

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA**

## **PREAMBLE**

THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA (NOCSL), an Organization belonging to the Olympic Movement do hereby undertake to respect and uphold the provisions of the Olympic Charter, the Olympic Movement, the World Anti-Doping Codes and to abide by the decisions of the INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA shall undertake, in accordance with its mission and role at National Level, to participate in actions to promote peace and to promote men and women in sport.

The NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA also undertakes to support and encourage the promotion of sport ethics, to fight against doping and to demonstrate a responsible concern for environmental issues.

## **ARTICLE-1 DEFINITIONS**

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires: -

"Committee"	means the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka, recognized by the IOC, pursuant to the Olympic Charter.
"Constitution"	means this Constitution of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka incorporated.
"Delegate"	means: (a) a person duly elected or appointed by a Body; (b) in the case of the Athletes' Commission, its Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson; and (c) in the case of the Olympians' Clubs, the person appointed by the Olympians' Club of Sri Lanka
"Executive Board"	means the Executive Board elected in accordance with the Constitution.
"Financial Statements"	means Statement of Financial Performances, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes thereto.
"IOC"	means the International Olympic Committee.
"Independent Auditor"	means an auditor appointed by the Committee and who is eligible to be so appointed pursuant to the Act.
"International Federation"	means an international non-governmental organization

	recognized, as an international federation by the IOC pursuant to the Olympic Charter.
“Member”	means any member as per this Constitution.
“National Federation”	means a Sri Lankan organization affiliated to an International Federation governing a sport or sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games or any other Games recognized by the IOC
“Notice”	means a notice, agenda or other document given to any Member under this Constitution.
“Olympic Charter”	means the codification of the fundamental principles of Olympism, rules and by-laws adopted by the IOC, as amended from time to time. It governs the organization and operation of the Olympic Movement and sets forth the conditions for the celebration of the Olympic Games and the Olympic Winter Games.
“Olympic Games”	mean the Olympic Games of an Olympiad convened by the IOC.
“Olympic Winter Games”	means the Olympic Winter Games convened by the IOC.
“Other Games”	means regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronized by the IOC.
“Voting person”	means a person entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Committee in accordance with this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE-2 INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

1. Where this Constitution is inconsistent with the Olympic Charter and/or with a rule, regulation or directive of the IOC, the latter will prevail, and this Constitution, to the extent of the inconsistency, will be invalid.
2. Any dispute relating to the interpretation of the Constitution or the provisions of the Constitution or any other question not herein provided for, must be referred to the Executive Board for determination. The determination made by the Executive Board on questions of interpretation may be subject to appeal to the General Assembly whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

## **ARTICLE 3- NAME AND STATUS**

1. The Name of the Committee shall be the "NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF SRI LANKA" (herein after referred to as "COMMITTEE")

2. The Headquarters shall be situated in Colombo. The COMMITTEE may decide to change or relocate the Headquarters if it is deemed necessary
3. The COMMITTEE shall exercise its jurisdiction over the whole territory of Sri Lanka.

#### **ARTICLE 4 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OLYMPISM, VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE**

##### 1. **VISION**

The vision of the COMMITTEE shall be to contribute to the building of a peaceful and better world by educating Youth through sport practices without discrimination of any form whatsoever and in the Olympic Spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of Friendship, Solidarity and Fair play.

##### 2. **MISSION**

The Mission of the COMMITTEE is to develop, promote and protect the Olympic Movement in Sri Lanka, in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

The COMMITTEE is also committed to propagate Sports in Sri Lanka and thereby to achieve unity and brotherhood among the different communities living in Sri Lanka and to promote sportsmanship and healthy competition in the World Sports Arena.

##### 3. **OBJECTIVES**

The general objectives of the COMMITTEE are:

- (a) to develop, promote and protect the Olympic Movement in Sri Lanka in accordance with the Olympic Charter and all regulations and directives issued by the IOC
- (b) to promote facilitate and develop Sports in general in Sri Lanka
- (c) to foster and promote Olympism in Sri Lanka.
- (d) to observe, protect and uphold the Olympic Charter and the Rules and Regulations laid down in the Olympic Charter,
- (e) to disseminate among young people an interest in Sport and a Sporting Spirit.
- (f) to propagate the fundamental principles of Olympism at National Level within the framework of sports activity and otherwise contribute among other things to the diffusion of Olympism in the teaching programme of physical education and sport in schools and University establishments.
- (g) to be engaged in the establishment and activities of a Sri Lanka Olympic Academy, an Olympic Museum and Cultural Programmes related to the Olympic Movement.

