

Delhi Soccer Association

STATUTES

STATUTES OF DELHI SOCCER ASSOCIATION

DEFINITIONS

In these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Association" means the Delhi Soccer Association;
2. "FIFA" means the Federation Internationale de Football Association;
3. "AFC" means the Asian Football Confederation;
4. "Federation" means All India Football Federation;
5. Members are Club/Institution which is a legal entity affiliated to the Association; Members are clubs which have promotion of football within the state as one of their objectives, and which are in active membership with the Association i.e. Permanent member or Provisional member or Associate Member;
6. "Executive Committee" Means the Executive Committee of the Association;
7. "FOOTBALL" means as the context requires, any or all types and forms of football including without limitation to Association Football, futsal and beach soccer as regulated by the laws of the game and controlled by FIFA;
8. "Financial Year" means the period from the first day of April of a year to the thirty-first day of March of the following year;
9. "General Body" is the gathering of eligible members of the Association;
10. "Judicial Bodies" means, the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Arbitration Tribunal & the Player Status Committee;

11. "AMATEUR" means a category of player, *who has no written contract with their team/club* as defined in the FIFA Regulations governing the Status and transfer of players;
12. "NON-Amateurs" means a category of player *having written contract with their team/club* as defined in FIFA Regulations governing the Status and transfer of players;
13. "State" Means the State of Delhi;
14. "Statutes" means the constitution of the Association promulgated by AGM or the SGM;
15. "Regulations" means regulations framed by the Executive Committee from time to time;
16. "Season" means the period from the first day of June of a year to the thirty-first of May of the following year;
17. "Provisional Members" are organizations which have promotion of football within the State as one of their objects, and which have been granted provisional membership by the Executive Committee. (does not have voting rights till attaining permanent membership);
18. "IFAB" means the International Football Association Board;
19. Laws of the Game refer to the Laws of the Game, issued by The IFAB and published by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA statutes;
20. League means an amateur league/ professional league / semi-professional league / tournament and / or tournament which consists of a combination of clubs within the territory of Association and which is under the authority and sanction of the Association;
21. Match Officials are the Match Commissioners, General Coordinators, Referee Assessors and Referees;
22. Officials means all officials including members of the Executive Committee, Standing and Ad hoc Committees, Judicial Bodies, General Secretary and Managerial Staff of General Secretariat, Managers, Coaches, Trainers, Match Officials, Medical Officials, Staff and any other person(s) responsible for Technical, Medical and administrative matters in Association, Member Clubs/ Affiliated Units, Competitions or Licensed Academies/ Training Centres as well as other person(s) obliged to comply with the Association Constitution (except Players and Intermediaries);
23. Player means a Football player registered in accordance with the Association Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players or any other manner prescribed from time to time;
24. Referee means a person who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with any Football match to which he/ she has been appointed;

25. Principal Officer Bearer means – President & Honorary Secretary for Society Registered Entity; Chairman/ Managing Director/ Board of Directors for Private Limited Entities; Trustee for entities registered as a Trust;
26. “SGM” means the Special General Body Meeting of the Association;
27. “Football Delhi” means the brand name of the Association;
28. “Academy” means the football training centre providing training to youth or adult in a residential or non-residential set up in the territory of the Association;
29. “Academy License” means every academy operating in the territory of the Association must have an accreditation from the Association to be called a Licensed Academy;
30. “Secretariat” means the permanent or temporary administrative office of the Association;
31. “Stakeholder” a person, entity or organisation which is a member club and/or body of Association and has an interest or concern in Association’s activities, which may affect or be affected by Association’s actions, objectives and policies, in particular, players, coaches, academies, govt football training centres;
32. “Associate Member” means a government or public sector body or corporate company or NGOs or other organisations involved in promotion and development of Football, admitted by DSA;
33. “E-Football” is a form of competition using video games/ online games. E-Football often takes the form of organised, multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between individuals or as teams.

For the purposes of this Statute and provided the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and the masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa. Reference to persons shall include any individual, legal person, corporation and/or any other entity of any kind whatsoever.

I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

ART.1

The DELHI SOCCER ASSOCIATION shall be the sole authority that controls football in the state and shall be governed by these Statutes.

It is neutral in matters of politics and religion. It prohibits any form of political, religious, sexual, ethnic, linguistic, regional or racial discrimination.

It is a member of the All India football Federation and accordingly it is obliged to respect the Statutes and regulations, directives and decisions of the All India Football Federation and to ensure that these are likewise respected by its members.

The duration of the Association is formed for unlimited period.

HEADQUARTERS

ART.2

The registered headquarters of the Association shall be at Dr. Ambedkar Stadium, Gate no-1, Delhi Gate, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.

OBJECTIVES

ART.3

The objectives of the Association are:

- i. To improve and popularize the game of Football constantly and promote it throughout the state in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through grassroots & youth development programs involving clubs, academies, NGOs, government entities, private entities including schools, colleges and universities;
- ii. To organize competitions or to grant the mandate / right to do the same on Association's behalf;
- iii. To draw up regulations and provision and ensure their enforcement;
- iv. To control Football by taking appropriate steps to prevent infringements of the Statutes and regulations or decisions of the Federation or of the Laws of the Game;
- v. To prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of all matches or competitions, or give rise to abuse of football;

- vi. To institute strong measures and campaigns against bribery, corruption, drugs, match fixing and racism in Football;
- vii. To establish, develop, maintain and grant aid for maintenance of sports clubs, stadiums, sports academies for the benefit and use of the general public and not specific individuals.
- viii. To establish, run, support and grant aid or other financial assistance to member clubs, schools, colleges, and other institutions of such nature for use of the football players, students, and the staff and also for the development and advancement of education and diffusion of knowledge amongst the public in general.
- ix. To establish and maintain relations with other organizations connected with Football in all forms;
- x. To protect the joint interests of its members;
- xi. To settle disputes between and amongst Players, Officials, Member Clubs, and other organizations;
- xii. To draw up football academy accreditation licensing regulations and grant appropriate license to operate training centres for the development of football in the State;
- xiii. To raise the funds, acquires or holds any property (movable/immovable), equipment or any interest in the same in furtherance of these objectives;
- xiv. To generally do all such acts which are incidental or conducive to attain these objectives.

PROMOTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS

ART.4

- i. The Association shall promote friendly relations.
 - (a) Between members, officials and players. Every Person and organization involved in the game of Football is obliged to observe the Statutes, Regulations and the principles of Fair play;
 - (b) In the society for humanitarian objectives.
- ii. The Association shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any dispute that may arise between members, official and players.

PLAYERS

ART.5

- i. The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer are regulated by Association in accordance with the Association Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and, where applicable, the AIFF/ FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- ii. Each Player must be registered with the Association in accordance with the Association Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- iii. Each Player must use official online registration system and must abide by the rules and regulations of the Association.
- iv. Players and Member clubs must comply with the Association Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

LAWS OF THE GAME

ART. 6

The Association shall organize and/or play:

- i. Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game;
- ii. Futsal in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA;
- iii. Beach Soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA; and
- iv. Any other type of Football in accordance with the relevant laws for that type of Football recognized by FIFA.

ACADEMY ACCREDITATION LICENSING SYSTEM

ART.7

- i. Association shall operate an Academy Accreditation and Licensing System to promote and regulate grassroots and youth football in the state;
- ii. Association shall finalise the Academy Accreditation Policy and Licensing System to effectively regulate the private football academies and training centres in the state;
- iii. The objective of the Academy Accreditation and Licensing System is to safeguard the participants, to improve the level of professionalism and to promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play as well as to ensure safe and secure training environment in the management of the private academies;

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OFFICIAL AND PLAYERS

ART.8

Members, Committees, official and players must observe the statutes, regulations, code of Ethics and decisions of the Executive Committee of the Association, AIFF, AFC and FIFA.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

ART.9

English/Hindi shall be the official language of the Association for all purposes. However, English is the official language for minutes, correspondence and announcements.

II-MEMBERSHIP

ADMISSION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Art.10

The General Body shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a member.

ADMISSION

Art.11

- i. Organizations within the state which have promotion of football as one of their objectives are entitled to apply for admission to provisional or associate membership to the association. Application shall be in writing to the General Secretariat and comply with the admission regulations.
 - a) A legal entity registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a non-profit public company registered under the Companies Act 1956 / 2013 or a private limited company or a trust or any other statutory modification thereof, which organizes and supervises Football in its State may make an application to become a Provisional Member of DSA. A trust shall have minimum three trustees and out of three trustees one trustee must not be from a blood relation or a family member of other two trustees.
 - b) The Application must be accompanied by a copy of the Applicant's Statutes and Regulations.
 - c) A list of its Officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - d) A declaration to the effect that it agrees to be bound by the Statutes, regulations, and directives in their current form, and subject to later changes, as well as by the decisions of DSA, AIFF, AFC & FIFA.

- e) A declaration to the effect that it undertakes to ensure that these are respected by its own constituent members and by any other person (player or official) with whom it has a contract.
 - f) A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the exclusive authority of an arbitration tribunal and the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in respect of all legal disputes involving itself or any of its members.
 - g) A declaration to the effect that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly or competition matches only with the prior consent of DSA.
- ii. A provisional member shall be entitled to apply for permanent membership after a minimum period of four years of uninterrupted provisional membership, Subject to compliance with Admission Regulations.
 - iii. New provisional members admitted by Association will pay a one-time registration fee, as decided by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Body from time to time.
 - iv. Membership can only be granted by General Body. The Executive Committee may recommend to General Body whether to admit or not to admit a provisional member as a permanent member.

Article 11 A

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- i. Teams which doesn't have an independent status (not registered as per Article 11.i.a) as a football/ sports club are Associate Members of DSA.
- ii. Associate Members do not have any voting rights.
- iii. A government or public sector or corporate company or NGO or Futsal Clubs or any organisation involved in promotion and development of Football, may be admitted by DSA as an Associate Member.
- iv. Associate Members shall have jurisdiction over the units/ divisions and players of their respective teams.
- v. Players of an Associate Member's teams, participating in the Competitions of the DSA, will have to be registered with the Association. They will have to follow the regulations of DSA & AIFF in this regard.
- vi. Associate Members are not permitted to run any Competition without prior approval of DSA & AIFF and subject to payment of levy to DSA as provided in these Statutes.
- vii. Associate Members may participate in Competitions subject to the criteria provided in the regulations of the respective Competitions.

- viii. Every application for Associate Member of DSA must be submitted in writing to the General Secretariat of DSA in the following manner:
- a) The Application must be accompanied by a copy of the Applicant's State of Purpose to be part of DSA.
 - b) A list of its officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.
 - c) A declaration to the effect that it agrees to be bound by the statutes, regulations, orders, decisions and directives of DSA, AIFF, AFC and FIFA and their bodies and undertakes to ensure that these are respected by its administrators, players and officials.
 - d) A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of DSA judicial bodies in respect of legal disputes involving itself and/or its Players with DSA, Members of AIFF, the Affiliated Units of Members and Players.
 - e) A declaration to the effect that it recognizes the jurisdiction of the AIFF Judicial bodies, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS).
 - f) A declaration to the effect that it undertakes to organize or participate in only those Competitions which have prior authorization/sanction of DSA.
 - g) A copy of the minutes of such meeting in which the resolution/decision to become an Associate Member of DSA was passed.
- ix. The decision for admission of Associate Members shall be taken by the Executive Committee and proposed to General Body for the approval;
- x. Associate Members (govt departments/ offices) annual membership fee shall be Rs. 5,000 and for other category of Associate Members the annual membership fee shall will be Rs. 50,000
- xi. New Associate Members admitted by DSA will pay a one-time registration fee, as decided by the Executive Committee and approved by General Body, however, it will not be less than Rs. 3,00,000 (corporate houses) and for govt dept and PSUs Rs. 50000 (those PSUs / departments which recruit football players every two years). In case govt departments doesn't recruit fresh players (minimum 3 players) every two years then the annual membership fee shall be Rs. 50,000.
- xii. For Futsal Club Rs. 300000 shall be the minimum membership fee for affiliation.

