

MEMORANDUM OF THE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

(As adopted by Special General Body of the Association on 27th January, 2002 at New Delhi, amended by Special General Body of the Association on 27th April 2013 at New Delhi and also amended by Special General Body of the Association on 31st August, 2013 at Mumbai)

1. NAME

The organisation shall be called the BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA and hereinafter referred to as the ASSOCIATION.

2. HEAD QUARTERS

The Headquarter of the Association shall be location procured / arranged by BAI for official transaction of official business of BAI. Headquarter office will function at Delhi and sub-office will be operated from the place of General Secretary.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (i) Membership of the Badminton Association of India shall be open to the Central Controlling body of Badminton in States, Centrally Administered Territories as defined in the India Constitution, Railway, Inter University Sports Control Boards within the Union, Air India Sports Board and Petroleum Sports Control Board and shall be termed as Affiliate units.
- (ii) Membership shall also be open to other Departmental Sports Control Boards on National level and to any other Constitutional Establishments. They shall be termed as Associate Affiliates. However, such membership shall not confer on such members the right to vote in any of the Meeting of the Badminton Association of India.
- (iii) Membership of BAI may also be granted to individual club, group of clubs or individual persons, however such membership shall not confer on such members the right to vote in any of the meeting of the Badminton Association of India.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTS

- (i) To encourage, standardise, control, promote and develop the game of Badminton in India especially by organising coaching, tournaments and exhibition games, amongst Schools, Universities through and by affiliated organisations on an amateur basis for adults, juniors and sub juniors.
- (ii) To maintain general control of Badminton in India particularly with reference to the Rules & Regulations for the conduct of the games.
- (iii) To act as Accredited Representative of all affiliated Organisations in all matters of common interest as it's Central Organisation.
- (iv) To co-ordinate Inter-State activities in respect of Badminton in all ways including holding of Inter-State Tournaments, organising or recognizing of Championship, Tournaments or Matches.
- (v) To receive grants in aid and funds for the purpose of the Association and employ the same in such a manner as may be considered desirable for the Association.
- (vi) To select teams to represent India and to promote, control and finance visits for international Participation.
- (vii) To promote, control and, if necessary, to finance the visit to India of foreign teams.
- (viii) To have Court Officials Committee (COC) and to maintain a Panel of Umpires.
- (ix) To maintain a panel of Coaches.

- (x) Generally to do all such other acts and things as may seem to the Association necessary and conducive to the aims and objects of the Association.

5. LANGUAGE

The official Language of the Association shall be English.

6. OFFICIAL YEAR

The Official year of the Association shall be 1st April to 31st March of the following year.

7. INTERPRETATION

- i. Every reference in these rules to the masculine gender includes the feminine gender and also any reference in singular includes the plural as well.
- ii. 'Association' shall mean the Badminton Association of India.
- iii. 'Badminton' shall mean the game played with racket and shuttlecock.
- iv. 'India' shall mean the territory of the Indian Union.
- v. 'Affiliates Unit' shall means units affiliated to BAI.
- vi. 'Associate Affiliates' shall mean any other Departmental Sports Control Board on National level affiliated by the Association.
- vi(a) 'Club Affiliates' shall mean any individual club or group of clubs affiliated by the Association.
- vi(b) 'Individual Affiliates' shall mean any individual person affiliated by the Association.
- vii. 'Rules' shall mean the Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Association in force for time to time.

- viii. 'Official' shall include office bearers, members, of the Executive Committee, Umpires, Coaches, Managers and any person(s) assigned with specific official responsibilities.
- ix. 'Member' shall mean Affiliated units.

8. SUBSCRIPTION AND WHEN DUE

8.1 Subscription

- (i) Each Affiliated unit except Air India and P. S. C. B. shall pay the Association an annual subscription amounting to Rs. 6,000/- each year for those units, who have two voting rights, and Rs. 4,000/- each year to those units having one voting right. P. S. C. B. and AISB shall pay the Association an annual subscription amounting to Rs. 1.50 Lakh and air tickets worth Rs. 3.50 Lakh respectively.
- (ii) Associate Affiliates shall pay to the Association an annual subscription amount to Rs. 10,000.00 each year from 2002-03.
- (iii) Club Affiliates shall pay to the Association an annual subscription amounting to Rs. 50,000/- each year. Whereas there shall be no fees for the Individual Affiliates.