- (h) to undertake the training of sports administrators to ensure the propagation of the Fundamental Principles of Olympism.
- (i) to encourage the development of high performance sport as well as sport for all;
- (j) to commit itself to taking action against any form of discrimination in sport on the Grounds of race, religion, politics, sex or otherwise and against any form of violence in sport.
- (k) to adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code as stipulated in the World Anti-Doping Convention, thereby ensuring that the COMMITTEE'S Anti-Doping policies and rules, membership and or funding requirements and result management procedures, conform to the World Anti-Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for National Olympic Committees that are Listed within the World Anti-Doping Code.
- (l) to encourage and support measures relating to the medical care and health of Athletes
- (m) to ensure through respective National Sports Organisations the preparation and selection of athletes, thereby ensuring that the country is represented at the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, South Asian Games, Winter Olympic Games and any other regional, Continental or Inter-Continental Games having the Patronage of the IOC. The COMMITTEE has exclusive authority for the representation of Sri Lanka at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or World multi-sports competitions patronized by the IOC. In addition, the COMMITTEE is obliged to participate in the games of the Olympiad by sending athletes. The COMMITTEE shall constitute, organise and lead its respective delegations at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or World multi-sports competitions patronised by the IOC. The COMMITTEE shall decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by the respective National Federations. Such selections shall be based not only on sports performance of the athlete but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country. The COMMITTEE must ensure that the entries proposed by the National Federations for the Olympic Games comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter. The COMMITTEE is responsible for the behavior of the members of its delegation.
- (n) to undertake the Organisation of the Games when they are held in Sri Lanka.
- (o) to maintain the highest level of good governance, accountability and transparency.
- (p) to preserve its autonomy and resist all pressures of any kind, including but not limited to political, legal, religious or economic pressures which may prevent it from complying with the Olympic Charter
- (q) In order to fulfill its mission, to cooperate with governmental bodies, with which it shall achieve harmonious relations. However, it shall not associate itself with any activity which would be in contradiction with the Olympic Charter. The COMMITTEE may also cooperate with non-governmental bodies.
- (r) The COMMITTEE may only use the Olympic symbol, flag, motto and anthem (which

are the exclusive property of the IOC) within the framework of its non-profit-making activities provided such use contributes to the development of the Olympic Movement and does not detract from its dignity, and provided that it has obtained the prior approval of the IOC, in accordance with the Olympic Charter. All Olympic properties including but not limited to the Olympic symbol, flag, motto, anthem, identifications (including but not limited to “Olympic Games” and “Games of the Olympiad”), designations, emblems, flame and torches, and all rights to any and all Olympic properties, as well as all rights to the use thereof, belong exclusively to the IOC. The COMMITTEE is responsible to the IOC for the observance, in Sri Lanka, of Rules 7-14 and BLR 7-14 of the Olympic Charter. It shall take steps to prohibit any use of any Olympic properties which would be contrary to such Rules or their Bye-laws. It shall also endeavor to obtain, for the benefit of the IOC, protection of the Olympic properties of the IOC.

- (s) To be recognized by the International Olympic Committee and affiliated to Olympic Council of Asia, Commonwealth Games Federation, South Asia Sport Federation and other Games Organisation.
- (t) To promote Olympism and Olympic Values through the promotion of Olympic Education within the national schooling system and to build a society which respects such values and practicing such values in their daily activities.

#### 4. **POWERS**

Subject to the Olympic Charter and this Constitution, the Committee shall have the full power, jurisdiction and authority to do all things necessary to carry out the business, the affairs and the objects of the Committee. The Committee should, primarily exercise the powers vested in it for the purpose of realizing the objectives of the Committee.

### **ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **1 The Membership of the COMMITTEE shall comprise of:**

- (a) Member(s) of the International Olympic Committee, if any, who are Sri Lankan citizens, shall be Ex-officio voting member(s) of the COMMITTEE in both the General Assembly and the Executive Board.
- (b) All National Sports Federations affiliated to their respective International Federations governing the relevant sport, included in the programme of the Olympic Games and Olympic Winter Games, to be represented by Three Delegates (instead of current Two delegates) one of whom, shall be a female nominated by each National Sports Federation from among the currently elected members of its Executive Committee. Every such National Sports Federation shall have one vote.
- (c) *National Sports Federations affiliated to their respective International Federations recognized by the IOC, the sports of which is not included in the programme of the Olympic Games but in the programme of other multi-sports Games in which the COMMITTEE participates may be included, as non-voting members and represented by Two Representatives one of whom shall be a female member.*

- (d) Two athletes' representatives (with one vote each) elected by the COMMITTEE's Athletes' Commission established as per the IOC guidelines. Those elected representatives must have taken part in at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games.
- (e) Honorary Life Members of NOCSL, without voting right.
- (f) The Director General of Sports by invitation, without voting right.

## **ARTICLE 6 – QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION**

1. The COMMITTEE shall not recognise more than one national federation for each sport governed by an International Federation.
2. A National Sports Federation shall, subject to the provisions dealing with qualification, discipline, suspension and expulsion of members of the Committee, be admitted and remain a Member of the Committee upon it: -
  - (a) Being affiliated to the relevant International Federation;
  - (b) Exercising real and specific sports activities and conducting national tournaments at least on a yearly basis for the promotion of the particular sport, in addition to conducting coaching camps and other promotional activities to popularize the particular sport;
  - (c) Conducting its activities in compliance with both the Olympic Charter and the Rules of the International Federation.
3. Each National Sports Federation shall inform the Secretary - General in writing of the names, addresses and other contact details of its representatives as per Article 5 (b) and (c).

