



MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

and

RULES & REGULATIONS

of the

JUDO FEDERATION OF INDIA

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

I. NAME

The society shall be known as the 'Judo Federation of India' and/or the 'Bharatiya Judo Mahasangh' (it is hereinafter referred to as "JFI").

II. REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of JFI shall remain in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and at present is at the following address C-1/B, Ring Road, Naraina Village, New Delhi - 110028

III. OBJECTS OF JFI

- A. To promote, develop and popularise the sport of Judo in India for all categories of population.
- B. To be the official and sole governing body in charge of the sport of Judo in India and act as the 'National Sports Federation' recognised by the Government of India for the sport of Judo.
- C. To organise, conduct and/or sponsor national and international Judo competitions and conferences, events, seminars, research etc. relating to Judo.
- D. To select athletes, coaches and/or officials to represent India in international competitions/events and to arrange their training for, and participation in, the same.
- E. To select athletes, coaches and/or officials for national competitions/events and to arrange their training for, and participation in, for the same.
- F. To control and improve the quality and standards of the sport of Judo in India and to this end, lay down policies, roadmaps, guidelines and make rules and regulations in all matters relating to the sport of Judo, recognizing that the primary stakeholders are the players and fans in India, and that accountability, transparency, purity and integrity of the sport are the core values.
- G. To protect and promote the welfare and interest of Judo athletes and coaches and provide suitable framework and support for development of their skills, and for that purpose,

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- organise training programmes, establish training academies, provide sponsorship, remuneration and/or other monetary assistance to Judo athletes and coaches, and hold tournaments/competitions, exhibition matches and any other matches and take all other required steps.
- H. To award grades, including “dan” ranks, in accordance with rules of the International Judo Federation. A grade or dan rank can only be officially recognised if it is awarded by an IJF member, and only when it is granted in accordance with these regulations. No individual may claim an international grade or dan rank unless it has been issued by an IJF member.
 - I. To facilitate the advancement of coaching education and technical officiating in India.
 - J. To provide for measures necessary for elimination of unethical and unfair practices in the sport of Judo, including competition manipulation.
 - K. To strive for sportsmanship and professionalism in the sport of Judo and its governance and administration; to inculcate principles of transparency and ethical standards in players, team officials, referees, judges and administrators; and to ban doping, age fraud, sexual harassment and all other forms of inequity and discrimination.
 - L. To foster the spirit of sportsmanship and the ideals of Judo amongst school, college and university students and others and to educate them regarding the same.
 - M. To take disciplinary action against any member, Judoka, coach or anyone associated with the sport for any type of cheating, misbehavior or undesirable activity bringing discredit to the sport.
 - N. To encourage democratization of, and transparency in, the governance and administration of the sport of Judo, and, to this end, encourage the formation of State, regional or other Judo associations/federations and lay down norms for their recognition and affiliation which achieve uniformity and transparency in the structure, functioning and processes of the member associations/federations.
 - O. To assist Judo associations/federations across the country.
 - P. To liaise with and represent India at various international fora and organizations involved in the sport of Judo. To collaborate and undertake exchange programmes in relation to Judokas and technical officers with other countries.
 - Q. To affiliate with the International Judo Federation, Indian Olympic Association and other national associations/federations. The JFI may not be affiliated to another International Federation.

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- R. JFI shall be the sole authority entitled to organise official National Judo Championships and award official National Champion titles recognised by the IJF.
- S. To employ and appoint various officers, employees and/or personnel for the purposes of running and administration of JFI; to remunerate them for their services in accordance with applicable law; and to remove/terminate, dismiss, suspend and/or take other appropriate disciplinary action against such officers, employees or personnel.
- T. To raise finance for the fulfilment of the aims and objects of JFI.
- U. To receive and collect subscriptions, donations, gifts, trophies, grants and assistance either in cash or kind, or borrow money, and expend the same for the fulfilment of all or any of the aims and objects of JFI.
- V. To acquire or purchase properties - movable and immovable, and assets - tangible and intangible; and to sell, manage, mortgage, lease, exchange, dispose of, transfer or otherwise deal with all or any property/assets of JFI.
- W. To apply the capital and income from the properties and assets of JFI, and the proceeds of the sale or transfer thereof, towards the objects of JFI.
- X. To provide a fair and transparent grievance redressal mechanism to players, support personnel and other individuals/entities associated with Judo.
- Y. To make donations or give grants, either in cash or kind, for:
- 1) Causes conducive to the promotion of the sport of Judo.
 - 2) The benefit of Judo athletes and coaches.
 - 3) Awarding sponsorships/scholarships in the field of Judo.
- Z. To make and modify rules and regulations and bye-laws to carry out the aims and objects of JFI and for the purposes of governance and administration of JFI.
- AA. To carry out its activities and implement its objectives in an independent and autonomous manner, free from any government, political, religious or other influence.
- BB. To promote the Olympic spirit.
- CC. Generally, to do all such other acts and things as may be convenient and/or conducive to the carrying out of the objects of JFI.

IV. INCOME AND PROPERTIES

- A. All the income, earning, moveable, immovable properties of JFI shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion of its objects only set forth in the Memorandum of Association and no profit thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present and past member of the society or to any person claiming through any or more of the present or past member.
- B. No member of society shall have any personal claim on any moveable or immovable properties of the society or make any profit, whatsoever by virtue of his/her/its membership.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PART I: PRELIMINARY

1. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1. These Rules and Regulations shall govern the functioning, governance and administration of JFI and the relationship between JFI and its Members.
- 1.2. These Rules and Regulations shall come into effect on the date when these Rules and Regulations received approval of the General Council of JFI. The date on which these Rules and Regulations come into effect is hereinafter referred to as the “Effective Date”
- 1.3. These Rules and Regulations shall supersede and substitute all prior constitutions, rules, regulations and bye-laws governing JFI.
- 1.4. However, these Rules and Regulations shall have prospective effect, i.e., they shall not affect anything done or suffered, or any right, privilege, obligation, penalty, punishment or liability acquired, accrued or incurred, or any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of the foregoing prior to the coming into effect of these Rules and Regulations and such matters will continue to be governed by the constitution, rules, regulations and bye-laws of JFI as applicable prior to the coming into effect of these Rules and Regulations.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1. In these Rules and Regulations, unless otherwise expressed or the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meaning as given below:

- a) “AC Member” shall mean Member of the Athletes’ Committee.
- b) “Act” means the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, and “Sports Rules” / “NSG Rules” means the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026, in each case as amended from time to time.
- c) “Adjourned Meeting” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 13.7(a).
- d) “Admission Fee” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 9.1.
- e) “Annual Fee” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 9.1.
- f) “Annual General Meeting” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 13.3(a).
- g) “Associate Member” shall mean a Sports Promotion Body which has obtained Associate Membership in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- h) “Associate Membership” refers to the category of membership of JFI having the attributes set out in Rule 5.3.
- i) “Auditor” shall mean the auditor of the accounts of JFI appointed by the General Council to discharge the functions set out in Rule 24.
- j) “Authorised Representative” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 13.1(c).
- k) “Board” means the National Sports Board established under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
- l) “Body of JFI” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 12.1.
- m) “Bye-laws” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 34.1.
- n) “Chairperson” shall mean the chairperson of the General Meeting or the EC Meeting (as the case maybe), who will be responsible for conducting the meeting.
- o) “Code of Ethics” shall mean the standards of ethical conduct for Judo Athletes/Officials, persons associated with the sport of Judo and persons associated with JFI in any capacity whatsoever, as Prescribed. Inter alia, the Code of Ethics shall provide measures for protection of vulnerable persons against abuse by person in a position of trust, responsibility of authority.
- p) “Conflict of Interest” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 28.
- q) “Disqualification Event” shall have the meaning assigned to it in Rule 14.3.5.
- r) “District Association” shall mean an association/federation/society working for the promotion, development and popularisation of the sport of Judo in a district within a State or Union Territory.

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- s) “EC Meeting” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 14.6.
 - t) “EC Member(s)” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 14.1.
 - u) “Effective Date” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 1.2.
 - v) “Electoral Officer” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 22.
 - w) “Ethics Committee” shall mean the Body of JFI whose composition, powers, functions, duties and manner of functioning is set out in Rule 41.1.
 - x) “Executive Committee” shall mean the Body of JFI whose composition, powers, functions, duties and manner of functioning is set out in Rule 14.
 - y) “Extra-ordinary General Meeting” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 13.4(a).
 - z) “Financial Year” shall mean the year beginning on 1 April and ending on 31 March.
 - aa) “Full Member” shall mean a State/UT Associations which has obtained Full Membership in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
 - bb) “Full Membership” refers to the category of membership of JFI having the attributes set out in Rule 5.2.
 - cc) “General Council” shall mean the Body of JFI whose composition, powers, functions, duties and manner of functioning is set out in Rule 13.
 - dd) “General Meeting” shall mean either an Annual General Meeting or an Extra- ordinary General meeting of the General Council.
 - ee) “Internal Complaints Committee” shall mean the Body of JFI whose composition, powers, functions, duties and manner of functioning is set out in Rule 31.
 - ff) “JFI” shall mean the Judo Federation of India.
 - gg) “Judo Athlete/Official” shall mean current or former/retired Judoka, team officials, staff of team, referees, judges, commentators and other members of the contingent in relation to the practice of the sport, such as during competitions and training sessions.
 - hh) “Judoka” shall mean any person who (a) is practising or has practised Judo; and/or (b) is coaching or has coached Judo practitioners.
 - ii) “Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit” or “SOM” shall have the meaning given to it in Rule 42.
 - jj) “Member” shall mean a Full Member, and an Associate Member, and the term “Membership” shall be construed accordingly.
 - kk) “Memorandum” shall mean the Memorandum of Association of JFI.
 - ll) “Misconduct” in relation to a natural person, shall include:
 - i. breach of Code of Ethics and Safe Sport Policy.

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- ii. working contrary to the Objects of JFI.
 - iii. breach of these Rules and Regulations, the Bye-laws, policies, rules/procedures of JFI/Bodies of JFI, applicable law, and other documents and/or stipulations which apply to and govern JFI.
 - iv. causing prejudice to the interest of JFI and/or the sport of Judo.
 - v. failure to discharge his/her functions and duties and/or dereliction of duties.
 - vi. breach of trust; fraud.
 - vii. misappropriation of funds.
 - viii. improper and malafide exercise of power.
 - ix. not declaring Conflict of Interest.
 - x. existence of intractable Conflict of Interest; where the Conflict of Interest is tractable, failure to resolve the same.
 - xi. sexual harassment.
 - xii. damage to property; injury to any person.
 - xiii. Unsportsmanlike behaviour, which includes insulting, making undesirable gestures, abusing the decision of the judges/referees, provoking the opponents or spectator or committing any act not in keeping with the propriety of sports.
 - xiv. doping, age fraud, and competition manipulation.
 - xv. such other conduct as may be Prescribed.
- mm) "NCT of Delhi" shall mean National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- nn) "Objects of JFI" shall mean the objects of JFI as set out in the Memorandum.
- oo) "Prescribed" shall mean prescribed in the Bye-laws.
- pp) "President" shall mean the person who discharges the powers, functions and duties as set out in Rule 15.1.
- qq) "President's Report" means the annual report on the working of JFI prepared by the President, providing for such matters as Prescribed.
- rr) "Rules and Regulations" shall mean Rules and Regulations of JFI as amended from time to time.
- ss) "Safe Sport Policy" shall mean the policy for ensuring safety of judo Athletes/officials and persons associated with JFI in any capacity whatsoever, in relation to all activities, events, operations and proceedings of JFI, as Prescribed. Inter alia, it shall provide for protection and safety of women and minor athletes.

