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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

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SPORTS LAW, No. 25 OF 1973

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 and read with Section 31 of the Sports Law No. 25 of 1973.

MAHINDANANDA ALUTHGAMAGE,
Minister of Sports.

Colombo,
15th January, 2013.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Associations of Sports Regulations, No. 01 of 2013.

2. Every application for a registration of National Association of Sports in respect of any sport described in Schedule II hereto shall be made to the Minister to whom the subject of Sports is assigned and shall be substantially in Form A set out in the Schedule hereto and shall be signed by the President and Secretary of such National Association. The duly completed application shall be handed over to the Director-General.

3. Every application for the registration of a National Association of Sports shall be accompanied by :-

- (a) a copy of the Constitution of the National Association ;
- (b) copies of the Minutes of the last three Annual General Meetings of such National Association certified by the Secretary of such Association, or where such National Association was formed within three years of marking such application for registration, copies of the Minute of every Annual General Meeting ;
- (c) the copies of the audited statements of accounts of such National Association presented at the last three Annual General Meetings or where such National Association was formed within three years of making such application for registration, the copies of all audited statements of accounts presented at Annual General Meetings ;
- (d) names and addresses of the present office-bearers and committee members of such National Association ;

(e) names and address of all affiliates of such National Association together with the number in each such affiliated body, and where a club or an organization is affiliated to a Provincial Association, District Association, Federation, League or any other Organization which is affiliated to the National Association, the names, address and number of the members of the affiliates of such Provincial Association, District Association, Federation, League or other Organization ;

(f) The Director-General of Sports may prior to registering any National Association call for any additional information as is deemed to be necessary.

4. The Director-General shall maintain a Register of National Associations registered with the Ministry of Sports. The Register shall be substantially in Form B set out in the Schedule I hereto.

5. The Minister shall, if he is satisfied that the National Association applying for registration has complied with the provisions of the Law, and the regulations made thereunder, direct the Director-General to inform the National Association to remit a sum of Rupees Five Thousand being the registration fee.

6. On receipt of the registration fee the Director-General shall register such National Association and shall issue to such National Association a Certificate of Registration which shall be substantially in Form C set out in the Schedule I hereto. Such Certificate shall, unless earlier cancelled or suspended, be conclusive evidence for all purposes that the National Association specified therein had been duly registered.

7. Each National Association shall be composed of affiliates which may be a combination of registered clubs and other organizations as may be determined by such National Association subjected to the approval of the Director-General.

8. Every National Association shall have a provision in its Constitution to ensure that there are a minimum of two representatives of relevant School Associations in the Executive Committee of such National Association. Every National Association when approving the Constitution of the relevant School Associations shall ensure that there is provision in such Constitution for the appointment of representatives from the National Associations to its Committees.

9. All School Associations shall comply with the rules and regulations of the National Association pertaining to the relevant Sport with a view to developing mutual cooperation between National Association and the School Associations.

10. Every National Association shall have a provision in its Constitution that the committee meetings of such Associations to be held at-least once a month and that at least one representative of the School Associations should be present at such meetings.

11. The National Association shall register clubs and other organizations engaged in the particular Sport or group of Sport for which a National Association has been formed. Any National Association which is approved by the Ministry of Sports shall be eligible for registration with relevant World Governing of Body.

12. (1) The Office-bearers and committee members of a National Association shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a term which shall consist of a period of two years. Any vacancy occurring in the office of President, Secretary or Treasury may be filled at a Special General Meeting. Any other vacancy may be filled at a Committee Meeting subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting.

(2) The Minister may appoint to the Committee of a National Association one person who have had experience or have qualifications or shown capacity in the field of sports, for such period as may be determined by the Minister, in addition to the Office-bearers and Committee Members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(3) The Director-General may, after inquiry, remove from the Committee, the representatives of any club affiliated to a National Association which has been inactive. A club is considered to be inactive if such club has not taken part in any tournament approved by the Association during the previous calendar year.

13. (1) No person who has served a term of office as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer of any National Association or Federation for one term shall be eligible for re-election for any of the above positions :

Provided that the above restriction shall not apply if the written permission of the Minister to whom the subject of Sports has been assigned is obtained for such re-election of office bearers.

(2) The Minister may upon a consideration of the tenure of office of the office-bearers seeking re-election and in particular under mentioned matters, in consultation with the Director-General grant permission for re-election of such persons, for a period of one more term :-

- (a) the extent of involvement in the development of Sport at Provincial, District and Divisional levels ;
- (b) action taken to -
 - (i) uplift the standard of sports to the level of International Ranking ;
 - (ii) to increase the level of performance of the respective National Team ;
 - (iii) to identify talented sports persons ;
 - (iv) to ensure transparency in sport administration .

Provided that, the period during which a person serves in any one of the said positions, shall not in the aggregate exceed four years.

14. No person shall be nominated for election as an Office-bearer or Committee Member in any National Association, other than the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of that Association unless he has represented Sri Lanka in that respective sports or in a Major Tournament, meet or competition registered, promoted, conducted or approved by that Association, in more than two occasions for a team sport and at least on one occasion for an individual event or sport. Any other person may be nominated for election with the prior written approval of the Minister.

15. (1) A person shall be disqualified from being elected or otherwise to hold or continue to hold any paid or unpaid office or to hold any paid or unpaid post or to be a member of a Committee of any National Association or to be nominee of an affiliated club or organization in a National Association, if :-

- (a) he is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind ;
- (b) he is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be an insolvent ;
- (c) he is or has been convicted in a court of law for any offence and imprisonment for not less than six months ;
- (d) he is a professional journalist in electronic or print media or an owner of such network ;
- (e) he is a parent or sibling of a competitor in that particular Sports in National Pool or National Team ;
- (f) he is currently a coach or referee of a team or an individual competitor but if there is no other eligible competitor from that Association, such person should obtain permission of the Minister ;
- (g) he is a player, agent or manager of a Sports personnel ;
- (h) he is a non-national of Sri Lanka ;
- (i) he is directly or indirectly involved in the manufacture, assembly, production, sale or distribution of sports goods, gear any item or equipment relating or such Sport ;

- (j) he is directly or indirectly involved in carrying out the business of gaming ;
- (k) he is employed in the Ministry of Sports unless the written approval of the Minister has been obtained ;
- (l) he is an member of the Armed Forces who has been deprived of his Commission ;
- (m) he is convicted for the offence money laundering under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, No. 5 of 2006 ; *or*
- (n) a person who represented the country with the approval of the Minister of Sports for an activity related to sport and had not returned on time.

(2) The Minister shall upon being satisfied after due inquiry, that a person is disqualified from being elected or otherwise, to hold or continue to hold any paid or unpaid post or to be a member of a committee of any National Association or to be the nominee of an affiliated club or organization in a National Association, under paragraph (1) of this regulation, forthwith direct that such person be removed from the said office, post, Committee or be removed from his position of nominee.

16. All nominations for elections as Office-bearers and Committee Member of a National Association shall be proposed by the President of Secretary of any member club or organization eligible to vote and seconded by the President or Secretary of any other member club or organization eligible to vote. Such nomination together with the their Bio-Data shall be handed in or posted to reach the Director-General at least thirty days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting. Thereafter the Director-General or Director-General's representative shall open the nominations at a special Committee Meeting of such Association. A copy of nomination papers with applicants Bio-Data shall be sent to the Ministry at least thirty days before the Annual General Meeting.

17. Every Annual General Meeting of any National Association shall be held at a venue, date and time which are decided by the National Association and with the approval of the Director-General. The elections and decisions at General Meeting and Annual General Meeting of any National Association shall be by secret vote and the details of the voting shall be recorded in the minutes of such meeting. The Director-General's representative shall be present at that time.

18. Every National Association shall forward Bio Data of the Office-bearers and Committee Members elected to such Association, to the Director-General within fourteen days of the election of such Committee Members and Office-bearers of such Association.

19. (1) The Minister shall appoint Selection, Ranking and Ceeding Committees of a National Association among persons who has represented the country in any Sport or participated in Major Tournaments, Competitions, or meets for more than three occasions and shall not include any parent or sibling of Competitor of the Representative Sport. The National Association shall forward names of ten persons to such Committee for consideration. The Minister may consider persons nominated by the Committee of the National Association in respect of which such appointments are to be made.

(2) The National Association shall with the concurrence of the National Selectors, draft a Selection Criteria Policy :

(3) The Minister may if he considers it expedient to do so remove from office any member of a Committee appointed by him, under paragraph (1) with any reasons.

(4) Any person appointed in place of a member who has vacated office by death, resignation or removal shall hold office for the unexpired period of term of office of the member whom he succeeds.

20. Any member of a Selection, Ranking or Seeding Committee of a National Association or a coach of that Sport shall not be eligible for selection to any team to be selected by the Selection Committee of that National Association :

Provided that the person selected as Captain of any team (not being Selector) and the National Coach may be co-opted to the Committee to select the other members of that team.

21. (1) The National Selection Committee shall submit to the Minister the names of the players who have been selected for National Team in Sri Lanka or overseas stating the criteria for such selection. The names of selected players shall not be disclosed until the written approval of the Minister is obtained.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply to the selection of a club or other team which is not a national or representative in composition or any individual taking part in his own capacity with his own resources which is not a national in composition.

22. (1) A person shall not be appointed by a National Association as a delegate or representative of Sri Lanka to any International Association unless such person -

- (a) is a citizen of Sri Lanka who has represented a Sri Lanka an affiliated club or organization in the Sport promoted by that Association ; *or*
- (b) being a former National of Sri Lanka who has represented a Sri Lanka Team, an affiliated club or organization in the Sport promoted by that Association ;
- (c) being a non-citizen who has represented the Sri Lankan team in the Sport promoted by the National Association.

Provided that if any person does not possess the above criteria, the Minister may, with the recommendation of the National Association appoint any person who has experience in the administration of such Association for more than two years.

23. Every National Association shall embody in its constitution the manner of representation and voting rights of its affiliated clubs and other organizations.

24. Any National Association shall not grant any voting rights to any of its affiliates until the lapse of a period of at least twelve months from the date of affiliation.

25. The Constitution of every National Association shall be approved by the Director-General. Any National Association, dissatisfied with the decision of the Director-General, may appeal to the Minister within thirty days of the date on which such decision is conveyed to such Association and the decision of the Minister shall be final.

26. Every National Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting on or before the Thirty First of March each year. The Financial Year of the Institute shall be calendar year. The election of the Office-bearers shall be conducted once in two years and elected Office-bearers shall hold office for a period of two years.

27. Every National Association shall at its Annual General Meeting table an Annual Report and Statement of Accounts in respect of the preceding financial year.

28. Every National Association shall submit an audited statement of accounts certified by a Chartered Accountant and the Annual Report in respect of that financial year to the Minister within three months of the end of every financial year.

29. At least forty days notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be submitted by every National Association to its affiliates. The Annual Report and the list of the members entitled to be present and to vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be attached to such notice. Such notice shall also specify the number of votes each affiliate is entitled to exercise. The affiliate exercising such vote shall ensure that he shall act in accordance with the mandate given by each club. A certified copy of the audited statement of accounts, of the preceding financial year to be sent at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting to all members along with the list of nominees.

30. (1) Every club or affiliate, which has participated in at least two contests approved and conducted by the National Association in the previous year shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting of a National Association.

(2) Names of players who have participated in such tournament or contest should be submitted prior to such Annual General Meeting.

(3) Each club or affiliate, shall submit a declaration that it has acted throughout the year in compliance with its Constitution, and an audited statement of accounts shall be submitted annually.

(4) Every club or affiliate shall hold the Annual General Meeting and elect the Office-bearers at least sixty days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the National Association.

31. If an Annual General Meeting is postponed due to a lack of a quorum, fourteen days notice should be given to re-conduct the meeting with same agenda. In the event of there being no quorum at the re-convened meeting, the Annual General Meeting shall be held with the members present.

32. Every National Association shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee at the commencement of its term of office. Such Disciplinary Committee should include a representative of the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Sports is assigned.

33. Every National Association shall appoint District co-ordinators who shall be responsible for the co-ordination of activities of clubs in the relevant districts and report to the National Association.

34. The National Association after election of Office-bearers within two months shall submit to the Minister the programme of work for the development of the sports .

35. Any National Association desirous of obtaining grants from the Ministry shall submit a comprehensive budget within two months after the Annual General Meeting.

36. Every National Associations shall have a Technical Committee comprising of persons who have been actively involved in the Sports as National Players, Coaches, Umpires or Referees. They shall advise the National Association with regard to the Technical Development of the Sport and approve the Game Development Plan and the Tournament structure.

37. Every National Sports Association shall cause to be maintained a register of agents, managers or coaches of individual sport personnel of whom they represent.

38. (1) If any grant or funds is received from abroad as donations or grants or assistance from the World Governing Body or a similar body, the National Association shall follow and comply with the rules and conditions imposed by the donor agency and prior approval from the Ministry shall be obtained before entering into any agreement. The Association shall follow the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and copy of such award and the manner of utilisation of funds should be submitted to the Secretary. All such grants or funds shall be channelled through the Department of External Resources of the Ministry of Finance.

(2) Every National Association shall be subject to and follow the applicable Government tender procedures in respect to procurement and award of tenders for which funds have been received from the Government or funds raised locally or internationally.

(3) Every National Association entering into any agreement to conduct any international sports events in Sri Lanka shall obtain prior approval from the Minister by submitting a comprehensive proposal including the details of participating countries, budgets, number of participants, dates, venues, facilities required or available to conduct such events and all other important information to evaluate the proposal. The proposal should be submitted three months prior to leaving for any international meeting in which the National Association is planning to propose Sri Lanka as the hosting nation.

39. Any person suspended for any breach of discipline shall be served with a charge sheet within one week of such suspension. The disciplinary inquiry in this regard shall be concluded within six weeks from the date the charge sheet is served and the result be conveyed to the Minister.

40. Every National Association shall submit a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting to the Minister, within fourteen days of the date of such meeting.

41. Every National Association shall furnish to the Director-General within six months which commencing from the each year reports with regard to all monies, equipment and other resources received by the Association from local or foreign sources and six months progress report with regard to the activities performed by the Association during that period. These reports shall be forwarded to the National Sports Council for its review and observations.

42. Every Office-bearer or Committee Member of a National Association who ceases to hold office shall within fourteen days from the date on which he ceases to hold such office shall handover any property of such National Association in his possession to any Office-bearer or Committee Member to the Director-General of Sports.

43. Every National Association shall maintain a Register of its affiliates substantially in Form D of Schedule I hereto.

44. Every National Association shall have power to cancel the membership of any of its Affiliates after a disciplinary inquiry in accordance with the Law.

45. Every National Association shall register, appoint and train Coaches, Referees, Judges and other officials of such National Association as may be required by the Ministry. The appointment of Coaches, Referees, Judges and other officials shall be subject to the guidelines of the World Governing Body and on the basis of such criteria, including examinations, as may be approved by the Minister on the recommendation of the Director-General.

46. Every National Association shall furnish to the Secretary all information required by him relating to the exercise, discharge and performance by such Association of its powers, duties and functions.

47. Every National Association shall register all particulars relating to persons who take part in competitions conducted by that Association as may be required by the Director-General.

48. Every National Association shall in the selection of players of National Teams shall follow any direction issued by the Minister.

49. The Selection, Ranking and Seeding such Committees of every National Association shall at the beginning of each year forward to such Association and the Director-General. The achievement records of each player who participated in ranking tournaments during the previous year.

50. The Director-General shall monitor the activities of National Sport Polls, National Associations and issue guide lines for the selection of National Teams.

51. The Director-General shall ensure that the approved National Crest or the National Honored Crest to be worn by all players representing Sri Lanka in International Sports events.

52. Every National Association shall promote and develop the Sport which it represent at every level and improve the facilities of such Sport in order to increase the participation of players of such Sport.

53. The Managers of National Teams and delegated representing National Associations abroad, shall furnish to the Minister through the Secretary of the relevant National Association, a report of any foreign sports tours, by such team or delegate within fourteen days of their return to Sri Lanka.

54. (1) Where any person, body, club, organization or affiliate is aggrieved by the decision of its National Associations such person, body, club, organization or affiliate may submit a written appeal to the Minister within a period of fourteen days from the date on which such decision was conveyed to such person, body, club, organization or an affiliate.

(2) The order of the Minister on such appeal shall be given effect to by such National Association.

55. (1) Upon interim arrangements being made by the Minister in terms of Section 33 of the Law, any person or persons entrusted with the task of continuing the functions of a National Association of Sports, which Association is under suspension or whose registration has been refused or cancelled shall manage all movable or immovable property which is owned by or in the lawful possession of such National Association, as trustees of such National Association and shall take steps necessary to manage and control such movable and immovable property to the office bearers of the National Association of Sports. In this respect taking over and handing over of such movable or immovable property which is owned by, or in the lawful possession of, such National Association should properly documented and recorded while a copy of the same should be submitted to the Director-General.

(2) It shall be the duty of the persons entrusted with continuing of such National Association to conduct their functions diligently and to manage and control the property entrusted to them diligently.

(3) The person or persons appointed under any interim arrangements in terms of Section 33 of the Law for continuing the functions of a National Association of Sports under suspension or whose registration has been refused or cancelled, shall enjoy all the powers, rights and privileges as those enjoyed by the National Association of Sports, whose registration has been suspended, canceled or refused including inter alia the rights to enter into any contracts, agreements, operate bank accounts and the said person or persons shall be fully empowered to continue all the affairs of the National Association of Sports whose registration has been suspended, cancelled or refused and shall enter into new arrangements or projects as the said person or persons may deem fit for continuing the functions of the National Association of Sports whose registration has been suspended, canceled or refused.

(4) Upon the conclusion of the period of an interim arrangement made in terms of Section 33 of the law, the office bearers of a National Association of Sports, shall be obliged and shall be legally mandated to uphold and honour decisions including inter alia, contracts, agreements and decisions entered into or taken by the person or persons appointed by the Minister for continuing the functions of a National Association of Sports, whose registration has been suspended, canceled or refused.

56. The National Association of Sports Regulations, No. 2 of 1973 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 110/3 of May 7, 1974 as amended by regulations published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No's 155/66 of March 02, 1975, No. 203/3 of March 08, 1976, No. 252/8 of February 17, 1977, No. 259/8 of April 07, 1977, No. 167/6 of November 19, 1981, No. 496/8 of March 08, 1988, No. 1222/16 of February 07, 2002 No. 1225/7 of February 25, 2002, No. 1285/12 of April 23, 2003, No. 1389/24 of May 21, 2005 and No. 1558/11 of July 16, 2008, are hereby rescinded.

57. In these regulations unless the context other wise requires -

"Law" means, the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 ;

"Director General" means, the Director General of Sports appointed under The Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 ;

"Major tournament" , "meet" or "competition" means, a tournament, meet or competition as may from time to time be approved by the Minister on a recommendation made in that behalf by a National Association ;

"movable property" means, all money lying with the Association or held to its credit in a bank or financial institution whether it being in Government securities, treasury bills, debentures or any other investment ;

SCHEDULE I

(Regulations 3)

Form A

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

1. Name of National Association :
2. Address :
3. Date of formation of the National Association : which is an Association (Name of Association) of members engaged in the promotion of
4. The following documents are attached to this application ;
5. Date of the Annual General Meeting at which the present office-bearers and Committee Members mentioned above were elected :

The application is being made consequent to a Resolution passed at the General Meeting of the (name of National Association) duly authorising the submission of the Application of Registration.

Signature of President of National Association :

Name and Address :

Date :

Signature of Secretary :

Name and Address :

Signature of Applicant :

FORM B

(Regulation 4)

Certificate of Registration of a National Association

Name of National Association : It is hereby certified that the has been registered under Section 29 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 as the National Association for with effect from this day of 20..... The registration number is granted to the Association is

Date :

Minister of Sports.

FORM C

(Regulation 6)

Part A

REGISTER OF MEMBERS DIRECTLY AFFILIATED TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. Name of the National Association :
2. Name of Affiliate Body :
3. Address :
4. Number of Members :
5. Number of representatives allowed to be present at Annual General Meetings ;
6. Number of votes allowed to members as Annual General Meetings :
7. Names of Members :
8. Names and Address of office bearers with titles :
9. Names and Address of members of the Committees ;

PART B

REGISTER OF MEMBERS AFFILIATED TO PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS, DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, FEDERATIONS, LEAGUES OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE AFFILIATED TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

1. Name of Provincial Association, District Association, Federation, League or any other Organization :
2. Address :
3. Name of affiliate body :
4. Address :
5. Number of members :
6. Names and Address of Office bearers with titles :
7. Names and Address of Members of the Committees :

Annex 11

1. Badminton
2. Aquatic Sports
3. Body Building
4. Cycling
5. Rifle
6. Hockey
7. Karate Do
8. Yachting
9. Rugby Football
10. Weightlifting
11. Gymnastic
12. Golf
13. Wrestling
14. Automobile Sports
15. Basket Ball
16. Athletic
17. Cricket
18. Netball
19. Tennis
20. Bridge
21. Carrom
22. Life Saving
23. Boxing
24. Judo
25. Billiards & Snooker
26. Football
27. Volleyball
28. Elle
29. Chess
30. Rowing
31. Table Tennis
32. Squash
33. Taekwondo
34. Softball Cricket
35. Power lifting
36. Kabaddi
37. Sports for the Disabled
38. Motor Cycle Sports
39. Baseball
40. Wushu
41. Throw ball
42. Archery
43. Equestrian
44. Traditional Karate
45. Handball
46. Tag of War
47. Shooting
48. Fencing