8.2 When due and repercussion

The Annual Subscription shall become due on the 1st day of April in each year and shall be paid to the Hony. Treasurer on or before 31st May. Failure to pay dues disqualifies the member to attend and vote at any meeting of the Association.

9. COUNCIL

1. The Supreme Authority of the Association shall rest in the General Council.

2. The General Council shall consist of the President, Senior Vice-President, Eight Vice Presidents, Four Ex-Officio Vice Presidents as Chairman of:
 - (i) Tournament Committee;
 - (ii) COC (Court Officials Committee)
 - (iii) Finance Committee and Administration Committee;
 - (iv) Coaching & Development Committee.

Honorary Secretary General, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary – Tournaments, Honorary Secretary – Coaching & Development, Technical Advisor, Eight Joint Secretaries of the Association and 16 representatives of the Member Association.

3. No General Council Member shall become a member or an official of any another Association or organization in Badminton with similar aims and objects.
4. No member or an official of any one Member Association of BAI shall be a member or an official of any other Member Association of BAI.
5. The Executive Committee shall nominate two advisors, one for Coaching and one for International Relations.

10. POWER AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

- i. To admit / or reject to membership the Association / Organisations, applying for membership, in accordance with the Rules of the Association.
- ii. To elect the Office-bearers of the Association.
- iii. To elect the Executive Committee.
- iv. To appoint adhoc committees as and when it is deemed necessary.
- v. To appoint Auditors who shall invariably be Chartered Accountants and to fix their remuneration.

- vi. To adopt the Annual Report submitted by the Executive Committee.
- vii. To pass the Audited statement of Accounts and Budget estimates.
- viii. To hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Association.
- ix. To have control through the respective member organisations and Associate Affiliates, over persons within the Territorial jurisdiction of a member and any player playing Badminton under the aegis of a member and or submitting to the jurisdiction of a member shall be deemed *ipso-facto* to submit to the jurisdiction of the Association.
- x. To make and amend rules of the Association as and when considered necessary.
- xi. To consider and decide matters not covered by the rules.
- xii. To take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient to carry into effect the objects of the Association.
- xiii. To affiliate the Association to the International Badminton Federation and having become its member, shall abide by its rules and regulations, in respect of all laws of Badminton and Rules for Players, etc. which shall be automatically applicable to the Association.
- xiv. To affiliate the Association to the Asian Badminton Confederation and or any other International Badminton Organisation and abide by their Rules and Laws for the game and for the players which shall be automatically applicable to the Association.
- xv. To suspend, expel, disaffiliate any organisation, patron or individual directly or indirectly connected or take any other legal action recommended by the Executive Committee.

xvi. To frame by-laws in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

11. OFFICE BEARERS

1. The following shall be the Office-bearers of the Association:

- One President
- One Senior Vice President
- Eight Vice Presidents
- Four Ex- Officio Vice Presidents as Chairman of Sub-Committees namely Tournament Committee, COC (Court Officials Committee), Finance Committee & Administration Committee and Coaching and Development Committee (total 4)
- One Honorary Secretary General
- One Honorary Treasurer
- One Honorary Secretary - Tournaments
- One Honorary Secretary – Coaching and Development
- One Technical Advisor
- Eight Joint Secretaries

2. The terms of the office bearers and members of the Executive Committee shall be four years from the conclusion of the General Meeting where they are elected until conclusion of the General Meeting in which new elections take place, unless they resign office before the expiry of their term.

3. The office-bearers and Members of the Executive Committee can seek elections for further terms.

(e) The term of the President shall be for four years unless he resigns before expiry of his term and he can be re-elected for two additional terms of four years each. However, in no case the total term shall exceed maximum period of 12 (twelve) years with or without break.

- (f) The term of the Treasurer shall be for four years unless he resigns before expiry of his term and he can be re-elected for one additional term of four years. However, in no case the total term shall exceed Maximum period of 08 (eight) years with or without break.
- (g) The term of the Hon. Gen. Secretary shall be for four years unless he resigns before expiry of his term and he can be re-elected for one additional term of four years. However, in no case the term shall exceed maximum period of 08 (eight) years with or without break.
- (h) Further, the President, the Hon. Gen. Secretary and the Treasurer shall automatically cease to hold their respective post on attaining the age of 70 (seventy) years.