MEMBERS' RIGHT

ART.12

The rights of the Members are:

- i. Permanent members have the following rights:
 - a. To take part in General Body meetings;
 - b. To draw up proposals for inclusions in the Agenda of the General Body meetings
 - c. To nominate candidates and elect members of the Executive Committee;
 - d. To vote the agenda of the General Body meetings;
 - e. To propose amendments to the statutes and regulations of the associations.
 - f. To participate in the competitions organized by the associations;
 - g. To participate in the association's development programs;
 - h. To propose and second proposals during the AGM and Extraordinary AGM's or SGB of the Association.
- ii. Provisional and Associate members only have the following rights:
 - a. To participate in the competitions owned/ organised/ sanctioned by the Association.
 - b. To attend the General Body Meetings without voting rights.
- iii. The above rights of Members are subject to the provisions of the Statutes and the applicable regulations.
- iv. The rights detailed in Art.12.i.a, 12.i.d and 12.i.h shall be exercised by the members through their delegates to the General Body meetings.

MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

ART.13

Members have following obligations:

- i. To comply fully with the Statutes and regulations, directives and decisions of the DSA, AIFF, AFC and FIFA and their bodies, at all times;
- ii. To fulfil all the conditions being a member of the Association and shall submit relevant documents confirming its legal status as per Article 11.i.a without fail to enjoy the privileges as per Article 12;
- iii. To bring to the notice of the General Body, or the Executive Committee, violations of the Statutes and regulations of the Associations;

- iv. To take Part in the competitions organized by the association as prescribed in the respective regulations;
- v. To pay affiliation fees and other dues within the prescribed periods;
- vi. To ensure their own members comply with the statutes and regulations, directives and decisions of the Association and its bodies;
- vii. To comply fully with all other duties arising from these statutes and regulations;
- viii. To release their players whenever they are called for state and national training camps and competitions for the state or national team including age group teams;
- ix. To submit disputes to the association's bodies in accordance with these Statutes without first resorting to litigation in court;
- x0. To communicate to the Associations any amendment of the member's statutes and regulations and to furnish a list of its officials who are authorized signatories;
- xi. To observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of Fair Play;
- xii. To comply with the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of AIFF, AFC, FIFA and their bodies;
- xiii. Not to maintain any relations of sporting nature with entities that are not recognized by DSA, AIFF and or FIFA or with Members and / or their Affiliated Units that have been suspended or expelled;
- xiv. An obligation to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play;
- xv. To adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of DSA shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the AIFF judicial bodies and that any recourse to ordinary courts are prohibited;
- xvi. To be held responsible for the good conduct and all financial commitments towards DSA, AIFF, AFC and FIFA;
- xvii. To notify DSA promptly of any change in its membership, address and/or in the name of executive committee/ management board members and authorized signatories;
- xviii. To play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game;
- xix. To play futsal in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA;
- xx. To play beach soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA;

- xxi. To play any other type of Football including E-Football in accordance with the relevant laws of the game for that type of Football issued by the competent FIFA body;
- xxii. To communicate and update Executive Committee/ Management Board of the club without fail for being eligible to contest Association's elections as per Article 22.2;
- xxiii. Violation of the above mentioned obligations by any member may lead to sanctions provided for in these statutes and other regulations of the Association;

SANCTIONS

Art.14

The Association is the supreme disciplinary authority over all its members, their constituents, officials, referees, players, supporters and spectators

SUSPENSION

Art.15

1. The General Body is responsible for suspending a member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a member that seriously or repeatedly violates its/his/her obligations as a member with immediate effect. The Suspension shall last until the next General Body, unless the Executive Committee has revoked it in the meantime.
2. A suspension by the Executive Committee shall be confirmed at the next General Body by a two- thirds majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed the suspension is automatically revoked.
3. A suspended member shall lose its/his/her membership rights. Other members shall not entertain sporting contact with a suspended member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
4. The right under art 12 -12.i (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h), 12.ii (a & b) of the members that do not pay their dues within the stipulated time shall remain suspended during the period of default. A collective member which does not pay the dues of the associations for a period of one year from date of demand shall lose membership of the association.
5. Any Club which does not renew its registration and does not participate in at least one competition of the association in a season shall lose its membership of the association.

EXPULSIONS

Art.16

1. The General Body may expel a Member:
 - (a) If it/he/she fails to fulfill its obligations towards the association; or
 - (b) If it/he/she seriously violates the statutes, regulations, Code of Ethics or decisions of the Executive Committee.
2. The presence of an absolute majority of members (50% of members plus one) entitled to vote at the General Body is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a simple majority of the votes taken.
3. An Expulsion can only be revoked or commuted by an extraordinary General Body meeting specially convened for the purpose with a two-third majority of the members present.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS

Art.17

1. The Executive Committee member shall be elected.
2. The Association's Statutes shall provide a procedure for elections of its Executive Committee.
3. Clubs registered as Commercial Entities will have to appoint a board of Directors and who in turn will elect a Chairman or Managing Director.

III- ORGANISATIONS

BODIES

Art.18

1. The General Body is the supreme and legislative Body.
2. The Executive Committee is the Executive Body.
3. The General Secretariat is the Administrative Body.
4. Standing and ad hoc Committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their primary duties and their composition are defined in these statutes. Their functions and additional duties are defined in special regulations.
5. Article 18.5, "The Judicial Bodies, the Standing Committees, Status Committees and Ad-hoc Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The members of the Judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of the Association at the same time."