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- tt) “General Secretary” shall mean the person who discharges the powers functions and duties as set out in Rule 15.2
- uu) "Selection Committee" shall mean the Body of JFI whose composition,power , functions, duties and manner of functioning is set out in Rule 17.
- vv) “State” shall mean a state in the Union of India
- ww) "State/UT Association” shall mean the JFI recognised sole association/federation/society working for the promotion, development and popularisation of sports in a given State or Union Territory.
- xx) “Treasurer” shall mean the person who discharges the powers, functions and duties as set out in Rule 15.3.
- yy) “Union Territory” shall mean a union territory in the Union of India and shall include National Capital Territory of Delhi.

2.2. In these Rules and Regulations (unless the context requires otherwise):

- a) the headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of these Rules and Regulations;
- b) words using the singular or plural number shall also include the plural or singular number, respectively;
- c) words of either gender shall include the other gender;
- d) the terms “hereof”, “herein”, “hereby”, “hereto”, “hereunder” and derivative or similar words refer to these entire Rules and Regulations;
- e) any reference herein to any Rule is to such Rule in these Rules and Regulations;
- f) reference to any law shall include references to any such law as it may, from time to time, be amended, supplemented or re-enacted, and any reference to statutory provision shall include any subordinate legislation made from time to time under that provision;
- g) references to the words “include” and “including” shall be construed without limitation;
- h) reference to days, months and years are to calendar days, calendar months and calendar years, respectively, unless defined otherwise or inconsistent with the context or meaning thereof; and
- i) reference to any ‘communication’ or ‘notice’ is to communication / notice in writing.

3. JURISDICTION

3.1. JFI shall have jurisdiction over the entire territory of India.

4. HEADQUARTERS

4.1. The headquarters of JFI shall be located in the NCT of Delhi.

PART II: MEMBERSHIP

5. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1. There shall be only 2 (Two) categories of membership of JFI: (a) Full Membership; and (b) Associate Membership;

5.2. Full Membership

- a) This shall be open to only State/UT Associations which meet the eligibility criteria set out in Rule 6.
- b) It shall be unlimited in tenure unless terminated in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- c) It shall carry the right to participate and vote at the meetings of the General Council. Each Full member shall have 2 (two) votes at the meeting of the General Council, only one vote to be exercised by one representative.
- d) JFI shall always have as Full Members at least 2/3rd (two-thirds) of the State/UT Associations.

5.3. Associate Membership.

- a) This shall be open to only Sports Promotion Body which meet the eligibility criteria set out in **Rule 6**.
- b) It shall be unlimited in tenure unless terminated in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- c) It shall carry the right to participate without voting rights at the meetings of the General Council.
- d) It shall carry the right to participate in the meetings of the General Council but not vote therein.

6. Eligibility Criteria for Membership

6.1. A State / UT Association, a Sports Promotion Body (as the case maybe) shall be granted Membership only if they comply with eligibility criteria set out in this Rule.

6.2. Full Membership

To obtain Full Membership, a State / UT Association should:

- i. Have a legal status as a not for profit company incorporated under Section 8 of Companies Act 2013, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 or the societies act of a state, or a public charitable trust.
- ii. Be an autonomous body, free from any government. political, religious or other influence.
- iii. Be working exclusively for the promotion, development and popularisation of the sport of Judo in the State or Union Territory where it functions.
- iv. Should have more than 50% (fifty percent) of the District Associations in its State / Union Territory, which are working exclusively for the promotion, development and popularisation of the sport of Judo, affiliated as its members. The eligibility criteria for the District Associations which can be affiliated maybe as Prescribed.
- v. Have a governing / constitutional document which :
 - i. complies with the Act, government directives and applicable law;
 - ii. provides that the State / UT Association shall comply with the Rules and Regulations, Bye-laws, policies, rules/ procedures and decisions of JFI / Bodies of JFI;
 - iii. at the minimum, is in line and not in contradiction with the provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and Rules framed thereunder and the Memorandum, Rules and Regulations, Bye- laws, policies, rules / procedures of JFI.

6.3. Associate Membership

To obtain Associate Membership, a Sports Promotion Body should:

- a) be an autonomous body, free from any government, political, religious or other influence.
- b) be working exclusively for the promotion, development and popularisation of the sport of Judo, unless otherwise provided by the mandatory rules applicable to the JFI.
- c) have an all India standing.
- d) have a governing/constitutional document which:

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- i. complies with the Act, government directives and applicable law;
 - ii. provides that the Sports Promotion Body shall comply with the Rules and Regulation, Bye-laws, policies, rules/procedures and decisions of JFI/Bodies of JFI; and
 - iii. adopts the principles of governance and administration enshrined in these Rules and Regulations and provides, inter alia, for broad-based representation in membership, governance and management of the Associate Member, including that of athletes; periodic elections for members of executive bodies; tenure and term limits and cooling-off provisions for executive committee members and members of bodies; transparency in functioning of bodies and maintenance of records; provisions to deal with conflict-of-interest; proper maintenance and audit of accounts; and grievance redressal mechanism for members, athletes, coaches and other persons associated with the sport of Judo.
- e) Every State/UT Association shall be registered, and shall remain registered, with the National Sports Board in the form and manner specified by the National Sports Board, and JFI shall facilitate such registration.

7. NUMBER OF MEMBERS

- 7.1. The maximum number of Full Members shall be total number of States and Union Territories in India. There shall be only 1 (one) Full Member from each State and Union Territory represented by two (2) authorised representatives, each having one vote.
- 7.2. There is no limit on the number of Associate Members.

8. PROCEDURE FOR GRANT OF MEMBERSHIP

8.1. For Full Members and Associate Members

- a) The eligible State/UT Association / Sports Promotion Body shall submit an application to the Executive Committee containing such particulars and documents as may be Prescribed.

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- b) After satisfying itself that the application is complete in all regards and that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria set out in Rule 6, the Executive Committee shall place the application with its comments thereon before the General Council in the next General Meeting for the General Council's approval.
 - c) In case of deficiencies in the application or the eligibility of the applicant, the Executive Committee shall return the application to the concerned State/UT Association or Associated Member shall be eligible to reapply for membership after curing such deficiencies.
 - d) On approval of the General Council, the concerned State/UT Association or Sports Promotion Body shall be admitted as a Full Member or an Associate Member (as the case maybe).

9. MEMBERSHIP FEE

- 9.1. Each Full Member and Associate Member shall be required to pay a fee for admission to Membership "Admission Fee" (if they are not Members as on the Effective Date) and an annual Membership fee "Annual Fee".
- 9.2. The Admission Fee and Annual Fee shall be as prescribed in the Annexure A which may be amended by the Executive Committee at an Executive Committee Meeting.
- 9.3. The Admission Fee shall be paid immediately on grant of approval of Membership. The Annual Fee shall be paid before the end of the Financial Year, i.e., on or before March 31 of each year.
- 9.4. The Annual Fee for a new Full Member / Associate Member shall be pro-rated according to the months remaining in the Financial Year from the date of obtainment of Membership.

10. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- 10.1. In addition to the obligations of Members as set out in these Rules and Regulations and Bye-laws, the Members shall fulfil the obligations as set out in this Rule.

10.2. General Obligations

- a) To comply with the Rules and Regulations, Bye-laws, policies and rules/ procedure and directives of JFI.
- b) To not work against the Objects of JFI and/or cause harm to the sport of Judo.
- c) To not undermine the authority of JFI as the National Sports Federation and the sole governing body for the sport of Judo in India.
- d) To not interfere in the affairs of other Members.

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- e) To comply with Statute, regulations and decisions of International Judo Federation, JFI and the Olympic Charter, and exercise the rights, perform the duties and discharge the functions as specified therein.
 - f) To comply with the Act, government directives and applicable law.
 - g) To attend the meetings of the General Council.
 - h) To ensure that their contact details are kept up to date in Judobase.

10.3. Full Members and Associate Members

- a) To submit their respective governing documents/constitutional documents, a list of their respective members, list of their members of their executive bodies, a copy of annual report, annual balance-sheet and audited statement of accounts, a report of their activities, calendar of sports for the year, and such other information/document as may be Prescribed within 3 (three) months of the closing of the Financial Year and as and when there is any change in the aforementioned information/documents.
- b) To register all Judokas (i.e., players and coaches) and Judo referees in their respective State / Union Territory / organisation. To prepare and maintain a database of such Judokas and referees. To furnish such database to JFI on a quarterly basis.
- c) To conduct elections in their bodies, including the executive bodies and Athletes' Committee, where members of such bodies are required to be appointed by election as per their governing document, in accordance with the governing document. The Full Member/Associate Member shall appoint an electoral officer from the roster maintained by JFI to oversee its election process and ensure free and fair elections.
- d) To comply with and implement anti-doping guidelines and measures.
- e) To comply with applicable law. To ensure all statutory and legal compliances.
- f) To ensure that there are no factional disputes within the Members and there is no mismanagement within the Members.
- g) To arrange for participation of teams in at least 2 (two) age categories in the National Judo Championship.
- h) To permit observers from JFI for elections in their bodies and meetings of their General Council.
- i) To honour its commitment or any other obligation to JFI and other Members.

10.4. Full Members

- a) To conduct the State Judo Championship every year for each age group and the National Judo Championship/other events as and when allotted.
- b) To participate in all JFI national events and other activities.

11. REMOVAL, SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

11.1. A Member shall be liable to be suspended and/or removed from Membership in case of the following events ('Event(s) of Default'):

- a) the Member's order, decision, conduct or any other action / omission is:
 - i. in violation of these Rules and Regulations, the Bye-laws, the policies of JFI/Bodies of JFI, the rules and procedure of JFI/Bodies of JFI, applicable law, and other documents and or stipulations which apply to and govern JFI;
 - ii. prejudicial to the interest of JFI and/or the sport of Judo; and/or
 - iii. contrary to the Objects of JFI.
- b) the Member has obtained Membership by fraud, misrepresentation and/or concealment.
- c) the Member ceases to meet the eligibility criteria for Membership.

11.2. Where an Event of Default is alleged to have occurred, the Executive Committee shall investigate the Event of Default and submit its report containing its findings and recommended action to the General Council for consideration and decision within 3 (three) months from the date the alleged Event of Default is brought to its notice. Provided that, with respect to an Event of Default no investigation by the Executive Committee shall be necessary if a finding on the Event of Default has already been rendered by the Dispute Resolution Committee pursuant to Rule 41.2. If the Dispute Resolution Committee has found that the Event of Default has not occurred, then the proceedings under this Clause shall terminate. If the Dispute Resolution Committee has found that the Event of Default has occurred, then the decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee along with Executive Committee's report on recommended action qua the defaulting Member shall be submitted to the General Council for consideration and decision. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall give its findings within 3 (three) months from the date it receives a complaint regarding the alleged Event of Default.

11.3. The General Council may take such action as it deems fit, including directing the Executive Committee to further investigate the matter (except where the Dispute Resolution Committee has

already given a finding), granting the defaulting Member time to cure the Event of Default, suspending the Member's Membership and removing the Member from Membership. The decision of the General Council shall be taken at a General Meeting (where the defaulting Member shall not have a right to vote) and shall be final and binding on all concerned parties. Removal of a Member from JFI shall require a resolution by 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the total votes of the Members (excluding the Member whose removal is being considered) present at a General Meeting.

11.4. A State/UT Association or a Associate Member, which has been removed from Membership, shall be eligible to apply for and re-obtain Membership after 1 (one) year of removal, subject to removing the cause of removal of Membership and subject to conditions laid down by the General Council for re-joining the Membership.

11.5 A Member's Membership shall terminate:

- a) In case of removal.
- b) In case of a Full Member and Associate Member, upon their resignation, dissolution or declaration of insolvency.

PART III: GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

12. Bodies of JFI

12.1. The management, administration and governance of JFI shall be undertaken by and/or include the following bodies ("Body of JFI"):

- a) the General Council,
- b) the Executive Committee, and such other sub-committees that may be constituted by the Executive Committee from time to time,
- c) the Athletes' Committee,
- d) the Selection Committee,
- e) the Technical Council,
- f) the Internal Complaints Committee,
- g) the Ethics Committee,
- h) the Dispute Resolution Committee,
- i) the Election Panel for State Units, to be maintained by the Executive Committee, and
- j) such other committees that may be constituted by the General Council from time to time.

13. The General Council

13.1. Composition

- a) The General Council shall be composed of Full Members and Associate Members.
- b) Four (4) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit nominated/elected under the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules (Rule 42) each of whom shall have one (1) vote in the General Council; and One (1) representative of each Associate Member, who shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the General Council without voting rights.

Note: The four (4) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit referred to above shall be constituted in accordance with the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules set out in Rule 42, which provide for equal representation of male and female sportspersons of outstanding merit.

- c) The Full Members shall be represented at the General Council through authorised representative ("**Authorised Representative**"), with each Full Member being represented by 2 (two) Authorised Representatives, having one vote each.
- d) The Authorised Representative cannot be a person who is subject to any Disqualification Event.
- e) The Full Members and Associate Members shall communicate the names of their respective Authorised Representatives prior to the General Meeting.
- f) The nomination of the Authorised Representative of an Full Member shall be supported by a letter jointly attested by President and General Secretary of the concerned Full Member/Associate Member. In the event that the President and the General Secretary submit nominations proposing different individuals, the nomination shall be valid only if supported by a resolution of the Executive Committee of the concerned Full Member authorising such representative.
- g) The nomination of the Authorised Representative of an Associate Member shall be submitted by the competent authority authorised to do so under the constitution, bye-laws, rules, or other governing documents of the concerned Associate Member.
- h) The Authorised Representative shall act solely in accordance with the instructions of the Member he/she is representing.

13.2. Functions, powers and duties

The functions, powers and duties of the General Council shall be as follows:

- a) To be the supreme Body of JFI, having overall control and responsibility of the functioning of JFI and Bodies of JFI and having all powers of governance, management and decision making.
- b) To carry into effect the objects of JFI.
- c) To formulate and enforce the policies of JFI.
- d) To hold, control and administer the funds and other properties of JFI.
- e) To provide funding to its Members.
- f) To explain and interpret these Rules and Regulations and to take a decision on any issue which is not covered under these Rules and Regulations.
- g) To call for, and review, any record, including accounts and financial statements, of JFI and its Members.
- h) To consider, review, ratify, modify and/or set aside any decision or order of any other Body of JFI, excluding the Ethics Committee, Internal Complaints Committee and the Dispute Resolution Committee.
- i) To constitute/dissolve committees or sub-committees (other than those provided under Rules 12.1(a) to (i)), as and when necessary.
- j) To decide on all proposals submitted for consideration by the Members and the Executive Committee.
- k) To admit, suspend and remove Members to/from Membership.
- l) To delegate such powers to the other Bodies of JFI as it deems fit.
- m) To discharge the functions, exercise the powers and perform the duties as provided in these Rules and Regulations.
- n) To frame and adopt the Code of Ethics in accordance with the guidelines issued by the National Sports Board; to adopt and implement the Safe Sport Policy framed by the National Sports Board under the Act, and to frame and adopt any complementary policy consistent therewith; and to frame and adopt rules for the prevention of, protection against, and punishment for, doping, sexual harassment, age fraud and competition manipulation.
- o) To exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties as are necessary for carrying out the Objects of JFI.

13.3. Annual General Meeting

- a) The General Council shall meet at least once in every Financial Year, before 30th June. Such meeting is referred to as the “Annual General Meeting”.
- b) The Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee and take place at such date, time and place as may be decided by the Executive Committee.
- c) The following business shall be transacted at every Annual General Meeting:
 - be transacted at such meeting.
 - i. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of the Extra-ordinary General Meeting, if any.
 - ii. Consideration and adoption of the President's Report , General Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report on the working of JFI.
 - iii. Consideration and adoption of the audited accounts for the year under review.
 - iv. Consideration and adoption of the annual budget.
 - v. Consideration and adoption of the long term development plan for the sport of Judo.
 - vi. Appointment and removal of Auditors and fixing their remuneration.
 - vii. Ratification of appointment and removal of the members of the Committees.
 - viii. Election of the Executive Committee (if due).
 - ix. Consideration of the annual calendar of competition and events.
 - x. Consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Executive Committee and other Bodies of JFI and to propose policy directions for JFI.
 - xi. Approval of the decisions of the Executive Committee.
 - xii. Consideration of any motion moved by a Member, notice whereof is given in advance.
 - xiii. Consideration of any other business which may be included in the agenda for the meeting.
 - xiv. Transaction of any other business of informal character as may be permitted by the Chairperson.

13.4 Extra-ordinary General Meeting

- a) All meetings of the General Council other than the Annual General Meeting are referred to as "**Extra-ordinary General Meetings**".
- b) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee:

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- i. on a resolution of the Executive Committee, specifically stating the business to be transacted at such meeting;
 - ii. on a resolution of the General Council, specifically stating the business to be transacted at such meeting; or
 - iii. On a requisition signed by Members having at least 1/3rd (one-third) of the total votes in a General Meeting, specifically stating the business to be transacted at such meeting
- c) Such meeting shall be called for within 30 (thirty) days of passing of the resolution or receipt of requisition, as the case may be, giving notice in accordance with Rule 13.6. The date, time and place of the meeting shall be as decided by the Executive Committee.

13.5. Power of Members to convene a General Meeting

- a) If the Executive Committee fails to call for an Annual General Meeting within the time period stipulated in Rule 13.3(a) or an Extra-ordinary General Meeting within the time period stipulated in Rule 13.4(c), then Members having at least 2/3rd (two-thirds) of the total votes in a General Meeting may call for and convene such a meeting by giving notice in accordance with Rule 13.6.
- b) In such a case, the General Meeting shall be held only at the Headquarters of JFI or if the same is not available, then at another location in NCT of Delhi.

13.6. Notice and Agenda of General Meeting

- a) For a General Meeting, atleast 30 (thirty)days' notice shall be given to all Members.
- b) The notice shall be accompanied by the resolution of the Executive Committee, resolution of the General Council or the requisition of the Members, as the case may be, calling for the meeting, and an agenda setting out the business to be transacted at the meeting along with explanatory notes and documents relevant for discussing the business to be transacted. Further, key documents, including the President's Report, General Secretary's Report, financial report, audited accounts, and proposed annual budget, shall be circulated to all Members at least 15 (fifteen) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- c) Any Member may seek addition of an agenda item up to 14 (Fourteen) days before the date of the General Meeting by sending the same to the Executive Committee.

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- d) After receiving the additional agenda items proposed by Members, the Executive Committee shall circulate a revised agenda to all Members, not later than 20 (twenty) days before the date of the General Meeting.
 - e) A General Meeting may be called at a shorter notice if consented to by Members having at least 3/4 (three-fourth) of the total votes in a General Meeting or if so deemed fit by the Executive Committee. In such a case, business items other than those specified in the agenda with the notice, shall not be raised at the meeting.
 - f) Notice of all General Meetings shall also be given to the Government of India in accordance with Rule 13.6(a). The Government of India shall be entitled to send its observer to such a meeting.

13.7. Quorum, Chairperson, Voting at the General Meeting

- a) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Regulations:
 - i. the quorum for a General Meeting shall be Members having at least 1/3 (one-third) of the total votes in a General Meeting, with the Full Members constituting the voting majority. If the requisite quorum is not present at the commencement of the meeting, the President or, in their absence, the Chairperson presiding over the meeting, shall adjourn the meeting for a period of Sixty (60) minutes. Upon reconvening on the same day and with the same agenda, the adjourned meeting (the “Adjourned Meeting”) shall proceed irrespective of the number of members present, and no quorum shall be required for such Adjourned Meeting.
- b) A General Meeting may be held through video-conferencing. Members shall be permitted to join a General Meeting through video-conferencing.
- c) The President shall preside over the General Meeting as the Chairperson and in his/her absence, the General Secretary. In the absence of both the President and the General Secretary, the Members / Authorised Representatives present shall select a Chairperson from amongst themselves.
- d) At the General Meeting, every Full Member shall have 2 (two) votes each exercised separately by two authorised representatives, and SOMs 1 (one) vote each. Honorary members may attend the General Assembly and other member events in an honorary capacity. Voting shall be by show of hands or by a ballot. In either case, the Chairperson shall record how a Member / Authorised

Representative has voted. Unless otherwise provided, decisions at the General Meetings shall be taken by simple majority of votes present. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

e) In case of a tie in votes, the concerned business item(s) shall be put to vote again after one hour, and if the need arises, the General Meeting shall stand adjourned by one hour to enable the second vote. If there is a tie in votes even in the second vote, the President shall have the veto power.

13.8. Presence of EC Members at the General Meeting

- a) All EC Members shall be present at the General Meeting.
- b) EC members named as authorized representative from the Full Members for General Meeting, shall only have voting rights, other EC members shall attend the General Meeting without voting rights.

