



THE
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FEDERATION
OF
INDIA

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ROWING FEDERATION OF INDIA

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. (Name) :

The name of the Organisation is “The Rowing Federation of India” and the registered office of the Federation is at Calcutta in the State of West Bengal.

2. (Head Quarters) :

The working Head Quarters of the Federation shall be located in the City or Town of residence of the Secretary General.

3. (Objects) :

The Objects of the Federation shall be as follows:

- 3.1 To promote and develop the sport of Rowing and Sculling in India by confining all activities to the territory of India
- 3.2 To maintain general control of Rowing and Sculling in India and to make and publish Rules and Regulations for the same
- 3.3 To promote the formation of State Organisations
- 3.4 To co-ordinate Inter-State activities in respect of Rowing and Sculling, including holding of Inter-State tournaments viz Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior Levels and organizing/recognizing of National Rowing Championships
- 3.5 The activities would be purely of a charitable nature and not motivated for profit.
- 3.6 To collect funds for the purpose of the Federation and employ the same in such manner as may be considered desirable for the objects of the Federation
- 3.7 The funds of the Federation would be utilized only towards the objectives of the Federation and no portion of it would be distributed in any manner to the trustees or persons defined in section 13(1)(C) of the Income Tax Act, 1961
- 3.8 To promote and select crews to represent India in International Events. For such purpose to arrange finance, if possible and control the same.
- 3.9 To promote and control visits to India of foreign teams
- 3.10 To promote co-operation amongst Members, Associates and all other concerned.
- 3.11 To take any action at any time calculated to further the objects of the Federation
- 3.12 To buy, acquire or lease any property necessary for the furtherance of the objects of the Federation
- 3.13 The Federation is irrevocable.
- 3.14 In case of winding up / dissolution, the net funds would be transferred to a Federation having similar objects and enjoying exemption u/s 11 and 80G of the IT Act, 1961.
- 3.15 To ensure that the benefits of the objectives of the Federation would be available to the general public irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex.
- 3.16 To act in any way convenient and/or conducive to the carrying on the objects of the Federation.

4. (Present Members of the Council) :

The names and addresses of the ten members forming the inaugural council are recorded hereunder:

	Name & Address	Occupation	Description
1	Samarendra Chandra Sen 182, Netaji Subhas Ch. Road Calcutta – 40	Barrister- at-Law	President
2	Gopal Chandra Ghose P-99/1A, Lake Terrace Calcutta - 29	Consultant Engineer	Executive Vice- President
3	Murugappa M. Muthiah 5, Boat Club Road Madras-600028	Business	Executive Vice- President
4	Hiranmay Ganguly 29, Lake Avenue Calcutta - 29	Service	General Secretary
5	Borun Chanda 38B, Archbishop Mathias Avenue Madras-600028	Business	Councilor
6	Subrata Datta 18-A, J. M. Lane, Alipore Calcutta - 27	Service	Councilor
7	Kalyanmay Ghosh 45, S. R. Das Road Calcutta - 26	Service	Councilor
8	Dr. Bommya B. Sundaresan 279, I Avenue Indiranagar Madras - 600020	Professor	Councilor
9	M. V. Kapali Sastri 2, Vidyodaya Main Road Madras - 600017	Advocate	Councilor
10	Mahesh Rao 11, Ganapathy Colony II Street, Madras - 600086	Service	Councilor

5. We the several persons whose names and addresses and occupation are hereunto subscribed, desirous of being formed an Association in pursuance of this Memorandum.

Witness to the above signatures
Amitava Ghose

Date the 30th day of August, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Six, in Calcutta.

ROWING FEDERATION OF INDIA

REGULATIONS OF FEDERATION

ARTICLE – 1 (NAME)

The name of the society is “Rowing Federation of India”, hereinafter to be referred to as the “Federation”.

ARTICLE – 2 (HEAD QUARTERS)

The working head quarters of the “Federation” shall be located in the city of residence of the Secretary General.

ARTICLE – 3 (FINANCIAL YEAR)

The financial year of the federation shall be from 1st April to 31st March every year.