12. POWER AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE-BEARERS

- (a) **President:-** The President shall be elected by the Council amongst its members and provided that only the outgoing office bearers or the member of the outgoing Executive Committee shall be eligible to contest the election for the post of President. He / she shall convene and preside over all the meetings of the Council and Executive Committee. In case of equality of votes, he / she shall have a casting vote. If, in the opinion of the President, an emergency has arisen which requires immediate action, he / she shall take such action as is deemed necessary and shall report the same at the next meeting of the Council or the Executive Committee, whichever in the ordinary course would have dealt with the matter.
- (b) **Senior Vice President:** The Executive Committee may appoint one Senior Vice President.

- (c) **Vice Presidents:-** The Vice Presidents, one from each zone, shall be elected from among the members of the Council. In the absence of the President, one of the Vice presidents shall be elected to the Chair and shall exercise all the powers of the President.
- (d) **Honorary General Secretary:-** The Hon. Gen. Secretary shall be elected by the council amongst its member and provided that only the outgoing office bearers or the members of the outgoing Executive Committee shall be eligible to contest the election for the post of Hon. Gen. Secretary. He / she shall carry on correspondence on behalf of the Association and give effect to the regulations of the Council and Executive Committee. He / she shall be responsible for the maintenance of other records or registers as well as the custody of all papers of the Association and for carrying out other duties that may be entrusted to him / her. He/she shall cause Minutes of the General Body (Council) and the Executive Committee Meeting of the Association to be correctly recorded and confirmed and kept including the reports of all Sub-Committee Meetings, shall convene the Council and Executive Committee Meetings whenever desired by the President, or atleast seven members of the Executive Committee for calling the Executive Committee Meeting with a notice of one month and shall prepare and submit an annual report on the activities of the Association to the Council, through the Executive Committee; shall represent the Association in any suit by or against it.
- (e) **Honorary Treasurer:-** The Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the Council from among its members. He/ she shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the Association and advise the Executive Committee as regards

its financial policy. He/ she shall collect all subscription due and donations payable to the Association and keep a regular account of receipts and disbursement. He/ she shall be responsible for all money disbursed and received by the Association from whatever sources derived, shall issue receipts from the same on the official form, he/ she shall also submit to the Executive Committee a statement of the receipts and expenditure, the balance-sheet as audited and the financial estimates. He/ she shall pay all bills certified by the Honorary Secretary.

- (f) Honorary Joint Secretaries:-** The Honorary Joint Secretaries, at least one from each zone, shall be elected by the Council from among its members. They shall assist the Honorary General Secretary in the discharge of their duties and perform such other duties as may be entrusted to them from time to time by the Committee.

The Executive Committee, BAI may nominate and authorise any two of the Joint Secretaries so elected to assist the Honorary Treasurer in the discharge of his/her duties. Further, the Joint Secretaries so nominated shall also be authorised to perform the duties of the Honorary Treasurer in his / her absence, as may be entrusted to them from time-to-time by the Executive Committee.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 13.1 (i) The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall, as far as possible, be held before end June of the same year at a time and place as the Executive Committee may fix;
- (ii) Twenty one clear days notice of all General Meetings shall be sent under certificate of posting to all the authorized and eligible representatives of affiliated units, associates, office

bearers and Committee members of the Association whose names are in the records of the Association. In the case of Annual General Meetings, the notice shall be accompanied by a printed or cyclostyled Annual Report and audited Statement of Accounts for the previous year.

- (iii) Notice of resolution to be moved at any meeting of the General Body shall be sent in writing to the designated Hon. General Secretary at least one week prior to the issue of the meeting notice. Resolution to be moved at the Annual General Meeting shall be included in the Agenda.
- (iv) The business at an Annual General Meeting shall include:
 - a) Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting if any held;
 - b) Adoption of the Annual Report;
 - c) Passing of the audited statement of account and the budget estimate presented by the Executive Committee;
 - d) The election of the officers and members of Executive Committee. (This item shall be included in the Agenda of every quadrennial General Meetings and not every Annual General Meeting).
 - e) Appointment of Auditors;
 - f) To fix up the venue and dates of the Inter-state and National Badminton Championships;
 - g) To consider valid resolution, amendment or alteration in any rule as passed and approved by the Executive Committee of Badminton Association of India and the same shall be circulated to the members along with the agenda.

13.2 Extra Ordinary General Meeting

- (i) An Extra Ordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by a resolution of the Executive Committee or on a requisition addressed to the President with copy to the Hony.