6. The Judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee, Player Status Committee, Appeals Committee, Ethics Committee and the Arbitration Tribunal. The responsibilities and functions of the Disciplinary Committee, Player Status Committee, Ethics Committee, Appeals Committee and the Arbitration Tribunal shall be stipulated in the Association's Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics, and also AIFF Disciplinary Code.

GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

Art.19

1. The General Body meeting may be ordinary or extraordinary.
2. The ordinary General Body meeting shall be held every year.
3. The General Body shall elect the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall fix the venue, date and time of the meeting/election. Members shall be notified in writing at least 30 days in advance.
5. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 20 days before the date of the meeting. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the President's report, the financial statements and the Auditors reports.
6. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary General Body meeting at any time.
7. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary General Body Meeting if one third of the members make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary General Body Meeting shall be held within 30 days of the receipt of the request.
8. Members shall be notified of the place, date, time, and agenda at least 15 days before the date of the extraordinary General Body Meeting. The agenda of an Extraordinary General Body meeting may not be altered.
9. The Executive Committee may invite third parties to attend the General Body Meetings for a limited period. Third parties have no voting rights and can be consulted with the permission of the Executive Committee.
11. Notices of all meetings shall be issued by the General Secretariat in consultation with President.
12. The Annual General Body Meeting shall convene within December of each year following the end of the financial year of the association, however, in special circumstances the Executive Committee may extend this time by a maximum of three months.
13. The quorum for the Annual or Special General Body Meetings shall be 50% of the Members plus one.

ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL BODY AGENDA

Art.20

1. The General Secretariat shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the members. Any problems which a member wishes to submit to the General Secretariat in writing with a brief explanation at least 20 days before the date of the meeting
2. The agenda for the ordinary annual General Body shall include following items:
 - (a) a declaration that the General Body meeting has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes;
 - (b) Roll Call;
 - (c) Approval of the agenda;
 - (d) An address by the President;
 - (e) Appointment of three members to check the minutes;
 - (f) appointment of scrutinizers (if applicable);
 - (g) Suspension or expulsion of a member (if applicable)
 - (h) Approval of the minutes of the preceding General Body or Special General Body meeting;
 - (i) Activity report containing the activities since the last General Body meeting;
 - (j) Adoption of the audited financial statements;
 - (k) Approval of the budget;
 - (l) Admission for membership (if Applicable);
 - (m) fix the amount of the annual subscription for Members, (if applicable);
 - (n) Votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the regulations and the standing orders of the General Body;
 - (o) Discussion of proposals submitted by the members and the Executive Committee within the periods stipulated under Art 20.1 (if Applicable)
 - (p) Appointment of Auditors;
 - (q) Election of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Conveners and Members of the Executive Committee;
 - (p) Installation of the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Conveners and Members of the Executive Committee (if applicable);
3. The agenda of an ordinary Annual General Body meeting maybe altered, provided two-thirds of the Members present at the AGM and eligible to vote agree to such a motion;

4. In case of extraordinary circumstances, if certain or all agenda items of an AGM cannot be taken up then they may be taken up in a reconvened AGM to be held within 3 (three) months of the first AGM, provided two-thirds of the Members present at the first AGM and eligible to vote agree to such a motion;
5. The Annual or Special General Body Meeting of the Association shall not make any decision on any point not included in the Agenda.

VOTES AND DELEGATES

Art.21

1. Each member has one vote at the General Body meetings and is represented by its delegates. Only the member present is entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. However, no one can represent as a delegate who is criminally convicted by the court.
2. Delegates must belong to the Permanent Member that they represent and be nominated by the appropriate body of that Permanent Member. Nominations shall be signed by the President or the Honorary/General Secretary of the Permanent Member in case of a club registered under Society Act, in case of a club registered as a private limited company act then Chairman/ Managing Director or an authorised Director of the company; in case of a trust then the nomination shall be signed by an authorised trustee/ chairman of the trust. In case of conflict the nomination signed by the President/ Chairman/ Managing Director/Chairman Trust shall be treated as valid.
3. The President shall conduct the business of the meeting in compliance with standing orders of the General Body.

Candidates for the Office of DSA President, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Conveners, and Members of the Executive Committee

Art. 22

1. A candidate must be a citizen of India and resident of India;
2. A candidate must be one of the members of Executive Committee/ Management Board of the permanent member club at least for last one year on the day of nomination (must be as per the records of the Association and which is shared with the Association within the stipulated timeframe). Candidates shall be below the age of 66 years on the day of election to be eligible to file the nomination for President and Treasurer posts, and for other posts candidate shall be below the age of 75 years on the day of election to be eligible to file the nomination.
3. The nomination for the post of President, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Conveners, or members of the Executive Committee shall be valid, only if, signed by the President or the Honorary Secretary/ Chairman/ Managing Director/ Board of Directors/ Trustee of a Permanent

Member (Provisional/ Associate Members (clubs) are not allowed to sign the nomination form). In case of conflict the nomination signed by the President/ Chairman/ Managing Director/ Chairman Trust shall be treated as valid. The nomination forms shall be sent directly to the Chairman Electoral Board at least 15 (fifteen) days before the date of the Ordinary Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) where the elections are held. If the last date for the receipt of nominations is a Holiday or a Sunday the nomination shall be accepted during the office hours of the next working day. The nomination shall be received only during office hours. Such communication must reach the Chairman Electoral Board in the prescribed period.