13.9. Minutes of the General Meeting

- a) The minutes recording the proceedings of the General Meeting shall be prepared by the General Secretary or in his absence any person authorised by chairperson and circulated to all the Members.
- b) The minutes should accurately reflect the proceedings of the General Meeting and the discussions by the Members. Objections raised by a Member shall be recorded in the minutes.
- c) A Member shall communicate to the General Secretary and all Members any deficiencies and/or inaccuracies in the minutes within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the minutes. The Chairperson shall make corrections, if necessary, and circulate the revised minutes to the Members.
- d) The minutes shall be placed for approval of the Members in the next General Meeting.

14. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

14.1. Composition

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following members ("EC Members"):

- a) The Executive Committee of JFI shall consist of the following:
 - i. President – 1
 - ii. Vice-President – 3

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- iii. Vice-President (Female) – 1
 - iv. General Secretary – 1
 - v. Treasurer – 1
 - vi. Joint Secretary – 1
 - vii. Joint Secretary (Female) – 1
 - viii. Executive Committee Member- 2
 - ix. Executive Member (SOM – Female) – 1
 - x. Executive Member (SOM – Male) – 1
 - xi. Athletes' Committee Representative (Female) – 1
 - xii. Athletes' Committee Representative (Male) – 1

(b) The Executive Committee Members shall be elected by the General Council and shall be Members of the General Council. Provided that only a SOM and a authorised representative representing a Full Member shall be entitled to be an Executive Committee Member, except the Athlete Committee representatives.

(c) Any representative of a Member who has been elected as an Executive Committee Member shall continue to hold his office till the end of the term.

14.2. Functions, powers and duties

The functions, powers and duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- a) To conduct the business of JFI during the interval between the meetings of the General Council and report all the decisions and actions to the General Council, to which the Executive Committee is accountable.
- b) To ensure affiliation of State/UT Associations with JFI.
- c) To consider and approve the President's Report on the working of JFI, the audited accounts and the annual budget estimates and present the same to the General Council for approval.
- d) To consider names of Auditor(s) and terms of their engagement and propose the same to the General Council for approval.
- e) To propose removal of the Auditor if the circumstances so warrant.
- f) To consider names of members of the Dispute Resolution Committee and terms of their engagement and propose the same to the General Council for approval.

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- g) To consider and approve the long term development plan for the sport of Judo and present the same to the General Council for approval.
 - h) To propose removal of any member of the Dispute Resolution Committee, if the circumstances so warrant.
 - i) To consider and approve the annual calendar of competition and events and present the same to the General Council for approval.
 - j) To initiate and recommend to the General Council different schemes for the promotion and development of Judo.
 - k) To constitute sub-committees within the Executive Committee with specific tasks assigned to them.
 - l) To decide the officials, entourage, staff etc. who will accompany the Judokas in national and international competitions/ tours.
 - m) To organise the National Judo Championship in all age categories annually and award the official championship title.
 - n) To collect, procure, accept and receive subscriptions, donations, sports goods or assistance in kind, gifts and endowments.
 - o) To manage, supervise, and administer the funds and properties of JFI.
 - p) To enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of JFI.
 - q) To employ/engage various officers, employees, specialists, experts and/or personnel for the purposes of running and administration of JFI; to remunerate them for their services in accordance with applicable law; and to remove/terminate, dismiss, suspend and/or take other appropriate disciplinary action against such officers, employees or personnel.
 - r) To prepare and publish the roster of Judokas of Outstanding Merit in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the Act.
 - s) To mediate issues between Members.
 - t) To interact and consult with the Athletes' Committee regarding issues concerning Judokas.
 - u) To appoint observers for the elections and meetings of Full Members and Associate Members.
 - v) To appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to manage the affairs of any Full Member or Associate Member in the interest of the athletes.
 - w) To maintain the Election Panel of JFI for the conduct of fair and transparent elections of the affiliated member State/UT Associations, with an Electoral Officer appointed from the Election Panel of JFI to oversee the election process and ensure free and fair elections.

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- x) To institute or defend any action or proceedings for or against JFI or against Executive Committee Members or against employee of the JFI.
 - y) To interpret the Rules and Regulations of JFI.
 - z) To frame policies, and rules/ procedures generally for the management of the affairs of JFI.
 - aa) To recommend Bye-laws to the General Council.
 - bb) To raise loans for JFI.
 - cc) To delegate any of its powers to any (special purpose) committee/ commission.
 - dd) To decide on all issues which have not been placed under the authority of any other Body of JFI, subject to ratification by the General Council.
 - ee) To ensure that JFI maintains its recognition as a National Sports Federation /National Sports Body and maintains its affiliation with the International Judo Federation, the Indian Olympic Association and other national and international sports bodies.
 - ff) To communicate to the International Judo Federation the number of Members and black belts in JFI on 30 September each year.
 - gg) To inform the International Judo Federation, each time, about any amendment to JFI's Rules and Regulations or change to its list of Members and EC Members.
 - hh) To designate delegates for the International Judo Federation Congress.
 - ii) To submit a report to the International Judo Federation on the utilisation of funds received by JFI from the International Judo Federation and/or the
 - jj) International Olympic Committee.
 - kk) To discharge the functions, exercise the powers and perform the duties as provided in these Rules and Regulations.
 - ll) To take disciplinary action against any Member, executive committee members, official, athlete, coach, or other person affiliated with JFI in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and applicable regulations.
 - mm) To do all such acts and things as are incidental and conducive to the doing of the foregoing acts and/or the Objects of JFI.

14.3. QUALIFICATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 14.3.1. A person shall not be qualified to contest for election or seek nomination to, the Executive Committee, unless—
- (a) such person is a citizen of India who has attained at least twenty-five years of age;

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- (b) the nomination of such person is duly proposed and seconded by a voting member of the General Council;
 - (c) such person is not declared to be of unsound mind;
 - (d) such person shall not be more than seventy years of age on the last date of nomination for election;
 - (e) such person, if he is a government servant, has necessary approvals from the Government, as applicable: Such approval shall be furnished prior to the filing of the nomination.

14.3.2. A person shall not be qualified to contest for election or seek nomination to, the posts of the President or the General Secretary or the Treasurer, unless such person is a sportsperson of outstanding merit or, has previously served as a member for at least one full term in the Executive Committee of the JFI or one full term as the President, or the General Secretary or the Treasurer in its affiliate unit.

14.3.3. The term of the Executive Committee shall be four (4) years from the date of its constitution.

14.3.4 No person shall continuously hold the office of President, General Secretary or Treasurer, whether separately or in combination in either posts, for more than three (3) consecutive terms, and shall be eligible for re-election to those offices or to the Executive Committee only after a mandatory cooling-off period of one (1) term.

14.3.5 A person shall be disqualified from being a member of the General Council, or of any committee of a JFI, and shall not be eligible for contesting for election to the Executive Committee or the Athletes' Committee, if such person is (each such circumstance being a "Disqualification Event")-

- (a) declared insolvent under applicable law; or
- (b) subject to a conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction in India for an offence, followed by a sentence of imprisonment; or
- (c) subject to a ban from holding any such position by an order of the Ethics Committee of JFI: Provided that the disqualification in respect of - (i) clause (a) shall be for the period of insolvency as applicable; (ii) clause (b) shall be for a period of one full term of the Executive Committee after the completion of such sentence; and (iii) clause (c) shall be for the duration of such ban.
- (d) if such person is a member of any other National Sports Body other than the National Olympic Committee; and

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- (e) if such person has not completed the cooling off period of one term after having held the position of President, Secretary General or Treasurer in any other National Sports Body.

14.4. Eligibility conditions and restrictions on terms of EC Member

- A) A person seeking election as an EC Member shall have to be proposed by a Full Member/SOM Roster Member and seconded by another Full Member/SOM Roster Member. It is clarified that this requirement shall not apply to EC Members who are elected by the Athletes' Committee.
- b) Where a person, who is already an EC Member, ceases to meet the eligibility criteria as provided in these Rules and Regulations, he/she shall demit (or, in the event of failure to do so, shall be deemed to have demitted) his/her position immediately.

14.5. Casual & Permanent Vacancy

14.5.1 A vacancy in the office of an Executive Committee member shall be deemed to have arisen upon death, resignation, removal, disqualification, incapacity, or any other circumstance resulting in the office becoming vacant.

14.5.2 President: In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office of the President, the Senior Vice-President (or, in the absence thereof, a Vice-President nominated by the Executive Committee) shall discharge the functions of the President until the vacancy is filled through an election at a General Meeting convened within **three (3) months** or at the next Annual General Meeting, whichever is earlier.

14.5.3 Other Executive Committee Members: A permanent vacancy in the office of the General Secretary, Vice-President, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, or any other elected Executive Committee Member shall be filled by the Executive Committee by way of an interim appointment from amongst the eligible members of the Executive Committee. Such appointment shall continue until the vacancy is filled through an election at a General Meeting convened within **three (3) months** or at the next Annual General Meeting, whichever is earlier.

14.5.4 A person elected or appointed to fill a casual or permanent vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the predecessor's term. Such period shall **not** be treated as a full term for the purposes of term limits or eligibility for re-election.

14.6. Meetings of the Executive Committee

- a) An EC Meeting shall be held at such frequency as may be necessary to discharge its duties, but in any case, at least once every 6 (Six) months. A meeting of the Executive Committee is referred to herein as an “EC Meeting”. The EC Meeting shall be convened by the General Secretary. The meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee may decide.
- b) An EC Meeting shall be convened on a requisition to that effect being made to the Executive Committee by not less than 8 (Eight) EC Members. Any such requisition shall express the object of the meeting proposed to be called. Such meeting shall be convened by the General Secretary within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt of the requisition, by giving notice in accordance with Rule 14.7.
- c) Where the General Secretary fails to convene an EC Meeting in accordance with Rule 14.6(a) and Rule 14.6(b), then 8 (Eight) EC Members may call for and convene such a meeting by giving notice in accordance with Rule 14.7. In such a case, the EC Meeting shall be held only at the Headquarters of JFI or if the same is not available, then at another location in NCT of Delhi.

14.7 Notice and Agenda for an EC Meeting.

- a) For an EC Meeting, 15 (fifteen) days’ notice shall be given to all EC Members. The notice shall be accompanied by an agenda setting out the business to be transacted at the meeting along with explanatory notes and documents relevant for discussing the business to be transacted.
- b) Any EC Member may seek addition of an agenda item up to 10 (ten) days before the date of the meeting by sending the same to the General Secretary. After receiving the additional agenda items proposed by the EC Members, the General Secretary shall circulate a revised agenda to all EC Members, not later than 7 (seven) days before the date of the General Meeting.
- c) An EC Meeting may be called at a shorter notice if consented to by all EC Members. In such a case, business items other than those specified in the agenda with the notice, shall not be raised at the meeting.