ARTICLE – 4 (DEFINITIONS)

4.1

‘R.F.I.’ shall mean the Rowing Federation of India

4.2

‘The Council’ shall mean and include the representatives of affiliated organizations and the office-bearers of the R.F.I for the time being as constituted under these Articles.

4.3

‘Office Bearers’ will mean the President, the Secretary General and Treasurer.

4.4

‘Executive Council’ means the Executive Council of R.F.I

4.5

‘Secretary General’ shall mean the Honorary Secretary of the Council and Executive Council of the Federation for the time being.

4.6

‘Treasurer’ shall mean the Honorary Treasurer of the Council and the Executive Council of the Federation for the time being.

4.7

‘Year’ shall mean the period of 12 months from 1st April to the following 31st March.

4.8

‘Organisation’ shall mean members directly affiliated to the RFI and Associate Members

4.9

‘Councilors’ shall mean members of the Council of the Rowing Federation of India

4.10

‘Jurisdiction’ shall mean and include the sphere of control of the Government of India.

4.11

‘India’ shall mean and include the whole of Indian union territories and the territories under the administrative control of the Government of India.

4.12

‘National of India’ shall mean and include a person as defined in Chapter II of the Constitution of India, who is a full fledged Citizen of India, holding an Indian Passport

Explanation of “National of India”

Holder of a Foreign Passport, Dual Citizenship will not be considered as a ‘National of India’. A ‘Person of India Origin’ [PIO] or ‘Overseas Citizen of India’ [OCI] not eligible to participate in Events conducted by / under the aegis of the RFI

4.13

‘Rowing’ shall mean both Rowing and Sculling

4.14

Rowers shall include Scullers and Coxswains.

4.15

In these statutes, in the Rules of Racing, the regulations for National Championships, the Bye-Laws and all RFI documents the Chairman or Chairwomen will be addressed as “The Chair”

ARTICLE – 5.1 (MEMBERSHIP)

Membership of the Rowing Federation of India shall be open to: -

5.1.1

The State Rowing Associations within India recognized by the State Olympic Association or when State Olympic Association does not exist, the State Sports Council.

5.1.2

Only one Sports Association from each state will be affiliated to the RFI.

5.1.3

Any organization or institution of an all India Character to which the Federation, in its discretion, may grant affiliation as an Associate Member

5.1.4

Associate Members: An associate membership may be granted to any reputed National / Body Corporate, incorporated in India with an all India base, which are willing to promote Rowing and have the necessary Boats, Oars and other infrastructure. An Associate Member shall have no voting powers but can send delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Rowing Federation of India.

ARTICLE – 5.2 (INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION & COMMITMENT)

5.2.1

Any person who deals with RFI or shares activities with RFI and include the following persons:

- a) Participates in an event under the authority of RFI.
- b) Acts as an Official (trainer, coach, team manager, delegate, representative etc) of a Team, a Club, a Member Association or Associate Member;
- c) Officiates as an Umpire or in a similar role;
- d) Organizes or Participates in a Competition which is placed under RFI’s authority according to the Statutes & Rules of Racing.
- e) Assumes any role within RFI, within its Council, its Executive Council, one of its Commissions or other Committee or Working Group or Management Board.

Recognizes and accepts the following, subject to paragraph v;

- i. The RFI Statutes, Rules of Racing, Event Regulations and related Bye-Laws;
- ii. RFI’s authority on all matters concerning National Rowing;
- iii. The Mandatory nature of the Statutes, the Bye-Laws and other Rules Regulating RFI, in their current version and as amended from time to time;
- iv. RFI’s jurisdiction to make any decision or impose any sanction within its field of competence;

- v. That the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and Indian Court of Arbitration for Sports (ICAS), as the only competent judicial authority external to RFI, to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law, any civil judicial authority of any State and any other arbitration body;
 - a. To settle any dispute which directly involves RFI, one of its Bodies, one of its Executive Council Members, any person acting on its behalf (Council & Commission Members, Umpires, etc), one of its Members or an Organizing Committee of a RFI event run under RFI's authority;
 - b. To review any decision alleged to violate any relevant law, any fundamental legal principles or RFI statutory clause;
 - c. To rule on any appeals from disciplinary sanctions or penalties of any kind, made by RFI or one its bodies;
- vi. The final and without appeal status of the decisions made by the IOA & ICAS arbitration committee;
- vii. The requirement to abide by the decisions of RFI and IOA, as final and binding, on all aspects, disputes and disciplinary proceedings, inclusive of conduct of any person or rower/coach/manager in relation to the disciplinary control, sanctions and enforcement of discipline in rowing as its highest order.