These names and other information shall be submitted under the signature of both the President and the Secretary of the Association.

4. A person shall be disqualified from serving on the COMMITTEE as a representative of a National Federation:
  - (a) If he/she is a non-National of Sri Lanka or has lost his/her civil or political rights in Sri Lanka; or
  - (b) If he/she has been adjudged by a competent court to be bankrupt; or
  - (c) If he/she is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind; or
  - (d) If he/she is or has been convicted in any Court of Law for any criminal offence; or
  - (e) If he/she is deemed to have violated the provisions of this Constitution or Olympic Charter or IOC Code of Ethics; or
  - (f) If he or she is directly or indirectly involved in carrying out the business of gaming, betting, wagering and print media or electronic media.

- (g) If he or she seeks redress from the Court of Law in the case of sports-related or internal issues which should be dealt with through the existing disputes-resolution mechanisms established as per this Constitution.
  - (h) If he/she has during the last 4-year period prior to the submission of nominations functioned as a Coach of a National Sports Association.
  - (i) If he or she has, during four years prior to the submission of nominations been engaged in selling or supplying sports goods or sports gear or any item or equipment's or involved in supplying of sports related services for money relating to such sport to such National Association of Sports.
5. If a representative of a National Federation is withdrawn by the Federation which nominated such representative, while a financial or other liability towards the Committee exists, the Federation shall be responsible for and shall make good such liability.
  6. The resignation of any representative submitted by a National Association shall be accepted. If such representative has any financial or other liability to the COMMITTEE, paragraph 5 above would apply.
  7. Government or other public authorities shall not designate any members to the COMMITTEE.
  8. A member expelled from the IOC may not be a member of the COMMITTEE.
  9. The members of the COMMITTEE, except for professional sports administrators, shall not accept any compensation or bonus of any kind in consideration for their services or the performance of their duties. They may be reimbursed for their travelling, accommodation and other justified expenses incurred in the carrying out of their functions.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any National Sports Federation eligible to be affiliated to the COMMITTEE, as per this Constitution and the Olympic Charter, shall provide to the COMMITTEE valid and acceptable proof to establish the fact that they are currently affiliated to the relevant International Federations as well as a copy of its Constitution, a list of its Office bearers and annual activity report which includes the tournaments conducted during the year and every National federation must conduct at least one national event.
2. The Membership of the Committee may be granted upon an application made by a National Federation eligible to be admitted as a Member of the Committee and such applications shall be reviewed by the Executive Board and, if eligible, shall be submitted to the next General Assembly for decision.
3. An Enrolment fee decided by the COMMITTEE shall be payable by each Member Association for enrolment.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS**

1. Voting members shall have the right to vote, to elect, to be elected and to nominate members for election in the elected governing bodies of the COMMITTEE.
2. Non-voting members may attend the meetings of the General Assembly with a right to speak only.
3. Members have the right to be regularly informed of the activities of the COMMITTEE and have the duty to regularly inform the COMMITTEE of their own activities.
4. Members may benefit from the support and assistance of the COMMITTEE to develop their activities, if necessary and if requested, and subject to the jurisdiction, possibilities, available means and decisions of the COMMITTEE.
5. Members shall actively participate in the work, meetings and activities of the COMMITTEE.
6. Members must respect and implement the decisions / resolutions made by the governing bodies of the COMMITTEE.
7. Members must act in accordance with the Olympic Charter, the IOC Code of Ethics, the Constitution of the COMMITTEE and (for legal entities) their own rules and regulations.
8. The National Federations shall work closely together with the COMMITTEE, in particular for the preparation and selection of the athletes from Sri Lanka in the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronized by the IOC.
9. Members shall exercise any other rights and duties in accordance with this Constitution and the Olympic Charter.
10. Social Media abuses by Members, NFs, athletes, athlete entourage, parents etc. thereby protecting the interest of the movement.

#### **ARTICLE 9 – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. In addition to the conditions mentioned in Article 6 of this Constitution, a member shall cease to be a member in case of:
  - (a) Death;
  - (b) Resignation;
  - (c) Loss of capacity;
  - (d) Loss of qualifications for membership;
  - (e) Dissolution of the federation / association;
  - (f) Upon expulsion, if the member has breached the Olympic Charter and/or this Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

A register of members must be established and kept regularly up-to-date under the responsibility of

the Secretary General. This register shall, in particular, include the following information: member's name and address; date of membership (and copy of the decision / minutes of the General Assembly at which the membership was granted); category of membership; membership status. This register shall be available at any time and shall, in particular, serve as reference to convene the meetings of the COMMITTEE.

#### **ARTICLE 11- ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

1. The Annual Subscription payable by each Member Association shall be decided by the COMMITTEE annually.
2. The Annual Subscription shall be payable in advance by the Member Association by 31<sup>st</sup> January each year.
3. Should the subscription of a Member Association be not paid, as provided, such Member Association shall be suspended until such as time the arrears are paid.
4. Any Member Association desiring to resign its Membership should do so in writing before the expiry of the year for which the subscription has been paid.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - PATRON OF THE COMMITTEE**

It shall be the custom and practice for the COMMITTEE to invite the Head of the State of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to be its Patron.