14.8. Quorum, Chairperson, Voting at the EC Meeting

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- a) The quorum for an EC Meeting shall be 5 (five) EC Members out of which at least 1 (one) EC Member should be either President, General Secretary or Treasurer and 1 (one) EC Member should be the nominee of the Athletes' Committee. Where any business related to a financial matter is to be transacted at a meeting, the presence of the Treasurer shall be mandatory to constitute valid quorum. The EC Members may invite the Auditor / its representative to attend an EC Meeting if the agenda involves a matter pertaining to finances of JFI.
 - b) The EC Members shall be personally present at the meetings of the Executive Committee and shall not be represented through any authorised person or proxy.
 - c) An EC Meeting may be held through video-conferencing. EC Members shall be permitted to join an EC Meeting through video-conferencing.
 - d) The President shall preside over the EC Meeting as the Chairperson and in his/her absence, the General Secretary. In the absence of both the President and the General Secretary, the EC members can nominate a person among themselves.
 - e) At the EC Meeting, each EC Member shall exercise 1 (one) vote. The General Secretary shall record how each EC Members has voted. Decisions at the EC Meetings shall be taken by simple majority of votes of those present. The representatives of the Athletes' Committee on the Executive Committee shall each have one (1) vote
 - f) In case of a tie in votes, the concerned business item(s) shall be put to vote again after one hour, and if the need arises, the EC Meeting shall stand adjourned by one hour to enable the second vote. If there is a tie in votes even in the second vote, the President, or the person presiding over the meeting, shall have a casting vote.

14.9. Resolution by circulation

- a) The Executive Committee may pass a resolution through circulation on all matters on which it can pass a resolution in an EC Meeting, provided that such resolution:
 - i. has been circulated in draft form, together with the relevant documents, if any, to all the EC Members in advance.
 - ii. is approved by a majority of the EC Members.
- b) A resolution so passed shall be as valid and effective as a resolution duly passed at a duly held EC Meeting.
- c) All resolutions passed by circulation shall be taken on record at the next EC Meeting.

14.10. Minutes of the EC Meeting

- a) The minutes recording the proceedings of the EC Meeting shall be prepared by the General Secretary and circulated to all EC Members, within 21 (Twenty-One) days of the meeting.
- b) The minutes should accurately reflect the proceedings of the EC Meeting and the discussions by the EC Members. Objections raised by an EC Member shall be recorded in the minutes.
- c) An EC Member shall communicate to the General Secretary any deficiencies and/or inaccuracies in the minutes within 15(Fifteen) days of receipt of the minutes. The General Secretary shall make corrections, if necessary, and circulate the revised minutes to the EC Members.
- d) The minutes shall be placed for approval of the EC Members in the next EC Meeting.

14.11. Vote of no-confidence

- a) The Executive Committee Member shall be liable to dissolved if the General Council loses confidence in it and passes a vote of no-confidence at a General Meeting.
- b) A resolution for no-confidence against the Executive Committee Member:
 - a. shall be proposed by Members having at least 50% (fifty percent) of the total votes in a General Council Meeting, with the Full Members constituting the voting majority;
 - b. shall be considered at a General Council Meeting, including an Adjourned Meeting, where Members having at least 3/4th (three-fourth) of the total votes in a General Meeting, with the Full Members constituting the voting majority, are present; and
 - c. shall be passed only if supported by 2/3th (two-third) majority of the total votes of the Members present and voting at the General Meeting.

15. FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

15.1 The President

- a) Shall be the executive head of JFI and responsible for overseeing the execution/implementation of the Rules and Regulations, Bye-laws, policies and rules/procedures to achieve Objects of JFI.
- b) Shall represent JFI towards third parties and sign documents on behalf of JFI.

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- c) Shall liaise on behalf of JFI with the other National Sports Federations, the Indian Olympic Association, the International Judo Federation and other national and international sports bodies.
 - d) Shall exercise superintendence and oversee the functioning of the General Council and the Executive Committee and guide JFI in all activities.
 - e) Shall direct the General Secretary to call meetings of the General Council and Executive Committee.
 - f) Shall preside over all the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Council and other meetings of JFI, as required.
 - g) In case of emergency, shall be authorised to sanction expenditure up to INR 2,00,000 (Indian Rupees two lakh) for any item not included in the budget. Such expenditure shall be placed before the Executive Committee for ratification.
 - h) Shall ensure compliance with the National Sports Governance Act, government directions, applicable law and other documents which govern JFI.
 - i) Shall ensure that the financial position of JFI is sound and no unauthorised expenses have taken place.
 - j) Shall, in case of emergency, have full power to issue necessary order and take necessary steps, which shall subsequently be confirmed by the Executive Committee or General Council, as the case may be.
 - k) Shall discharge the functions, exercise the powers and perform the duties as provided in these Rules and Regulations and/or as directed by the Executive Committee and/or the General Council.
 - l) Shall prepare every year the annual report on the working of JFI, called the "President's Report", which shall provide for such matters as prescribed, and place the same before the Executive Committee for approval.
 - (m)** The President shall preside over all meetings of the General Council and the Executive Committee and, in the event of an equality of votes, shall have a casting vote.

15.2. The General Secretary

- a) Shall be the head of administration of JFI and responsible for the execution/ implementation of the decisions of the General Council and Executive Committee, Rules and Regulations, Bye-laws, policies and rules/ procedures to achieve Objects of JFI.

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- b) Shall convene all meetings of the General Council (on behalf of the Executive Committee) and Executive Committee.
 - c) Shall be authorised to determine the dates, venue and time of the meetings of the Executive Committee and General Council and any other meetings as deemed fit to fulfil the aims and objects of JFI.
 - d) Shall transact all official work and day-to-day affairs of JFI.
 - e) Shall act as the liaison between JFI and its Members and between its Members.
 - f) Shall be responsible for carrying out all correspondences in the name of JFI / its President or otherwise correspond as directed by the President.
 - g) Subject to direction of the President, shall sign documents on behalf of JFI.
 - h) Shall be in-charge of all records and documents (including the register of members, players, officials, etc., minutes of meetings) as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient working of JFI.
 - i) Shall have custody of and maintain in proper order and condition, all documents, trophies, souvenirs and seals, equipment, uniforms, and insignia of JFI and documents of all moveable and immoveable properties of JFI and shall take annual stock of all such properties.
 - j) Shall prepare every year the annual calendar of competition and events and place the same before the Executive Committee for approval.
 - k) Shall prepare long term development plan for the sport of Judo and place the same before the Executive Committee for approval.
 - l) Shall collect or cause to be collected all subscriptions and fees and bring in with due diligence all other monies and dues payable to JFI.
 - m) Shall ensure that accounts of JFI have been properly maintained by the Treasurer and are regularly audited.
 - n) Shall be entitled to incur any legitimate expenditure on behalf of JFI not exceeding INR 1,00,000 (Indian Rupees one lakh) that shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
 - o) Shall oversee the functioning and progress of various committees and commissions.
 - p) Shall be empowered to call for any papers and information from the Members, Judokas, Judo Athletes/Officials, officials, licensed academies/ clubs or anyone associated with the sport, which is necessary for the disposal of any matter and to perform such other duties as authorised in these Rules and Regulations.

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- q) Shall discharge the functions, exercise the powers and perform the duties as provided in these Rules and Regulations and/or as directed by the Executive Committee and/or the General Council.

15.3. The Treasurer

- a) Shall be custodian of all the funds, finance and accounts of JFI.
- b) Shall maintain and keep proper books and accounts in respect of all sums of money received and expended by JFI and its assets and liabilities.
- c) Shall maintain an inventory of the property and stock (including equipment and uniform) of JFI and submit the same along with the accounts.
- d) Shall receive moneys due to JFI and maintain proper accounts of the same and issue appropriate receipts.
- e) Shall deposit all moneys as and when received on behalf of JFI in its bank account without delay.
- f) Shall make all payments on behalf of JFI after the connected bills and vouchers have been duly checked by him/her. Payments up to INR 1,00,000 shall be made after approval of the General Secretary and more than that, after approval of the Executive Committee.
- g) Shall prepare and submit to the General Secretary the list of all Members who have defaulted on the payment of their Admission Fee / Annual Fees and other dues.
- h) Shall prepare and place the annual budget before the Executive Committee for its approval.
- i) Shall prepare the statement of accounts of the income and expenditure of JFI and have the same audited. Shall present the audited accounts before the Executive Committee for approval.
- j) Shall assist the Auditor(s) in the auditing of the accounts and explain to him/her such items and entries, which he/she may be called for.
- k) May keep cash not exceeding INR 20,000 (Indian Rupees twenty thousand) for defraying urgent expenses.
- l) Shall discharge the functions, exercise the powers and perform the duties as provided in these Rules and Regulations and/or as directed by the Executive Committee and/or the General Council.

15.4. The Vice-Presidents

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- a) Shall discharge the functions, exercise the powers and perform the duties as prescribed and/or as determined by the Executive Committee.

15.5. The Joint Secretaries

- a) Shall act under the instructions of the General Secretary, and in his/her absence, under the instructions of the President.

16. ATHLETES' COMMITTEE

16.1. Composition and Eligibility

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

- (a) The Chairperson (Male) and the Chairperson (Female) of the Athletes' Committee shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee of the Judo Federation of India. Their election shall be conducted during the Senior National Judo Championship in accordance with these Bye-laws.
- (b) The Athletes' Committee shall have a term of Two (2) years from the date of election.
- (c) Eligibility: To be eligible to be elected as a member of the Athletes' Committee, an athlete must –
 - (i) be an Indian citizen; (ii) be above 18 years of age on the day of announcement of election; (iii) be in good standing with JFI, meaning not currently suspended or otherwise ineligible to participate in JFI-recognised tournaments; (iv) not have previously served a suspension period of three (3) months or longer, unless JFI approves their eligibility taking into account all relevant factors; (v) never have received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code; and (vi) never have received any sanction from International Judo Federation, JFI or any of its State/UT Affiliates.

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

- a) To ensure communication between the JFI and Judokas.
- b) To serve as a source of feedback and advise the Executive Committee on the perspective and needs of Judokas on, inter alia: (i) talent development; (ii) training and competition schedules; (iii) redress of Judoka grievances; (iv) selection criteria; (v) logistical and administrative support; and (vi) athlete support and welfare beyond competitive sports career.

16.3. Conduct of Elections

The election to the Athletes' Committee shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer appointed from the National Sports Election Panel, in the presence of a JFI-appointed Election Observer. There will be Six (6) members of the Athletes' Committee. Members will be elected at the National Judo Championships.

16.4. The Athletes' Committee shall be free to use the office(s) of JFI, including its headquarters for conducting its business.

16.5 Nomination

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

16.6. Voting

The Electoral College for such election shall comprise the Gold Medalists and Silver Medalists in each of the eight (8) weight categories in the Men's and Women's events at the Senior National Judo Championship at which the election is conducted. The Gold Medalists and Silver Medalists in the Men's weight categories shall constitute the Electoral College for the election of the Chairperson (Male) and shall vote only for a male candidate. Likewise, the Gold Medalists and Silver Medalists in the Women's weight categories shall constitute the Electoral College for the election of the Chairperson (Female) and shall vote only for a female candidate.

