

**Article of Constitution
of
Tug of War Federation of India**

Rule : 1. Name of the Federation : The name of the Federation shall be
"Tug-of-War Federation of India".

Rule : 2. Interpretation : In interpreting the Constitution and rules of the Tug of War
Federation of India the following definitions shall apply :

- 'The Association' refers to the State Tug of War Association of member states. 'State' refers to a nation as recognized by the Government of India as State
- 'The Association' refers to the District Tug of War Association of a member District. 'District' refers to an area as recognized by the Government of India as a District of India.
- 'The Association' refers to the Union Territory State Tug of War Association of a member UT State. 'UT State' refers to any area as recognized by the Government of India as a UT State of India .
- 'Member' means a State Tug of War Association which is in membership with Tug of War Federation of India.
- 'Candidate members"#" means an association not yet a member of Tug of War Federation of India.
- 'Club' shall also mean TWFI Tug-of-War Club which is approved by the Executive body of TWFI.
- An 'Act' shall mean the Societies Registration Act of 1860 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi.
- TWFI shall mean Tug-of-War Federation of India.
- 'Recognition/ recognized Associations' means an association not yet a member of Tug of War Federation of India.
- 'GOVERNING BODY' shall mean the Executive Committee of the Tug of War Federation of India

Rule 3. Membership defined

(i) There will be the following types of TWFI Memberships

i) Affiliated Membership : State Tug-of-War Association/ & UT Tug of War

Association would be entitled to become an affiliated member of the TWFI, through such association under following terms & conditions with two voting right.

a) TWFI will grant membership/affiliation under Rules of 3(I) Affiliated Memberships. If the Association officially conducted Annual District & Inter- District level competitions in his Club/organization under the control of TWFI and send regular tug-of-war teams to National Competitions. The Affiliated memberships will be subject to such terms and conditions which the governing body may determine from time to time.

b) State Tug-of-War Association/ & UT State Tug of War Association provided it has a minimum of 50% of the District level Association affiliated to it. The State Unit is required to be a legal entity as registered under RoS Act or Companies Act.

ii) Associate Membership without Voting right : All India/State level organization or Government Sports Board/ Public Undertaking Organization. through such association under following terms & conditions without voting right .

a) TWFI will grant membership under the Rules of 3(ii) Associated Memberships without Voting right. If an organization is playing tug-of-war game and has conducted annual regional level competitions in its organization under the control of TWFI and is sending regular tug-of-war teams in national Competitions.

Rule . 4

a) Definition and Admission for Membership :

The Tug of War Federation of India shall consist of affiliated members which are recognized as only Associations controlling the game of Tug of War in their respective State area. Any Association (as defined in Rule 3) may become the member of this Federation subject to such terms and conditions which the governing body may determine from time to time.

Rule .5 Membership Fee's/ Subscriptions

i) Affiliated membership fee : Each Affiliated member will have to pay Rs 10,000/- (Ten Thousand only) as admission fee one time and Rs 10,000/- (Ten thousand only) as annual affiliation /membership fee, or such fees as agreed to from time to time, and decided by the General Body.

ii) Associated membership Fee : An Associated member organization shall pay Rs 12,000/- (Twelve Thousand only) as admission fee one time and an yearly subscription of Rs 10,000/- per year or such

fee as agreed from time to time, and decided by the General Body.

Rule 6. Cessation of membership

- a). Not with standing anything contained in these rules, the governing body shall have full powers to expel any member on any charge which comes to its notice against any grounds after the defaulting member is given an opportunity in writing to explain the charge of default and asked to give his submission in a period of one month (not extendable) in the time and after the governing body has examined the reply and found it unsatisfactory. The expelled member may appeal against the expulsion before/the next organized governing body. OR
- b). Non-payment of affiliation/membership fee and Annual subscription or Team entry fee & Tournament fee where the member has ignored the call for payment made within one month of the expiry of the subscription and after the lapse of further period of two months of the dispatch of notice from the Federation to the member wherein the last opportunity to pay the subscription was ignored. OR
- c) If the renewal fee and arrears, if any, are not paid on or before March of the financial year, the defaulter will automatically ceases membership of TWFI. OR
- d) A member who ceases its membership of the association either by forfeiture of membership or otherwise shall, in no circumstances, be eligible for re-affiliation unless all the arrears of membership fees are paid. OR
- e). **Non participation in activity/Event of TWFI.**
Affiliated member/ Associated members who have not participated regularly in three National Tournaments. Governing body will have full powers to expel any member on the above grounds.
- f) **Not Conducted State/ District level competitions**
Affiliated member/ Associated members who have not conducted the regularly in two years State/ District level Competitions /Tournament .Governing body will have full powers to expel any member on the above grounds.
- g) **Not holding AGM of State/ District Association.**
Affiliated member/ Associated members who have not holding the AGM of State /District Association regularly in two years. Governing body will have full powers to expel any member on the above grounds.

