

CONSTITUTION



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ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA (AFI)
(Formerly known as Amateur Athletics Federation of India)

(Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)
(Incorporating Amendments up to 09-02-2008)

- I. The name of Society is 'Athletics Federation of India'.
- II. The registered office of the Society shall be situated in Delhi.
- III. The objects for which the Society is registered are:
 1. To promote and encourage Athletics in India.
 2. To organize and control Athletics in India.
 3. To provide facilities for training in Athletics and Physical exercises.
 4. To render as and when possible financial assistance to individual athletes, officials and to affiliated organization for the promotion of training in athletics and holding competitions, athletics / sporting events.
 5. To provide the athletes, coaches with new knowledge and technique in athletics.
 6. To enforce all rules and regulations of the International body in so far as they are related to athletics.
 7. To be the official organization in complete and sole charge of all athletics matters in India.
 8. To guard and enforce rules in co-operation with the States Athletics Associations of the country and in full and complete collaboration with the Indian Olympic Association.
 9. To select and control the Indian Athletics Contingent to the Olympics, Asian Games, Common Wealth & SAF Games and various other International competitions under the patronage of the I.O.A, I.A.A.F and other Federations / Associations.
 10. To stimulate the interest of the people of the country in promotion of athletics and to that end the formulation of State Athletics Association for the development of athletics within a State.
 11. To admit the membership of the State Athletics Associations and other affiliated units.

12. To take disciplinary action against any affiliated State / Unit or Organization for misbehavior or any undesirable activity bringing discredit to the country and athletics or which is prejudicial to the interest of the society and for not organizing meets at the state level and sending teams for various competitions.

IV. For the attainment of aforesaid objects, the Federation may:

1. Edit, compile, print and publish periodicals, books, brochures or leaflets.
2. Accept or procure subscriptions, donations or other contributions on such terms, as it may consider reasonable.
3. Procure, collect and accept gifts and endowments on such terms, as it may consider reasonable.
4. Borrow or raise money for the purpose of the Federation including the issue of or upon bonds, debentures, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other obligations or securities of the Federation.
5. Acquire movable or immovable properties on behalf of the Federation and sell, lease, exchange, dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of such properties.
6. To plan Coaching schemes for the benefit of athletes of the country.
7. Do all other things that may be necessary or expedient to promote the development of athletics in India and for the conduct of its business and generally to do all such things as may be necessary for expedient, lawful, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

V. The income and property of the Federation herewith detailed shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in the memorandum of association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members provided that nothing therein shall prevent the payment of remuneration to its officers or staff or other persons in return for any services actually rendered by them in their current professional capacity. Part of the money collected by any individual / organization / company can also be paid commission out of the money raised by that agency / individual.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

I. DEFINITION AND EXPLANATION

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i) Federation shall mean the “Athletics Federation of India” also known as AFI in abbreviated form.
- ii) Members shall mean an affiliated member of the “Athletics Federation of India”. (This does not mean the recognized member).
- iii) ‘Constitution’ shall mean the constitution of the Athletics Federation of India.
- iv) ‘Assembly’ shall mean and include the representative deputed by the members in accordance with the rules hereinafter contained and the person(s) holding Indian Citizenship and who is / are Member(s) of the International Association of Athletics Federations also known as I.A.A.F.
- iv) (a) International Relationships

The Athletics Federation of India is affiliated to the IAAF (and through the IAAF to the Asian Athletics Association). The Athletics Federation of India recognises, accept, applies, observes and abide by the current constitution, Rule and Regulations of the IAAF and the Asian Athletics Association, as well as any future amendments. This applies especially to the Anti Doping Rules, the handling of disputes, and relations with Athletes’ Representatives.

Any citizen of India elected to the IAAF council i.e. *De Jure* member of council and/or Executive Body of the Athletics Federation of India with full voting rights.

- v) ‘Council’ shall mean the Executive Council of the Athletics Association of India constituted under the rules and regulations hereinafter contained.
- vi) ‘State Federation’ shall mean State Athletics Association affiliated to the AFI.
- vii) ‘Board’ shall mean any/or all India sports body affiliated to AFI.
- viii) ‘Recognized’ shall mean the State/ Department, which are given recognition only for the purpose of participation.

II. ASSOCIATION YEAR

The official year of the Athletics Federation of India shall be the financial year commencing from 1st of April.

III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Federation shall be open to the under-mentioned, subject to approval by the General Assembly.

- 1) Athletics Associations of States as well as Centrally Administered Union Territories (the geographical boundaries of a State/ Centrally Administered Union Territories) shall be the same as recognized by the constitution of India.
- 2) Sports central bodies or organizations of All India character.
- 3) Sports bodies, which are promoting Athletics at various levels, can be given recognition i.e. only for participation in limited meets.

IV. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall be divided into three Categories i.e. Category I, Category II and Category III and this classification is liable to change from year to year. The Categorization of State Associations will be made on the basis of total points earned by the respective affiliated State Units of the Federation. The following factors shall be taken into account for preparing the Merit list of the affiliated Units for the propose of Categorization:

- a) Points won by the State Athletes Men, Women, Boys & Girls in four consecutive years preceding Inter State Athletics Championships and All India Cross Country Championships organised by AFI
(Maximum 25 Points)
- b) Organization of AFI Meets by the Unit in a year (each competition will carry 5 points).
(25 Points)
- c) Athletics activities carried out by the Unit in a year.
(25 Points)
- d) Participation of State Athletes in various Junior Competitions during the year. This will include the Number of Junior athletes participated in various National level competitions and also the Number of Junior athletes representing the country.
(25 Points)

CATEGORY-I :- Category I will consist of first six State Associations in the order of Merit.

CATEGORY-II:- Category II will consist of next six State Associations after those listed in Category-I in the order of Merit. One Organisation of All India Character which has won the highest number of points (i) in the four consecutive years preceding Open Athletics Championships and All India Cross Country Championships and also (ii) the factors (b) to (d) as listed above.

CATEGORY-III:- Category III will consist of the remaining affiliated Units/ Organisations.

Note : If any affiliated Unit does not adhere to the activities of the Federation, it may not be considered for inclusion in any of the categories. To fall in the category I, II, III, the affiliated Units must fulfil the conditions as laid down in the constitution.

(V.) AFFILIATION

- a) Application for affiliation from an organization shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary along with a list of its office bearers for the current year along with the prescribed admission fees & activities report. In case there is no athletics meet conducted by the unit applying for affiliation. The application can not be accepted.
- b) The Honorary Secretary shall place before the Executive Council such applications for disposal. The Executive Council may reject any application for affiliation without assigning any reason. In the case of rejection of an application for affiliation the fees deposited shall be refunded to the party concerned.