General Secretary in writing of at least one fourth of the members of the Association or at the discretion of the President to consider such matters as may be mentioned in the Resolution or Requisition or as many be indicated by the President. Hony. General Secretary shall give not less than 21 days' notice of such meeting to all members and shall also circulate, with the notice a copy of the agenda. No other business shall be transacted at such meetings.

- (ii) In case such a meeting is not called within 6 weeks of the receipt of the requisition, then the members signing the requisition shall have a right to call such meeting after giving due notice to the members.
- (iii) In case of an emergency, the President in his discretion may convene a meeting at shorter notice.

13.3 Special General Meeting

The name or the rules of the Association may be amended by additions, deletions, changes etc. by resolutions passed at a Special General Meeting convened for this purpose of which written or printed notice shall have been delivered or sent by post to every member of the Association 21 days prior to the date of the Special General Meeting, and the resolutions proposing the amendments is passed by two-third votes cast in favour of the resolution by the members of the Association.

13.4 Attendance, voting rights and mode of voting at General Meetings

- i. Each affiliated unit which has conducted a National Championship shall be entitled to nominate two delegates and the others, one delegate each to represent it at every General Meeting.

- ii. Such delegates shall either be the office bearers or members of the Executive Committee of the respective member organisations.
- iii. The name of each delegate shall be sent or given in writing by the Secretary of the affiliated unit he/ she is to represent, to the Honorary General Secretary of the Association before the General Meeting along with the nomination.
- iv. The voting right shall vest with authorized & eligible delegates as defined in rule and who are not disqualified under rule 8.2 and rule 18.
- v. Save as provided otherwise in these rules or by-laws, voting shall be by ballot and not by show of hands all decisions and any amendment to the constitution shall be taken by majority of at least two-thirds of the cast votes.
- vi. The Minutes of all the meetings of the Council shall be recorded by the Honorary General Secretary and after the approval of the President, they shall be circulated to the members, within two months from the date of meeting.

13.5 Quorum

At any General Meeting of the Council, 1/3 of the total members of the Council shall form a quorum. If at any meeting there is no quorum, the meeting shall stand adjourned and shall be held after one hour at the same place and at the same time. No quorum shall be necessary at this adjourned meeting. Except for want of quorum, no meeting of the Council once shall be adjourned unless two-thirds of the members present ask for such adjournment.

13.6 The quorum should be 60% if there is any amendment to the constitution.

13.7 Chairman at the General Meeting

The President or in his absence, Sr. Vice President or in his absence any one of the Vice Presidents or in absence of all of them, members present at the General Meeting, will elect a Chairman from amongst them and he / she will preside at any General Meeting and shall have casting vote besides his / her vote in the case of equality of votes or any question / an item on agenda.

13.8 Right to Interpret Rules

At any General Meeting, the Chairman shall have the sole right to interpret the Rules and decide all points of order or procedure raised by members and his/ her decision shall be binding and final.

14. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) The Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee') shall consist of the President, Senior Vice President, Eight Vice Presidents, four ex-officio, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary General, One Honorary Secretary – Tournaments, One Honorary Secretary – Coaching & Development, One Honorary Treasurer, Eight Joint Secretaries, Technical Adviser, and not more than 16 members of the Executive Committee elected from among General Council members.
- (ii) The Committee shall exercise the following powers:
 - a) Ensure that all the affairs of the Association, the provisions of the constitution, the regulations and the Bye-Laws of the Association, are complied with in all respects.
 - b) Sanction and control expenditure in accordance with the budget approved by the Council and shall generally supervise and conduct the business of the Association.

- c) The Committee shall hear and decide all questions submitted to it. All its decisions shall be complied forth with, but an appeal may be filed with the Council by any member who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee within 30 days from the date of the communication of the decision.
- d) Appoint sub committees as deemed necessary.
- e) Frame by-laws in accordance with and not repugnant with the Memorandum and Rules of the Association.
- f) To print, publish and circulate rules, periodicals or leaflets profile, DVPs or VCDs, contract web sites etc. in furtherance of the aims and objects of the Association.
- g) To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the Association Rules by affiliated units, officials and / or individuals.
- h) To declare any player on evidence as a professional or to reinstate as an amateur.
- i) To conduct enquiry on any affiliated unit, player or official and call for all papers connected with the enquiry.
- j) To enforce standardisation of constitution of the affiliated units in line with the rules and bye-laws of the Association except in respect of composition of the Executive Committee.
- k) Employ such staff including a paid Assistant Secretary, as it may deem fit, for the smooth working of the Association and fix their remuneration and term of service.
- l) Fill in any vacancy that may occur in the Committee during its tenure.