#### **ARTICLE 13 - HONOURARY. LIFE PRESIDENT, HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER**

1. On the recommendation of the Executive Board an outgoing President of the COMMITTEE or a Member of the Executive Board, with the consent of such member, may be elected by a two thirds majority of the General Assembly as Hony. Life President or as Hony. Life Member, respectively, of the NOCSL.
2. In order to qualify for this Life Membership, the member concerned should have served the Olympic Movement for a minimum period of 12 years with an unblemished record. Such member elected as a Life Member shall have no right to vote and shall not seek election to any post in the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – GOVERNING BODIES**

The governing bodies of the COMMITTEE shall be:

1. The General Assembly, which is the supreme governing body of the COMMITTEE.
2. The Executive Board, which is the executive body of the COMMITTEE.

**ARTICLE 15 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY – COMPOSITION, POWERS, ORDINARY, EXTRAORDINARY, ELECTIVE MEETINGS**

1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme body within the COMMITTEE.
2. The composition of the General Assembly and voting right shall be as specified in Article 5 of this Constitution.
3. The powers and functions of the General Assembly shall be as follows:
  - (a) Adopt the agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - (b) Determine and approve the strategic plan and general policies of the COMMITTEE.
  - (c) Determine the Annual Report of the Committee recommended by the Executive Board. Ratify the action plan for the succeeding year as approved by the Executive Board.
  - (d) Determine and approve the audited financial statement/s of the COMMITTEE presented by the Executive Board. Ratify the annual budget for following year Recommended by the Executive Board.
  - (e) Elect the members of the Executive Board as per the procedure established in this Constitution.
  - (f) Elect the members of the independent election commission established as per this Constitution prior to the Elective General Assembly.
  - (g) Elect/appoint the auditor which shall review the COMMITTEE’s financial statements annually.
  - (h) Elect the Honorary Life President and Honorary Life Members as the case may be and as provided for in Article 13 of this Constitution.
  - (i) Fill any vacancy that may occur in the Executive Board as per constitution 16.6.
  - (j) Approve or reject the affiliation of any new member of the COMMITTEE.
  - (k) Decide upon the suspension or expulsion of any member of the COMMITTEE (by decision taken by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voting delegates present at the General Assembly).
  - (l) Define the membership fees, if applicable.
  - (m) Consider and adopt this Constitution and any further amendment to this Constitution (by decision taken by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by voting delegates present at the General Assembly)
  - (n) Consider and approve any additional bye-laws or internal regulations proposed by the Executive Board, provided that they are not in contradiction with this Constitution and the Olympic Charter.

- (o) Make final decision on the interpretation of this Constitution (subject to the Olympic Charter) as the case may be.
  - (p) Decide on the dissolution of the COMMITTEE (in the presence of a quorum of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members and by decision taken by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voting delegates present at the General Assembly).
  - (q) Exercise any other powers according to the Olympic Charter and this Constitution.
  - (r) In general, decide on all matters on its agenda and on any matter which is not provided for in this Constitution, as the case may be, and subject to the Olympic Charter.
4. The General Assembly of the COMMITTEE shall meet once every year before the 31st<sup>t</sup> December of that year at a date, time and place decided upon by the Executive Board. Such Meeting shall be called the Annual General Meeting of the Committee.
  5. The General Assembly shall be convened by Notice signed by the President or Secretary General and sent to all the members and corresponding national federations to their registered post and electronically at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date of the meeting. The place, the agenda of the meeting and all relevant documentation to be sent to members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.
  6. The General Assembly can validly act on the items appearing on its agenda. Proposals from the members concerning the agenda must reach the President and/or the Secretary General no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting. If any modification has to be done in the agenda, the final agenda shall be communicated to the members no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.
  7. A special / extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly may be convened whenever it is necessary at the request of the President, and/ or the Executive Board and/or at least one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the General Assembly, following the same procedure and deadlines and specifying the reason(s) for which such meeting is requested. The notice of the meeting shall be sent within 30 days following the receipt of the request. The Agenda shall be limited to the business for which the meeting has been summoned.
  8. The meetings of the General Assembly shall be chaired by the President. In the absence or incapacity of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents, in the order of seniority, or in the absence of all the Vice-Presidents, a voting member elected by the General Assembly shall chair the meeting.
  9. Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, the quorum required for a General Assembly shall be at least half (50% +1) of the voting members, including a voting majority of the Olympic sports federations delegates. If this quorum cannot be reached the meeting shall be adjourned and held within ten (10) days. The Notice of date, time and venue shall be sent at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. If the quorum cannot be reached at this second meeting, the meeting will take place provided that at least one-third (1/3) of the voting members are present, including a voting majority of the Olympic sports federations delegates.
  10. Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, decisions shall be taken by the General Assembly by at least half (50% +1) of the votes cast by the voting delegates present.