ARTICLE – 5.3 (INDIVIDUAL AND WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF COMMITMENTS)

Although the commitment set out in Art 5.2 and the Rules and Bye-Laws formed under the MOA is mandatory and automatic, RFI may, in addition, request individual and written confirmation of any commitment from the following individuals or entities, in accordance with the appropriate forms appended to these statutes from;

1. Any RFI Member Association or from any Associate Member who wishes to become a Member;
2. Any Rower, Coach, Club, Official, or Umpire likely to participate in a Competition under RFI's authority;
3. An Organizing Committee of any event under RFI's authority.

These confirmations are valid and irrevocable. Any revocation shall not be retroactive and shall only be valid prospectively and will in no way affect the jurisdiction of the RFI in respect of any past conduct of any member, non-member, coach, official or rower etc

ARTICLE – 6 (AFFILIATION)

6.1

The Organisations wishing to become a member of the Rowing Federation of India shall make a formal application to Secretary General of Rowing Federation of India.

6.2

Submit with its application a copy of its statutes and a detailed report on activities of clubs which it represents.

6.3

Provide details of the membership of its committee and the design and colors of its racing uniform and its blades.

6.4

Give a formal undertaking to observe the Statutes and Rules of Racing, Bye-Laws and Regulations of RFI.

6.5

Undertake to accept as binding and final, the decisions of the competent authorities within RFI and in this regard, to recognize the Arbitration clause of RFI, IOA and ICAS as the only possible external judicial authority, for adjudication of disputes.

6.6

Undertake to impose its obligation in 6.4 & 6.5 above upon its Members and its Affiliated Clubs and their Members in all those areas where RFI has authority.

6.7

Pay an entrance fee the amount of which shall be fixed from time to time

6.8

Be accepted by a majority of two thirds of persons present and voting at meeting of the Council or General Body

6.9

Each organization, on being affiliated to the RFI, shall send to the Secretary General the proper mailing addresses, telephone nos, official email id and fax details. All notices sent by the Secretary General to the name, address, official email id given shall be deemed to have been properly sent to the affiliated organization whether received or not.

6.10

Every affiliated organisation shall submit a report of its Annual activities from 1st April to 31st March of previous year by 30th June and when required a list of its members and a copy of the last balance sheet.

ARTICLE – 7 (SUBSCRIPTION)

7.1

Each organization affiliated under Article 5 shall pay to the Federation one time Entrance Fee of Rs.5,000/- and annual subscription of Rs.4,000/- or any such Entrance Fee and annual subscription which shall be fixed by RFI Council / General Body from time to time.

7.2

The first annual subscription shall be payable within two months of receipt of notice of affiliation.

7.3

An affiliated organization, whose contribution remains unpaid for more than two calendar months i.e. remains unpaid after the 1st June then that association shall not be allowed to attend AGM or National Championships till arrears are cleared with penalty.

7.4

Penalty for late receipt of subscription will be Rs100/ for each month after 1st June.

ARTICLE – 8 (RE-AFFILIATION)

8.1

The Council / General Body shall have the power to re-affiliate any organization which has been disaffiliated or suspended.

8.2

An organization disaffiliated, on application being made be entitled to re-admission on payment of all its outstanding dues. The Treasurer shall issue a Certificate to that

effect to the organization concerned. A copy of the certificate shall be forwarded to the President so as to enable him/her to issue the necessary order for re-admission. Such an organization shall however have no right to nominate or to vote in the Annual General Meeting or a Meeting, Ordinary or Extraordinary of the Council, during the current year.

ARTICLE – 9 (SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL)

9.1

The Council / General Body on the recommendation of the Executive Council or on its own accord shall have powers to suspend and/or to remove any Affiliated Organization and any Office-Bearer or other members of the Council or any Committee or other Body appointed by the Council / General Body for the following reasons.

For Affiliated Members under Article 5.1

9.1.1

Non participation in National Rowing Championships for any of all the categories namely Senior, Junior and Sub-junior for three successive years

9.1.2

A State Association is disqualified by its own State Olympic Association

9.1.3

If an affiliate does not continue to fulfill the current condition laid down to become a member of RFI and does not rectify the situation by a date fixed by the Executive Council or if there are any justifiable reasons or if it acts in a manner prejudicial to overall interests and objects of RFI.

For Office-Bearers, and other Members of the Council/Committee/Affiliates

9.1.4

He resigns by a letter addressed to the Secretary General.

9.1.5

He is adjudicated as an insolvent

9.1.6

He, being a public servant is dismissed from public service

9.1.7

He is found guilty by a competent tribunal of the RFI or any other body, of an offense involving in the opinion of the Executive Council, a gross misconduct.

9.1.8

He acts in a manner prejudicial to the overall interests and objects of RFI and its Rules and Regulations and who acts in any manner to cause any disrepute to the RFI and the sport of Rowing in any manner whatsoever.

9.2

No motion for the suspension or removal as referred to in Article 9.1 above shall be considered except at a Council / General Body Meeting specially called at not less than twenty one days notice for the purpose. Such a motion shall not be deemed carried, unless supported by a majority of two-thirds of the Councilors / Members present and voting.

ARTICLE – 10 (MANAGEMENT)

10.1

The Management of the Federation shall be vested in the Executive Council, which shall consist of (i) President (ii) 4 Vice Presidents (iii) Secretary General (iv) 4 Associate Vice Presidents (v) 2 Joint Secretaries (vi) 2 Associate Joint Secretaries (vii) Treasurer (viii) 5 Executive Members

10.2

The Council shall consist of three nominees from each organization affiliated to the Federation. Such nominees must be bonafide members of the respective organizations and after being duly admitted to the council for the office of the Councilor shall be called Councilors. The maximum number of nominees from each affiliated organization to the Council for the office of the Councilor shall be three, of which one of the nominees shall be a lady member.

10.3

Persons once duly admitted to the council shall hold office, either as Councilors or office bearers, for four years or the end of the current term of the Council, whichever is earlier, unless they resign / are suspended / or removed under article 9.1.

10.4

The Council shall have powers to co-opt councilors to fill up a vacancy that may arise during its tenure. Such co-option shall be from the organization to which the original councilor belonged and as per recommendation of the said organization.

10.5

At the first meeting of the Council, after it is constituted, the Councilors shall Elect from amongst themselves i) President ii) Vice–Presidents iii) Secretary General iv) Two Joint Secretaries v) Treasurer and vi) Executive Members.

10.6

The number of Vice-Presidents at any one time shall not exceed more than 4 and not more than one Vice-President shall be elected from any one affiliated organization.

10.7

A Councilor, not being an office bearer, may depute a nominee from the organization to which he/she belongs, to represent him/her to exercise his/her rights, at a Meeting.

ARTICLE – 11 (OFFICE BEARERS)

11.1

The following shall be “Office–Bearers” of the Federation:

- a) President
- b) Secretary General
- c) Treasurer

11.2

All “Office-Bearers” shall hold office for four years unless they resign office or are suspended/removed under Article 9.1 before completion of the period.

11.3

The President can hold the office for a maximum period of twelve years, with or without break.

The Secretary-General and Treasurer may serve a maximum of two successive terms of four years each, after which a minimum cooling off period of four years will apply, to seek fresh election to either post.

The President, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer, shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 years.

11.4

During their tenure of office President and Secretary-General of the Federation should not hold office in any other All India Sports Organisation/Federation and/or represent any other organization at the Federation and its council or the Executive Council.

11.5

The “Office Bearers” shall ipso-facto be the “Office Bearers” of the Executive Council.

11.6

The Senior Vice President shall take over as Acting President once the President steps down from the Post after he crosses the age of 70 years.

11.7

The Acting President shall hold office for a maximum period of 90 days within which he must call for a full council meeting to elect a new President.

11.8

If the Secretary-General and/or Treasurer cross the age of 70 years then the Executive Council is empowered to nominate any person from the Executive Council to fill up the post, as an interim measure, till the completion of the term of the present Executive Council.

ARTICLE – 12.1 (POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL)

The Council shall have power.

12.1.1

To elect Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Council of the Federation

ARTICLE – 12.2 (POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GENERAL BODY)

12.2.1

To admit to membership of the Federation organizations applying for membership in accordance with the rules of the Federation and to decide all questions as to the right to representation at General Body Meeting.

12.2.2

To elect the i) Executive ii) Finance iii) Regattas iv) Technical v) Instructional vi) Publicity vii) Rules viii) Development and such other commissions as it may think necessary for carrying on the work of the Federation.

12.2.3

To delegate all or any of its powers, to the Executive Council

12.2.4

To enlist, by co-option for any special purpose, except in the Council or the Executive Council, the services of any person who is not an Office Bearer or a Councilor.

12.2.5

To decide all questions of eligibility of persons nominated or elected as Office-Bearers or Councilors of the Council.

12.2.6

To appoint an Auditor who shall invariably be a Chartered Accountant and to fix their remuneration

12.2.7

To adopt the annual report submitted by the Executive Council.

12.2.8

To pass the audited statement of accounts and budget estimates

12.2.9

To hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Federation

12.2.10

To make rules, regulations, bye-laws in connection with the management and control of the Federation and to alter, modify and rescind the same whenever necessary.

12.2.11

To consider and decide on matters not covered by the existing rules of the Federation

12.2.12

To elect Patron in Chief, Patrons and Honorary Life Members and it may grant the honorary title of their office to former members of the Council who have rendered distinguished service to the cause of Rowing in India and abroad. All of them shall act in honorary capacity.

12.2.13

To take such other steps as may be expedient to carry into effect the objects of the Federation.

ARTICLE – 13 (POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS)

13.1

The President

He shall be the Chair of the Federation and shall direct all transaction with the assistance of the Council and it shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of the Council and the Executive Council. He will be ex-officio member of all committees. He shall have a casting vote. If, in the opinion of the President, any emergency has arisen which requires that immediate action should be taken he shall take such action, in consultation with one of the Vice-President or Secretary General or Treasurer and shall report the same at the next meeting of the Council or the Executive Council whichever in the ordinary course would have dealt with matter.

13.1.1

Associate Members

The President is authorized to nominate, not exceeding 4 Associate Vice-Presidents and not exceeding 2 Associate Joint Secretaries. These Associate Vice Presidents & Joint Secretaries may not be among the nominated Councilors of the Association but should be reputed Indian Citizens who are known Sports Enthusiasts and have been associated with the promotion and development of Rowing in the Country. Individuals appointed as Associate Vice President and Associate Joint Secretaries will have no voting rights when attending RFI Executive Council & General Body meeting.

13.2

Vice Presidents

In the absence of President, the Senior Vice President (in case of equal seniority, senior in age) shall exercise all the powers of the president.

13.3

Secretary General

He shall be the Secretary of the Council and the Executive Council. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The Secretary General shall:

13.3.1

Cause Minutes of all Meetings of the Federation and the Council to be correctly recorded, confirmed and maintained.

13.3.2

With the consent of the President convene meetings of the Federation or of the Council and the Executive Council, whenever required.

13.3.3

Have charge of all correspondence and records of the Federation

13.3.4

Obtain the view of the Council as directed by the President

13.3.5

Exercise general control over all matters of routine nature relating to the Federation

13.3.6

Employ such clerical and other assistants as may be required for the efficient functioning of the Secretariat.