4. A candidate for the post of President, Vice President, Conveners, Treasurer or Member of the Executive Committee shall be proposed by at least two Permanent Members. A Permanent Member can propose the name of only one candidate for the post of President. A Permanent Member can also propose only one candidate for the post of Treasurer, Conveners and other members of the executive committee.
5. All the nominations shall be scrutinized on the day immediately after the last day prescribed for accepting the nominations, i.e. the immediate next day (if it is not a holiday).
6. A candidate may withdraw his nomination within three days after the scrutiny takes place.
7. The General Secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of candidates for all posts at least 8 (eight) days before the date of the AGM.
8. The Executive Committee shall appoint a three-member independent electoral board and one member of the electoral board must be a retired judge and other two members must be persons of repute. Also, it may request the AIFF to appoint observers for the Elections. All the members of the Electoral Board shall be independent and with no link to Association, Members, Association Partners/ Sponsors. Persons appointed in the Electoral Board shall not be business partners of the Executive Committee/ Members or relatives of executive committee members. One member of the Electoral Board shall be designated as Chairman of the Electoral Board.
9. The names and contact details of the Electoral Board shall be intimated to all Member Associations by the General Secretariat at least 30 (thirty) days before the AGM.
10. All Election procedures including accepting of nominations, scrutiny, balloting and all other matters concerning the Elections shall be conducted by this Electoral Board.

COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Art.23

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of 21 Members
 - a) An elected President.
 - b) Six elected Vice Presidents

- c) An elected Treasurer
 - d) Three elected Conveners, of which one shall necessarily be a woman;
 - e) Ten elected Members, of which one shall necessarily be a woman;
2. Special invitees may be invited for respective standing committee meetings, specialised in their respective field, restricted to maximum three per committee, who can be beneficial for the association;
 3. The mandate of Executive Committee is for four years. They may be re-elected;
 4. Not more than one representative from a club/Institution member shall be in the Executive Committee;
 5. In the absence of the President, the longest serving Vice President shall preside the meetings until the next General Body meeting;
 6. If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his/her official function, the longest serving Vice-President shall represent him/her until the next AGM. The General Body shall elect a new President, If necessary;
 7. Any Vacancy arising in the Executive Committee for any post other than that of the President, shall be filled up by the General Body in the next meeting by following the procedure;
 8. The term of the nominated persons shall be one year which can be extended by the Executive Committee. Nominated members of the Executive Committee shall have no voting rights;
 9. A member of the Executive Committee may not be at the same time a member of the Judicial bodies of the Association;
 11. The President, the Vice President's, Treasurer, Conveners and the Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Body for a period of four years, however, the President and Treasurer shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 years. Other members of the Executive Committee (Vice-Presidents, Conveners and Members) shall complete the full term even after attaining the age of 75 years. Their mandate shall begin after the end of the General Body Meeting, which has elected them or complete full term of 4 years. However, terms of the Exco Members shall be curtailed and cease to hold the post in the Executive Committee as per Article 38. They may be re-elected subject to the following:
 - (a) The President may hold the office for a maximum period of twelve years with or without break.
 - (b) Treasurer may serve a maximum of two successive terms of four years each after which a minimum cooling off period of four years will apply to seek fresh election.

POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Art.24

1. The Executive Committee shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the responsibility of the General Body or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these statutes;
2. The Executive Committee shall meet at least 6 (six) times in a year;
3. The President shall convene the Executive meetings. If one-third elected (not nominated) members of the Executive Committee request for a meeting. The President shall convene it within 15 days from receipt of the written request;
4. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the Standing Committees;
5. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chairman and members of the Judicial Committees;
6. The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda;
7. The Executive Committee may decide to set up ad-hoc Committees if necessary, at anytime;
8. The Executive Committee shall appoint/nominate the delegates from DSA to the Federation and or any other organization, whenever required;
9. The Executive Committee shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and Ad-hoc committees;
10. The Executive Committee shall decide the place and dates of the Official competitions of the Association;
11. The Executive Committee shall approve regulations stipulating how the association can organize the competition internally;
12. The Executive Committee shall approve the remuneration for the services rendered for all the activities;
13. The quorum required for the Executive Committee meeting shall be one-third plus one member;
14. President and the General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the Committees and the General Body ex officio;
15. To appoint the Coaches for the State representative teams and the other technical staff;
16. To apply maximum supervision in all of the areas of activity of DSA;
17. To nominate and, whose appropriate, to dismiss members of the consultative committee;

18. To draft the budget and the accounts;
19. To draft the activities report;
20. To provide information to the members of DSA and the public;
21. To approve the Statutes and Regulations of the leagues, as well as any amendments to the same;
22. It shall lie absolutely in the discretion of the Executive Committee to decide from time to time as to for which objects and purposes specified in Article 3 hereof the entire corpus of the Society/ Association or net income of the society property or portion or portions of either, shall be utilized, paid or spent by them and also to the terms, conditions, durations and the manners in which the same to be so utilized, paid or spent, subject however to the conditions that the income or corpus of the Society shall be spent and applied exclusively for such objects and purposes only and in India;
23. The Executive Committee shall designate the longest-serving DSA Vice President as the 'Senior Vice President';
24. Furthermore, the Executive Committee exercise those areas of authority that are not expressly assigned to some other organ;
24. At its own discretion, it may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority and call on services of advisers or grant mandates to third parties;

PRESIDENT

Art.25

1. The President represents DSA legally;
2. He/She is primarily responsible for-
 - (a) Implementing the decisions passed by the General Body and the Executive Committee through the General Secretariat.
 - (b) Supervising the work of the General Secretariat.
 - (c) Relations between DSA, its affiliated member's, Government and non government organizations and AIFF and other sporting organisations.
3. The President with the consultation of the Executive Committee may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary;
4. The President shall preside over the meetings of the General Body, the Executive and Emergency Committee and of such Committees of which he/she has been appointed the Chairman;
5. The President shall have an ordinary vote in the Executive, Emergency and other Committee of which he is Chairman and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote;

6. If the President is absent or unavailable, the longest serving Vice President available shall deputise. If he/she is also absent, then next among serving Vice President shall preside;
7. Any additional powers of the President shall be as contained in the regulations of the associations;

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Art.26

1. The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The Emergency Committee shall consist of the President and six Vice Presidents of the Executive Committee;
2. The President shall convene the emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decision may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee;
3. All Decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting;
4. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the longest serving Vice –President available shall deputize;
5. The President is entitled to designate a deputy for any member who is unable to attend (has a conflict of interest). The deputy shall belong to the Executive Committee;