11. In case of tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote (except for elections).
12. Voting shall be conducted by open or secret ballot as decided by the General Assembly, except for election of members or sanctions against members where the vote shall be conducted by secret ballot.
13. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
14. The voting majority of the General Assembly must always consist of the votes cast by the delegates of the National Federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games.
15. In addition, when dealing specifically with questions relating to the Olympic Games, only the votes cast by the delegates of the national federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games are taken into consideration.
16. Elections of the members of the Executive Board must take place at least once every four (4) years, in the calendar year immediately following the Summer Olympic Games, during a meeting of the General Assembly which must include this item on its agenda.
17. Election of the members of the Executive Board shall take place according to the following procedure:
  - (a) At a General Assembly immediately preceding the elections, the General Assembly shall elect an independent election commission which shall be fully responsible for developing, monitoring and conducting the election process as a whole (from the receipt of the nominations to the proclamation of the final results). This independent election commission shall be composed of three (3) members, including a Chairman, and two (2) substitute members (if necessary). None of these members must be candidate. They must be independent and neutral, have a legal background and have no conflict of interest with the elections.
  - (b) Nomination forms shall be sent to all the voting members of the General Assembly no later than thirty (30) days prior to the elections along with the notice of the meeting.
  - (c) Nominations for any of the Posts in the Executive Board shall be made in writing in the prescribed format and submitted to the Independent Election Commission as directed by such Commission, by members of the General Assembly having the voting rights who are eligible for election to the Executive Board no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the elections. Such Nominations shall be proposed by the President or Secretary of the Member Association to which such nominated member belongs and should be seconded by the President or Secretary of another Member Association.
  - (d) Nominations for the specific positions of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall demonstrate that the nominees meet the required qualifications and skills to exercise this function properly.
  - (e) The independent election commission shall review and scrutinize the nominations received in accordance with this Constitution and the Olympic Charter and shall notify the voting members of the General Assembly of the names and brief background of the eligible candidates no later than ten (10) days prior to the elections. Any potential objection/appeal from any voting member shall be filed to the

independent election commission no later than eight (8) days prior to the elections. The independent election commission shall review any objection/appeal received from any voting member and make decision no later than six (6) days prior to the elections and, in this case, shall inform all the voting members accordingly. In case of any doubt as to the eligibility or the non-eligibility of a candidate, the independent election commission shall refer the case to the General Assembly for final decision of the General Assembly before proceeding with the elections.

- (f) Elections shall be conducted position by position and by secret ballot.
  - (g) The independent election commission shall prepare a transparent ballot box and all ballot papers to be given to the voting delegates of the General Assembly.
  - (h) The independent election commission shall explain the election procedure and answer and clarify any questions before starting the election procedure.
  - (i) Once all voting delegates present have been invited to vote by the independent election commission, the independent election commission shall open the ballot box and count the votes publicly.
  - (j) Candidates obtaining highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. If there is one or two candidate(s) for a position, the candidate obtaining more than 50% of the votes validly cast shall be declared elected. If there are more than two candidates and none of them obtains more than 50% of the votes validly cast in the first round, there shall be a second round between the two candidates obtaining the highest number of votes validly cast in the first round. In this second round, the candidate obtaining more than 50 % of the votes validly cast shall be declared elected.
18. Copies of the minutes of the meetings at which elections or replacement of members have taken place shall be sent to the IOC. All documents must be certified as true copies by the President and Secretary General of the COMMITTEE.
19. The Secretary General (or in his/her absence a member of the Executive Board or General Assembly designated by the Chairman) is responsible for establishing the minutes of all meetings of the General Assembly. The minutes shall be circulated to all members within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 16 – EXECUTIVE BOARD – COMPOSITION, TERM OF OFFICE, VACANCIES, POWERS AND MEETINGS**

1. The Executive Board shall consist of the following members:
- (a) President
  - (b) Four (4) Vice-Presidents
  - (c) Secretary General
  - (d) 1 Assistant Secretary
  - (e) Treasurer
  - (f) Assistant Treasurer
  - (g) Not more than 3 Members

- (h) One Athlete's representative elected by The Committee's Athletes Commission established as per IOC guidelines
  - (i) Immediate Past President appointed by the General Assembly
  - (j) The IOC member(s) in Sri Lanka, if any, is (are) ex-officio member(s) of the Executive Board with voting rights.
2. As per the Olympic Charter, the representatives of the national federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games must constitute the voting majority of the Executive Board.
  3. Both genders shall be represented on the Executive Board.
  4. The members of the Executive Board shall be elected from the voting members and delegates of voting members, in accordance with Article 5, for a term of office not exceeding four (4) years, as per the election procedure established in this Constitution, and be eligible for re-election. However, the term of office for the President and Secretary General shall be restricted to a maximum of two (2) terms of four (4) years each. This will be effected from the next election (held immediately after the adoption of this revised Constitution) onward.
  5. A member of the Executive Board shall cease to be a member of the Executive Board in case of:
    - (a) Death
    - (b) Resignation
    - (c) Unjustified absence at three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Board in a calendar year without furnishing a valid excuse acceptable to the Executive Board.
    - (d) Dismissal or exclusion by decision of the General Assembly by a majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voting delegates present at the General Assembly if evidence is given that the member has breached this Constitution and/or the Olympic Charter and/or the IOC Code of Ethics and after having given a reasonable opportunity to the member(s) concerned to be heard by the General Assembly.
    - (e) Not attended 50% of Executive Meetings in a calendar year
  6. Any vacancy, occurring in the Executive Board shall be filled by the Executive Board for the remaining unexpired period of office of the member whose position in the EB became vacant and ratified at the next General Assembly.
  7. The powers and functions of the Executive Board shall be as follows:
    - (a) To control, manage, administrate and run the COMMITTEE in accordance with this Constitution and with the strategic plan, budget and general policies approved by the General Assembly. The Executive Board is accountable for its work to the General Assembly.
    - (b) To submit proposals to the General Assembly for the definition of the strategic plan, general policies and action plan of the COMMITTEE.
    - (c) To implement the resolutions passed by the General Assembly.
    - (d) To prepare the audited financial statements, annual budget and reports of the COMMITTEE to be submitted to the General Assembly for review and approval.