13.3.7

Be empowered to incur petty expenses

13.3.8

Perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper and efficient working of the Federation in conformity with decisions taken by the Executive Council/Council /General Body

13.4

Hon. Treasurer

He shall be the chair of the Finance Committee and shall be entitled to attend all meetings of committees. The Treasurer shall:

13.4.1

Exercise general supervision over the funds of the Federation and advise the Council / General Body as regards its financial status.

13.4.2

Collect all monies due and payable to the Federation.

13.4.3

Prepare the annual budget in consultation with the Secretary-General

13.4.4

Submit at the Annual General Meeting, a Statement of Audited Accounts including the Receipts and Expenditure and Balance Sheet and the Financial Estimates of the Federation as approved by the Executive Council.

13.4.5

Disburse funds of the Federation According to the direction of the Council / General Body.

13.4.6

Keep roll of all members and from time to time amend and correct the same as circumstances require

13.4.7

Maintain all required books of Accounts and submit regular reports as may be directed by the Executive Council from time to time.

ARTICLE – 14 (COMMITTEES / COMMISSIONS)

14.1

The President will appoint the various committees / commissions and oversee its functioning.

ARTICLE – 15 (EXECUTIVE COUNCIL)

The Executive Council shall consist of the (i) President (ii) 4 Vice Presidents (iii) The Secretary General (iv) The Treasurer and not more than 5 members elected from the Councilors. The Executive Council shall exercise the following powers:

15.1

All the affairs of the Federation shall be conducted by the Executive Council and it shall be the duty of the Executive Council to see that the General Provisions of the Constitution and the Regulations and Bye-laws of the Federation are complied with in all respects by all the members.

15.2

The Executive Council shall sanction and control expenditure in accordance with the budget approved by the General Body and shall generally supervise and conduct the business of the Federation.

15.3

The Executive Council shall have supervision over all the Regattas conducted under the auspices of the RFI and may assume the conduct of such Rowing Championship, as it may deem fit.

15.4

The Executive Council shall consider and decide on all matters submitted to it. All its decisions shall be complied with forthwith, but an appeal there from may be filed with the Council by any member organization, who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Executive Council

15.5

The Executive Council shall meet as and when necessary, but not less than three times in a year.

15.6

The time and place for such Meetings shall be fixed by the President and a notice shall be issued by the Secretary General to each member of the Executive Council not less than 15 days before the date fixed for such meeting. The agenda for the meeting and minutes of previous meetings shall also be circulated along with notice of the meetings.

15.7

The Executive Council shall arrive at decisions on points referred to them by circulation. All matters circulated must be voted on within a period of 15 days from the date of dispatch of the circular.

15.8

A meeting of the Executive Council shall be convened by the Secretary General within one month of the receipt by him, of a requisition in writing, from 3 members of the Executive Council.

15.9

To take suitable action for an infringement of the RFI Rules of Racing or of the Rules and Regulations of the Federation

ARTICLE – 16 (ANNUAL REGATTA)

National Rowing Championships for Senior, Junior and Sub-Juniors including those for women and veterans shall be held, if possible, once a year at venues to be decided by the General Body. The Annual General Meeting of the RFI shall preferably be held at the time and venue of Senior Events Championships.

ARTICLE – 17 (PLACE OF MEETING)

All meetings of the Council, Executive Council and other Committees or Sub-Committees shall be held at the headquarters of the Federation unless otherwise directed by the President, subject to any previous decision of the General Body or the Executive Council, as the case may be.

ARTICLE – 18 (ACCOUNTS)

18.1

Within six months after closure of the financial year the Treasurer shall furnish the Executive Council with Statements of account, duly audited, copies of which shall be forwarded to all Members, Office Bearers and Members of Various Committees.

18.2

All bills shall be passed by the Treasurer and the Secretary General or in absence of the latter by the President, before payment by the Treasurer.

18.3

All cheques shall be issued under the two joint signatures of the Secretary-General or the President or the Treasurer.

18.4

A maximum sum of Rs.10,000/- shall be allowed to the Secretary-General as imprest cash (at any time)

18.5

A maximum sum of Rs.2000/- shall be allowed to the Treasurer as imprest cash (at any time)

18.6

The account of the Federation shall be audited at the end of each financial year by the Auditor of the Federation.