- (iii) The Committee shall ordinarily meet three times in a year and often, if necessary.
- (iv) Members of the Committee not attending two of its meetings consecutively without leave of absence, in writing, will automatically cease to be members of the Committee.
- (v) A Meeting of the Executive Committee shall each year be held after the Annual General Meeting at the same venue.
- (vi) The Agenda for the meeting after the AGM shall inter-alia include the following:
 - a) Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting,
 - b) Such other matters as may be brought forward with the permission of the Chair.
- (vii) The agenda for the 2nd Meeting in July/ August shall inter alia will include the following:
 - a) Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting,
 - b) Appointment of sub-Committee,
 - c) Such other matters as may be brought forward with the permission of the Chair.
- (viii) The time and place for a subsequent meeting shall be fixed by the Hon. Secretary in consultation with the President, BAI and if it is not possible, by Executive Committee.
- (ix) The quorum for such meetings shall be seven.
- (x) Copies of the proceedings of the meeting shall be sent to all the members of the Committee and affiliated organisation within one month of the date of the meeting.

- (xi) In the interval between two meetings of the Committee, action might be taken, if the President or Honorary General Secretary so desires, after consulting the members by post or Fax or e-mail or telegram, and in every such case the votes so taken, shall be recorded by the Honorary General Secretary and will have the same force as the decisions taken at a regular meeting.
- (xii) Any member of the Executive Committee desirous of raising any matter at a forth coming meeting of the Executive Committee shall give one month notice to one of the Honorary General Secretary prior to the meeting and the subject matter of such notice along with the name of the proposer shall appear on the agenda of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

With a view to professionalize management of the Association, an Executive Board (EB) will take collective decisions on day to day basis to ensure smooth conduct of tournament calendar, coaching and international participation. The EB will comprise of President, Hony. Secretary General, Honorary Secretary- Tournaments, Honorary Secretary – Coaching & Development, Chief National Coach, Two Advisors and one Chief Operating Officer (will be nominated by the Executive Committee).

15. AFFILIATION

15.1 Affiliated Unties

State Association shall apply to one of the Honorary General Secretary and shall send the amount of admission and affiliation fee to him / her with a copy of the rules and regulations, a list of office bearers and the list of Districts affiliated to it.

15.2 Association Affiliates

The Executive Committee may also grant affiliation to various Departmental Sports Control Boards on national level in the country without any voting right for the purpose of Inter Institutional Tournaments and open and major tournaments, with a view to encourage and promote the game. This will exclude Railways, Air India Sports Control Board, P.S.C.B. and Inter University Board which are existing members at par with affiliated units. The Admission fee for associate membership shall be a non-refundable amount of Rs. 5,000/-.

- 15.3 The acceptance or rejection of such application shall rest with the Executive Committee but an Association whose application is rejected may appeal to the Council. If the application be rejected, the amount of admission and affiliation fee shall be refunded.

15.4 Club Affiliates

The Executive Committee may also grant affiliation to any club or group of clubs for the purpose of holding inter-club badminton tournament and other open tournaments in their area of operation, with a view to encourage and promote the game. However, such membership shall not confer any voting right to them to vote in any meeting of BAI. The players selected by such club(s) would directly participate in the Tournaments organized by the respective State Association, which may consider them while making selections for the National Level or any other ranking tournaments.

15.5 Individual Affiliates

The Executive Committee may also grant affiliation to individual person(s), who are of eminent personality in the country, with a view to encourage and promote the game; such members shall not have any right to vote in any meeting of BAI.

The admission fee for club membership shall be a non refundable amount of Rs. 1.00 Lac.

16. AFFILIATED UNITS

- 1) Shall conform to the rules regulations and bye-laws of the Association in force from time to time.
- 2) Shall submit the Annual Report, Audited Statement of Accounts and the list of the Executive Committee and affiliated units to the Association within one month from date of conclusion of AGM but not later than 31st December.
- 3) Shall conduct at least one state championship in mini, junior and senior events and send its report by registered A/D to one of the Honorary General Secretary.