- (e) To manage the property and funds of the COMMITTEE as approved by the General Assembly.
- (f) To control the disbursement of funds to ensure that such disbursements are in keeping with the objectives of the COMMITTEE.
- (g) To raise funds for the Committee.
- (h) To work extensively to achieve the goals and objectives of the COMMITTEE.
- (i) To shortlist and select the participants and officials to the Olympic Games and to the regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronized by the IOC in which the COMMITTEE participates, upon proposals from the National Federations and in close coordination with them. In particular, to select and appoint wherever necessary a Chef de Mission, Deputy Chef de Mission, Manager, Observer, or any other person as an official of the Teams to the Olympic Games and to the Regional, Continental or World Multi-sports Competitions patronised by the IOC, upon proposals from the National Federations. The Executive Board shall also appoint delegate or delegates to Congresses, Conferences or Meetings organized by, or on behalf of, the IOC, CGF, OCA, SASF, or any other organization of similar nature.
- (j) To take suitable action for misconduct against Sportsmen and Officials representing Sri Lanka at such Games and competitions.
- (k) To provide assistance and advice to National Federations in order to improve their development and operations, if necessary.
- (l) To appoint employees to the COMMITTEE on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Executive Board.
- (m) To establish the terms of reference and appoint any sub-committees, commissions and/or working groups as it deems necessary to assist in carrying out the objectives of the COMMITTEE.
- (n) To submit proposals for affiliation of any new member to the General Assembly for decision.
- (o) To draft bye-laws and internal regulations, if necessary, in line with this Constitution and the Olympic Charter, and submit them to the General Assembly for approval.
- (p) To establish and develop harmonious and fruitful relations at international level with the IOC and other international, continental or regional sports organisations.
- (q) To ensure close co-operation with the Ministry of Sports and other ministries / authorities to achieve NOC overall objectives.
- (r) To enter into an Agreement/MOU with any other NOCs regarding promotions of Olympic education, culture and development of sport in general.
- (s) To take any disciplinary action as mentioned in this Constitution.

- (t) To delegate to the President and/or Secretary General the powers and/or authority vested in the Executive Board by the Constitution, wherever deemed necessary in the best interest of the Committee.
  - (u) To do all such other things as may be incidental to conducive to the attainment of the aims, objects and role of the COMMITTEE in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
  - (v) To exercise any other powers as per this Constitution and the Olympic Charter and/or as delegated by the General Assembly.
8. The Executive Board shall meet at least once in three months.
  9. Urgent meetings of the Executive Board may be convened as necessary by the President and/or at the request of at least one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the Executive Board.
  10. The meetings shall be convened and chaired by the President. In the absence or incapacity of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents, in the order of seniority, shall convene and chair the meeting.
  11. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be convened by notice sent to all members of the Executive Board no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting indicating the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting and including all the relevant documents.
  12. The quorum required for a meeting of the Executive Board shall be at least half (50% +1) of the voting members of the Executive Board.
  13. All voting members of the Executive Board shall have one voting right each.
  14. Decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast by the voting members present.
  15. In case of tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
  16. Voting shall be conducted by show of hands or by secret ballot as decided by the Executive Board.
  17. The Secretary General (or in his/her absence Assistant Secretary or a member of the Executive Board designated by the Chairman) is responsible for establishing the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board. The minutes shall be circulated to all members of the Executive Board within seven (7) days following the meeting.

## **ARTICLE 17 – POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE-BEARERS**

1. The President shall be the Head of the Committee as well as Executive Board. He/she is the legal representative of the COMMITTEE in Sri Lanka and abroad, and shall act and sign as such. He/she shall ensure the observance of this constitution and the Olympic Charter in Sri Lanka. He/she shall promote the Olympic principles and ethical behavior within the Olympic Movement in Sri Lanka. He/she shall work to maintain and strengthen harmonious

relationships with all authorities, institutions, partners and stakeholders in Sri Lanka and abroad. He/she shall preside at the meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Board. He/she shall issue direction for the smooth working of the Committee on day to day basis. He/she (or Secretary General) shall authorise and co-sign any financial transaction together with the Treasurer. In any emergency, the President shall have power to take any action he/she deems fit, but such action taken shall be reported to the Executive Board in its next Meeting. The President shall have the power to exercise delegate powers and/or authority of the Executive Board or the General Assembly.