ARTICLE – 19 (VOTING)

19.1

Each affiliated organization/body, except Associate Members, shall have 3 (three) votes in the Annual General Meeting and Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting. The chair of such meetings shall have a casting vote.

19.2

Each affiliated organization / body shall have the right to have maximum of 3 (three) delegates including Councilors, if any, accredited to represent them, but the number of delegates shall not alter the voting strength of 3 (three) for each affiliated Organisation / Body.

19.3

Councilors shall take precedence over other delegates in arriving at the voting strength of 3 from each affiliate.

19.4

Every office bearer shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE – 20 (REMOTE VOTING)

Remote voting by the Council:

The President of the Federation shall request a vote by mail of the Council on any question, matter or resolution deemed by the President of sufficient importance or urgency or for any other reason suitable or advisable for so handling. Notices or requests for such a vote shall be made along with such note or explanatory information as may be helpful or necessary in understanding the question, at least 2

weeks in advance of the time fixed for deposition of votes. The Secretary General shall record all votes duly received and signed, which shall, at the expiration of the time fixed, have the same effect as if votes had been cast by the members of the Council at a duly convened meeting

20.1

Business can usually be transacted by email for speedy resolving of all issues including for any disciplinary actions, sanctions, any urgent financial approvals etc.

ARTICLE – 21 (WITHDRAWAL)

Any affiliated organization desiring to withdraw from the Federation must give notice in writing to the Secretary General prior to the 1st day of June in any year and in default will be liable to pay its subscription for the ensuring year.

ARTICLE – 22 (NOTICE)

The Council or any Affiliated Organization may forward any resolution or motion at the Annual General Body Meeting, provided, in the case of an Affiliated Organization due notice thereof be given to the Secretary General on or before the 31st August in each year.

ARTICLE – 23 (QUORUM)

23.1

At the Annual General Meeting or a Meeting of the Council 40% of the total members (affiliates) of the federation or their proxy shall form a quorum.

23.2

At all meetings of the Committees, three shall form a quorum.

23.3

At all meetings of the Executive Council three shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE – 24 (HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS)

Honorary Life Members may be elected only at a meeting of the Council. Persons who have rendered long and distinguished service to the cause of Rowing shall be eligible as Honorary Life Members. Such Honorary Life Members may attend and speak at all meetings of the council but shall not have any right to vote.

ARTICLE – 25 (ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING)

A meeting of the Federation shall be held annually at such time and place as the President shall fix, provided that such Meetings shall not be called on a date more than 6 months after 31st March. The Secretary-General shall give not less than 21 days notice of the Meeting to all members and shall circulate with the notice a copy of the agenda. The business transacted at the meeting shall include:

25.1

The adoption of the annual report

25.2

To place the Annual Activity Report of affiliated Organization/Bodies

25.3

Passing of the Audited Statement of Accounts and the Budget Estimates presented by the treasurer

25.4

Appointment of Auditor

25.5

Any other matters duly brought forward.

25.6.

No business, other than those mentioned in Article 25.1 to 25.4 transacted at an Annual General Meeting and all business transacted at an Extra –Ordinary Meeting shall be deemed “Special Business”

25.7

No business other than formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. No quorum will be necessary in an adjourned meeting.

25.8

All business of a meeting shall be decided by a bare majority of the votes of those entitled to vote properly recorded at such meetings, except the business which comes under the heading “Special Business” which shall be decided by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes properly recorded at the meeting.

25.9

In the case of an equality of votes the president or chair shall have a casting vote.

25.10

Any affiliated organization finding itself unable to appoint a representative to personally attend the General Meeting may submit in writing to the Secretary General a statement of its views which shall be read out at the Meeting, or may depute an individual to represent, by proxy, at the Meeting and vote for it. The same rule applies to the Councilors. However no individual shall be permitted to represent more than one Association / Body.