17. DISAFFILIATION AND RESIGNATION

- a) **Disaffiliation:** If the annual subscription remains unpaid for more than one month, the Committee may at its discretion disaffiliate the defaulting affiliated unit, associate member or club member after giving a registered notice immediately after the expiry of due date.
- b) **Resignation:** An affiliated unit, associate member, club member or individual member desirous of resigning from the Association may give written intimation thereof, to the Secretary on or before the 31st December and the Executive Committee shall accept the resignation provided that no amount is due to the Association by such applicant and provided that such Application does not come under the preview of Rule 18.

18. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- If an affiliated unit, associate member or official directly or indirectly connected with the Association refuses or neglects to comply with any provision of the Rules or is guilty of such conduct as the Executive Committee deem likely to affect the character or stability or interest of the Association, such official or affiliated unit or associate member shall be liable for expulsion or suspension for such periods as the Council may fix by a resolution provided that not less than 2/3 of the members of the Council present at such meeting shall have voted in favour of the same, provided also that at least 14 days before the meeting, at which such a resolution is passed, he/ she shall have had notice thereof and of the intended resolution, for his/ her expulsion or suspension and that he/ she shall at such meeting and before passing of such resolution, have had an opportunity of giving orally or in writing any explanation or defence he / she may think fit, refusal to accept the service of notice shall be regarded as service of that notice. On the adoption of such resolution official or affiliated units or associate member shall not have any claim against the Association.
- In respect of players, the Executive Committee shall be competent to take action by bare majority after calling for an explanation. Pending enquiry, interim action can be taken by President / Secretary. Also when the punishment proposed is for more than two years in respect of individual, directly or indirectly connected, the Executive Committee is to take action by two third majority on the basis of explanation available.
- If any club affiliate or individual affiliate refuses or neglects to comply with any provisions of the rules or is guilty of such conduct as the Executive Committee deem likely to effect the

character or stability or interest of the Association, such Club Affiliate or Individual Affiliate shall be liable for expulsion or suspension for such period(s) as the Council may fix by resolution provided that he / she / club(s) have had an opportunity of giving orally or in writing any explanation or defence he/ she / it may think fit. On the adoption of such resolution club affiliate or individual affiliate shall not have any claim against Association.

It is made clear that in respect of the club affiliates or individual affiliates, the Council shall be competent to take action by bare majority.

19. RE-ADMISSION

- An affiliated unit, associate member or club affiliate removed from the list of membership under Rule 17(a) may be re-admitted by the Executive Committee if the subscription due is paid.
- Expelled affiliated units, associate members or club affiliate under Rule 18 may be re-admitted, not before six months from the date of expulsion, by the Council by a two third majority of the members of the Council present at the meeting on due notice.

20. BANK ACCOUNT

Accounts in the name of the Association shall be maintained in nationalised banks as approved by the Executive committee and shall be operated jointly by the President and either the Honorary Treasurer or the Honorary General Secretary.

21. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

No player shall be entitled to take part in any Open Tournament or take benefit of coaching etc. unless his or her name is registered by the BAI or its affiliated units. For registration, the year being reckoned shall be from 1st July to 30th June. A player who is not

registered with the Association shall not be entitled to have any benefit of any coaching scheme nor shall he/ she be permitted to participate in any tournament organised by an affiliated unit or associate member or the Association. No player shall become a member of another association or organisations with similar aims and objects.

22. AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY CODE, REINSTATEMENT & PROHIBITION

22.1 Amateur eligibility code

- (i) To be eligible to compete in competitive play as an amateur, a player must abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Association and shall be governed by the regulations of the IBF.
- (ii) A Player may be a physical education or sports teacher for instruction in the game.
- (iii) Accept during the period of preparation actual competition, under the sanction of the Association.
- (iv) Accept assistance administered thorough his / her Association for food and Lodging. Cost of Transport and Travel. Pocket money to cover incidental expenses, Insurance cover in respect of accidents, illness personal property and disability Personal sports equipment and clothing. Cost of medical treatment, physiotherapy and authorised coaches.
- (v) Accept compensation in case of necessity to cover financial loss resulting from his or her absence from work or basic occupation, on account of preparation for or participation in Badminton events within the country or outside the country.

The compensation must be paid with the approval of the Association.