STANDING COMMITTEES

Art.27

1. The Standing Committees are:
 - (a) Finance Committee
 - (b) Internal Audit Committee
 - (c) Media, Marketing and Television Advisory Committee
 - (d) Official Competitions Committee
 - (e) Planning and Development Committee
 - (f) Referees’ and Assistant Referees’ Committee
 - (g) Sports Medical Committee

- (h) Technical and Coaching Committee
 - (i) Women's' Football and Women's' Competitions Committee
 - (j) Youth Development Committee
2. The Chairman of the Standing Committees shall preferably be members of the Executive Committee when not in conflict with the relevant standing committee regulations. However, whenever required the Executive Committee may appoint Chairman of the Standing Committee from the members of the General Body who are found to have expertise on the subject dealt with by the respective standing committee, with the exception of the Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Committee, Internal Audit Committee, who shall not belong to the Executive Committee;
 3. The members of each Standing Committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee;
 4. The composition, specific duties and powers of the individual Committee shall be stipulated in relevant to Standing Committee regulations;
 5. Each Chairman shall represent his Committee and conduct business in compliance with relevant regulations;
 6. Each Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee;
 7. The member of the standing committee shall be for a term of 4 (Four) years;
 8. The quorum for the meetings shall be a minimum **one-third plus one** of the total members in the Committee;

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Art.28

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advice the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyze the Association budget and the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer in consultation with the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval.

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Art.29

The Internal Audit Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting every quarter and review the external auditors report at the request of the Executive Committee.

MEDIA, MARKETING AND TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Art.30

Media, Marketing and television Advisory Committee shall maintain relations with media organizations and advise the Executive Committee with regard to drafting and implementing contracts between the associations and the media organizations and its various marketing/television partners and analyze marketing and television marketing and television strategies that have been devised.

OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Art.31

The Official Competitions Committee shall organize all the association's competitions, in compliance with provisions of the regulations applicable to such competitions, and any organizing Agreement.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Art.32

The Project DSA Development Committee shall plan the Development of Football in various aspects. It shall coordinate all the development activities in DSA under Development- Project Delhi. The committee shall make policies and procedures for the overall implementation of development- Project Delhi and any other development projects envisaged by DSA, shall have representation from youths, referees and technical committee. The decisions will be implemented by the development department of DSA after approval by the DSA Executive Committee.

REFEREES' AND ASSISTANT REFEREES' COMMITTEE

Art.33

The Referees' and Assistant Referees' Committee shall implement the laws of the game. The affairs of the activities shall be managed by the Referees Board. It shall appoint the referees and the assistant referees for matches in competition organized by the association. It will conduct Annual fitness test, grade examinations, seminars, courses for the Referees & Instructors.

SPORTS MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Art.34

The Sports Medical Committee shall deal with all medical aspects of football by conducting seminars & courses bringing mass awareness.

TECHNICAL AND COACHING COMMITTEE

Art.35

The Technical and Coaching Committee shall primarily analyze the basic aspect of football training, coaches' education and technical development, selection & fielding of state team's in the competition.

WOMEN'S' FOOTBALL AND WOMEN'S' COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Art.36

The Women's' Football and Women's Competitions Committee shall organize the women's competitions in compliance with the regulations for these competitions, and the organizing agreements and deal with general issues relating to women's football.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Art.37

The Youth Development Committee shall analyze and plan grass root & youth development programs.

The President, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Conveners or Any Member of the Executive Committee or the Chairman, Deputy Chairman or member of Any Committee Shall Cease to Hold Office if He

Art. 38

- a) ceases to be a citizen of India;
- b) has given a false declaration in the nomination form for his election;
- c) submits his resignation;
- d) ceases to be an executive committee/ management board member of the said member club which nominated at the time of election;
- e) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of their respective committees unless he has been granted leave of absence;
- f) is declared a serious defaulter for non-payment of dues or moneys owing to DSA. Defaulters shall be decided by the Executive Committee and notice to be served;
- g) has been charged by a court of law and charges have been framed in a non-bail able offence or is found guilty of an offence and sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than 6 (six) months, and a period of 5(five) years has not elapsed from the date of expiry of the sentence;
- h) is found to be of unsound mind by a Court of competent jurisdiction and the finding is in force;

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Art. 39

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

1. for natural and legal persons:
 - a) a warning.
 - b) a reprimand.
 - c) a fine.
 - d) the return of awards.
 - e) compensation.

2. for natural persons:
 - a) a caution.
 - b) an expulsion.
 - c) a match suspension.
 - d) a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench.
 - e) a ban from entering a stadium.
 - f) a ban on taking part in any football-related activity.
 - g) community work in relation to Football

3. for legal persons:
 - a) a transfer ban.
 - b) playing a match without spectators.
 - c) playing a match on neutral territory.
 - d) a ban on playing in a particular stadium.
 - e) annulment of the result of a match.
 - f) expulsion.
 - g) a forfeit.
 - h) deduction of points.
 - i) relegation to a lower division.

4. The Executive Committee shall issue the DSA Disciplinary Code and AIFF Disciplinary Code shall be adopted by the Association.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Art. 40

The General Secretariat shall carry out the administration work of Delhi Soccer Association under the direction of the President.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Art. 41

1. The General Secretary is the chief executive of the General Secretariat;
2. He/She shall be appointed on the basis of a legally valid agreement and does not have any voting rights;
3. He shall be responsible for:
 - a) Implementing decisions passed by the General Body and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's Directive;
 - b) Attending the General Body and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee, the Standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - c) Organising the General Body and meetings of the Executive Committee and other bodies;
 - d) Compiling the minutes for the meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, Standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - e) Managing and keeping the accounts of DSA properly;
 - f) The correspondence of DSA;
 - g) Relations with the members, committees, FIFA, AFC and AIFF;
 - h) Organising the General Secretariat;
 - i) The appointment and dismissal of staff working in the General Secretariat with the approval of the Executive Committee by following the appropriate procedure;
 - j) Office staff should not be delegate of a member of any unit/body of DSA;
 - h) Staff of the Secretariat shall compulsory retire at the age of 75 years;