16.7. General

To be eligible for election, a candidate must fulfil the eligibility criteria. Any member of the Athletes' Committee may be elected to the Executive Committee of JFI by and from among the Athletes' Committee. In the absence of any rules or regulations issued by the Government of India in this regard, the forms, procedure and steps adopted for the election of the Executive Committee of JFI shall also be followed for the elections of the Athletes' Committee. The age, tenure, qualifications and disqualifications applicable to election to the Executive Committee shall also

apply to the election of the Athletes' Committee Chairperson, Executive Committee Representatives and General Council Representatives. Any dispute or issue relating to the eligibility of a member or candidate of the Athletes' Committee shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee. Any member of the Athletes' Committee may be removed in consonance with the procedure adopted for members of the Executive Committee.

16.8. Functions

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

16.9. Expenses, Code of Conduct and Review

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

17. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 17.1. The Selection Committee shall be responsible for framing the procedure and criteria for the selection of Judokas and selecting Judokas for participation in various international competitions.
- 17.2. The Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a term of 1 (one) year.

18. TECHNICAL COUNCIL

- 18.1. The Technical Council shall be responsible for the identification, training and certification of Judo coaches, referees and other technical officials in India.
- 18.2. The composition of the Technical Council, and the conditions of eligibility and terms of appointment of its members, shall be as determined by the Executive Committee.

19. REMUNERATION

No member of any Body of JFI, excluding the members of the Ethics Committee, ICC Committee, and Dispute Resolution Committee, shall receive any compensation or bonus of any kind in consideration for services or for the performance of duties as a member of a Body of JFI, provided that, it shall be appropriate to reimburse a member of a Body of JFI for travelling, accommodation and other justified expenses incurred in the carrying out of functions.

20. PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS

- 20.1. The Executive Committee may engage/employ professional managers for the purpose of managing the day-to-day administration, operations, accounts and finances, human resources, legal affair and media affairs of JFI, on such terms as it may think fit.
- 20.2. The managers engaged/employed shall have the requisite qualifications for the role for which they are engaged/employed.
- 20.3. The powers, functions and duties of the managers may be as determined by the President/General Secretary by way of published rules.

PART IV: ELECTIONS

21. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS

- 21.1. The election to all elected posts in the Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the Sports Rules/NSG Rules, and in particular Schedule I (Eligibility Criteria and Application Process for Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit) and Schedule II (Election Rules) thereto, as amended from time to time.
- 21.2. Such rules will apply also to elections of the Athletes' Committee members and SOMs, with suitable modifications as may be required.

22. THE ELECTORAL OFFICER

- 22.1. The Executive Committee shall, by resolution, appoint the Electoral Officer from the National Sports Election Panel, at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiry of the existing term, for the preparation of the electoral roll and conduct of elections to the Executive Committee.

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- 22.2. His role shall commence from the date of his appointment and shall cease with the declaration of the result.
- 22.3. Any dispute or objection in relation to the election, including in relation to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote, or the admission or rejection of a vote in the elections, shall be raised before the Electoral Officer at the earliest instance. The Electoral officer shall have the power to decide such a dispute/objection and issue necessary directions. Such decision shall be subject to a challenge only before the Dispute Resolution Committee.
- 22.4. The Executive Committee shall provide the requisite number of administrative staff as specified by the Electoral Officer to assist such officer to conduct elections to the Executive Committee.
- 22.5. The date for elections shall be notified by the Executive Committee, in consultation with the appointed Electoral Officer, at least fifty (50) days prior to the expiry of the existing term.
- 22.6. The detailed procedure, forms, timelines and model calendar for the elections shall be as set out in the Election Bye-Laws.

PART V: ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

23. ACCOUNTS

- 23.1. True and fair accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer of all moneys received and expended by JFI and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place and of all assets, credits and liabilities of JFI during the Financial Year.
- 23.2. The accounts of JFI shall be audited by an external CAG empanelled Auditor.
- 23.3 To ensure financial transparency, JFI shall, upon request by the International Judo Federation, present its accounting statements and supporting financial documents.

24. AUDITOR(s)

- 24.1. The General Council shall, at every Annual General Meeting, appoint one or more Auditors to hold office for a 1 (one) year period to audit the accounts of JFI and shall fix their remuneration. The Auditor shall be eligible for reappointment by the General Council. The Auditor shall have at least 15 (fifteen) year experience.

25. BANK ACCOUNT

- 25.1. JFI shall maintain account(s) in such scheduled bank, nationalised bank or other banks, as may be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 25.2. The account(s) shall be maintained in the name of JFI only. All moneys to be paid or received shall be paid or received from/into the account of JFI only. No money shall be paid or received by any other person/entity on behalf of JFI.
- 25.3. The account(s) shall be jointly operated by any 2 (two) of the following three: the Treasurer, the President, and the General Secretary.

PART VI: TRANSPARENCY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ACCOUNTABILITY

26. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

- 26.1 Inter alia, JFI shall consolidate and maintain the following records in physical form and soft copy (to be made available at the headquarters) and upload the same on the website of JFI as well.
- a) The Memorandum, Rules and Regulations and Bye-laws.
 - b) Register of Affiliated Members with names of their executive committee.
 - c) Details and composition of the various Bodies of JFI.
 - d) The audited accounts, balance sheets, profit & loss accounts, annual reports/President's Reports and annual calendar of competition and events.
 - e) The financial and compliance reports of the Auditor(s).
 - f) Notice and results of various competitions and events.
 - g) All payments and expenditures made by JFI which are in excess of INR 25,00,000 (Indian Rupees twenty-five lakh), along with details of such expenditures.
 - h) All notices on or behalf of JFI including tenders for goods and services, for contractual arrangements and the like.
 - i) All other relevant documents and such other documents as may be Prescribed.

27. RIGHT TO INFORMATION

- 27.1. JFI shall be subject to, and shall comply with, the Right to Information Act, 2005.

28. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

28.1. A conflict of interest may take any of the following forms as far as any individual associated with the JFI is concerned (“Conflict of Interest”):

- a) Direct or Indirect Interest: When JFI or a Member enters into contractual arrangements with entities in which the individual concerned or his/her immediate relative is associated.
- b) Roles compromised: When the individual holds two separate or distinct posts or positions under JFI or a Member, the functions of which would require the one to be beholden to the other, or in opposition thereof.
- c) Commercial conflicts: When the individual enters into endorsement contracts or other professional engagements with third parties, the discharge of which would compromise the individual’s primary obligation to the sport or allow for a perception that the purity of the game stands compromised.
- d) Prior relationship: When the individual has a direct or indirect independent commercial engagement with a vendor or service provider in the past, which is now to be engaged by or on behalf of JFI or its Member.
- e) Position of influence: When the individual occupies a post that calls for decisions of governance, management or selection to be made, and where a friend, relative or close affiliate is in the zone of consideration or subject to such decision-making, control or management.

28.2. A Conflict of Interest may be either tractable or intractable:

- a) Tractable conflicts are those that are resolvable or permissible or excusable through recusal of the individual concerned and/or with full disclosure of the interest involved.
- b) Intractable conflicts are those that cannot be resolved through disclosure and recusal and would necessitate the removal of the individual from a post or position occupied so that the conflict can cease to exist.

29. ACCOUNTABILITY

29.1. All Judo Athletes/Officials, and members of all JFI Committee, shall conduct themselves with the highest degree of propriety and in the best interests of the sport of Judo and JFI.

29.2. All such persons shall be accountable for their actions/omissions to JFI.

30. FAIRNESS IN ENGAGEMENTS AND EMPLOYMENTS

30.1. A fair, transparent and open process shall be followed while awarding any contracts or while engaging/employing persons.

30.2. Details of such process shall be widely publicised and also uploaded on the website of JFI.

PART VII: ENQUIRIES, DISPUTES AND ADJUDICATION

31. INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

31.1. An Internal Complaints Committee ("ICC") shall be constituted by the Executive Committee in accordance with, and for the purposes of discharging the functions under, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 ("POSH Act").

32. GENERAL PROCEDURE AND STIPULATIONS

32.1. Any person / entity may bring a complaint before the Dispute Resolution Committee. 32.2. Bodies of JFI, in the course of their enquiries, shall ensure compliance with principles of natural justice, giving all stakeholders a hearing. They shall have the power to take evidence, if necessary. The place of hearing shall be decided by these Bodies of JFI.

PART VIII: MISCELLANEOUS

33. AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

33.1. The Memorandum and Rules and Regulations can only be amended:

- a) at a General Meeting, including an Adjourned Meeting;
- b) the resolution for amendment is passed by **2/3rd (two-thirds)** majority of the total votes of the Full Members and SOM present at such General Meeting.

34. BYE-LAWS

34.1. The General Council may, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, frame bye-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations for the purpose of giving effect to and/or implementing the various provisions of these Rules and Regulations and for the proper and efficient administration of JFI and the Bodies of JFI ("**Bye-laws**").

35. FORCE OF THE BYE-LAWS, POLICIES, AND RULES/ PROCEDURES

- 35.1. The Bye-laws, policies, and rules/ procedures made by JFI/Bodies of JFI shall have the same force as of the Rules and Regulations, provided that they are not contrary to these Rules and Regulations.
- 35.2. Policies and rules/ procedures of JFI/Bodies of JFI shall be ratified in the General Meeting next after the framing of such policies and rules/procedures.

36. NOTICES

- 36.1. Any notice required to be served on any Member or any other entity or person shall be served by post to their registered / official addresses.
- 36.2. All notices shall be served also by way of electronic mail to the official e-mail addresses as are furnished to JFI.
- 36.3. Any notice sent via post or e-mail shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the same was sent, and it shall be sufficient to prove either that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and posted or that the email was sent to the correct e-mail address.
- 36.4. The notices for meetings of the General Council, Executive Committee and Athletes' Committee shall also be published online.
- 36.5. Inadvertent omission to give notice of meetings of any Body of JFI to any member entitled thereto or the nonreceipt thereof by such member shall not invalidate the proceedings of such meetings.

37. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND CONSTITUTIONS OF OTHER BODIES

- 37.1. JFI shall be bound by the Act, Statute, regulations and decisions of International Judo Federation, Olympic Charter, the National Sports Governance Act, government directives and applicable law, which shall prevail in case of any conflict with the Rules and Regulations, Bye-laws, policies and procedures.

38. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

- 38.1. JFI shall sue or be sued in the name of the General Secretary/President.

39. DISSOLUTION OF JFI

39.1. Subject to applicable law, JFI can be dissolved only if:

- a) at a General Meeting, including an Adjourned Meeting;
- b) there is presence of Members having at least 3/4th (three-fourth) of the total votes in a General Meeting, with the Full Members constituting the voting majority; and
- c) the resolution for dissolution is passed by 3/4th (three-fourth) majority of the total votes of the Members present at such General Meeting.
- d) The member may only be dissolved if a General Meeting convened for this purpose. In such case, the IJF General Secretariat should be informed without delay.