- (vi) Accept prizes upto limit Rs. 2,000/- for any one event in any one tournament.
- (vii) Accept academic and technical scholarships.
- (viii) A Player may not:-
 - a) Allow his / her person, name, picture or sports performance to be used for advertising except when the Association enters into a contract for sponsorship or equipment. All payments must be made to the Association and not to the individual.
 - b) Be a professional Coach

22.2 Reinstatement

Reinstatement to amateur statue shall be granted to a player, generally recognized as a professional, only by the Badminton Association of India or by a Committee appointed by it. This shall apply to any player who shall previously have been declared professional by the Association and to any player generally recognized as a professional. Any decision of the Association, and term of that decision, shall be final, and shall be given such publicity as deemed necessary.

22.3 Prohibition

- (a) No player in India, if invited to play outside India, shall play in any tournament which has not been duly sanctioned, nor in any tournament or competition prohibited by the Committee or an organisation. No organisation or club affiliated to an organisation shall accept the entry of any player who has been prohibited from taking part in any open tournament or competition.

No player in India shall play in any open tournament or exhibition game outside India without the permission of the Association.

- (b) In the event of any rule, regulations and bye-laws being flouted by any affiliated unit, the Executive Committee can stop the affiliated unit from Organisation or participating in any tournament for a period to be specified. Likewise the affiliated Units can exercise similar power on their district units.
- (c) No affiliated units or associations shall amend their constitution without the prior approval of the BAI.
- (d) No player or official can criticize the Association or its units through public media.
- (e) Any Badminton player who fails to participate in the Four Major Tournaments and the Prize Money Tournaments above Rs. One Lakh and selection tournaments for the National Teams - thus disregard the interest of the country without satisfying the Committee with reasons for doing so shall not be permitted to participate in any tournament abroad on private basis.

23. COLOURS

- The colours of the Association are Dark Blue, Dark Red, White and Gold. The badge consisting of a star with golden halo and shuttlecock in golden colour in the centre with dark blue background. The binding of the tie shall be:

Dark Blue: 1½ inch, **Red:** ¼ inch, **White:** 1/10 inch, **Gold:** ¼ inch.

- The colours, the tie and badge of the Association shall be worn by any player who has won an event in the National championship or who has represented or may represent the Association as a player or an official in any match or competition. The Association Tie and other ornamental articles in the Association colours may only be

worn by any person who is directly connected as a President, Vice Presidents, Hony. General Secretary, Joint Secretaries, Honorary Treasurer or Councilor, Advisor of the Association. Tie or other ornamental articles in the Association colours may be presented by the Executive Committee to a player or an official from foreign countries.

- The colours will be obtainable from the Honorary Secretary, out of stock, if available, on payment of such price as are fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee.

24. RULES

- (i) No alteration or amendment or additional of these Rules shall be made except at a Special General Meeting as defined in Rule 13.3;
- (ii) By-laws of the Association shall form part of Rules;
- (iii) All Affiliated units, affiliated associates, clubs affiliates / individual affiliates, officials and players, affiliated or registered with the Association shall deem to abide by the rule of the Association.

25. DISSOLUTION

- (a) The Association shall not be dissolved unless decided upto by a resolution passed in General Body (Council) Meeting convened particularly for the purpose by a majority of three-fourth of its members present and entitled to vote. At least 30 days clear notice should be given for such meetings alongwith a copy of the Resolution pertaining thereto.
- (b) In the event of dissolution of the society, the entire Society funds shall be realized and first be used for payment of liabilities of the Society. The assets left it any, shall be disbursed, after obtaining prior approval of Commissioner of

Income Tax (Exemption) New Delhi, to other Society having similar objectives and who have been granted registration u/s 122 AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961. In no circumstances it shall be distributed in any manner, to any member of the Board of Society or their relatives or related concerns.

26. NATIONAL COACH

The Association shall every quadrennial year appoint a National Coach preferably a Diploma holder in Badminton and with rich experience and proven credentials.

27. DISPUTES

The Badminton Association of India can sue and can be sued through the Honorary General Secretary who is in charge of the headquarters. All the cases should be filed at the Head Quarters of the Association.

28. ARBITRATION

Any dispute or difference of any nature, whatsoever between the Association and any of its members and /or any third party regarding any right, liability, act or omission shall be referred for arbitration of sole arbitrator to be nominated by the Executive Committee of the BAI, which nomination shall be binding upon the parties. The cost of arbitration shall be shared equally by the parties. The award of the arbitrator so appointed shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the parties, subject to the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.