TREASURER

Art.42

1. Manage all accounts of the association in conjunction with the President, the General Secretary and the Finance Committee;
2. Advise the General Secretariat on preparation of the draft budget and financials.;
3. Be an ex officio member of Finance Committee;

4. Advise Association on its strategy in financial and asset management matters;

AUDITOR

Art. 43

1. The statutory auditors shall be appointed by the General Body for such period and on such remuneration, as it may deem fit;
2. The statutory (independent) auditors shall audit the financial statements approved by the Executive Committee and present their report to the Members. If for any reason the statutory auditors resign in between two AGM's, the Executive Committee shall appoint auditors to conduct the audit for that Financial Year. New statutory auditors shall be appointed by the General Body at the next AGM;
3. The Association may appoint internal auditors. The internal auditors shall submit quarterly statements to the Executive Committee;
4. The internal auditors shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for such period and such terms, as it may deem fit;

IV JUDICIAL BODIES

DISCIPLINARY, PLAYER STATUS COMMITTEE, ETHICS COMMITTEE, APPEAL COMMITTEE and ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

Art.44

The Disciplinary Committee, Player Status Committee, Ethics Committee, Appeal Committee and the Arbitration Tribunal are judicial bodies. Their primary duties and their composition are defined in these statutes. Their function and additional duties are defined in special regulations.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Art.45

1. The disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and five members. The Chairman and the deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications;
2. The function of this Body shall be governed by the DSA Disciplinary Code. The Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present;
3. The Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these statutes, DSA Disciplinary Code on members, clubs, Officials, players and the match players agents;

4. These Provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the General Body and Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of members;

PLAYERS' STATUS COMMITTEE

Art.46

The Players' Status Committee shall monitor compliance with the Regulations for the Status and transfer of players and determine the status of players for various competitions. Its power of jurisdiction is governed by the regulations for the status and transfers of players.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Art. 47

1. The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the DSA Code of Ethics. It shall pass decisions if at least 3 (three) members are present;
2. The Ethics Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and such number of members deemed necessary, subject to the minimum number of members stated above. The Chairperson shall have legal qualifications. The other members may have legal qualifications or related experience;
3. The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the DSA Code of Ethics and the DSA Disciplinary Code on Members, Officials, Players, Intermediaries and Licensed Match Agents;
4. The Executive Committee shall issue the DSA Code of Ethics and update the code from time to time;
5. The Ethics Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee;

COMPOSITION AND POWERS OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Art.48

1. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and three members. The Chairman and the Deputy Chairman shall have legal qualifications;
2. The function of this Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of FIFA/AIFF/DSA;
3. The Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions only when at least three members are present;

4. This Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions passed by the Judicial bodies and sub committees;
5. Decisions pronounced by appeal Committee shall be final/irrevocable and binding on all parties concerned. This provision is subject to appeals lodged with the Arbitration Tribunal of the Association;
6. Appeal against the decision passed by the Judicial Bodies/Sub-Committees shall be submitted within 7 days of the notification of the decision with an appeal fee of Rupees 20,000 (Twenty thousand only) non-refundable;

THE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

Art.49

The Association shall create an option for recourse to arbitration by nominating a panel of five independent arbiters, at least one of whom shall be retired judge or a practicing advocate with ten years standing, to resolve any dispute between the Association, its members, players, officials and all those involved in the game of Football. Any three members of this panel shall constitute the arbitration tribunal provided one of them is a retired judge or an advocate of ten years standing.

Art.50

1. Only the Arbitration Tribunal is empowered to deal with appeals against decisions of the Executive Committee. The reference to the Arbitration Tribunal shall be sought by an application made to the association secretariat within 10 days of the notification of the decision;
2. The arbitration Tribunal is also empowered to deal with all disputes between a third party and any entities or persons dealing with Association, if an arbitration agreement exists;

OBLIGATIONS

Art.51

1. The members and all other natural or legal persons affiliated to them shall agree to recognize the Arbitration Tribunal as an independent judicial authority and to ensure their members, affiliated players and officials comply with the decisions passed by the Tribunal. The same obligation shall apply to licensed match and players' agents;
2. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in the DSA & AIFF regulations;

3. To ensure the foregoing, the members (Clubs/Teams/Institutions) shall insert a clause in their statutes stipulating that they voluntarily agree not to take dispute to court of law, and are required to submit any disagreement to the jurisdiction of the association;
4. The Member, clubs, leagues, players, officials, player agents and all other natural or legal persons affiliated to them, shall agree to recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) as independent judicial authority and to ensure that their members, affiliated players and officials comply with the decision passed by FIFA or CAS. The same obligation shall apply to licensed match and players agent;

V-SUBMISSION TO DECISION OF ASSOCIATION.

PRINCIPLES

Art.52

1. Members shall agree to comply fully with any decision passed by the relevant Association bodies, which, according to these statutes are final and not subject to appeal;
2. Members shall take every precaution to ensure that their players and officials comply with these decisions;

AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY

Art.53

1. The General Body is responsible for amending the statutes of the association;
2. Any proposals for an amendment to the statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat by a member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal by a member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least two other members;
3. A proposal for an amendment to the statutes shall be adopted only if two thirds of the members present and eligible to vote;

ELECTIONS, OTHER DECISIONS AND REQUISITE MAJORITY

Art.54

1. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot;

2. Any other decision requiring a vote shall be reached by secret ballot;
3. If the vote does not result in a simple majority in favour, the motion shall be deemed to have failed;
4. Elections shall be carried out in accordance with the Election Regulations;
5. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority is sufficient for a vote to be valid. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the simple majority;
6. Election Regulations attached to this Constitution, as Annexure A, can be amended only by the General Body of the Association;