39.2. Subject to applicable law, in the event of dissolution of JFI, the assets and properties of JFI remaining on the date of dissolution after discharging all liabilities shall be transferred to another trust, society, association, organisation or institution whose objects are similar to those of JFI.

40. CERTIFICATION

40.1. It is certified that this is a correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of JFI.

41. COMMITTEES

41.1. Ethics Committee — The Ethics Committee shall exercise the powers, perform the functions and follow the procedure which is applicable to the International Judo Federation Ethics Commission as per International Judo Federation Rules & Regulations, International Judo Federation Code of Ethics, International Judo Federation Ethics Commission Conflict of Interest Guidance and the ethical guidelines of the Association.

- i. The purpose of the Ethics Committee is to help ensure that the sport of Judo is governed ethically and in accordance with the highest standards of honesty and integrity.
- ii. The Executive Committee shall formulate a JFI Code of Ethics and publish it on the website of JFI.
- iii. The International Judo Federation Code of Ethics and the JFI Code of Ethics shall apply to the Executive Committee, members of the Sub-Committees, and each person who is a candidate for election or is appointed or is seeking appointment in JFI in any capacity.

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee through a simple majority vote, and shall thereafter be placed before the General Council for ratification by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

41.2. Dispute Resolution Committee

- i. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee through a simple majority vote, and shall thereafter be placed before the General Council for ratification by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- ii. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall be responsible for hearing and deciding any and all disputes: (a) regarding any decision taken by JFI; (b) regarding elections of JFI or its affiliates; (c) regarding matters involving JFI's affairs; (d) regarding matters involving JFI's affiliates; (e) regarding matters involving affiliates of JFI's affiliates; (f) pertaining to any action against a player; (g) pertaining to selections; (h) pertaining to age fraud; (i) pertaining to any tournament conducted by JFI, its affiliates, or affiliates of JFI's affiliates; (j) pertaining to disciplinary action taken by JFI or its affiliates; (k) pertaining to affiliation, disaffiliation, suspension or any other kind of action taken by JFI vis-à-vis its affiliates; and (l) arising out of the field of play. Provided that wherever a State Affiliate has constituted its own dispute resolution committee, the complaint regarding or pertaining to that State Affiliate shall at the first instance be instituted before that State Affiliate's dispute resolution committee. In such cases, the JFI Dispute Resolution Committee shall hear appeals against the decision of the dispute resolution committee of the State Affiliates. Wherever there is no dispute resolution committee in a State Affiliate, the complaint may be filed directly with the JFI Dispute Resolution Committee.
- iii. The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and binding on all concerned parties, save for such recourse to the National Sports Tribunal as is permitted under the Act, and save for the appeal to the Supreme Court of India provided under the Act. **The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee may be appealed to the International Judo Federation (IJF) or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the IJF Statutes and Disciplinary Code, without prejudice to statutory remedies under applicable Indian law.** Nothing in this sub-rule shall be construed to oust or curtail the jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal in respect of any matter which is not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dispute Resolution Committee under the Act.

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- iv. Before any dispute is referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee, it shall first be referred to a Mediation Panel consisting of 3 members (who shall be persons with past experience of conducting mediation) which shall be appointed by the General Council of JFI in the Annual General Meeting in which the election for the Executive Committee is conducted. Only once the said Mediation Panel gives a certificate that there is no scope for amicable settlement in the dispute may the aggrieved party file a complaint before the Dispute Resolution Committee.
 - v. The JFI Dispute Resolution Committee shall follow the procedure as deemed appropriate by it. The Dispute Resolution Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall duly formulate the forms and procedures for filing complaints before the Dispute Resolution Committee and the same shall be published on the website of JFI.
 - vi. The JFI Dispute Resolution Committee shall act independent of the JFI Executive Committee and General Council.
 - vii. JFI's members, coaches, players, staff, or any other person or entity which has any dispute with JFI shall first bring all disputes before JFI's Dispute Resolution Committee, subject to such recourse to the National Sports Tribunal as is permitted under the Act.
 - viii. The Chairperson of the Dispute Resolution Committee may, from time to time, lay down nominal fees for filing complaints after approval from the Executive Committee, and JFI shall extend all assistance to the Dispute Resolution Committee in order to ensure that its operations run smoothly and efficiently.

41.3. Internal Grievance Redressal Committee –

- i. suitable rules and policies, including a Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Eligibility Code, registration of players and officials, safeguarding, grievance redressal, anti-doping, prevention of age manipulation, and any other matters, are framed and implemented in accordance with the guidelines, if any, specified by the National Sports Board;
- ii. it receives and redresses complaints and grievances of every nature concerning JFI, its Members, athletes, coaches, officials and staff, other than complaints of sexual harassment of women at the workplace, which shall be dealt with exclusively by the Internal Complaints Committee constituted under Rule 31; and any such complaint received by this Committee shall forthwith be referred to the Internal Complaints Committee; and

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- iii. it implements the Safe Sport Policy framed under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the rules made thereunder.

41.4. Athletes' Committee — the Athletes' Committee of JFI shall be constituted, and shall exercise the powers, perform the functions, and follow the procedure, set out in Rule 16. Its members shall be elected in the manner provided in Rule 16 and the Bye-laws.

41.5. Election Panel for State Units - to be maintained by the Executive Committee for the conduct of fair and transparent elections of the affiliated member State/UT Associations, as set out in Rule 14.2(v).

42. ROSTER OF SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT BYE-LAWS

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

1. SOM Rosters

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

2. Procedure for selection of SOMs

- a) The procedure for selection of SOMs shall be in strict compliance with the Sports Rules, as amended from time to time.
- b) The call for applications for inclusion in the SOM Rosters shall be floated by the Executive Committee by issuance of a notice ("SOM Notice") at least 150 days before the expiry of the term of the Executive Committee of JFI.
- c) The SOM Rosters shall be prepared and published on the website of JFI at least 90 days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.

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

3. Tiered Eligibility Criteria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Populating the SOM Rosters

- a) In the first instance, all applicants satisfying the General Eligibility Criteria and Tier 1 shall be included in the relevant gender's SOM Roster. Where the Roster cannot be populated to the prescribed threshold, applicants satisfying the General Eligibility Criteria and the immediately succeeding Tier shall be included sequentially until the required threshold is met.
- b) Where the number of eligible sportspersons under a particular Tier exceeds the prescribed threshold, preference shall be accorded to the eldest applicant by age. Where the Roster still falls short, JFI may issue a fresh call for applications or frame additional tiered criteria consistent with the existing principles. Any person whose name is reflected in either of the SOM Rosters shall be deemed to be a Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit for the purposes of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

5. Election of SOM Representatives

- a) There shall be four (4) sportspersons of outstanding merit elected by the members of the SOM Roster from amongst themselves to represent them in the General Council of JFI ("SOM GC Representatives"), each having one (1) vote in the meetings of the General Council; at all times, 2 shall be male and 2 shall be female.
- b) Thereafter, there shall be an election for two (2) sportspersons of outstanding merit elected by the members of the SOM Roster from amongst themselves to represent them in the Executive Committee of JFI ("SOM EC Representatives"), each having one (1) vote in the meetings of the Executive Committee; at all times, 1 shall be male and 1 shall be female. Any person who has contested or been elected as a SOM GC Representative may also contest for election as a SOM EC Representative.
- c) The elections for the SOM GC Representatives shall be conducted at a venue, and on a date, notified by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Electoral Officer appointed from the JFI Election Panel appointed by the Executive Committee.
- d) The electorate for such elections shall comprise the sportspersons whose names appear on the SOM Roster Male and the SOM Roster Female (20 sportspersons each), who shall vote from amongst themselves. For the election of the SOM GC Representatives, the four (4) candidates securing the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and shall, accordingly, form part of the General Council of JFI; provided that, so as to maintain at all times the composition of two (2) male and two (2) female SOM GC Representatives, the four (4) candidates so elected

shall be the two (2) highest-polling candidates from the SOM Roster Male and the two (2) highest-polling candidates from the SOM Roster Female.

- e) In the election to the Executive Committee, a sportsperson of outstanding merit shall be entitled to contest for one (1) post only. Such sportsperson may contest either for a reserved SOM EC Representative post or for any one (1) other unreserved post on the Executive Committee, but shall not contest for both.
- f) If a Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit files a nomination for an unreserved post, he/she shall not be eligible to contest for the reserved SOM EC Representative post; and conversely, a sportsperson of outstanding merit who files a nomination for the reserved SOM EC Representative post shall not be eligible to contest for any unreserved post. The election to Executive Committee would be as per Election Bye-Laws.
- g) The elections for the SOM GC Representatives shall be concluded at least 75 days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee, and shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer appointed from the JFI Election Panel for conducting the elections of the Executive Committee.
- h) The age, term, tenure, qualifications and disqualifications applicable to election to the Executive Committee shall also apply to the election of the SOM GC Representatives and SOM EC Representatives. In the event of a tie, the result shall be determined by the casting and veto vote of the President.

43. ELECTION BYE-LAWS (ELECTION RULES)

INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

- (i) In these Election Rules (which shall include the Act and the Sports Rules), unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “candidate” shall mean any candidate contesting for Election to an Elected Post;
 - (b) “Election” shall mean the election of the Executive Committee of JFI conducted in accordance with these Election Rules for an Elected Post;
 - (c) “general meeting” shall mean a meeting of all members of the General Council of JFI, that is called and conducted in accordance with such JFI’s bye-laws; and

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

(e) “Form” or “Forms” shall mean the various forms appended to Schedule II - Election Rules appended to the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.

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

2. Scope and Applicability

(i) These Election Rules strictly and literally apply to all elections in the JFI.

(ii) Any candidate, voting member or other participant in the election shall also be subject to the Act, and the JFI’s Code of Ethics if he is not otherwise already bound and covered by the same.

3. Reserved Posts

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

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

4. Election to Executive Committee.

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

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

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

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

v. The timelines for elections of the Executive Committee of JFI shall be as follows:

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

- vi. any person who meets the eligibility criteria under sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Act and is not subject to disqualification under Rule 11 of the National Sports Bodies Rules may contest for election to the Executive Committee of a National Sports Body.
- vii. Members of the General Council of JFI, shall be eligible to be included in the electoral college and participate and vote in the election to its Executive Committee as specified below, namely:
- viii. every individual sportsperson of outstanding merit shall have one vote; and every State Affiliate unit of JFI, shall have a maximum of two votes, to be exercised by separate individual representatives of such State Affiliate.
- ix. The electoral roll for an election to the Executive Committee shall consist of only such members or their representatives in the General Council of JFI that have voting rights as per sub-rule (2) or sub-

rule (3), as the case may be, and are not otherwise strictly disqualified under the provisions of the Act, Rule 11 of the Sports Rules or these Election Rules in their literal sense.