(VI.) MEMBERSHIP FEES (ADMISSION FEE & ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE)

- a) The Admission Fee & Annual Renewal Fee payable to the Federation shall be as follows:

	Fee for Admission	Annual Renewal of Membership Fee
i) State Athletics Association	5000.00	1000.00

ii) Athletics Association of Centrally Administered Union Territories	5000.00	1000.00
iii) Organization of All India Character	50,000.00	10,000.00
iv) Promotional Units*	50,000.00	10,000.00

*These units will be recognized for the purpose of participation for their respective department's name only. They will not be entitled to attend meetings of AFI.

(Any Educational Unit will be treated at par with the State Association for the purpose of membership fee e.g.. A.I.U.)

NOTES

- i) It shall be the duty of the affiliated organization to send their annual renewal fee of membership and other dues to the federation by the end of the first month of the financial year.
- ii) The treasurer shall give thirty clear days notice to the members concerned calling upon the member to clear the arrears failing which the membership shall be deemed as cancelled with effect from the 31st day of the date of notice. The Treasurer will also circulate the list of arrears to all members.
- iii) Contribution to be made by Affiliated Members / Organizations to the Indian Athletics Contingent for any International Competition if not paid in full to the federation in time will be treated as arrears.

VII. DEFAULTERS & DIS-AFFILIATION

- a) A member failing to pay the membership fee as well as other dues, if any, due to federation before the 30th April every year shall be treated as defaulter and such defaulter shall neither be allowed to the membership of the General Assembly, Executive Council nor Committees of the Federation. Further the member shall not be permitted to participate in the championships conducted under the aegis of the Federation or other affiliated units.

Notwithstanding any action taken by the council against any other defaulter under these rules or the regulation there under the council shall have full power to take legal steps against such defaulter for the recovery of dues of the Federation. A defaulter will however be entitled for restoration of rights and privileges only on payment of the arrears of membership fee together with a penalty amounting to 20% of the annual renewal fee or the arrears, which ever is more, provided the executive committee in its meeting approves the same and the restoration is communicated to the defaulter in writing.

- b) If the renewal fee and the other arrears are not paid on or before the last day of the following year the defaulter will automatically cease to be a member of the Federation.

VIII. RE-AFFILIATION

A member, who ceases to be a member of the Federation either by forfeiture of membership or otherwise shall in no circumstances be eligible for re-affiliation unless all its arrears of membership fee or other dues if any to the Federation, are cleared. The ceased member has to write application for re-affiliation which shall in all other respect comply with the provision of Rule V. A member in that case has to pay admission fee again.

IX. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

Subject to the provision of these rules generally or any By-Laws thereunder, a member shall amongst others have the following rights and privileges.

- a) Right to vote through its accredited representative(s) of general meetings of the Federation provided that the dues of the Federation have been paid in time.
- b) Right to seek election to the Executive Council or any committee of the Federation subject to the provision of the Rule vi & vii.
- c) Right to obtain information about working and accounts of the Federation.

X. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Federation and its affairs and the administration and enforcement of its rules, regulation and bye-laws shall be entrusted to the Executive Council which shall also deal with all permanent and temporary

appointments as well as dismissal or suspension of the other staff without assigning any reason.

XI. ASSEMBLY

Assembly of the Federation consists of:

1. Three representatives of each of the Organization from Category I.
2. Two representatives of each of the Organization from Category II.
3. One representative of each of the remaining qualified Organizations.

The Assembly will also elect chairman and conveners of the following committees:-

- i) Selection Committee
- ii) Technical Committee
- iii) Examination Committee
- iv) Planning & Coaching Committee
- v) Statistical Committee
- vi) Medical Committee
- vii) Disciplinary Committee
- viii) Constitutional Committee
- ix) Women Committee
- x) Any other committee which the management feels necessary.

Nomination of AFI representative to the committees of Asian Athletics Association and to IOA/ IAAF will be made by President / Secretary.

In case such nominated representative is not available to attend the meeting, substitute will be nominated by the President / Secretary.

XII. OFFICE BEARERS

The following will be the Office Bearers of the Federation and they shall be elected from amongst the members of the assembly:

- (a) President
- (b) One Senior Vice-President
- (c) Seven Vice- Presidents
- (d) Six Associate Vice Presidents- To be appointed by the Executive Council

- (e) One Honorary Secretary
- (f) One Senior Joint Secretary
- (g) Seven Joint Secretaries
- (h) One Honorary Treasurer

One or more Life Presidents can be appointed for their distinguished services to Athletics.

The President, Senior Vice President, Hony. Secretary, Hony. Senior Joint Secretary and Hony. Treasurer will form the Emergency Committee or any other committee formed by the President & Secretary of the Federation for taking any important decision where adequate time may not have been available to convene the Executive Council Meeting. Such decisions will later be ratified by the Executive Council.

XIII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council of the Federation shall consist of:

1. All the office Bearers
2. Twelve Executive Committee Members Elected by Name.
3. Chairmen of all the Committees
4. 4 more Members to be nominated by the Executive Committee, which will include former outstanding Athletes/ Coaches/ Sports Administrators.

XIV. ELECTIONS

- (a) Elections shall be held once in four years at the Annual General Meeting (Meeting of the Assembly) to elect the Executive Council and other committees from amongst the representatives of the members. It can also be held before the due date but the tenure will be Olympic to Olympic year (to elaborate further it means result of election will come into existence from October of the Olympic year). If it is a routine meeting.
- (b) In order to bring continuity in the programme of the Athletics Federation of India
 - 1) To seek election for the post of president/secretary, the person must be an existing member of the executive committee of AFI for a complete term of the committee. However, if house unanimously

agrees persons' nomination of any other outsider for the above posts, this condition can be waived by the house (if a member object then it can not be waived)

- 2) All nomination for office bearer should reach the federation office 7 days before the meeting. The President / Secretary, in consultation with executive committee members, will appoint the returning officer.
- 3) The scrutiny of the nomination will be done on subsequent day.
- 4) Nomination can be withdrawn two day prior to the meeting. List needs to be sent to all member by mail. Election will be done by secret ballot.
- 5) Nomination for the post of president and secretary should be proposed by at least 3 member units and also seconded by 3 member units, who are eligible to vote.

XV. MEETING

A) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- i) The Annual General Meeting of the assembly shall be held every year at a place, date & time to be decided upon by the President / Secretary. As far as possible the meeting shall be held by rotation at different places. But in case due to unavoidable reason, the meeting is not held every year, it can take place after two years. In case the Annual General Meeting is not held in the year, the Annual Report of the Hony. Secretary and the audited Statement of Accounts for that year may be considered in a meeting of the Executive Council, which can be later ratified in the Annual General Meeting.
- ii) The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall also include:
 - a) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of the Special General Meeting; if any.
 - b) Consideration and adoption of the Hony. Secretary's annual report on the working of the Federation.
 - c) Consideration and passing of the Audited Statement of Accounts of the year and the Budget for the next year to be submitted by the Hony. Treasurer.
 - d) Appointment of Auditors and fixing their remuneration.
 - e) Election of the Executive Council, Office Bearers (if due) and committees.
 - f) Consideration of the Annual Athletics Meets calendar.
 - g) Amendment(s) to the constitution (if any).
 - h) Any other business of which due notice has been given.

- i) Any matter affecting the welfare of the Federation which the President may bring or allow to be brought before it. This will include discussion about developmental activities and analysis of programmes and policies of the Federation. President can call meeting on telephonic message.

NOTE: The Annual Report, Audited Statement of Accounts and all other relevant papers shall be circulated to the members before the meeting.

B. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

Special General Meetings may be summoned at any time by the President at his discretion and shall be convened by the Hony. Secretary. If 20 member units want any serious matter(s) concerning the development of Athletics to be discussed. President may call such a meeting within 30 days, provided 20 member units send a representations to President / Secretary in writing.

C. EMERGENT MEETING

Notwithstanding anything in the constitution, an Emergent Meeting of the assembly may be convened by the Hony. Secretary in consultation with the President on urgent specific matters.

XVI. NOTICES AND QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

In convening meetings, the notice period and quorum, as given hereunder, shall be observed:

Meeting	Notice Period	Quorum
i) Annual Gen. Meeting (Annual Meeting of the Assembly)	15 clear days	One-third of the Representatives entitled to vote or 15 representatives whichever is less.
ii) Special General Meeting	10 clear days	15 representatives
iii) Emergent Meeting	10 clear days (By Tel / Fax)	15 representatives

iv) Executive Council Meeting	10 clear days	7 representatives
v) Emergent Executive Council Meeting	7 clear days	7 representatives
vi) Committee Meetings	7 clear days	3 representatives

NOTE: 'Clear' means from the date of posting / by telephone / by Fax. The Notice can be sent either by post (UPC) or by Fax, if possible.

Besides the above, meeting may be convened by the Honorary Secretary during the National Athletics Championships at a very short notice with the consent of the majority of the members present at such meetings, can only discuss matter relating to the particular Championships or related matter.

On any issue of very urgent nature and under special circumstances when a meeting of the Executive Council cannot be convened, the Hony. Secretary may obtain the approval of the members of the council by circulation and act accordingly, provided that majority of members favour the proposal so circulated. But such cases must be placed at the next meeting of the Council for formal ratification and record.

XVII. TENURE OF POSTS

Office bearers and members of the Executive Council of the Federation may hold office as such for one or more terms of 4 years each by obtaining simple majority vote of the members present and voting in election. (Tenure will start from Oct. of Olympic year)

XVIII. HOLDING OF OFFICE

No office bearer of the Federation shall be eligible to be the office bearer simultaneously of any other National Sports Federation except IOA/any other multiple discipline association.

XIX. VACANCIES.

The office of a member of the council (including that of an office bearer) shall fall vacant-

- a) If the Organization he represents ceases to be a member or he ceases to be a member of any member Organization.
- b) If he resigns his office by a notice in writing to the Hony. Secretary and his resignation is accepted by the Executive Council (in the case of the Hony. Secretary the notice of the resignation shall be addressed to the President).

The Executive Council shall have power to fill up vacancy so caused by co-option from among the representatives to the assembly and that will remain good until the next election.

XX. VOTING : only elected affiliated units will have right to vote in AGM.

- a) At the Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, members shall be entitled to send their representatives as provided for hereunder-

- i) Categories I Organization - Three representatives each
- ii) Categories II Organization - Two representatives each
- iii) Categories III Organization - One representative each

All those Organizations, who do not fall in any of the above three categories due to non-fulfilment of obligation laid down under the Constitution, can attend the meetings, but without right to vote.

Any affiliated unit of the federation which fails to conduct its election will not be eligible to vote, nominated members of that unit can attend the meeting but without a right to vote.

XXI. POWERS, FUNCTIONS & DUTIES

A. OF THE ASSEMBLY

1. To formulate the policy of the Federation and the principles on which it shall be carried out.
2. To carry into effect the objects of the Federation.
3. To hold election of office bearers, the Executive Council and the committees every four year in accordance with the rule of constitution.
4. To frame rules for honorary or associate membership of the Federation and to invite the President of the Republic of India to be the Patron in Chief of the Federation.
5. To admit membership of any organization eligible for affiliation under the constitution.
6. To raise funds for the Federation and to hold the same and to

control and administer other properties of the Federation.

7. To impose or enforce penalties for any violation of the rules and the by-laws of the Federation as also of the IAAF.
8. To appoint auditors to examine and certify the Balance Sheet of the Federation annually.
9. To consider and to adopt the annual reports, statement of accounts and sanction the budget estimates of the Federation.
10. To be the sole official Organization in complete and sole charge of all Athletics matters in the country.
11. To institute, locate, conduct and manage all meets proposed for the selection of India's Athletics Contingent for the World Olympic and other contests.
12. To convene All India Athletics Championships.
13. To appoint Sub-Committees as and when necessary.
14. To appoint selection committee to select India's Athletics team and officials.
15. To recognize and register National and All times records in track and field events.
16. To organize Athletics training camps and coaching clinics independently or in co-operation and collaboration with the Sports Authority of India and the National Institute of Sports.
17. To amend the constitution when considered necessary.
18. To maintain a register of approved officials.
19. To hold or arrange to hold individual physical efficiency tests.
20. To explain and interpret the rules and regulations of the Federation and to give decision on any point not covered by them.
21. To maintain affiliation with the International Association of Athletics Federations.
22. To make rules and regulations for holding all India Athletics competitions.
23. To take disciplinary action against any member of its representative for misbehaviour or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the country or to the Federation.
24. To delegate any of its power to any person or body.
25. To have powers to frame by-laws and rules which are not inconsistent with the constitution.

26. To have power to suspend any member or any other athlete from taking part in the National Competition.
27. To exercise such other power and perform all other duties as are incidental and to relate to the aims and objectives of the Federation mentioned in the Memorandum of Association.
28. To take decision regarding continuing / discontinuing of its affiliation with any other body.

B. OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council shall, save as provided hereafter, have the following powers:

1. To carry out the objectives of the Federation specified in the Memorandum of Association.
2. To conduct the General Management and the direction of the Federation during the interval between meetings of the assembly and duly report all the decisions and actions to the assembly for its approval.
3. To manage, supervise and administer the funds of the Federation as delegated by the assembly.
4. To recommend to the assembly to submit to membership organizations eligible under the constitution.
5. To initiate and recommend to the General Assembly schemes for promotion and development of athletics in the country.
6. To decide cases of indiscipline, misconduct, protest, breaches of regulation and impose suitable penalties against individuals where necessary, subject to his right to appeal to the General Assembly.
7. To approve disciplinary action and hear appeals against such action taken by subordinate bodies.
8. To fill in Vacancy in the Executive Council.
9. To sanction foreign tours.
10. To consider the Annual Report prepared by the Hony. Secretary and the Annual Audited Statement of Accounts of the Hony. Treasurer and submit the same with their recommendations to the assembly.
11. To appoint representatives of the Federation for any institution or organization.
12. To appoint special committees for specific functions and duties and to appoint officers, clerks and other staff and to define their duties and

functions and to suspend or dismiss them or dispense with their services as occasion may require and fix their salaries, remuneration, allowances and other privileges, if any, and direct payment thereof through the Hony. Secretary from the funds of the federation.

13. To procure, accept, collect and receive subscriptions, donations, gifts, legacies, contributions and endowments and to raise money by all lawful means for the benefit of the Federation and for fulfilment of the aims and objectives of the Federation.
14. To invest the funds of the Federation in such securities or in such a manner as the Executive Council may deem fit and from time to time vary such investments if and when necessary.
15. To co-opt any expert or specialist for any specific purpose as and when necessary but such person shall have no power to vote.
16. To nominate the Hony. Secretary or any other member or members to act on behalf with full authority to sign any deed or document or to give valid and effectual discharge as if all the members of the Executive Council have been acting jointly.
17. To fix up the passage money and other expenses necessary for representatives of the federation to attend meetings of IOA or any other body.
18. To fix up passage money and other expenses of Indian Athletics teams going out of India if not otherwise prescribed under this constitution.
19. To provide building, premises, furniture, apparatus and other means needed for carrying out work of the Federation and to frame the rules therefore.
20. To enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the Federation.
21. To explain, define and interpret the provisions of this constitution when disputed.
22. To exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Assembly.
23. To do all such acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the doing of the foregoing acts or any of them.
24. To purchase movable and immovable properties for and on behalf of the AFI.
25. To sell discard or transfer any property of the AFI.

C. OF COMMITTEES

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

XXII: DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

A. PRESIDENT

- a) The President shall be the head of the Federation and shall preside over all meetings of the Assembly and the Executive Council. He shall guide the AFI in all activities. He shall exercise superintendence over office bearers and the members of the Executive Council and other committees in their discharge of their duties. He shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the federation and its efficient administration. The President and in his absence the chairman of the meeting shall have full powers to preserve order in all meetings and shall have all the powers and privileges which are generally vested in him under accepted parliamentary procedure.
- b) The President shall have a casting vote in case of a tie in an addition to his deliberative vote.
- c) The President shall ensure that the financial position of the AFI is sound and no unauthorized expenditure is incurred. The President is authorized to sanction expenditure up to any amount for any one item, which is not included in the budget. Expenditure in excess of this amount, will be sanctioned by the Executive Council.
- d) In case of emergencies, the President will have full power to issue orders, which may subsequently be confirmed by the assembly or the Executive Council.
- e) He will not require representation after becoming President to sit in the meeting even to contest election for the next tenure.

B. SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Senior Vice President will exercise the powers of the President when the President is not available for transaction of Federation work or he authorizes the Senior Vice President who will enjoy the same authority in the Federation as the President in the specified jurisdiction delegated to him.

C. HONY. SECRETARY

The Hony. Secretary shall be the executive officer of the Federation and shall be responsible for carrying out all the decisions of the assembly, Council and Committees and shall see that all the rules of the Federation are observed by all the concerned and shall subject to the general control and direction of the council and the President inter alia.

- a) Convene all meetings of the Assembly, Council and Committees under the rules and shall cause minutes of all proceedings and resolution of all such meetings to be correctly recorded in a book specially provided for the purpose and such minutes shall upon questions put and votes taken thereon to be signed by the Chairman at the meeting and when signed by him shall be conclusive evidence of the correctness of the entry.
- b) Shall be responsible for carrying on all correspondence in the name of the Federation save as otherwise directed by the President.
- c) Shall be in-charge of all records and documents (including the register of members) as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient working of the Federation.
- d) Shall have custody and maintain in proper order and condition all trophies, souvenirs and seals and insignia of the Federation of all movable and immovable properties of the Federation and maintain up to date stock book and have annual stock taking made of all such properties.
- e) Transact all official business of the Federation.
- f) Act as Secretary and convener of the Assembly, Council and Committees of the Federation.
- g) Exercise a general supervision over the employees of the Federation.
- h) Conduct all affairs of the Federation according to its rules, regulations and by-laws.
- i) Collect or cause to be collected all subscriptions and fees and get in with due diligence all other monies dues and payable to the Federation, make overall collection as and when received or released to the treasurer and requisition for such monies as may from time to time be needed for meeting the necessary expenses sanctioned by the council.
- j) Forward all bills for payment to the Hony. Treasurer up to the

extent sanctioned in the budget estimates and after the approval of the President.

- k) Have an imprest cash of Fifty Thousand Rupees recoupable as soon as accounts are rendered.
- l) Sanction advance upto ten thousand rupees.
- m) Ensure that the accounts of the Federation have been properly maintained by the Hony. Treasurer and are regularly audited.
- n) Prepare every year, the annual report on the working of the Federation and place the same before the assembly after getting it duly approved by the council.
- o) Secretary can help the preparatory committee of the athletes for various Athletics meets. He can also take the assistance of other persons of his own choice or he can also nominate some other persons as head of this preparatory committee.
- p) He will not require representation after becoming Secretary to sit in the meeting even to contest election for the next tenure.
- q) He can also give charge of his Secretaryship to any one, if circumstances permit, with the approval of the President.

D. SENIOR JOINT SECRETARIES AND JOINT SECRETARIES

The Senior Joint Secretary will exercise the power of Hony. Secretary when the Hony Secretary is not available for transaction of federation work. Specific duties and powers can also be assigned to the Hony. Senior Joint Secretary by the President with due approval of the Executive Council. One Joint Secretary will be nominated by the Executive Council to look after and co-ordinate the affairs of each zone and report the progress to the Executive Council. The zonal Joint Secretaries will also coordinate organization of zonal meets and registration of athletes, official, overseeing regular holding of annual meetings of the units in the zone. Position will be reported to the Executive Council from time to time.

E. HONY. TREASURER

The Hony. Treasurer shall be subject to the general control and direction of the council inter alia.

- a) Prepare and place the budget for the year before the council for necessary sanction that shall allocate the budget grants to the different heads of expenditure.
- b) Make all payments of the Federation after the connected bills and vouchers have been duly checked by him and passed for

payment by the Hony. Secretary.

- c) Deposit all money as and when received from the Hony. Secretary or any other sources into accounts of the Federation with banks.
- d) Have charge of all funds of the Federation.
- e) Maintain the books of accounts of the Federation.
- f) Operate the banking accounts of the Federation jointly with the President / Secretary.
- g) Have an imprest of Ten thousand Rupees.

XXIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- i) All constituent Organizations of the Federation shall abide by the rules & regulations. They shall be responsible for conducting athletics competitions/sending the athletes for all the National level competitions as defined under article XXX.
- ii) Each affiliated Organization shall direct its own activities, conduct its competitions and control its athletes in accordance with the principles set forth in the rules and regulation and by-laws of the federation.
- iii) Any penalty imposed by any Organization affiliated to the Federation on any of its members for any infraction of the principles set forth in its rules, regulation and bye-laws shall be honoured by other affiliated Organizations.
- iv) Disciplinary action whenever taken by an affiliated Organization against members in its jurisdiction shall be reported by it to the Hony. Secretary of the Federation for record and information to other affiliated Organizations within ten days of action having been taken. An appeal against such action of the affiliated Organization shall lie with the Executive Council.
- v) All States / Boards should nominate their Chief Coaches and should inform the Federation the name and other details of the Coaches accordingly. If a unit fails to nominate the State Chief Coach / Panel of Coaches, the unit will not be allowed to take part in any Annual General Meeting.
- vi) If any State Unit / Board / Department Unit affiliated to recognized by AFI, fails to conduct the State Unit / Board / Department Athletics meets within the period allotted preferably before December every year, such States/ Boards / Departmental units will be liable for dis-affiliation/ de-recognition without serving any notice. In case of

genuine reasons like natural calamities etc. President/ Secretary is authorized to allow for a change in the date/ venue of the Meet.

- vii) All States / Boards / Departmental Units are required to participate in National Championships. They are required to send their Calendar of Events and detailed Reports of their Athletics Meets alongwith the results to the Federation. If any Unit fails to send its team in National Meets, and they fail to conduct their Annual Athletics Championships for Seniors / Juniors, they will automatically stand disaffiliated.
- (viii) To avoid disputes in the States, the presence of an Observer from the Federation will be mandatory during the Election meetings of the State Associations. The Observer will be sent to the Election meetings of those States, who submit the list of their Units alongwith a copy of the Constitution and other relevant informations, as deemed necessary. Proceedings of Election Meetings of States / Units without the presence of Observer of the Federation, will not be accepted.

XXIV. SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 1) The committee shall have power to suspend any member or athlete from National or International Competitions for so long as shall be stated in its decision, which later on has to be ratified by the Executive Council.
- 2) On the application of any member the Assembly may reinstate any athlete who by reason of any infringement of the IAAF rules has been declared ineligible to take part in competitions under IAAF rules. Any application of reinstatement must be forwarded to the General Secretary, IAAF, by the Secretary of the member responsible or the athlete concerned. Such application shall be given in detail the circumstances leading to the ineligibility and the reasons advanced for reinstatement.

XXV. AMENDMENTS OF MEMORANDUM, RULES AND BYE LAWS

- 1) The Assembly shall have power to alter, extend or abridge the purpose which The Federation is established as stated in the memorandum of association in the manner provided for in section 12 of the societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860)
- 2) No amendment shall be made to these rules except at the Annual or Special General meetings of the Assembly and unless supported by

two – third of the representatives present and voting. The Bye- laws can be amended at a meeting of the council convened for the purpose.

- 3) AFI will also abide by the changes, if any, made in the IAAF constitution from time to time provided the same are not inconsistent with the Indian laws.

XXVI. FORCE OF THE BYE- LAWS

For all the purposes of the bye laws made under the rules of the Federation as provided for in this constitution shall have the same force as of the rules in the constitution.

XXVII. RESIDUARY POWERS

Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the council.

XXVIII. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The AFI will appoint Disciplinary Committee from among the members of the Executive Council not exceeding five to deal with all matters pertaining to disciplinary regulations and the committee will submit its report or findings to the Executive Council. The decision of the Executive Council will be put up for ratification of Assembly.

XXIX. DISSOLUTION

- i) The Federation may be dissolved at the general meeting specially called for the purpose either by the Council or upon requisition of two-third number of members, provided that majority of members present, vote for the same.
- ii) If upon the dissolution of the Federation there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the Federation or any of them but shall be given to the society carrying on similar objects on such terms and conditions to be determined by votes of majority of members present personally or in default thereof as the appropriate Court or Union Government may determine on that behalf.

XXX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A) The Federation will appoint National Coaches.

- B)** The Federation will hold , where feasible the undermentioned competitions annually. These competitions should be organized through inter-block and inter district competition in each State, leading to the competitions at the National level.
- (i) In all Competitions held under the banner of Athletics Federation of India, only AFI approved equipment will be used.

List of competitions:

1. Open National Athletics Championships.
2. All India Inter- State Athletics Championships (Seniors)
3. National Cross Country Championships
4. National Walk & Marathon Championships.
5. Federation Cup Athletics Meet for Seniors.
6. Federation Cup Cross- Country Championships.
7. At least 4 National Athletics Circuit Meets. (Events to be decided in consultation with the National Coach)
8. All India Inter State Athletics Meet (Under 22 years)
9. All India Inter State Athletics Championships (Juniors)
10. Four Zonal Athletics Meets (Juniors)
11. All India Inter Zonal Athletics Meet (Juniors)
12. Federation Cup Athletics Meet for Juniors.
13. National Inter District Athletics Championships (Under 14 years & 16 years, Boys & Girls).

C) DOPING RULES

- i) Athletics Federation of India will be guided by the rules of International Association of Athletics Federations and amendments, if any, made to such rules from time to time.
- ii) AFI also recognizes Sports Authority of India Dope Testing Laboratory for Domestic Competitions.

D) TECHNICAL RULES

Athletics Federation of India will be guided by the International Association of Athletics Federations. AFI will also abide by the changes, if any, made in the IAAF rules in this regard from time to time, but if AFI decide, it can frame its rule for Domestic Competitions.

- i) It is mandatory to use Photo Finish Camera in all the National Level Meets including affiliated Boards Meets.
- ii) No athlete will be allowed to run bare footed in any competition on Track, Road or Cross Country.
- iii) Athletes under 16 years will not be allowed to run in any competition of more than 3000 m/ 3k.m.
- iv) No athlete under the age of 21 years will be allowed to run in marathon.
- v) It is mandatory for state unit/ boards / departmental units that they should get their athletes registered at National / State or district level. State units / boards/ departmental units not adhering to this requirement will not be allowed to participate in any National Championship.
- vi) All the state units affiliated to AFI are required to conduct Technical Officials Examination in their respective states prior to such an examination conducted to the AFI. Chairman Selection Committee will be consulted in regard for preparation of examination paper, practical tests for conducting the state level examination.
- vii) In order to improve the technical conduct of various National/ International competitions and to have sufficient number of technical officials, AFI will conduct Technical Official's examination regularly on the pattern of AFI.
- viii) AFI will organize seminars on regular intervals for technical officials to appraise them about any change or amendment to rules and technical conduct. It will be mandatory for technical & officials to attend such seminars.
- ix) Duties of Technical Delegates:
 - a) To confirm in writing about acceptance of offer.
 - b) To reach the venue atleast 48 hours before the start of the competition.
 - c) To submit the report and results within 10 days of conclusion of the championships.
 - d) To verify and check the equipments to be used in the championships.
 - e) To impress upon the organizer to follow AFI directions.
 - f) To appraise Secretary AFI / Chairman Technical Committee about time to time developments.

- g) To physically verify the meet and National Records and to send detailed report in this regard to AFI.
 - h) To convene a meeting of technical officials well before the start of competition.
 - i) To assist the organizers in all technical matters.
- x) To conduct the Dope test, a Medical delegate will be deputed by AFI. The host unit will provide necessary assistance to him in the discharge of his duty efficiently. The host will pay him TA/ DA as per the rules of AFI. It will be similar to the Technical Delegate.
 - xi) AFI can also appoint observer when ever necessary who will visit the venue atleast 30 days before the commencement of the Athletics meet. He will ensure that all arrangements are according to the requirements of AFI. All the expenses in this regard are to be paid by the organizer.
 - xii) AFI will form Media/ Publicity committee which will assure the publicity of the meet. The committee must ensure the following:
 - a) T.V.Coverage.
 - b) Press release in all the Newspapers & Magazines.
 - c) Publicity in the host city / town / village to attract more people.
 - xiii) The use of electronic equipments likes Photo Finish Camera, Electronic Camera, Display Timer, Field Score, Board, Wind Gauge & Computerization of results.
 - xiv) Programme of the meet will be prepared by Technical Committee in consultation with Secretary, AFI/ Chief Coach, and juniors as well as seniors.
 - xv)
 - a) All the affiliated units must send the entries of the Athletes for participation in the various Meets, atleast 15 days before the commencement of the Competition, failing which, the organizer will not accept the entry and the team will not be allowed to participate. A copy of the entry of the Athletes should also reach the AFI office clearcut 15 days before the commencement of the competition, failing which AFI will notify the respective unit not to send their Team for participation in the respective Competition.

- b) No reserve entry will be allowed.
 - c) Change in the entry in the last moment will not be allowed.
 - d) No board will get accommodation free of cost by the organizer of the meet.
- xvi) No unit can change the date and venue of the competition allotted to them. In case of change it will be liable for a fine upto Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) failing which it will be liable for disaffiliation / participation in any competition.
- xvii) State units / boards / departmental units will bid for the various competitions atleast six months in advance. Executive Committee of AFI is competent to allot any championships among bidders. But if there is no bidder for any particular meet, Executive Committee will allot the meet to any board without their consent. The board affiliated to AFI has to accept the decision of Executive Committee. In case of any delay in the Executive Committee meeting, the president AFI is authorized to form a 3 member Committee to decide the allotment of various meets.
- xviii) AFI will also appoint various officials for successful conduct of the meet.
- xix) AFI will also make efforts to bring sponsorship for the various Athletics Meets. The money collected by AFI will remain with the AFI and will have the right of 80% of the total hoarding. Chest Numbers and advertising space can also sell the name of the Meet. But if AFI sells the Meet, then the Technical conduct will be the responsibility of AFI.
- xx) The host unit must ensure the AFI that the unit will provide reasonably good accommodation to the athletes and officials. If AFI gets sufficient funds from sponsorships, AFI will be responsible for total conduct of the meet.
- xxi) It is mandatory for all the outstanding Athletes to participate in National Competition organized by AFI. If any athlete cannot participate in any National Championships due to any genuine reason, prior permission of the Secretary of the Federation is

required, and the decision of the Secretary will be the final.

E) Recognition of the various competitions at National Level.

Capitation Fee / Guarantee Money of Rs. 2,00,000/- (The fee is applicable only if any affiliated unit organised the events). The fee can be revised from time to time and 10 percent of the total prize money and capitation fee has to be paid in advance to AFI. But for any business concern the fee will be Rs. 50 lacs for 'A' category, Rs. 35 Lacs for 'B' Category and Rs. 15 Lacs for 'C' Category and 10 % of the prize money. . AFI can permit any Office Bearer / Club/ Unit/ Deptt./ any person to organize competitions. The accounts of that meet will be kept separately. However, the organizer will have to pay a reasonable amount to AFI. (AFI will form a committee to negotiate more fees)

F) The Federation will ensure that hereafter organizations affiliated to it, grant membership to an individual club or to an individual person and in case such membership does not confer on that member the right to vote in any meeting of the Organization. Provided that in the case of Union Territory, affiliation may be granted to an individual club.

AFI will have two types of members:

- i) Affiliated
- ii) Recognized
 - i) Affiliated members will have the right to vote as per classification.
 - ii) Recognized members will have only one member in the General Council but with no voting right.

G) The Federation may sue or be sued in the name of the Hony. Secretary.

H) The provision of the societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) will apply to the Federation.

I) In all matters relating to the interpretation of an application of the constitution as well as in matters not specifically provided for herein. The decision of the council shall be final and binding on all concerned.

J) No decision taken at an Annual General Meeting or at a meeting of the council shall be re opened, modified or cancelled within a period of six months thereof.

K) Every member shall be deemed to continue its membership on the specific condition that it voluntarily surrenders its right of seeking

redressal in a court of law and accept the arbitration of the AFI. Members shall abide by the majority decision of the disciplinary committee to settle disputes arising between:

- i) One member and another; or
- ii) Between the member and the Federation.

L) The Federation will be guided by the rules, regulations, Bye- laws, directions and instructions issued from time to time by the IAAF and the IOA.

M) In order to stop overage participation in the Juniors, if 3 athletes from any participating unit are found overaged, the unit will not be allowed participation in any Competition organized by AFI for a period of one year. However, the Athletes may be allowed to participate under the banner of AFI if the President / Secretary so desire.

1. Financial Responsibilities

Secretary AFI will be paid to and fro air passage cost for his official visits. He will also be paid D.A. towards out of Pocket expenses for his official visits in India and abroad. He is also entitled to have local conveyance by taxi, as and when required. All these expenses to be approved by the President AFI.

Treasurer AFI will be paid to and fro air passage cost for his official visits.

President in consultation with Secretary will decide the monetary assistance to be paid to other office bearers or any other member of the Federation including the salary of the staff of the Federation.

Technical Delegates/National Technical Officials nominated by the Federation for the various National level Athletics Competitions will be given the following facilities by the organizers of the Meet: -

- i) 1st class/2nd A.C. to and fro rail fare from place of residence to the venue of the competition.
- ii) Free board and lodging including local conveyance for the duration of their stay at the venue of the meet.
- iii) Rs. 500/- per day for out of pocket expenses for the duration of their stay at the venue of the meet and also for journey period.

With regard to the above mentioned facilities for National Technical Officials/Technical Delegates, Secretary AFI can reduce or increase the same, in case of any financial problem.

N) AFI competition manual will be binding on all the members/organisations etc.

XXXI. CHARACTER OF THE FEDERATION

The Federation is a permanent organization of Patriotic and National Character. It is devoted to the physical and cultural education of the youth of India. It is independent, autonomous and free from political, religious or communal influences.

XXXII. JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERATION

Delhi Courts will have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the AFI, its activities and members.

XXXIII. ZONES

AFI will be divided into 5 Zones namely North, West, East, South and Institutional Zone. The Jurisdiction of these Zones will be as under: -

- North - Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.
- West - Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Goa and Madhya Pradesh.
- East - Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Orissa, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.
- South - Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry.

Institutional Zone /All Institutional Members.

CONTROL OF DRUG ABUSE

RULE NO.1

DOPING

1. Doping is strictly forbidden and is an offence under AFI rules.
2. The offence of doping takes place when either:

- i) A prohibited substance is found to be present within an athlete's body tissue or fluids; or
 - ii) An athlete uses or takes advantage of a prohibited technique;
 - iii) An athlete admits having used or taken advantage of a prohibited substance or a prohibited technique (See also rule 2).
3. Prohibited substance includes those listed in schedule 1 of the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control". This list shall be constantly reviewed by the doping commission and may added to or amended by them.
4. It is an athlete's duty to ensure that no substance enters his body tissues or fluids, which is prohibited under these rules. Athletes are warned that they are responsible for all or any substance detected in samples given by them.
5. An athlete may request the doping commission to grant prior exemption allowing him to take a substance normally prohibited under AFI rules. Such an exemption will only be granted in cases of clear and compelling clinical need. Details of the procedure for such an application are to be found in "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control".
6. The expression "Prohibited Technique" shall include:
- a) Blood Doping;
 - b) Use of substances and methods which alter the integrity and validity of urine samples used in doping control.
However a fuller non-exhaustive, list of such techniques is to be found in schedule 2 of the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control". (See also rule 6.2 "Sanctions".)
7. A doping commission shall be appointed by the AFI on the recommendation of the Medical Committee.
8. Procedural and administrative guidelines for the conduct of doping control shall be determined by the doping commission. These guidelines shall be known as the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control". These guidelines or any proposed amendment to them must be approved by the AFI and shall come into force three months from the date of such approval.
9. A departure or departures from the guidelines set out in the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control" shall not invalidate the finding of a Prohibited substance, unless this departure was such as to cost real doubt

- on the reliability of such a finding.
10. AFI may delegate the collection of samples to any member, governmental agency or any other third party that they deem suitable.

RULE- 2
ANCILLARY OFFENCES

1. An athlete who fails or refuses to submit to doping control after having been requested to do so by the responsible official will have committed a doping offence and will be subject to sanction in accordance with rule 6. This fact shall be reported to the AFI and its affiliated units.
2. Any person assisting or inciting others, or admitting having incited or assisted others, to use a prohibited substance, or prohibited techniques, shall have committed a doping offence and shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with rule 6. If that person is not an athlete, then the AFI may, in its discretion, impose an appropriate sanction.

RULE 3
OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING

1. It is a condition of membership of the AFI that a member includes within its constitution :-
 - i) A provision obliging that member to conduct out of competition doping control, a report which must be submitted to the AFI annually; and
 - ii) A provision allowing the AFI to conduct doping control at that member's National Championships or any similar meeting; and
 - iii) A provision allowing the AFI to conduct out of competition testing (including challenge testing) on that member's athletes.
2. Procedural guidelines for the conduct of out of competition testing are to be found in the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control".
3. No athlete shall be allowed to compete in National / International Championships, nor shall a member grant a permit, unless and until such athlete agrees to subject himself to out of competition testing by both the member and the AFI. The AFI may make guidelines for the conduct of challenge testing. Challenge testing is the right,

subject to the above guidelines, of one member to designate for testing an athlete under the jurisdiction of another member. Once the guidelines for challenge testing have been approved by council, they shall then be contained in the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control" and shall be subject to amendment in accordance.

4. Where an athlete has been declared ineligible for a period, other than life, and wishes to resume competing after his period of ineligibility has expired, he must make himself available for out of competition testing at any time during his period of ineligibility.
5. Out of competition testing shall be conducted only in respect of the substances listed in schedule 1, part III of the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control".
6. It is the duty of any member to assist the AFI and, if appropriate, other members in the carrying out of such testing, and any member preventing, hindering or otherwise obstructing the carrying out of such testing shall be liable to sanctions under the rules of the AFI.

RULE 4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOPING CONTROL

1. The AFI will be responsible for doping control at:
 - i) National Championships.
 - ii) Regional championships (All AFI affiliated / recognized units meets).
 - iii) University & school games.
 - iv) On other occasions where random and or designated testing is carried out, for example Area Group Championships or meetings. At these meetings an AFI or area representative shall be present.
2. In all other cases (except where doping control is carried out under the rules of another sporting body) the member in whose territory a meeting is held will be responsible for doping control at that meeting.
3. Where testing is the responsibility of or is carried out by a member that member should adhere as far as possible under the circumstances to the recommended procedures contained in the "Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control".

RULE 5
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR DOPING OFFENCES

1. Where doping offence has taken place disciplinary proceedings will take place in three stages:
 - i) Suspension
 - ii) Hearing
 - iii) Ineligibility
2. An athlete shall be suspended from the time that the doping commission reports that there is evidence that a doping offence has taken place.
3. Every athlete shall have the right to a hearing before the relevant tribunal of AFI before any decision on eligibility is reached. When the athlete is notified that it is believed that the doping offence has taken place, he shall also be served with a notice informing him of his right to a hearing together with a notice of application. If an athlete does not return this notice of application within 28 days of receipt he will be deemed to have waived his right to a hearing.
4. If an athlete is found to have committed a doping offence and this is confirmed after a hearing or the athlete waives his right to a hearing he shall be declared ineligible. In addition where testing was conducted in a competition the athlete shall be disqualified from that competition and the result amended accordingly. His ineligibility shall begin from the date on which the sample was provided.

RULE 6
SANCTIONS

1. For the purpose of these rules the following shall be regarded as "Doping Offences".
 - i) The finding in an athlete's body tissues or fluids of a prohibited substance.
 - ii) The use or taking advantage of forbidden techniques.
 - iii) Admitting having taken advantages of or having used prohibited substances or a prohibited technique.
 - iv) The refusal of an athlete to submit to doping control.

- v) Assisting or insisting others to use prohibited substances or a prohibited technique or admitting having assisted or insisted others.
2. If an athlete commits a doping offence he will be ineligible to the following periods:
 - a) For an offence under rule 6.1 involving the substances listed in part 1 of schedule 1 of the "Procedural guidelines for Doping Control" or for any of the other offence listed in 6.1.
 - i) First offence- for a minimum 24 months from date of provision of the sample or of the sanctionable offence and any additional period necessary to include equivalent competition to that in which the athlete was disqualified.
 - ii) Second offence- for 3 years
 - iii) Third offence- for life.
 - b) For an offence under Rule 6.1 or 6.1 (iii) above involving the substances in part II of schedule 1 of the procedural guidelines for doping control:
 - i) First offence- for three months from date of the provision of sample.
 - ii) Second offence- for 18 months from date of the provision of sample.
 - iii) Third offence -for life
 3. Where an athlete has been declared ineligible he shall not be entitled to any award or addition to his trust fund to which he would have been entitled by virtue of his appearance and or performance at the Athletics meeting at which the doping offence took place or at any subsequent meetings. The AFI or any member organizing a meeting shall ensure that a clause to this effect is contained in any contract with the meeting organizers.
 4. Where an athlete has committed a doping offence under rule 60 then any result obtained or title gained subsequent to the admitted offence shall cease to be recognized by the AFI and by the athletes member Federation and this from the date the athlete admitted the doping offence.
 5. If the result of any testing carried out on an ineligible athlete prove positive this will constitute a separate doping offence and the athlete

will be subject to a further sanction as appropriate.

6. In exceptional circumstances an athlete may apply to the AFI for reinstatement before the period of ineligibility has expired. Where an athlete has provided substantial assistance to a member in the course of an enquiry into doping carried out by that member, this will normally be regarded by the AFI as constituting exceptional circumstances. However, it is emphasized that only truly exceptional circumstances will justify any reduction. Details of the procedure and the criteria for application are to be found in the “procedural guidelines for doping control”.
7. Every athlete shall have the right to request that the reserve ‘B’ sample be tested to ascertain whether that sample discloses the presence of the same prohibited substance detected in the main ‘A’ sample. Such request must be made within 28 days of the notification to the athlete that the main ‘A’ sample discloses the presence of a prohibited substance. A laboratory shall not be obliged to keep any reserve ‘B’ samples after this time unless so requested by the AFI. An athlete shall remain suspended despite the fact that he has requested analysis of the ‘B’ sample. Once an athlete has requested analysis of the reserve ‘B’ sample a date shall be arranged within 21 days of the request for the conduct of the analysis. A date and time shall be arranged for the analysis, which is convenient both for the athlete and for the AFI.

RULE 7

RECOGNITION

1. Every member shall inform the AFI Secretary of any positive results obtained in the course of doping controls carried out by that member. These findings shall be considered at the next meeting of the AFI, which shall, on behalf of all members of the AFI recognize any positive result(s) obtained. These positive results of doping control carried out by that member will then be final and binding upon all members who shall take the necessary action to render such decision effective.
2. Where doping control has been carried out by the AFI every member shall recognize the result of such doping control and shall

take all necessary action to render such decision effective.

3. The AFI may on behalf of all members of the AFI recognize the results of doping control carried out by a sporting body other than AFI or by a member of that sporting body under rules and procedures different from those of the AFI if it is satisfied the testing was properly carried out and the rules of the body conducting the these tests afford sufficient protection to athlete.
4. Where it is proposed to recognize, at a meeting of the AFI the results of doping control carried out by a sporting body other than the AFI or by a member of AFI under rules and procedures different from those of the AFI an athlete likely to be affected shall be given notice in writing one month before the relevant AFI meeting. Should he/she wish to make representation in writing to the AFI these should be delivered to the Secretary at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
5. An athlete shall have the right to attend the relevant AFI meeting and to make such representation, as he/she feels necessary.
6. If the AFI decides that the result of doping control carried out by a sporting body other than the AFI is to be recognized, then the athlete shall be deemed to have breached the relevant AFI rule and will be subject to the same sanction as an athlete who has done so. All members shall take necessary action to ensure that decision is effective.

CODE OF CONDUCT

a. For office bearers of the Federation:

In order to improve and streamline the working of the Federation to achieve the objects, it is imperative that the office bearers specially, President / Secretary / Treasurer be made accountable. The duties & responsibilities of President / Secretary / Treasurer in this regard are:

1. To plan and propose Athletics activities in the country.
2. To Organize National / International Competitions for the athletes as per the constitution.
3. To Organize Clinics / Seminars concerning important issues as

regards to the development of athletics.

4. To prepare & send the team for International Competitions.
5. To conduct Coaching Camps for Juniors / Seniors in connection with the preparation of athletes for International Competitions.
6. To provide all necessary facilities and help athletes to achieve high level performance.
7. To make efforts to popularise athletics.
8. To conduct Executive Committee Meeting /A.G.M. as per Constitution.

If the office bearers fail to perform the above mentioned activities, the executive committee can analyse the whole working & propose an appropriate action, which needs to be ratified by the General Body.

b. For State Athletics Associations / Sports Boards:

1. To organize State level / National level competitions.
2. To prepare and send the teams for various competitions.
3. To conduct Coaching Camps for Junior / Senior in connection with preparation for participation in various competitions.
4. State Associations / Boards are required to comply with the rules and regulations laid down in the AFI Constitution failing which they are liable to dis-affiliation. This include the various activities and obligations in the Constitution.
5. No office bearer of State Associations / Sports Boards will go to the Press / any Outside Organisation / any individual, and give comments about the activities of the Federation.
6. Before going to the press they have to give in writing their complaints / grievances to the Hony. Secretary, who in consultation with the President has to take appropriate action within 30 days. If need be, such complaints / grievances may be placed before the Executive Council Meeting of AFI.

In case of violation of any of the above, AFI Executive Committee can propose appropriate action including suspension of the concerned unit.

c. For Coaches :

1. The Coaches will be accountable for the performance of their athletes in National & International Competitons.

2. No Coach is supposed to encourage overage participation in Junior Meets.
3. No Coach is supposed to encourage the athletes for the use of banned drugs/prohibited technique.
4. No Coach will go to the Press / any Outside Organization / any other person in case of complaint / grievance about the activities of the Federation.
5. In case of any grievance or otherwise, concerned Coach has to give in writing his / her complaint / grievance to Hony. Secretary of the Federation, who in consultation with the President has to take up appropriate action within 30 days, and can also allow the Coach to speak to the press.

d. For Athletes

1. If any athlete misbehaves with any authority including any Sports official, Coaches, Technical officials, Members of AFI he/she is liable to disciplinary action.
2. Any type of mis-conduct by an athlete during coaching camps and Competition etc. will make him/ her liable to disciplinary action.
3. Athletes have to respect the AFI Constitution & all directions given by the Federation including the rules & regulations of the Federation.
4. No athlete will go to the Press / any Outside Organisation / any individual in case of any complaint / grievance about the Athletics activities / Federation activities of the coaches and other matters concerning Athletics.
5. Before going to the Press, athletes will have to give in writing their complaints / grievances, if any to the Hony. Secretary who in consultation with the President has to take appropriate action within 30 days. They can go to the press, if no action is taken by Secretary / President.

In case of violation of any of the above, Disciplinary Committee will take appropriate action which need to be ratified by Executive Committee.

Note: Atleast three Members of AFI Disciplinary Committee must be present in Meeting before any action is suggested.