MINUTES

Art.55

1. The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the General Body meetings;
2. The Minutes of the General Body meeting shall be checked by the two members appointed to scrutinize the minutes within fifteen days;

REGULATIONS

Art.56

The Association and the Executive Committee may frame Regulations to carry into effect the objects of these statutes and in particular with respect to:

1. The Executive Committee shall frame the following Regulations:
 - a. Status and transfer of players;
 - b. Disciplinary Code
 - c. Code of Ethics
 - d. Admission;
 - e. Secretariat Organisation;
 - f. Official Competitions;
 - g. Standing and ad-hoc Committees;
 - h. Functions and duties of the Judicial Bodies.
 - i. Code of conduct for football

DISSOLUTION

Art.57

The dissolution of the Association as a society only can be carried out as under:

1. The association shall be dissolved by an Extraordinary General Body Meeting specially convened for the purpose at which the resolution to dissolve the Association is passed by at least a three – fourths majority of the eligible members present;
2. The quorum for such an extraordinary General Body meeting shall be four- fifths of the total number of members affiliated to the Association;

Art.58

Upon dissolution of the Association, three liquidators shall be appointed by the General Body from among the members of the Association. It shall be their duty to:

1. Close the accounts after they are duly audited;
2. Do such acts or refrain from performing such acts as are necessary for the speedy winding up of the affairs of the association;
3. Dispose of assets of the association by handing over the same to such institution controlling the game of football in the state and in the absence of such institution to the federation;
4. Upon dissolution of the DSA, all its funds and assets shall be entrusted to the appropriate Government authority or to another organization whose objects are similar to those of DSA;

RESIDUARY POWERS

Art.59

Notwithstanding anything provided herein, the association shall have powers to do execute any act and deed which is not specially provided herein so far as the same is necessary for progress of Football in the state and/or to enable the association to meet any exigency and/or carry into effect the intent and purpose of the statutes and Regulations and /or directions of FIFA or the Federation or General Body.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF DECISIONS

Art.60

Decisions passed by the General Body shall come into effect immediately effect at the close of the General Body meeting, unless the General Body fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

IRREVOCABILITY CLAUSE

Art. 61

The Association (Society) created hereby shall be irrevocable.

ADOPTION OF STATUTES

Art. 62

These Statutes were approved at the Special General Body Meeting of the Delhi Soccer Association held on 13th October 2019, at New Delhi. These Statutes supersede all previous texts.

New Delhi, 13th October 2019

For **Delhi Soccer Association**

Shaji Prabhakaran
President

Magan Singh Patwal
Acting General Secretary

Annexure-A

PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall be held every four years at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Association;
2. The Election shall be carried out with ballot papers and by secret ballots;
3. A three-member independent Electoral Board will be appointed by the Executive Committee to conduct the elections. One of the members in the Electoral Board shall not be below the rank of an acting or retired Judge and other two members must be persons of repute. All the members of the Electoral Board shall be independent and with no link to Association, Members, Association Partners/ Sponsors. Persons appointed in the Electoral Board shall not be business partners of the Executive Committee/ Members or relatives of executive committee members. One member of the Electoral Board shall be designated as Chairman of the Electoral Board;
4. The Electoral Board can choose person(s) not connected with the Association to assist him for scrutinizing and finalizing the list of candidates as well as to oversee the distribution and counting of the ballots on the day of the elections;
5. The Executive Committee shall make available its staff and also all necessary material required to the Electoral Board assisting the board in the preparation and for the conduct of the election;
6. A candidate to be eligible to contest elections to the Executive Committee shall:
 - a. Have attained the age of 25 years on the date of filling of the nomination;
 - b. Have ceased to be an active referee or player or coach registered with the association at least twelve months prior to the date of elections;
 - c. Be proposed/ nominated by two eligible permanent members. (One Proposer and another seconder);
 - d. Not be a member of the judicial bodies of the Association;
 - e. Be an executive committee/ management board member of a permanent member club;
 - f. Must be an executive committee/ management board member of a permanent member club for a minimum of one year at the time of filing of nomination;
 - g. Not be an executive committee/ management committee member (office bearer) of more than one member club;
 - h. Candidates for the post of President, Vice President, Convener, Treasurer, Executive Committee Member shall be members of the Permanent Member Club. The Members who are eligible to vote for the election may depute for the purpose of voting any one

of the (executive committee/ management board members) following Members in order of preference as given under:

- i) President/CMD/Manging Director (Chairman)/ Chairman Trustee;
 - ii) Honorary Secretary/ Board of Directors/ Member Trustee;
 - iii) Executive Committee/ Management Board Members;
8. The electorate shall comprise of all such representatives of the members eligible to vote;
 9. For electing the members, entire electorate present on the day of election;
 10. A permanent member can propose the nomination of only one candidate for one post;
 11. If the Member proposes more than one candidate for the same post, the nominations of all such candidates shall be rejected;
 12. Nominations in the prescribed format shall be submitted to the Association Headquarters;
 13. Every nomination for election to a post in the Executive Committee shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.3000/-(non-refundable);
 14. Electoral Board shall scrutinize all the nominations and declare the names of the eligible members;
 15. Candidates may withdraw their nominations 15 days prior to the date of election, after which no withdrawals will be permitted;
 16. The General Secretary shall dispatch to all the candidates and display on the notice board at the headquarters of the Association and also the website a list of nomination received, accepted and rejected within 7 days from the last day of scrutinizing the nomination. Another list detailing withdrawals along with the final list of candidates for the elections shall be dispatched to all the candidates and members as well as displayed on the notice board at the Headquarters of the Association 12 days prior to the date of the election;
 17. Decisions of the Electoral Board shall be final;
 18. One Candidate can file nomination to contest for one post only for the Executive Committee in DSA;
 19. Voting in the elections is not permitted by proxy;
 20. Prescribed format will be issued:
 - a) Election date & time to be mentioned;
 - b) Last date of the Submission of form and time;
 - c) Withdrawal of name;
 - d) List of eligible members;