympic Association or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the State.
- 22) To resist in the realm of Sports all pressures of any kind, whether of a political, racial, religious or economic nature.
- 23) To undertake scientific Research activities related to sports, games and physical education.

RULES & REGULATIONS OF KARNATAKA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION :

1. DEFINITION AND EXPLANATIONS :

Unless otherwise indicated by the context;

- a) The '**Association**' means "**KARNATAKA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION**" also known as **Kar.O.A.**
- b) '**Affiliated Member**' means Members of the Sports Associations whose sport is included in the Olympic / Asian / Common Wealth Games / SAF Games.
- c) '**Recognized Member**' means State Sports Associations which represent widely played Indian Sports as recognized by I.O.A.
- d) The '**General Assembly**' means and includes the Representatives deputed by the Members, in accordance with the Rules hereinafter contained.
- e) '**Constitution**' means 'The Constitution of the Karnataka Olympic Association'.
- f) '**The Executive Committee**' means Members elected at the General Body of the Karnataka Olympic Association constituted under the Rules and Regulations hereinafter contained to whom the Management of the affairs of the Association is entrusted.

2. OFFICIAL YEAR :

The official year of the Karnataka Olympic Association shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year.

3. MEMBERSHIP :

- (a) The Membership of the Association shall be open to the State Sports Associations whose sports is included in the Olympic, Asian, Common Wealth, SAF & Indian Games subject to recognition and approval by the Executive Committee. The Membership granted by the Executive Committee has to be ratified by the General Assembly.
- (b) The grant of membership is at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee and subsequent ratification by the General Assembly and the same shall not be questioned in the court of law.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEE :

(Admission Fee & Annual Renewal Fee) :

- (a) The fee for Admission to Membership of the Association as well as the Annual Renewal Fee payable to the Association shall be as follows :

I) State Sports Associations included in the Olympic/Asian/ Common Wealth/ SAF/Indian Games approved by I.O.A.

II) District Olympic Association

Admission Fee Annual Renewal

I) RS.50,000/- RS.10,000/-

II)RS.25,000/- RS.5000/-

- (b) The Membership fee shall be paid on or before 31st March of every year for the next succeeding financial year. Defaulters shall not be entitled to attend the meetings of the General Assembly, Executive Committee, other Kar.O.A. Committees, nor shall they be permitted to participate in the State Games. Defaulters will however, be entitled for restoration of rights and privileges only on payment of the Annual Renewal fee together with the penalty fee of Rs.250/- per month of a year of default at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :
(Also known as Annual Meeting of the General Assembly)

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held every year at a place, date and time as decided by the Executive Committee and to be held on or before the end of 2nd Quarter of every Financial year.
- (b) The normal Agenda of the Annual General Meeting amongst other items shall be:
- (i) Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;
 - (ii) Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report of the Secretary General;
 - (iii) Consideration and passing of audited statement of accounts for the previous year and budget for next year;
 - (iv) Appointment of Auditors and fixing their remuneration;
 - (v) General Election, if due;
 - (vi) Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING :

Special General Meetings may be summoned at any time by the President Kar.O.A. at his discretion AND/OR shall be convened on a written requisition signed by Presidents and Secretaries of not less than two thirds of Members Units, within one month from the date of receipt of the said requisition by the President of the Kar.O.A. If the President of Kar.O.A. fails to convene a requisitioned meeting within the specified time, then the requisitionists can convene a meeting under arrangements made directly by them.

In the requisitioned meeting only specified items of agenda announced will be considered for discussion.

NOTE : The written requisition for convening the Special General Meeting shall be delivered to the President, Karnataka Olympic Association and due acknowledgment obtained.

7. MEETINGS

NOTICE

QUORUM

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| i) Annual General Meeting
(Annual Meeting of the General Assembly) | 21 clear days | One third of the Representatives entitled to vote. |
| ii) Special General Meetings | 21 clear days | Two thirds of the Representatives entitled to vote |
| iii) Meeting of the Executive Committee | 7 clear days | 7 Representatives |
| iv) Emergency Meeting | 3 days | 5 Representatives |

of the Executive Committee

- v) K.O.A. 7 days 3 Representatives
Sub-Committee Meetings.