- x. For the election of the Executive Committee, any disqualification(s) incurred by a voter or a candidate owing to the position held by him/her or his/her involvement in a State/UT Affiliate unit or their district affiliate units shall not be relevant for the purpose of sub-rule (viii).
- xi. The eligibility of a voter and a candidate shall be tested strictly in accordance with the express and literal provisions of the Act, the rules made thereunder and these Election Rules.
- xii. The draft electoral roll for the election shall be prepared and released by the Electoral Officer in consultation with the then Executive Committee of JFI, at least forty-five days prior to the expiry of the term of such Executive Committee:
- xiii. Provided that the Electoral Officer's decision shall be final and binding in respect of the inclusion or non-inclusion, as the case may be, of any person on the electoral roll.
- xiv. The Electoral Officer shall provide for at least seven days from the release of the draft electoral roll, to receive and respond to any objections regarding the composition of the final electoral roll.

5. Conduct of Elections

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

6. Electoral Officer

- i. The Electoral Officer shall be responsible for supervising the administrative process relating to the elections, including:
 - a) ensuring the correct application of the Act, and these Rules;
 - b) setting reasonable deadlines for each stage of the elections in accordance with the model calendar provided under clause 7(iii) of these Election Rules, and enforcing such deadlines strictly;
 - c) determining and distributing the appropriate documentation and forms, including nomination forms and ballot papers, for each stage of the elections and enforcing and verifying their proper use;
 - d) distributing information to voting members, other members, the media and public;

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- e) managing relations with government bodies or the National Sports Board and any observers as deputed by the National Sports Board;
 - f) causing the publication of all notifications and forms concerning the elections on the official websites of the JFI, the National Sports Board and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and
 - g) all other tasks necessary to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process.
 - h) Verifying the voting rights and credentials of Authorized Representatives prior to the commencement of General Meeting.
 - i) An Electoral Commission to verify voting rights must be conducted prior to the commencement of each General Meeting.
- ii. The Electoral Officer may, only for reasons of practical necessity, modify the Forms, while ensuring that the principles of this Schedule are adhered to. This provision shall not entitle the Election Officer to expand the scope of any provision of the Act and the rules made thereunder and the Rules & Regulations of JFI and shall at all times construe the provisions in their literal sense and strictly.

7. Calling elections and the electoral roll

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

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- f. the electoral calendar which shall be in accordance with the model calendar specified in sub-clause (iii) below:

iii. The Electoral Officer shall conduct the Elections in accordance with the following model calendar:

Event	Day
Release of final electoral roll	Day 1
Filing of nominations	Day 8 to Day 10
Announcement of draft list of nominations received	Day 10
Objections to draft list of nominated candidates	Day 11 to Day 14
Scrutiny and disposal of objections to Draft list of nominated candidates	Day 15 to Day 16
Final list of nominated candidates	Day 17
Withdrawal of nominations	Day 18
Final list of contesting candidates	Day 19
Polling and announcement of results	Day 21

- iv. The Electoral Officer may, only for reasons of practical necessity, modify the model calendar specified in sub-clause (iii), while ensuring that the elections are completed within a maximum period of twenty-one (21) days.

8. Nominations

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

9. Scrutiny and Finalisation of Nominations

- i. The Electoral Officer shall scrutinise each nomination form received by him and determine its validity or otherwise strictly and literally as per the qualifications and disqualifications stipulated in the Act, rules made thereunder and the JFI's Rules & Regulations.
- ii. During the scrutiny of nominations under sub-clause (i), each Candidate or one of his authorised representatives shall have the right to be present and raise any objection in relation to nomination of another Candidate for the Elected Post for which he has filed his nomination.
- iii. Pursuant to the scrutiny of nomination forms, the Electoral Officer shall prepare a list of validly nominated candidates in accordance with Form 4.
- iv. Every candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his candidature prior to the commencement of the Election by providing notice to the Electoral Officer in accordance with Form 5, and the Electoral Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of such notice.
- v. Any notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.
- vi. The Electoral Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates in accordance with Form 6 of these Bye-Laws.
- vii. The JFI shall produce the ballot papers in accordance with Form 7 under the supervision and charge of the Electoral Officer.
- viii. The ballot papers shall be printed clearly and legibly, and the names of the contesting candidates shall be arranged, for each Elected Post, in alphabetical order according to the English alphabet.

10. Campaign Practices

- i. Electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair manner and, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
- ii. Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidates, the JFI and its members.
- iii. A Candidate shall not produce any spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause him prejudice, and criticism of other candidates, if made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work.

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- iv. No Candidate shall engage in criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion against any other Candidate, and there shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
 - v. Every Candidate may present to the members in the electoral roll, his plans and views for the Elected Post, in the form of a written document, which shall be published by the Electoral Officer in accordance with clause 4 (i) (g) of these Election Rules.
 - vi. Candidates shall avoid excessive expenditure in campaigning, recognising that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the candidates.
 - vii. The promotion of a candidate shall exclude any form of publicity, including the use of new media or social networks, and no public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organised in the process of promoting a candidature, and no use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the media may be made in order to place a candidate at an advantage or a disadvantage.
 - viii. All candidates shall scrupulously avoid all activities that are “corrupt practices”, including bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters.
 - ix. Candidates may, in no case and under no pretext, give presents, offer donations, gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to voting members.
 - x. The incumbent Executive Committee member, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used their official position for the purposes of their election campaign and in particular shall not -
 - a) use official transport including, vehicles, machinery and personnel for furtherance of their campaign;
 - b) issue any advertisement at the cost of the JFI or its members in the newspapers and other media or misuse the JFI's official media channels during the elections;
 - c) sanction grants or payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced; and
 - d) enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of any of the JFI's members or its partners.

11. Neutrality and Independence

- i. As the voting is secret, voting members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly, in any form whatsoever, their intention to vote or not vote for a candidate.

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- ii. Incumbent Executive Committee members shall refrain from making any public declaration and may in no way support a candidate.
 - iii. Candidates shall not -
 - a) accept instructions from any person;
 - b) accept direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material or in kind, by any third party, or
 - c) enter into any form of undertaking with any person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the Elected Post.
 - iv. The JFI's executive team and administration shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times, and no support or service in relation to a candidature may be requested from any member of the JFI's administration or staff.

12. Polling

- i. Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is equal to the number of Elected Posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those Elected Posts, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such Elected Post.
- ii. Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is more than the number of Elected Posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those Elected Posts remaining unfilled.
- iii. At the poll, members who are in the electoral roll, shall be entitled to,-
 - a) cast one vote for each of the Elected Posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled; and
 - b) cast as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for an Elected Post, where more than one seat is to be filled.
- iv. The ballot papers shall contain the name(s) of the Candidate(s), and the voters must mark one candidate only.
- v. Every voter shall be required, before he is supplied with a ballot paper, to give his signature on the authenticated copy of the electoral roll for taking the poll.

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

13. Counting of Votes

- i. The Electoral Officer shall take up the counting of votes, post-wise and category-wise, as soon as may be, after the polling process is complete.
- ii. Every contesting candidate can nominate one authorised representative who shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes, and other than such authorised representative, only the Electoral Officer and members of the JFP's executive or administrative team, as specifically approved by the Electoral Officer, may take part in the count.

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- iii. Every ballot paper on which a vote has been recorded shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly marked.
 - iv. The following ballot papers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected by the Electoral Officer, namely:-
 - a) those that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Electoral Officer;
 - b) those that bear any words other than the names of the candidates;
 - c) those that are illegible or have been defaced;
 - d) those that bear identifying marks; and
 - e) those that include votes for more candidates than permitted in a particular poll.
 - v. The Electoral Officer shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper, in red, the reasons for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.
 - vi. The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise, and category-wise where applicable, and recorded in the descending order of the votes so cast for each candidate in accordance with Form 8.
 - vii. The Electoral Officer shall thereafter ascertain the result of counting and the candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes in the said descending order, post-wise and category wise, where applicable, equal to the number of seats to be filled for each Elected Post or category of Elected Posts, where applicable, shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those Elected Posts.
 - viii. After completing and verifying the count, the Electoral Officer shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately, and the JFI shall keep these envelopes and shall retain them at least until the declaration of results of the immediately subsequent Election of the Executive Committee, or till the pendency of any legal proceedings relating to such Elections, whichever is later.

14. Declaration of Results

- i. Once the count has been completed and verified, the names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected at the Elections shall be declared by the Electoral Officer at the general meeting.
- ii. The results of the election shall be declared in accordance with Form 9 and published on JFI's official website within twenty-four (24) hours of completion thereof.

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- iii. If, after the counting of the votes, an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates, and the addition of one vote will entitle any of those candidates to be declared elected, the Electoral Officer shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.

15. Sanctions and Complaints

- i. All administrative matters relating to any election not covered by the Act, these rules or the JFI's by-laws shall be ruled upon by the Electoral Officer.
- ii. In the event of a breach of these Election Rules, the Electoral Officer may refer the same to the JFI's Ethics Committee, who may make to the candidate in question:
 - a) observations, which may be made public; or
 - b) issue a warning, which will be automatically made public on the JFI's official website.
- iii. If a candidate or a voting member has any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections he may bring the same to the notice of the Electoral Officer.
- iv. Any decision by the Electoral Officer under these rules shall be final and binding, and any petition to the National Sports Tribunal relating to conduct or outcome of election shall be limited to only any violation of the provisions relating to the process of conduct of election under this Schedule:

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

ANNEXURE A
MEMBERSHIP FEE

1. Schedule of Fees

Category of Membership	Admission Fee (one-time, payable under Rule 9.1)	Annual Fee (payable under Rule 9.1)
Full Member (State/UT Association)	₹5,000	₹4,000
Associate Member (Sports Promotion Body)	₹5,000	₹7,000

2. Payment Terms

1. The Admission Fee shall be payable by a Member that was not already a Member as on the Effective Date, immediately on grant of approval of its Membership, in accordance with Rule 9.3.
2. The Annual Fee shall be payable by every Full Member and Associate Member before the end of each Financial Year, i.e., on or before 31 March of that Financial Year, in accordance with Rule 9.3.
3. Where a Full Member or Associate Member obtains Membership during the course of a Financial Year, its Annual Fee for that Financial Year shall be pro-rated according to the number of months remaining in the Financial Year from the date of obtainment of Membership, in accordance with Rule 9.4.
4. All fees under this Annexure shall be remitted only through such modes of payment (bank transfer, demand draft, or other traceable electronic mode) as may be notified by the Executive Committee from time to time, and no fee shall be accepted in cash.
5. A Member that fails to pay the Annual Fee by the due date shall be liable to pay a late fee of 10% of the outstanding amount for every 15 days of delay, in addition to such other consequences, including suspension of voting rights or Membership, as may follow under Rule 10 and Rule 11 of the Rules and Regulations.

3. Amendment

This Annexure, including the fees set out in paragraph 1 above, may be amended by the Executive Committee at an Executive Committee Meeting, in accordance with Rule 9.2 of the Rules and Regulations, and any such amendment shall take effect from the date specified in the resolution of the Executive Committee approving it.