Rule 7. Violation of Rules of Anti-Doping

The Team shall Disqualify from merit / tournament if an athlete any member of team is found guilty of dope and test he/she will be black listed from the National, State, as well as district teams for a period of three years.--(Refer Indian Tug of War Competition Code-2013 Rule - 44)
Governing body has full right to expel or black list to any individual player or team or association,

if the team/ player is involved in any Doping Charges, Misbehavior or indiscipline .

Rule 7-(a) Sexual Harassment of Sports persons

Action against complaint of sexual harassment shall be taken as per Government guidelines/Act and norms to prevent Incidents of sexual harassment. -(Refer Indian Tug of War Competition Code-2013 see page no. 216)

Rule 7-(b) PREVENTION OF AGE FRAUD

Government of India Rules of National Code against age fraud in Sports are applicable. (Refer Indian Tug of War Competition Code-2013 see page no. 203)

Rule 8. Recognized Associations:

TWFI will grant recognition to Tug-of-War Club, District Tug of War Association and other Tug-of-War organization of State level/All India/District subject to such terms and conditions which the governing body may determine from time to time. Recognition/ recognized Associations means an association not yet a member of Tug of War Federation of India. The TWFI has granted Status of recognized Association as Club level and allowed participation in All India/National Championships game activities.

Rule 9 Commissions :

9-(a) Athlete Commission

The TWFI governing body will nominate 7 athletes (five male and two female) for four years to an athlete commission created for discussion on game promotion activities at least once in a year.

9-(b) Ethics Commission

The TWFI governing body will nominate 7 persons (five male and two female) for four years to an Ethics commission created for discussion on meeting at least once in a year for development of ethics code.

Rule 10 . GENERAL BODY :

(a) Definition and Quorum as applied : There shall be a general body of the Federation consisting of all affiliated members. The meeting of the general body shall be held annually. The quorum for such meeting shall be 1/3rd of the full affiliated member , Any meeting not having 1/3rd quorum will be resumed as an adjourned meeting and will be called after one or two hours , keeping in view of circumstances of non appearance of valid members in the first instance.

i) Notice for General Body meeting : The notice of the General body meeting shall be given 21 days from the scheduled date of the meeting.

ii) Notice for online Video meeting. : The meetings of the TWFI can be held through Video Conference. The notice of the **online Video Conference of AGM/SGM** or Executive meeting or and any other Committee meeting(s) shall be given due notice through Email and can also supplemented by other electronic modes of communications such as SMS/WhatsApp. The minutes of the meeting will be approved by the President and Secretary General and proper records of all proceedings and resolution of all such meetings to be corrected recorded. .

(b) VOTING RIGHT IN AGM/Special General Body meeting (Except for the AGM/Special General Body Meeting where election for the Management Committee are proposed to be held)

Each affiliated member will nominate an authorized representative i.e President or Secretary of affiliated member of state Association will have one vote only. Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution voting in the General body must be approved by a simple majority of the valid votes taken, If there is a tie in votes, the Presiding Chairman will give the casting vote.

Rule 11 Election :

The office bearers and the other members of the Governing Body shall be elected every four years, at a specially convened Election meeting for such purpose from amongst members of the general body by a majority of votes on secret ballot paper. All eligible affiliated member units shall be represented by two members authorized by the President or Secretary General of the affiliated member (both the members will have one vote each). However, in case of President/Secretary General/Secretary nominates different person(s), the person(s) by the President shall be deemed to be duly authorized person(s) irrespective of date.

The Election of the TWFI will be held under the direction & control of the Election Returning Officer. The President of TWFI will nominate an Election Returning Officer after being informed of the due process. The Election returning Officer will conduct the election and declare the results. The decision of the Election returning officer shall be final for the election of the office bearers or members of the governing body. A member, whose subscription/affiliation fee/entry fee/tournament fee or any other amount is in arrears, or has not submitted regularly annual activity report/Audit Report Accounts by affiliated members or not hold the internal election of Affiliated State Association, shall not be eligible for such election and cast vote. The Secretary General of TWFI will submit a certified list of authorized Electoral College to the Election Returning Officer (ERO) at the time of appointment of E.R.O.

Process of Elections : The elections will be held in fair, democratic and transparent manner by calling nomination and through a secret ballot strictly as per the government guidelines i.e. MODEL CODE OF ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS AND THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE as incorporated in the National Sports Development Code of India -2011 and as amended from time to time.

11 (a) Secret Ballot. : Election will held by secret ballot

11 (b) Proxy Voting in Election .: Voting by proxy is not permitted during the Elections of the Management Committee.

Rule 12. Powers and Duties of General Body :

- To consider and decide all such matters which are connected with or are arising out of the affairs of the Federation.
- To elect the following minimum seven or maximum nine office bears as per rule 13(a) of the governing body of the Federation:
 - i. President : One
 - ii. Vice-Presidents : Two to three
 - iii. Secretary General : One
 - iv. Joint Secretary : Two to three
 - v. Treasurer : One
- **Women Quota : Any One post reserve for women in governing body**
- To do all such other things which are beneficial for the advancement of the objectives of the Federation.

Rule 13. GOVERNING BODY

(a) Definition and composition :

There shall be a governing body of the Federation consisting of minimum seven and maximum nine members (including office bearers). The following office bearers will form the governing body.

- i. President : One
- ii. Vice-Presidents : Two to three
- iii. Secretary General : One
- iv. Joint Secretary: Two to three
- v. Treasurer : One

Further as per provisions of the Sports Code para 3.20 of Annexure-II about 25% sportspersons are to be in the Member of the TWFI.

(b) Age Limit & Tenure of the office bearers of the Governing body

The governing body shall be elected for a period of four years and thereafter fresh elections will be called for.

President of TWFI could hold office for a maximum period of 12 years with or without break. The Secretary General and the Treasurer of TWFI could serve a maximum of two successive terms of 4 years each after which a minimum cooling off period of 4 years will apply to seek fresh election. The President, Secretary General and the Treasurer shall cease to hold post on attaining age of 70 years.”

Further as when there is any change in the Government of India Policy in future in this regard, the same will be applicable for the TWFI automatically.

(c) Civil Servant or Government Employee being part of Governing body.

As per orders of Government of India vide letter No.52-11/2011-SP-I dated 3rd April, 2012 Government servants who are contesting the elections at National/State/District level are required to obtain the permission of the concerned Government for holding an elective post in the Sports bodies.

No Government Servant should be allowed to hold elective office in any sports association/ Federation for term of more than 4 years, or for one term, whichever is less or as per the Central Government Orders as issued from time to time.

The NOC from the concerned Government is required to be submitted along with the Nomination Form to the Returning Officer.

(d) Disqualification of contesting the elections for any post in EC

i) Holding office in any other Sports body or National Sports Federation.

If any representatives of State/UT association holding office in any other Sports body at National/State/District level He/She is disqualification of contesting the elections for any post in EC in TWFI (meaning of other sports body like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho ,Football etc.).

(c) Duties, Notice of meeting and Quorum :

The governing body shall meet at least once in one year to transact the following business. The necessary quorum for such meeting shall be 1/3rd of the Executive body member. The notice of the meeting shall be given ten days from the scheduled date of the meeting.

i) To execute all such policies which are framed by the Governing body.

ii) To appoint sub-committees such as :

(1) Finance Committee (2) Disciplinary Committee (3) Selection Committee for sports (4) Coaching Committee (5) Referees Board (6) Game Technical Committee for such period and with such strength which it may deem fit. The powers of these Committees will be decided by the Governing body from time to time.

iii) To take all such other steps which are necessary for the smooth running of the Federation

(d) Filling up of casual vacancies :

Any vacancy (including that of the President) which occurs in the GOVERNING BODY shall be filled by the Executive Committee by Co-option from the remaining office bearers members of the Executive Committee or members of the general body. This shall be regularized during the very next meeting of the general body. However, the election for vacant posts is required to be held at the earliest but not later than six months from date of filling of the post by the Executive Committee.