2. The Vice Presidents, in the order of seniority, shall perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of the President in case of absence or incapacity and, in particular, shall preside at the meeting of the General Assembly or Executive Board in the absence of the President. They shall actively participate in the work of the governing bodies of the COMMITTEE. They shall perform any other functions as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or the Executive Board or the President from time to time.
3. The Secretary General shall maintain a minute's book in which he/she shall record all decisions and business transacted at all General Assembly Meetings, and Executive Board Meetings. He/she shall give effect to all decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board and also be responsible for the smooth functioning of the COMMITTEE's office in consultation with President and Treasurer. The Secretary General shall have the power to exercise delegated powers and/or authority of the Executive Board.

He/she shall also:

- (a) Maintain a register of members and their representatives as mentioned in this Constitution.
  - (b) Maintain a register of performances of teams sent abroad.
  - (c) Prepare an Annual Report of the activities of the COMMITTEE for submission to the General Assembly on behalf of the Executive Board.
  - (d) Act as the Secretary of the Committee, the Executive Board and coordinate the work of any other Sub-Committee, commission or working group established by the Executive Board.
  - (e) Perform all his duties under the control of the President and the Executive Board.
  - (f) Sign on behalf of the Committee and to conduct its correspondence in close coordination with the President.
  - (g) Issue Notices and Agenda for all Meetings.
  - (h) Record proceedings of all Meetings and to obtain signatures of the Chairman thereon and supply copies to Members.
  - (i) Coordinate and prepare with the Treasurer the Annual Budget of the Committee.
  - (j) Certify Copies of the Entries in Books.
  - (k) Maintain Stock Register.
  - (l) Perform any other functions as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or the Executive Board or the President from time to time.
4. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary General in performing the functions and duties of the Secretary General and shall replace the Secretary General in case of absence.
  5. The Treasurer shall:
    - (a) Demonstrate appropriate qualifications and skills to exercise his/her function properly.
    - (b) Maintain a cash book, ledger, petty cash book, bank statements and such other books

- of accounts, as may be necessary and available at any time.
- (c) Receive all dues, fees or any funds or property paid or donated to the COMMITTEE.
  - (d) Deposit all funds received in a reliable bank to the credit and name of the COMMITTEE as approved by the Executive Board. Maintain and administer the bank accounts of the COMMITTEE.
  - (e) Co-sign together with the President or the Secretary General any financial transaction.
  - (f) Maintain income and expenditure statements of teams sent abroad
  - (g) Maintain a register of members with details of payment of annual subscriptions (if applicable)
  - (h) Table a half yearly balance sheet and quarterly statement of income and expenditure.
  - (i) Prepare the financial reports in coordination with the Secretary General.
  - (j) Ensure that the financial statements of the COMMITTEE are properly and annually audited by the Auditor elected by the General Assembly.
  - (k) Submit Annual Audited Statement of Accounts as at 31st December.
  - (l) Be responsible for the finances of the Committee
  - (m) Perform any other functions as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or the Executive Board or the President from time to time.
6. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in performing the functions and duties of the Treasurer and shall replace the Treasurer in case of absence.
7. Any other member of the Executive Board shall actively participate in the work of the COMMITTEE and shall perform any other functions as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or the Executive Board or the President from time to time.

## **ARTICLE 18 – SUB-COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

### Standing Committees

The Executive Board shall appoint the under mentioned Standing Committees from amongst the Members of the Committee or from among outside experts:

- (a) Finance Committee
- (b) Medical/Anti-Doping Committee
- (c) Marketing Committee
- (d) Education Committee
- (e) Media Committee
- (f) Disciplinary Committee

The composition of such committees appointed shall comprise minimum of 3 members.

The Executive Board should be vested with the power/authority to appoint ad hoc Committees, wherever necessary, apart from the above Standing Committees, to accomplish tasks that may arise from time to time.

Each of the above committees may be chaired by a Vice President depending on his/her qualifications

Executive Board shall appoint an Independent Ethics Committee

## **ARTICLE 19 – SRI LANKA OLYMPIC ACADEMY (SLOA)**

A Director shall be appointed by the Executive Board to manage and operate the Sri Lanka Olympic Academy (SLOA). The President and the Secretary General of the Committee shall be the ex officio Members of the Academy. The objectives of SLOA shall be as per IOC Charter and to promote Olympic Education and Olympic values amongst the Sri Lankan community and building a harmonious and ethically responsible nation.