NOTE :

1. For adjourned meetings to be held on the same day or at a later date no quorum is necessary.
2. Notification for meetings may be sent under Postal Certificate / Speed Post.

8. ELECTIONS :

a) Elections shall be held, once in four years, at the Annual General Meeting to elect the Executive Committee Members as shown below and also various sub-committees from amongst the Representatives of the Members present.

- i) President - 1 Post
- ii) Vice-President - 6 Posts
- iii) Secretary General - 1 Post
- iv) Joint Secretaries - 2 Posts
- v) Treasurer - 1 Post
- vi) Eight Members elected from among the Representatives of State Sports Associations.

vii) Four Members elected from among the Representatives of District Olympic Associations

b) Any vacancy (including that of the President) which occurs in the Executive Committee shall be filled by Co-option by the remaining Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee

from amongst the Members of the General Assembly. This shall be regularized during the very next meeting of the General Assembly.

c) The State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations duly affiliated to Karnataka Olympic Association shall constitute a voting majority.

d) (i) The right of exercising the vote shall vest in accredited representatives deputed by the Members. A representative accredited by the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations must be a Member of that State Sports Association/District Olympic Association and would attend the Kar.O.A. General Assembly meeting in which there is no election agenda, on production of a certificate signed both by the President and the Secretary of the State Sports Association/District Olympic Association concerned detailing him for attendance on their behalf. However, when a representative of the State Sports Association/District Olympic Association attends Kar.O.A. General Assembly meeting in which 'Elections' are not to be held, or attends a special General Assembly meeting, the Accreditation certificate shall be signed by the President or Secretary of the State Sports Association/District Olympic Association concerned detailing him for attendance on their behalf.

(ii) No State Sports Association/District Olympic Association will accredit an individual as representative to attend the Kar.O.A. Annual General or Special General Assembly meeting unless he is a regular member of the

Association further the same person shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to represent more than one member Association.

9. HOLDING OF OFFICE :

- a) No office bearer of a State Association shall be eligible to be Office Bearer simultaneously for any other State Sports Association excepting the Karnataka Olympic Association.
- b) If a member absent from three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without leave of absence of the Executive Committee, the Member would be deemed as removed from the Office.
- c) A member of the Executive Committee, including the office bearers, shall cease to be member of the Executive Committee of the Association under the following circumstances :
 - (i) Death
 - (ii) Committing act of insolvency
 - (iii) Tenders resignation

The Resignation tendered by the Office Bearer or Executive Committee Member shall be placed before the Executive Committee for Final Acceptance.

10. TENURE OF POSTS :

Office bearer and Member of Executive Committee of the Association may hold office as such for one or more terms of four years each on obtaining simple majority of votes of members present and voting in the election.

11. VOTINGS :

- a) At the annual General Meetings and Special Meetings of the Kar.O.A. Members shall be entitled to send their representatives as provided for hereunder.
 - (i) State Sports Association included in the Olympic / Asian / Common Wealth / Indian Games

Three Representatives from State Sport Association.
 - (ii) District Olympic Association

One Representative from District Olympic Association.
- b) Each Representative shall be entitled to one vote.
- c) The right of exercising the vote shall vest in the accredited representatives, deputed by the member Association. One and the same person shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to represent more than one Member Association.
- d) The State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations representative in the General Assembly Meetings shall constitute a voting majority on any issue that may arise in the General Assembly.
- e) Every authorized member present in the General Body Meetings shall have the Voting rights by show of hands 'OR' by a Secret Ballot. In the event of a tie on any issue, the President shall have the Casting Vote, in Addition to his Vote.

12. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS :

- (a) **PRESIDENT :** The President shall be the Head of the Karnataka Olympic Association, and shall preside over all the meetings of General Assembly and Executive Committee. He shall exercise superintendence over other office bearers and Members of the Executive Committee and other Committees in the discharge of their duties. He shall have over all powers of supervision over the working of the Association and its efficient administration. He shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote he is entitled to as a Representative, in case of tie. In particular, the President shall have the following power / responsibilities.
- (i) To implement the objectives of the Association.
 - (ii) To deal with all disciplinary matters arising in the Karnataka Olympic Association or in the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations as per rules on the subject. This would be subject to ratification in the next Executive Committee meeting of the Association.
 - (iii) To ensure that the financial position of the Karnataka Olympic Association is sound and no unauthorized expenditure is incurred. The President of Kar.O.A. is authorized to sanction expenditure upto Rs.25,000/- for any one item. Expenditure in excess of this amount will be sanctioned by the Executive committee.
 - (iv) The President, Kar.O.A. is to ensure that the various business meetings, as required under the constitution, have been duly held.
- b) **VICE-PRESIDENT :** In the absence of the President, with the concurrence of the Members the Executive Committee one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside over the meetings. In the event of prolonged absence of the President, the President shall nominate one of the Vice-Presidents to take over the duties and responsibilities of the President during the period of absence.
- c) **SECRETARY GENERAL :** The Secretary General shall be in-charge of the day to day administration of the Association and shall transact all official business in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee / other Committees. He shall be responsible for calling meetings of the Executive Committee / other Committees, as per rules, and to implement their decision. He shall be responsible for carrying on all correspondences, in the name of the Association, save as otherwise directed by the President. He shall keep and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings of the Association, the register of Members and all such records as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient working of the Association. He shall also be responsible for the maintenance of the properties (Moveable and Immoveable) of the Association. He shall prepare and submit his Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. He shall convene meetings of the Association under the directive of the President. The

Secretary General shall ensure that the accounts of the Association have been

properly maintained by the Treasurer and are regularly audited. The financial powers of the Secretary General are restricted to sanctioning of Rs.5,000/- for any one item.

d) **JOINT SECRETARIES** : They shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President and / or the Secretary General.

e) **TREASURER** :

(i) He shall be responsible for the management of the finances of the Association and ensure that the accounts of the Association have been maintained properly and audited regularly. He shall receive all monies of the Association and shall pay all bills certified by the President or Secretary General unless the amount of a bill exceeds the budgeted amount, in which case the excess amount must have the sanction of the Executive Committee before it is paid. He shall prepare and submit an annual income and Expenditure account together with a duly audited Balance-Sheet. He also shall maintain an inventory of the Associations property and submit the same along with the Accounts.

(ii) He shall prepare and submit to the Secretary General the list of all the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations who have defaulted on the payment of their affiliation fee and penalty dues within the stipulated period.

f) **OFFICE ASSISTANT** :

There shall be One or More paid Office Assistants for the Association to look after the day-to-day Administration of Karnataka Olympic Association under the guidance and supervision of the President & Secretary General.

13. BANK ACCOUNTS :

a) An account shall be maintained in such scheduled or Nationalized Bank or Banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee in the name of the Association and shall be jointly operated by the Treasurer and the President OR the Treasurer and the Secretary General.

b) **Accounts** : The Association shall maintain the Accounts regularly. Every year the accounts shall be duly audited by Chartered Accountant duly appointed by the General Body and shall be closed by 31st March of the following year.

d) **Investment** : The funds of the Association shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of Sec.13(1)(d) read with Sec.11(5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended from time to time.

14. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES :

a) **OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** :

(i) To formulate and enforce the policy of the Association.

(ii) To carry into effect the objects of the Association.

(iii) To hold election of office bearers, the Executive Committee every four years in accordance with the rules of this Constitution.

- (iv) To admit to membership any organization eligible under this constitution.
- (v) To hold and control the funds and other properties of the Association.
- (vi) To consider the Annual Report of the Secretary General, Audited Statement of Accounts for the previous financial year and Budget estimates of Association, and to appoint Auditors.
- (vii) To appoint sub-committees as and when necessary.
- (viii) To enforce all rules and regulations of the Indian Olympic Association.
- (ix) To enforce and defend the exclusive right of the Association to the use of the Olympic Flag & Olympic Insignia.
- (x) To be official organization in complete and sole charge of all Olympic matters in the State including conduct of State Olympic Games and National Games.
- (xi) To have a complete Jurisdiction on all matters pertaining to the participation of State Teams in National Games, Youth Games or Any other Games under the patronage of IOA.
- (xii) To liaison between the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations and Sports Authority of Karnataka / State Youth Services Department / Union Government for Financial and other Assistance to the Associations.
- (xiii) In co-operation with State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations to guard and enforce amateur rules.
- (xiv) To take disciplinary action against any State Sports Association/District Olympic Association for misbehavior or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the State and Karnataka Olympic Association.

b) OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

- (i) The Executive Committee will meet once in a Quarter of the year and or as per exigencies and it will minute the Proceedings and present the Statement of Accounts etc.
- (ii) To appoint special committees for specific functions and duties, wherever necessary.
- (iii) To determine in consultation with the State Sports Associations the number of athletic and other competitors, managers and coaches etc. to be selected by each such State Sports Association, which participate in the National Games.
- (iv) To initiate and recommend to the General Assembly schemes for the promotion and development of sports and games in the state.
- (v) To consider the Annual Report of the Secretary General and submit it to the General Assembly with their recommendation.
- (vi) To have power to frame byelaws and rules which are not inconsistent with the constitution.
- (vii) The Executive Committee is Authorized to sanction expenditure upto Rs.25 Lakhs at a time.

c) Of Other Committees :

The President will define the powers, functions and duties of all other committees as and when formed.

15. QUALIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES :

Representatives deputed by Member Associations to attend Annual General / Special General Assembly meetings shall be citizen of India and person of good standing, sound, judgment and independent mind with a knowledge of and belief in Olympic principles. The President or in his absence, the Chairman of the meeting shall approve the accreditation for the Annual General / Special General Assembly meeting.

a) Eligibility Code :

The following are not eligible to be sent as representative of Members :

- (i) A person who is a Professional Sports Person.
- (ii) A person engaged in or connected with sports for personal profit. (it is not intended to exclude individuals occupying purely administrative positions in connection with amateur sports).
- (iii) A person who is Coaching the sports competitors for payment.

16. AMENDMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS :

- a) No amendment shall be made to these Rules & Regulations except at the Special Meeting of the General Assembly and unless supported by two-thirds of the representatives present and voting. All proposed amendments must be presented to the Secretary General at the latest, three weeks before the meeting and forwarded by him to every member at least 14 days before the meeting.
- b) No amendment to the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations shall be made which may prove to be repugnant to the provisions of Sec.2(15) 11, 12 and 13 and 80-G of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended from time to time. Further no amendment shall be carried out without prior approval of the commissioner of Income Tax.

17. GENERAL DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS :

- a) All units of the Karnataka Olympic Association shall undertake to supply to the Karnataka Olympic Association a copy of their respective Statutes, constitution and Rules and Regulations, a list of their respective accredited member units and their office bearers and members, a copy of annual report, annual balance sheet and audited statement of accounts and a report of their activities duly approved by their general Assembly within six months of closing of the financial year of the respective State Sports Association/District Olympic Association along with a calendar of events for the ensuing year regularly. Failure to supply this information within the stipulated period will constitute a breach of this rule and render defaulting unit to disciplinary action.
- b) Violation of the existing rules cannot be excused on grounds of ignorance of the said rules.
- c) whoever incites a member unit to commit an infraction or aids and abets the said unit infraction, shall be sanctioned in the same manner as the unit which commits infraction.
- d) Disciplinary procedure may be started pursuant to the testimony of :

- (i) Authorized representative of an affiliated unit committing the infringement;
 - (ii) Unwarranted action, such as taking matters pertaining to affiliation, administration, organization, elections or any such incident in a particular unit to court without first referring this matter for arbitration to the Karnataka Olympic Association which is the supreme authority in organizational matters pertaining to all affiliated units.
- e) The Karnataka Olympic Association member units are liable to the following disciplinary sanction :
- i) Warning; ii) Caution; iii) Suspension for a specified period of time; iv) Expulsion from the Karnataka Olympic Association;
- f) (i) All State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations affiliated to the Kar.O.A. shall commit themselves to appeal only to the President of the Kar.O.A. in the event of any differences which may arise with regard to the functioning of the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations within its laid down statutes, and Regulations. State Sports Associations/ District Olympic Associations are not allowed to appeal to any other jurisdiction.

(ii) Soon after the receipt of reference to any dispute / conflict, the President, Kar.O.A. at his discretion decides whether there is any dispute / conflict in the Member Association. In case of any doubt, the President, Kar.O.A. shall refer the matter to the Executive Committee for taking a decision regarding the existence of dispute / conflict, which shall be final and binding on all concerned. Only when a decision is taken in favour of the existence of the dispute / conflict, the matter will be referred for arbitration as per Rule 20 of the Kar.O.A. Constitution.

NOTE :

- 1) No penalty shall be imposed before the Unit at fault has been heard at the interrogation specially conducted for this purposes.
- 2) Should an affiliated Unit fail to present itself through its accredited office bearer at the interrogation, it shall be considered as have been interrogated.
- 3) As a general rule, except in special circumstances duly appreciated, suspension shall be applied as a temporary measure between the infraction and the declaration of the award.

18. UNSPORTSMAN - LIKE BEHAVIOR AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE :

During the National Games, State Games or any other competitions, organized by Kar.O.A. any unsportsman like behavior on the part of a sportsperson, official or coach which includes insulting, making undesirable gestures, abusing the decision of judges / referees, and provoking the opponents or spectators etc. in a word, committing act not in keeping with the propriety of Sports shall be punished as follows which shall also be binding on the concerned State Sports Association/District Olympic Association.

- a) Disqualification for the duration of the activity of that item of sports;
- b) Disqualification for the entire duration of the competition;
- c) Prohibition from participation in competitions for a fixed period of time;

19. RESIDUAL POWERS :

In the event of a disagreement concerning the Disciplinary Rules, the interpretation of these regulations shall fall within the competence of the Executive Committee of the Karnataka Olympic Association, which shall be the final authority.

20. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES / CONFLICTS IN THE STATE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS :

- a) All State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations affiliated to the Kar.O.A. shall include in their constitution a provision that the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations would have all unresolved disputes settled by the Kar.O.A. and their members shall voluntarily surrender their right of seeking redress in any court of law.
- b) Every member shall be deemed to continue its membership of the Kar.O.A. on the specific condition that it voluntarily surrenders its right of seeking redress in any court of law.
- c) All unresolved disputes arising within the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations affiliated to the Kar.O.A. shall be referred by the State Sports Association/District Olympic Associations to the Kar.O.A. for settlement by the Kar.O.A. for this purpose the Kar.O.A. General Assembly on the recommendation of the President, Kar.O.A. shall elect a panel of five Arbitrators at the Annual General Body / Special General Body meeting, out of whom, parties to dispute in State Sports Association/District Olympic Associations will select one Arbitrator each and the third Arbitrator, out of the said panel will be mutually agreed upon by the two Arbitrators. the Arbitration proceedings shall be completed within the period specified by the Kar.O.A. The President, Kar.O.A. based on the circumstances of the case, has the power to extend or vary the period.
- d) In the event of a dispute, mismanagement within an affiliated unit of the Kar.O.A. which affects normal working of the unit and prevents preparation / training / participation of the team / sports under the charge of the unit for the purposes of South Zone / National / International competitions, the Kar.O.A. will constitute an ad-hoc body from within the Members of the General Body, as may as necessary, to continue with the work of preparation and training of the particular Sport / Team until the dispute within the unit is resolved.
- e) All disputes between State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations and the Kar.O.A. or within the Kar.O.A. itself will be referred to the IOA for Arbitration under rule XIX of the Constitution, Rules / Regulations & Bye-Laws of IOA.

21. DISAFFILIATION / DE-RECOGNITION / SUSPENSION OF STATE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS :

- a) All State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations affiliated to the Kar.O.A. shall include in their constitution a provision that the State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations would have all unresolved disputes settled by the Kar.O.A. and their members shall voluntarily surrender their right of seeking redress in any court of law.
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- e) All disputes between State Sports Associations/District Olympic Associations and the Kar.O.A. or within the Kar.O.A. itself will be referred to the IOA for Arbitration under rule XIX of the Constitution, Rules / Regulations & Bye-Laws of IOA.
- c) If the Kar.O.A. General Body takes a decision to disaffiliate State Sports Association/District Olympic Association, the President, Kar.O.A. will have the authority to constitute an ad-hoc body, preferably from amongst the Members of the Kar.O.A. General Body to look after the work done by the disaffiliated State Sports Association/District Olympic Association, till such time that the President, Kar.O.A., arranges for fresh elections to be held in the concerned State Sports Associations/District Olympic Association, which would then start functioning in the normal manner.

22. EXPULSION OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STATE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

- a) From time to time cases happen of an individual or group of individuals belonging to or associated with a State Sports Associations/District Olympic Association, indulging in activities, including taking recourse to civil court of law, which are prejudicial to the promotion of Sports, including the efficient functioning of the concerned State Sports Association/District Olympic Association. In this respect, the President, Kar.O.A. is authorized to recommend to the Kar.O.A. General Body, either directly or through the Kar.O.A. Executive Committee, at his discretion, the expulsion of an individual or group of individuals, either permanently or for a specific period of time, from the concerned State Sports
- b) The Karnataka Olympic Association General Body is to ensure that the normal law of justice has been observed, namely a Show Cause notice has been served & an explanation obtained from the individual or a group of individuals and considered and recommended for expulsion.
- c) The decision for expulsion of an individual or group of individuals by the Kar.O.A. General Body must be supported by two-third majority of votes of the Members present and vote.

23. MISCELLANEOUS :

- a) The Karnataka Olympic Association will ensure that the State Sports Associations, in their respective fields of specialization, have been holding or would hold, where feasible, not less than one competition annually for specified age groups at the junior and sub-junior and for Senior levels. These competitions should be organized through Inter District / Inter Clubs in the State, leading to competition at the State Level.
- b) The Association may sue or be sued in the name of the Secretary General.
- c) In all matters relating to the interpretation and application of the constitution as well as in matters not specifically provided for herein, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- d) Any decision taken at an Annual General Meeting (also known as meeting of the General Assembly) shall not be reopened, modified or cancelled within a period of six months.
- e) The Executive Committee may at its discretion, frame byelaws not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution, for the proper and efficient administration of the Association.
- f) Every member shall be deemed to continue its membership on the specific condition that it voluntarily surrenders its right of seeking redress in a court of law.
- g) In case of interpretation difficulties of the Articles mentioned in this Constitution or in the eventuality of a conflict with the Rules, the Rules contained in the IOA Constitution shall prevail.
- h) The Kar.O.A. will affiliate and recognize, only such State Sports Associations, the game/sports of which is on the recognized list of the IOA/IOC, Common Wealth Games Federation, Olympic Council of Asia for Olympiad, Common Wealth Games, Asian Games and SAF Games respectively The District Olympic Associations affiliated to the Kar.O.A. will also follow this procedure.
- i) Any appeal by a member of a State Sports Association/District Olympic Associations complaining against the procedure adopted by the concerned State Sports Association/District Olympic Association for holding Elections or any other issue connected with this subject must be made in writing to the Kar.O.A. within 30 days of the occurrence of the incident. No complaint will be entertained if it is made after the expiry of 30 days period. The complaint must be specific and contain documentary evidence to prove the issue that is disputed.
- j) No State Sports Association shall affiliate a Sports Unit of any District that has not been affiliated/recognized by the respective District Olympic Association which is affiliated to the Karnataka Olympic Association.

24. The Provisions of Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, will apply to the Association. Regarding Amalgamation and Dissolution of Association Section 21, 22, 23 of K.S.R. Act, 1960 will be followed.

25. DISSOLUTION CLAUSE :

In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Society / Association, Institution, the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the members of the governing Body, but the same shall be transferred to another charitable society, Association or Institution whose objects are similar to those of this Society / Association / Institution and which enjoys recognition under Sec 80-G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

26. THE ASSOCIATION FORMED SHALL BE IRREVOCABLE.

27. The benefits of the Society / Institution / Association shall be open to all, irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

28. The funds and the income of the Society / Association / Institution shall be solely utilized towards the achievement of the objects and no portion of it shall be utilized for payment to members by way of profit, interest, dividend etc.