25.11

Special Meetings may be called at any time by a resolution of the Council or on requisition in writing by at least one fourth of the affiliated organizations or in the discretion of the President to consider such matters as may be mentioned in the resolution or requisition or as may be indicated by the President. The Secretary General shall give not less than four weeks notice of such meetings to all members and also circulate, with the notice, a copy of the agenda. Such meetings must be held within two months of receipt of the requisition.

25.12

In the case of an emergency, the President in his discretion may convene a meeting at a shorter notice.

25.13

Votes may be taken either by show of hands or by ballot as may be decided by the Chair and if demanded by not less than three persons present entitled to vote.

25.14

Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws etc. can be formulated, altered, amended, modified or repealed at a General Body Meeting, Special or Extra-Ordinary General Body Meeting, by a special resolutions.

ARTICLE–26 (DISCIPLINARY POWERS AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES)

26.1

All Members of RFI including officials of the Federation, Affiliates, Associates Members and recognised Rowing bodies in India. Umpires, Rowers, Coaches and Officials and in case the Rower is a minor, then their guardians, are bound by RFI’s Disciplinary Powers over them and they are liable to Disciplinary Sanctions which

may be imposed by RFI. The RFI shall have a sub-committee appointed by the President in respect of all Disciplinary matters and concerning all matters relating to all activities of RFI, Rowers, Coaches, Umpires etc., which includes

Any dispute between

- a). Affiliates and the RFI
- b) Within Officials of the Federation;
- c) Within or Between Affiliates of RFI;
- d) Between RFI and any Rower, Coach, Official or Guardian of Rower (*if he or she is a minor*);
- e) Respective State Affiliates and any Rower or Guardian of Rower of such state affiliates (*if he or she is a minor*);

26.2

The Executive Council is empowered to frame Rules and / or Bye Laws in respect of disputes referred supra and the same shall be binding on all parties.

26.3

No court shall have jurisdiction in respect of any dispute between RFI, its Members, Affiliates, Rowers, Officials, Coaches, their selection non selection, non ethical conduct, challenging authority of RFI or causing disrepute to RFI, in all matters of Disciplinary Powers, Settlement of Disputes etc., referred to supra. The RFI may frame separate Rules in this regard providing for resolution of all disputes, if needed.

26.4

Any matter not provided for in the rules to be framed by the Executive Council shall be dealt with by the Council / General Body of the RFI.

26.5

All unresolved disputes mentioned in 26.1 to 26.4 or any other dispute connected with the sport of rowing will be settled by the committee established Indian Olympic Association [IOA] / Indian Court of Arbitration in Sports [ICAS]. No party will have right to go to any court of law to seek redress. The decision of IOA / ICAS shall be binding conclusively on all disputants before such forums.

26.6

Such disputes not settled at the RFI level shall be referred to IOA / ICAS for settlement.

26.7

If the dispute affects or prevents preparation and training of sports persons/teams under charge of Rowing Federation of India for purpose of International representation / competition, the IOA Executive Council will constitute an ad-hoc governing body from within members of General Assembly as may be necessary until the dispute is resolved.

ARTICLE – 27 (DISSOLUTION)

Dissolution of the Rowing Federation of India shall only be valid upon approval by a fourth-fifths majority of the votes of the member delegates attending in person in the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting specially convened for the voting on the dissolution of the RFI. A quorum of two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Affiliated Associations/Bodies and those of the councilors entitled to vote is necessary. In case of dissolution, the assets of RFI shall, after payment of its entire obligation, be transferred to a body with similar interests at the time of dissolution

ARTICLE – 28 (LEGAL JURISDICTION)

The courts where the Secretariat of the Secretary-General of RFI functions, from time to time, shall have exclusive Jurisdiction of all disputes regarding RFI, to the exclusion of all other Courts in India.

ARTICLE – 29 (CONCLUDING PROVISIONS)

These Articles in the RFI – Memorandum & Articles of Association come into force from the 23rd May, 2013.

Certified to be a true copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Rules and Regulations of the Rowing Federation of India reprinted after additions/ alternations and approved at the Full Council General Body Meeting of the Rowing Federation of India held by remote voting on 23rd May, 2013.

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