(f) Power and Duties of Office bearers :

The following office bearers will perform duties as mentioned against each :

1. President : shall preside over all the meetings of the Federation. Shall guide the other office bearers in the functioning. Shall determine the date, time and place of all the meetings of Federation and shall instruct the Secretary General for issuance of meeting notice to every Affiliated member.

b). He shall take decisions on all urgent matters in Interest of the Federation and game and will get confirmed in the meeting of governing body.

2. Vice-President: shall presiding in the absence of president. Any Vice-President out of the three attending the meeting may be proposed in the meeting, to preside.

3. Secretary General : He shall work as a chief Executive officer of the Federation.

a) To undertake all type of correspondence enter into all legal instruments, represent the Federation in all legal matters on behalf of the Federation.

b) To keep all type of record of the Federation and to produce the same in the meetings whenever demanded. Record shall mean paper material, trophies all caused files of the Federation.

c) To convene all meetings of the Federation.

e) Prepare the report of the Federation and submit the same before the General body.

f) To do all such other things which may be assigned to him by the Governing body.

4. Joint Secretaries

They shall function as per directives issued by the governing body or Under instructions of Secretary General

5. Treasurer: He shall

- a) Collect all payments on behalf of the Federation and shall deposit the same in the cash book or bank
- b) Shall submit the Annual Financial report to Secretary General before the AGM for its confirmation.
- c) Get the funds of Federation audited (from the appointed auditors or) chartered Accountant.
- d) Shall assists the governing body for preparation of budget estimate for different Heads of expenditure and income.
- e) To look after and to manage all the Financial affairs of the Federation! under the control of governing body.

Rule 14. The governing body shall follow the Guideline of the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports as under :

1. TWFI adopt the government guidelines relating to age , tenure and Election of office bears of TWFI.
2. TWFI adopt the Government guidelines for inculcating the principles of good governance in the Management of the NSF. Such as prevention of sexual harassment of sportsperson, doping rules of
3. NADA /WADA and age fraud by sportspersons; mechanism for players grievances redressed, and
4. Restriction for Government servants from holding the elective post in the Federation

Rule 15. Source of Income and Utilization of Funds

The fees subscriptions, gifts, donations, souvenirs, tournaments fees, government grants and any other shall be the source of Income of Federation. Funds of the Federation shall be utilised only for the promotion of the objectives of the Federations.

Rule 16. Financial Year :The financial year of the Federation shall be from 1st April of one year to 31st March of the subsequent year.

Rule 17. Audit of Accounts

Executive Committee will maintain Accounts through the Treasurer and Secretary General. The audit of the Accounts of the Federation will be done by the CAG empallened Chartered Accountant or auditor for every year appointed by the general body.

Rule 18. Operation of Bank Account

The Bank Account of the Federation shall be kept in a Scheduled bank to be decided by the

governing body. President or Secretary General or Treasurer are authorized to operate the accounts by joint signature. The joint signature of any two will be considered valid

Rule 19. Annual list to be verified

The Secretary General or the Federation shall file a list of Governing body in the office of the Registrar of Societies as required under Section four of the S.R. Act. 1860.

Rule 20. Legal Proceedings

The Federation may sue or be sued in the name of its President, Secretary General as required under Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable to the Union Territory of Delhi.

Rule 21. Amendments

Any amendment in the Memorandum and Rules of Federation shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 12 and 12-A of the Act.

Rule 22. Dissolution

The Federation may be dissolved as per procedure laid in section 13 and 14 of Societies Registration Act of 1860 as applicable to the Union Territory of Delhi.

Rule 23. Agenda

The agenda for annual General body meeting shall include the following items:

1. Confirmations of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Action arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Report of the Treasurer, discussion and approval by the House.
4. Annual report by the Secretary General discussion and approval by the House.
5. Appointment, of auditors for the next financial year.
6. Annual Balance sheet & Income Expenditure Account of member states by respective state representatives.
7. Items proposed by members of general body.
8. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
9. Election to the office bearers, if due.
10. Vote of thanks.

Rule : 24 The Indian Tug of War Competition Code-2013 Rules of tug of War game as part of above Constitution of TWFI.

Rule : 25 Application of the Act and essential certificate

Certified that this is the correct copy of the rules and regulations of this Federation as per the requirements of Societies Registration Act, of 1860 as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi.

In case of any difference on interpretation/implementation of the Constitution of TWFI vis-à-vis, National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 or any other Central Government Orders/Guidelines, the Central Government Code/Orders/Guidelines will be prevail.

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