## **ARTICLE 20 - FINANCES**

1. The finances of the COMMITTEE shall be derived from among others -
  - (a) Annual subscription from members, if applicable
  - (b) Subscriptions and grants from the State
  - (c) Grants from the International Olympic Committee
  - (d) Gifts and donations from private individuals and institutions which the COMMITTEE may accept
  - (e) By way of income generating projects initiated by the Executive Board
2. The Finances of the COMMITTEE shall be in the custody of and be the responsibility of the Treasurer. Disbursements shall be only as directed by the President, the Executive Board or the General Assembly of the COMMITTEE.
3. The monies received shall be deposited in a Bank authorized by the Executive Board within two (2) days and all cheques drawn on funds in the bank shall be signed jointly by the President or Secretary General along with the Treasurer.
4. Contributions and specific funding received from national or international entities must be used strictly for the purpose of pursuing the objectives and activities of the COMMITTEE, in accordance with this Constitution and the Olympic Charter.
5. Specific funds allocated through the Olympic Solidarity programmes shall be used only for the purpose of the programmes designed by Olympic Solidarity.
6. The Financial year of the COMMITTEE shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.

## **ARTICLE 21- CONSULTANTS**

The Executive Board shall have the power to appoint Eminent Persons for the purpose of consultations and with regard to the matters that require the services of such persons.

## **ARTICLE 22 - COLOURS AND CREST**

1. The colours of the COMMITTEE shall be dark blue, red and gold. Teams shall wear these colours with the crest at Olympic, Commonwealth, Asian, South Asian and other Games of a

similar nature.

2. The flag, the emblem and the anthem adopted by the COMMITTEE for use in relation to its activities, including the Olympic Games, must be approved by the IOC.

### **ARTICLE 23 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Any alternation or amendment to the Constitution shall only be effected at a meeting of the General Assembly by a 2/3rdmajority of those present and entitled to vote.

### **ARTICLE 24 -INTERPRETATION**

1. The COMMITTEE (General Assembly) shall have the power to decide on any question arising as to the correct interpretation of the provisions of this Constitution or any other question not herein provided for. The decision of the COMMITTEE (General Assembly) in all such is final and conclusive.
2. The relevant Rules and Regulations of the International Olympic Committee applicable for the National Olympic Committees are incorporated in this Constitution and shall be enforced.
3. In case of doubt as to the scope of this Constitution, the Olympic Charter shall prevail.

### **ARTICLE 25 - GENERAL**

Members of the Committee shall accept no salary or fee in respect of their position. They may however accept reimbursement of transport, lodging and other expenses incurred by them in connection with their duties as determined by the COMMITTEE.

### **ARTICLE 26 – MEASURES AND SANCTIONS**

1. When a member has failed to fulfill its duties and tasks, has infringed the Olympic Charter and/or the IOC's Code of Ethics and/or this Constitution or has not respected nor implemented the decisions / resolutions of the competent governing bodies of the COMMITTEE, the member may be subject to the following measures and sanctions (depending on the gravity of the facts and the level of damage or infringement):
  - (a) Warning
  - (b) Suspension
  - (c) Expulsion
2. Decision to pronounce a warning shall be made by the Executive Board after having given an opportunity to the member concerned to be heard. The Executive Board shall report accordingly at the next meeting of the Assembly.
3. Decision for suspension or expulsion of a member shall be made by the General Assembly and after having given a reasonable opportunity to the member concerned to be heard. Such decision shall be made by a majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the

voting delegates present at the General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE 27 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM**

1. Any sports-related or internal disputes arising within the COMMITTEE or between the COMMITTEE and its members shall be resolved by the competent governing bodies of the COMMITTEE (in close consultation and prior coordination with the International Federation concerned if the case involves a national federation), and outside the ordinary Courts. The case shall be referred to the Executive Board in first instance and, if the case cannot be successfully resolved by the Executive Board, to the General Assembly in second instance. In that case, the General Assembly may decide to make a final decision in the dispute in question, or the General Assembly may decide to establish a specific conciliation, mediation or arbitration body to resolve the dispute.
2. Any final decision made by the General Assembly in the dispute in question or by the conciliation, mediation or arbitration body established by the General Assembly for that purpose may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports Related Arbitration. The time-limit for appeal is twenty-one days (21 days) after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.

#### **ARTICLE 28 - DISSOLUTION**

1. The COMMITTEE may be dissolved by decision of the General Assembly in the presence of a quorum of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members and by resolution taken by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voting delegates present.
2. In case of dissolution, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the COMMITTEE shall be fully discharged and the residuary fund shall be donated to the legal successor or, if not, to such organisations pursuing similar objectives as may be decided by the General Assembly and after prior consultation and coordination with the IOC.

#### **ARTICLE 29 - FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Constitution of the COMMITTEE shall, at all times, comply with the Olympic Charter to which it must refer expressly. If there is any doubt as to the signification or interpretation of this Constitution, or if there is a contradiction between such Constitution and the Olympic Charter, the latter takes precedence.
2. The Constitution of the COMMITTEE, and any subsequent change or amendment to the Constitution of the COMMITTEE, must be submitted to the IOC for approval.
3. The present Constitution shall become effective once adopted by the General Assembly of the COMMITTEE and shall replace and supersede any other previous Constitution of the COMMITTEE.

Date of amendments adoption by the Special General Assembly of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka: .....1<sup>st</sup> June 2019.....

Signed by:



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President  
National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka



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Secretary General  
National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka