



GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

(Registered under societies Registered Act, XXI of 1860)

Regd. No. S.3129/1966-1967

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

(As amended in EGM held on 7th March 2026 at New Delhi)

I. NAME:

The name of the Society shall be Gymnastics Federation of India (which Society) here after for the sake of brevity shall be referred to as the Federation.

II. REGISTERED OFFICE:

The Registered Office of the Federation shall be at New Delhi with judicial jurisdiction at New Delhi and the correspondence address of the GFI shall be as notified from time to time under the authority of the Executive Committee of the Federation.

III. OBJECTIVES:

The objects for which the Federation is established are:

1. To promote the development of all Gymnastics disciplines and encourage the physical, moral and cultural education of the youth of the country for the development of good health and good citizenship.
2. To promote Gymnastics as a fundamental sport for physical literacy, as a movement for national well-being, shaping healthier, stronger, and more confident generations through universal access to quality physical activity.
3. To build a strong ecosystem of inspired coaches, officials, educators, and volunteers who uphold safety, values, and excellence and are capable of delivering quality Gymnastics programs at both elite and the mass level.
4. To collaborate with schools, state associations, government bodies, and private institutions to integrate gymnastics into physical education and community sport initiatives building the broadest possible base of participation, from which talent can naturally emerge, strengthening the pathway from playgrounds to podiums.
5. To create a safe, athlete-centered sporting environment, where the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of gymnasts is prioritized above competitive outcomes and to enforce transparent and impartial rules, ensuring equal opportunity, unbiased judging, and ethical conduct across competitions, selections, and training programs.

6. To establish and implement robust safeguarding policies, protecting athletes—especially minors—from abuse, harassment, neglect, and exploitation in any form.
7. To encourage, promote, coordinate, control and regulate in a safe and fair manner all gymnastics competitions and events within its jurisdiction and to secure adequate participation.
8. To stimulate the interest of the people of the country in the promotion of gymnastics and gymnastics events and to that end the formation of and/or recognition to State Gymnastics Associations / Units for the development of Gymnastics within a State / Unit.
9. To act as the channel of communication between State Gymnastics Associations/Unit and the Government of India for financial or other assistances, wherever necessary.
10. To improve and to help to conduct all such gymnastics competitions as may be included in the programme of the Indian Olympic Association and other All India Sports bodies from time to time.
11. To educate the people in general as to the values of Gymnastics and to fight against any form of violence, sports injustice and doping.
12. To enforce all rules and regulations of International Gymnastics Federation (World Gymnastics).
13. To identify, nurture, support talent and develop and sustain a globally competitive high-performance system integrating world-class coaching, sports science, medical support, and international exposure to maximize performance potential that enables Indian gymnasts to qualify for, compete at, and consistently deliver good results at Olympic Games, Asian Games, World Championships, and other premier international events across disciplines and age groups.
14. To enforce and defend the exclusive right of the Federation to the use of the Federation Flag and Federation Insignia, confining their use for authorized purposes.
15. To be the official organization in complete charge of all gymnastics in the country.
16. To do all other things that may be necessary or expedient for the promotion or development of gymnastics at all levels in the country and for the conduct of its business.



GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

RULES & REGULATION

(As amended in EGM held on 7th March 2026 at New Delhi)

1. DEFINITIONS:

In this Constitution the following words wherever they occur are defined as follows:

- (a) **FEDERATION or GFI:** Means the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)
- (b) **MEMBERS:** Means the organizations who holds the membership of the Federation and includes their representatives.
- (c) **SPORTSPERSON OF OUTSTANDING MERIT or SOM:** Means an individual designated as sportsperson of outstanding merit under the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules.
- (d) **BOARD:** Means the National Sports Board established under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025
- (e) **ELECTION RULES:** Means the Election Rules in Schedule II of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 as applicable to the Federation as a National Sports Body.
- (f) **ELECTION PANEL:** Means a roster of retired persons having adequate experience of conduct of elections under the Representation of the People Act, 1951 maintained by GFI for the conduct of free and fair elections of the Executive Committees of affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association.
- (g) **TRIBUNAL:** Means the National Sports Tribunal constituted under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025
- (h) Words purporting the masculine gender include feminine gender & vice-versa as the context permits.
- (i) Where the context so permits "The Executive Committee" or the "General Council" shall mean the Federation. The meeting of the Executive Committee or the General Council, for all intents and purposes shall be deemed to be the meeting of the Federation.
- (j) Unit includes vocational unit and Sports central bodies or organizations of all India nature.
- (k) Gymnastics Disciplines include:
 - 1. MAG (Men's Artistic Gymnastics)
 - 2. WAG (Women's Artistic Gymnastics)
 - 3. RG (Rhythmic Gymnastics)
 - 4. TRA (Trampoline Gymnastics)
 - 5. AER (Aerobic Gymnastics)
 - 6. ACRO (Acrobatic Gymnastics)
 - 7. GfA (Gymnastics for All)
 - 8. PK (Parkour)and any other disciplines as described by World Gymnastics.

2. MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) Membership of the Federation shall be open to the under-mentioned, subject to the approval of the General Council and payment of Fees for admission:
 - (i) Gymnastics Associations of States as well as Union Territories of India.
 - (ii) Services Sports Control Board.
 - (iii) Railway Sports Promotion Board.
 - (iv) Vocational Units and Sports central bodies or organizations of all India nature having gymnastics activities.
- (b) Terms of membership
 - (i) Only one State/UT Gymnastics Association from each State/UT shall be admitted as a member of the Federation.
 - (ii) The member Associations must be registered as a distinct entity under an appropriate Act or law in their respective jurisdiction and should be registered with the Board in such manner, as may be prescribed under the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.
 - (iii) The affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must have an affiliated district level association/unit in at least seven (7) or 50% of the districts, whichever is lower, in their respective state / territory.
 - (iv) The member Association must be autonomous and free from their State or religious influence. The Federation does not permit any political, religious or racial discrimination within its organization as well as any violation of human rights.
 - (v) The affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must hold regular elections as per their constitution (tenure of elected members must not exceed 4 years) with the electoral officer appointed from the Election Panel to oversee election process and ensure free and fair elections. The affiliated member State/UT must send notice of election along with a list of members forming the electoral college to GFI at least 21 days before the date of election.
 - (vi) The affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must undertake and supply to GFI, a copy of their respective registration certificate, Statute, Constitution and Rules and Regulations, a list of their respective affiliated member units and their Executive Committee members as and when sought by GFI.
 - (vii) Failure to hold elections as per constitution or to supply the required information within the stipulated period will constitute a breach of these Rules and render the defaulting member State/UT Gymnastics Association to disciplinary action under these Rules.
 - (viii) It is mandatory for all affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics association to conduct their state championships annually and provide a copy of annual activity report duly approved by their General Body along with a calendar for the ensuing year within six months of the closing of the financial year.
 - (ix) Wherever applicable, the affiliated member State/Unit must participate regularly in the National Gymnastics Championship of GFI.
 - (x) Failure to conduct state championships annually or prolonged absence from participation in National Championships shall render the concerned member State/UT Gymnastics association subject to disciplinary actions under these Rules.

3. FEES AND DUES:

- (a) The affiliation fee, competition entry fee, admission fee (for new members) and any other fee payable by members to the Federation shall be as decided by the General Council from time to time.
- (b) Members in arrears of the dues of the Federation on any account for over 30 days following a demand notice shall be automatically suspended of their membership and consequently of their right to attend the meetings of the General Council and the right to participate in events of GFI.
- (c) The suspension, however, may be lifted and participation rights may be restored once the amount due is paid with a surcharge of 10 per cent thereon by the defaulting member.
- (d) If any Member remains in arrears of the dues of the Federation for over 90 days following a demand notice, such members' membership to the Federation will be automatically terminated permanently.

4. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the Federation shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year. The affiliation fees shall be payable in advance within the first three months of the financial year.

5. GENERAL COUNCIL:

- (a) The General Council of the Federation shall consist of the following with voting rights:

- (i) Two accredited representatives of each of the affiliated Member State/UT gymnastics association.
- (ii) Four Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit as nominated under the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Rules

NOTE: All accreditation for representatives of affiliated Member States/UT shall have to be made by the State/UT authorities, either President or the Secretary General in concurrence with the President of the State/UT concerned. However, in case President/Secretary nominates different person(s), the person(s) authorized by the President shall be deemed to be the duly authorized person(s) for the purpose of accreditation for the General Council. The person nominated must be a member of the State/UT gymnastics association concerned.

- (b) The General Council of the Federation will include the following without voting rights:

- (i) The members of the Executive Committee if not already nominated within the accredited representatives of an affiliated State/UT gymnastics association or Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit.
- (ii) One representative of each of GFI Members other than Gymnastics Associations of States/UT.
- (iii) Any other internal / external stakeholders as may be invited by the President or the Executive Committee.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

(a) The Executive Committee of the Federation will consist of the following:

(i) President	1
(ii) Senior Vice President	1
(iii) Vice-President	3
(iv) Secretary General	1
(v) Joint Secretary (Female)	1
(vi) Joint Secretary (Male)	1
(vii) Treasurer	1
(viii) Executive Member (Female)	1
(ix) Executive Member (Male)	1
(x) Executive Member (SOM - Female)	1
(xi) Executive Member (SOM - Male)	1
(xii) Athletes Committee Representative (Female)	1
(xiii) Athletes Committee Representative (Male)	1

(b) Except for the Athlete Committee Representatives, all positions of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the GFI General Council for a four-year term from among the eligible voting members/representatives as per the Election Rules.

(c) The two Athletes Committee Representatives will be from the Athletes Committee to be elected from among themselves as per Athletes Committee rules.

(d) If any member of the Executive Committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee without obtaining prior leave of absence, such member shall be deemed to have vacated his/her office with effect from the date of the third such meeting.

(e) Unless otherwise specified, any vacancy which occurs in Executive Committee shall be temporarily filled by co-option by the Executive Committee from amongst the remaining Executive Committee Members or members of the General Council until the next General Council Meeting at which the vacant position shall be elected for the remainder of the term.

7. VOTING :

(a) Only the accredited representatives of affiliated Gymnastics Associations of States and Union Territories and Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit nominated for the General Council shall have the right to vote at the General Council.

(b) Elections for the Executive Committee will be held by voting by secret ballot as provided in the Election Rules. All other voting at any Meeting shall be by show of hands.

(c) Unless otherwise provided, the decisions at any meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of the voting members present when the quorum required is met.

(d) In case of tie, the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote (except for elections).

(e) Voting by proxy is not allowed.

8. ELECTION:

- (a) Elections for the Executive Committee shall be held at a General Council Meeting in accordance with the Election Rules at least one month before expiry of the existing term unless extension provided or ratified by the General Council in case of exceptional circumstances.
- (b) The elected members will generally take up their function October 1st of the year of their election and will remain in office until September 30th of the 4th year (term of 4 years) unless in case of exceptional circumstances where an extension or change in term is provided or ratified by the General Council.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall, by resolution, appoint an Electoral Officer from the National Sports Election Panel, at least sixty days prior to the expiry of the existing term, for the preparation of the electoral roll and conduct of elections to the Executive Committee.
- (d) The date for elections shall be notified by the Executive Committee, in consultation with the appointed Electoral Officer, at least fifty days prior to the expiry of the existing term.

9. ELIGIBILITY:

- (a) Any person seeking to contest for election or seek nomination to the Executive Committee must fulfil the following eligibility conditions
 - (i) Be a citizen of India who has attained at least twenty-five years of age
 - (ii) Have the nomination form duly proposed and seconded by a voting member of the General Council
 - (iii) Not be declared to be of unsound mind
 - (iv) Comply with the World Gymnastics Statutes and bye-laws relating to age and term of the Executive Committee and be not more than seventy years of age on the last date of nomination for election. However, if the World Gymnastics Statutes and bye-laws does not provide for such age restriction of seventy years, a person aged between seventy and seventy-five years as on the last date of nomination for election, will be eligible to contest elections or seek nominations and in case such person is elected, he/she shall serve for a full term
 - (v) In case of a government servant, should have necessary approvals from the Government, as applicable
 - (vi) Not be a member of any other National Sports Body other than the National Olympic Committee
- (b) To contest for election or seek nomination to, the posts of the President or the Secretary General or the Treasurer, either of the following must be fulfilled
 - (i) Be a sportsperson of outstanding merit or
 - (ii) Has previously served for at least one full term in the Executive Committee of GFI or
 - (iii) Has previously served as the President, or the Secretary General or the Treasurer in any of the GFI affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association

- (c) Any person may continuously hold the position of either the President or the Secretary General or the Treasurer, as the case may be, for up to three consecutive terms separately, or in combination thereof and shall be eligible for election to such posts or to the Executive Committee only after a mandatory cooling off period of one term.
- (d) A person shall be disqualified from being a member of the General Council, or of any committee of GFI, and shall not be eligible for contesting for election to the Executive Committee or the Athletes Committee, if such person -
 - (i) is declared insolvent under applicable law; or
 - (ii) is subject to a conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction in India for an offence, followed by a sentence of imprisonment; or
 - (iii) is subject to a ban from holding any such position by an order of the Ethics Committee.

Provided that the disqualification in respect of clause (i) shall be for the period of insolvency as applicable; clause (ii) shall be for a period of one full term of the Executive Committee after the completion of such sentence; and clause (iii) shall be for the duration of such ban.

 - (iv) is a member of any other National Sports Body other than the Indian Olympic Association; and
 - (v) has not completed the cooling off period of one term after having held the position of President, Secretary General or Treasurer in any other National Sports Body other than the Indian Olympic Association.

10. DUTIES OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

(a) THE PRESIDENT:

- (i) The President shall be the Chief Executive Head of the Federation. He/she shall preside over all meetings of Federation.
- (ii) The President shall direct the conduct of business of the Federation exercising the functions of the Executive Committee as delegated during the intervals between meetings of the Executive Committee.
- (iii) The President shall exercise superintendence over members of the Executive Committee and non-elective Committees in the discharge of their duties. He/she shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Federation and its efficient administration.
- (iv) The President may guide the members in all matters relating to policy and organizations.
- (v) The President may call emergent meetings of the Executive Committee and General Council as and when necessity arises.
- (vi) If necessary, the President shall perform all such duties pertaining to the office of President and shall have a casting vote only in case of a tie.
- (vii) The President will appoint all the non-elective Committees of the Federation and appoint/depute observer(s) of GFI wherever required.
- (viii) The President may perform any other tasks/functions as directed or authorized by the General Council or the Executive Committee.

(b) THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Senior Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and at his/her request. The Senior Vice-President or Vice-President may preside over the meeting when the President is absent and may perform such other tasks/functions as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the General Council.

(c) SECRETARY GENERAL:

- (i) The Secretary General is an Officer of the Federation and shall be responsible for carrying out office business in accordance with the decisions of the President and General Council of GFI. He/she shall work under the overall supervision and direction of the President and keep and maintain minutes of all meetings.
- (ii) The Secretary General will issue notices of all meetings, call for any purpose or information necessary for disposal of any matter from the members under the direction of the President.
- (iii) The Secretary General shall prepare the Annual Report of the Federation and circulate the same to all members.
- (iv) The Secretary General shall convene meetings of General Council, Executive Committee or any meetings with the concurrence of the President.
- (v) The Secretary General may delegate his duties to another officer for the better and efficient management of the Federation.
- (vi) The Secretary General shall perform such other duty or duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution, Rules, Bye laws and Resolutions of the Federation.

(d) JOINT SECRETARIES:

- (i) The Joint Secretaries shall perform the duties of the Secretary General in his/her absence and such other duties, tasks and functions as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President, the Executive Committee or the General Council.
- (ii) If the office of the General Secretary is vacated for any reason, a Joint Secretary as decided by the Executive Committee shall function as the Secretary General until the vacancy is filled.

(e) TREASURER:

- (i) The Treasurer shall receive all money of the Federation and shall pay all bills duly certified by the Hon. Secretary General or the President. In case, the bill amount exceeds the budgeted one, he/she must have the sanction of the Executive Committee before payment.
- (ii) The Treasurer shall be in charge of the Account Books, important Documents, Vouchers, Records, Banks Cheque Books and Pass Books etc.
- (iii) The Treasurer is to submit a statement of accounts to the Executive Committee as and when necessary. He/she shall prepare the budget and shall place the same before the Executive Committee or the General Council every year.
- (iv) The Treasurer shall prepare and submit the annual income and expenditure statement together with duly audited balance sheets.
- (v) The Treasurer shall with the help of the Secretary General, prepare an inventory of the Federation's property and submit the same along with the accounts.

11. BANKING ACCOUNT:

Banking account shall be maintained in such scheduled Bank or Banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee in the name of the Federation and shall be operated as per the decision of the Executive Committee

12. POWERS, FUNCTION AND DUTIES:**(a) GENERAL COUNCIL:**

- (i) To formulate and enforce the policy of the Federation.
- (ii) To carry into effect the objects of the Federation.
- (iii) To hold election of Executive Committee every four years in accordance with the Rules of this Constitution.
- (iv) To consider and approve the Annual report, Statement of Account and Budget estimate of the Federation.
- (v) To admit membership to any organization eligible under the Constitution, and to suspend or terminate the membership of any member organization for violation of the provisions of this Constitution, rules, regulations, or decisions of the Federation.
- (vi) To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are incidental and relate to the purpose, objects and powers of the Federation.
- (vii) To amend the Constitution and to frame Bye laws and Rules which are not inconsistent with the Constitution.

(b) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- (i) To conduct the business of the Federation and duly report all its decisions and actions to the General Council.
- (ii) To appoint special committee for specific function and duty, whenever necessary subject to the approval of the General Council.
- (iii) To consider the Annual report prepared by the Secretary General and Audited Accounts prepared by the Treasurer before placing it to the General Council.
- (iv) To decide ways and means to raise resources for the Federation and to identify, evaluate, approve, and enter into collaborations, partnerships, and memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with national and international federations, sports bodies, educational institutions, corporate entities, foundations, and government agencies among others in furtherance of the Federation's objectives.
- (v) To prepare a budget for the total recurring and nonrecurring expenditure for the year based on the income/resources of the Federation beyond which no expenditure shall be incurred unless approved and sanctioned by the General Council.
- (vi) To plan, approve, and allocate national-level gymnastics events, including championships, selection trials, training camps, judging courses, and coaching courses and firm up the annual calendar as per strategic priorities of the Federation.
- (vii) To take disciplinary action against any member for misconduct or any undesirable activity and wherever necessary, place the matter for consideration of the General Council.

- (viii) To purchase or acquire any movable or immovable property or any interest therein for the benefit of the Federation.
- (ix) To determine the organizational structure, staffing requirements, and human resource policies necessary for the effective functioning of the Federation.
- (x) To engage professional experts and service providers, including high-performance staff, coaches, technical experts, consultants, legal advisors, medical professionals, and sports science specialists, on contractual or retainer basis.
- (xi) To get itself affiliated with the IOA & International Federation and get recognized from the Board.
- (xii) To delegate the powers to any member, if necessary.

13. MEETINGS:

(a) Annual General Meeting (AGM) is the meeting of the General Council of the Federation which shall be held at a place, date and time to be decided upon by the President. The following business is to be transacted at the AGM.

- (iv) To confirm the proceedings of the last meeting.
- (v) To adopt the Annual Report.
- (vi) To pass the audited Accounts.
- (vii) To pass the annual budget.
- (viii) To consider the actions of the Executive Committee.
- (ix) To elect every fourth year the Members of Executive Committee.
- (x) To appoint auditors every fourth year and to fix their remuneration.
- (xi) To amend Constitution, if necessary.
- (xii) To transact any other business, notice of which has been given in writing by any voting member of the GFI at least 7 clear days prior to the meeting.

(b) QUORUM: One third of the total members shall form the quorum of all the General Council and Executive Committee meetings.

(c) NOTICE: Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be served to each and every member by the President or the Secretary General stating therein the time, place and agenda of such meetings at least 21 days before the date of the meetings.

(d) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be convened by the President or the Secretary General in consultation with the President on urgent specific matters with a notice of 15 days. In these meetings only the specific agenda will be considered.

14. REQUISITION MEETINGS:

Requisition meeting of the General Council shall be convened by the President or Secretary General on receipt of a written requisition signed by not less than one third members of the total members of the General Council. The agenda must be included in the notice of the meeting. No other matter than that mentioned in the said notice shall be discussed. Such meetings shall be convened with a notice of 15 days. Such notice must be issued within ten days from the date of the receipt of such requisition failing which, the requisitioning members themselves shall convene the meeting with 15 days' notice.

15. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the President or the Secretary General in concurrence with the President with a notice of 10 days.

16. EMERGENT MEETING:

The emergent meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened by the President or by the Secretary General in concurrence with the President. The notice of such meeting will consist of a definite item and nothing other than that shall be considered in the meeting. 5 days' notice shall be deemed as sufficient for such meeting.

17. OPINION BY CIRCULATION:

The decision of the Executive Committee may be taken by circulation in case of emergency when a meeting of the Executive Committee cannot be convened. But the decision arrived at by the Circulation shall have to be placed before the next meeting of the Executive Committee for record.

N.B.: Time, date and place of all Executive Committee meetings must be determined by the President. As far as possible such meetings shall be held by rotation in different states.

18. ADJOURNED MEETING:

Adjourned meeting will be held after an hour of the adjournment and no quorum will be required for the adjourned meeting.

19. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:

No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except at an Annual or special meeting of the General Council, and unless supported by two thirds of the representatives present at the meeting or provided it is an absolute majority of the total strength of the General Council. All proposed amendments must be presented to every member of the Federation at least 14 days before the meeting.

20. If on the winding up or dissolution of the Federation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever; the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Federation or any of them but shall be dealt with the manner provided by the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860.

21. All the provisions of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 as extended to the State of Delhi apply to "Gymnastics Federation of India".

22. VARIOUS COMMITTEES:

- (a) All required Committees/Commissions except certain specified Committees will be formed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee.
- (b) The composition and roles and responsibilities of certain required committees is annexed in the Appendix "Various Committees"
- (c) The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may form additional Committees as and when required.

23. General Disciplinary Regulations:

- (a) Violation of the existing Rules cannot be excused on the grounds of ignorance of the said Rules.
- (b) Whoever incites a member unit to commit an infraction or aids the said unit's infraction, shall be sanctioned in the same manner as the unit which commits the infraction.
- (c) Any member, athlete, coach, Judge or official against whom charges are framed in any criminal case involving moral turpitude would be suspended and if convicted by a competent court, would be expelled or banned.

24. Settlement of disputes/conflicts:

- (a) All State Associations affiliated to the GFI shall include in their constitution a provision that the Associations would have all unresolved disputes settled by GFI.
- (b) Every member shall be deemed to continue its membership of the GFI on the specific condition that it voluntarily surrenders its right to seek redress in any court of law.
- (c) All unresolved disputes or any other concern arising within a GFI member State Association/Unit shall be referred to the GFI's Dispute Resolution Committee to resolve or decide on the dispute/concern
- (d) Any order, decision, or award passed by the Dispute Resolution Committee, if challenged, will be appealable before the Tribunal
- (e) In the event of dispute or any other concern within a State/Unit which affects normal working of the State/Unit and prevents preparation and participation of the sport team of the State/Unit, GFI will constitute an ad hoc administrative body from within the members of the General Assembly or associating such persons from outside as may be necessary, to resolve the dispute or concern and in the meantime continue with the work of preparation and participation of the sport team until the dispute or concern within the State/Unit is resolved.
- (f) In the event of cancellation or suspension of Board registration of an affiliated member State/UT association of GFI, the GFI shall, on the direction of the Board, constitute an ad hoc administrative body consisting of such members as may be determined in consultation by the Board. Such ad hoc administrative body shall be responsible for administering the affiliated member State/UT association concerned to ensure compliance with the provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
- (g) All disputes within the GFI itself will be dealt with in the same manner as laid down in (c) above.
- (h) The President, GFI shall have the power to call for explanation from any person or member unit regarding any matter concerning the Federation, any of its event or member unit and refer the matter to an appropriate committee.

25. Disciplinary Sanctions:

The member units are liable to the following disciplinary sanctions:

- (a) Warning,
- (b) Caution,
- (c) Suspension for a specified period of time and
- (d) Expulsion from the GFI.

NOTE: As a general rule, except in any special circumstances, suspension shall be applied as a temporary measure between the infraction of an actual penalty.

26. MISCELLANEOUS:

(a) The GFI will ensure that:

(i) Suitable rules and policies including Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Eligibility Code, Registration of gymnasts and officials, Safeguarding, Grievance Redressal, Anti-Doping, prevention of age manipulation and for any other matters are framed and implemented in accordance with the guidelines, if any, specified by the Board.

(ii) It is committed to keep Indian Gymnastics free from doping and will enforce the applicable anti-doping rules and policies including of WADA, NADA, World Gymnastics and IOA.

(b) The GFI may sue or be sued in the name of the President/Secretary or any other person specifically authorized by the Executive Committee. A lawsuit can only be filed at the headquarters of GFI at New Delhi.

(c) In all matters relating to the interpretation and application of the constitution as well as in matters not specifically provided for herein, the decision of the General Council shall be final and binding on all concerned.

(d) The nationality of gymnasts and participation in the Olympic Games, World Championships and other international events governed by World Gymnastics are ruled by the World Gymnastics Statutes.

27. Final Provisions

Any modification to this Constitution shall enter into force on and from the date of modification unless otherwise provided for by the General Council.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, the Executive Committee may, to the extent permitted under applicable statutory regulations, make such transitional provisions as may be necessary or expedient to give effect to this Constitution, including provisions for the removal of difficulties, continuity of existing arrangements, and orderly implementation of any changes. Such provisions shall be consistent with the governing law and shall cease to have effect once the transition is complete or within such period as may be prescribed under the applicable regulations.

The present Constitution has been approved by the General Council on 7th March 2026. It shall come into force with immediate effect.



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APPENDIX - VARIOUS COMMITTEES

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee of GFI shall be constituted to ensure sound financial governance, prudence, transparency, and accountability in the management of the Federation's resources.

The Committee shall act as a key advisory and oversight body, supporting the Executive Committee and Treasurer in safeguarding the financial integrity and sustainability of the Federation, and ensuring that all financial activities are conducted in accordance with the Constitution, approved policies, and applicable laws. It shall consist of up to 5 members, one of them being a Chair.

Duties and Functions:

1. To oversee the financial management of the Federation and advise the Executive Committee and Treasurer on all matters relating to finance, budgeting, and expenditure.
2. To examine and recommend the annual budget, revised estimates, and long-term financial plans of the Federation for approval by the competent authority.
3. To review the accounts and financial statements before placing them for approval.
4. To advise on resource mobilization, sponsorship, grants, and other funding opportunities, consistent with the objectives and non-profit character of the Federation.
5. To perform any other function incidental or ancillary to effective financial oversight and governance, as may be entrusted by the Executive Committee.

2. SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The Selection Committee of GFI shall be constituted in compliance with statutory guidelines to ensure a fair, objective, and transparent process for the selection of gymnasts and teams for training and competitive events including representing the Country at international events.

The Committee shall act in the best interests of athletes and the sport, guided by the principles of merit, consistency, performance standards, and integrity, while aligning selections with long-term athlete development and high-performance objectives of the Federation. It shall consist of 5 members, one of them being a Chair.

Duties and Functions:

1. To select gymnasts and teams for national squads, training camps, international competitions, championships, and multi-sport events, in accordance with approved selection policies and criteria.
2. To formulate, review, and apply transparent selection criteria, including performance benchmarks, trials results, consistency, fitness, and conduct.
3. To ensure that selection decisions are based on objective and measurable parameters, supported by documented evidence and technical evaluation.
4. To consider athlete health, injury status, and readiness, in consultation with medical and high-performance staff, while making selection decisions, whenever required.
5. To ensure that all selections are free from bias, conflict of interest, or undue influence, and that members recuse themselves where a conflict arises.

6. To communicate selection decisions in a timely and reasoned manner, including reserves and non-selected athletes, as required under the Federation's plans.
7. To review performance outcomes post-competition and provide inputs for future selection planning and athlete development.
8. To comply with national regulations and international federation requirements, including eligibility, age, nationality, and anti-doping norms.
9. To address selection-related representations or clarifications within the scope of its mandate, without prejudice to the dispute resolution mechanisms of the Federation.
10. To discharge any other function incidental or ancillary to fair and effective athlete selection, as entrusted under the Constitution or Regulations of the Federation

3. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:

There shall be Technical Committee for each discipline, namely, Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics, Gymnastics for All and Parkour. All the Technical Committees will be appointed for a period of 4 years as per the Rules of Federation after the election of the Federation. Each committee will consist of up to 7 members, one of them being Chairperson of respective Committee.

DUTIES:

- a. To recommend ways and means for improvement of standard of Gymnastics in the country.
- b. To formulate Rules for the conduct of National Championships.
- c. To Frame compulsory exercises for the gymnasts of various age groups.
- d. To recommend Judges for the conduct of Championship.
- e. To scrutinize the Entry Forms and age of the participants.
- f. To conduct Judges examination & courses.
- g. To frame Rules for awarding merit certificates.
- h. A Technical Committee will submit its report to the Executive committee.

4. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

A Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed for a period of 4 years after the Elections of the Federation. The said Committee shall consist of 5 members, one of them being a Chairman.

DUTIES:

- a. To ensure that discipline is maintained at the time of National Championships amongst all the Gymnasts & Officials.
- b. To ensure that Rules of Federation are observed by all the Members of GFI and the names of defaulters be reported to the Executive Committee for necessary action.
- c. To recommend disciplinary action against any Gymnast, Official, State Association for misbehavior or any other undesirable & anti Federation activity that brings discredit to the Federation or the Country or the Gymnastics.

5. INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

A committee against sexual harassment shall be appointed as per the Rules of Federation for a period of 4 years after the General Elections of the Federation. The said committee shall consist of up to 5 members, one of them being a Chairperson who must be a Woman.

DUTIES:

- a. To receive complaint/grievance on matters concerning sexual harassment
- b. Establish procedures, conduct a fair enquiry and submit report to the Executive Committee in a time bound manner to take appropriate disciplinary action in case of misconduct
- c. If the complaint amounts to a specific offence under Indian Penal Code or any other law, the Federation will take steps to initiate appropriate legal proceedings in addition to disciplinary sanction.
- d. Implementing Safe Sport Policy framed under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and rules made thereunder.

6. ATHLETES COMMITTEE:

An Athletes Committee shall be constituted in accordance with the Athletes Committee Rules in line with the process of election of Athlete Commission of World Gymnastics. The Athlete Committee shall operate as per the Athlete Committee Rules.

7. ETHICS COMMITTEE:

The Ethics Committee of GFI shall be constituted to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity, and good governance within the Federation.

The Committee shall serve as an independent body entrusted with safeguarding the values of fairness, transparency, respect, and responsibility, and with ensuring that all stakeholders conduct themselves in a manner that preserves the dignity, credibility, and reputation of the sport of gymnastics. The Ethics Committee shall consist of up to 5 members, one of them being a Chairperson. The Chairperson and majority of the members of the Ethics Committee shall be independent (who are not members of GFI).

Duties and Functions

1. To frame, interpret, and oversee compliance with the Code of Ethics and ethical standards adopted by the Federation.
2. To examine complaints, references, or information relating to alleged ethical misconduct, including conflicts of interest, abuse of position, lack of integrity, or conduct detrimental to the Federation.
3. To ensure that all proceedings are conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice, fairness, and impartiality.
4. To inquire into matters concerning conflict of interest, including disclosures by office bearers, officials, committee members, and other stakeholders, and to recommend appropriate remedial measures.
5. To promote a culture of ethical awareness and good governance through guidance, advisories, and sensitization of stakeholders.
6. To recommend disciplinary or corrective actions to the competent authority, in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Federation.
7. To maintain confidentiality of proceedings and records, except where disclosure is required by law or in the interests of justice or governance.
8. To submit reasoned findings and recommendations in writing, supported by facts and analysis.
9. To place periodic reports before the appropriate authority of the Federation on ethical compliance and risk areas, without prejudice to its independence.
10. To discharge any other function incidental or ancillary to the promotion and enforcement of ethical standards under the Constitution or Regulations of the Federation.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Dispute Resolution Committee of GFI shall be constituted in consultation with the Executive Committee to provide a fair, impartial, and efficient mechanism for the resolution of disputes arising within the Federation. The Committee shall function as an independent body committed to the principles of natural justice, transparency, and good governance, with the objective of safeguarding the integrity of the sport, protecting the rights of stakeholders, and ensuring orderly administration of gymnastics in India.

The Committee shall endeavor to resolve disputes in a timely manner, promote harmony among member units and stakeholders, and uphold the Constitution, rules, and regulations of the Federation.

Duties and Functions

The Dispute Resolution Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To adjudicate disputes, complaints, and references arising between member units, officials, athletes, coaches, judges, or other stakeholders, insofar as such disputes fall within the jurisdiction of the Federation.
2. To ensure that all proceedings are conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice, including the right to be heard and the absence of bias.
3. To follow a transparent, time-bound, and documented procedure for the receipt, hearing, and disposal of disputes.
4. To endeavor, where appropriate, to facilitate amicable settlement or resolution of disputes without compromising fairness or integrity.
5. To pass reasoned orders or decisions in writing, clearly setting out findings, conclusions, and directions, as may be appropriate.
6. To recommend corrective, remedial, or disciplinary measures, where warranted, in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.
7. To maintain confidentiality of proceedings and records, except where disclosure is required by law or Federation regulations.
8. To place its decisions before the appropriate authority of GFI for information, implementation, or further action, as applicable.
9. To discharge any other function incidental or ancillary to the effective resolution of disputes entrusted to it under the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of GFI.

9. ARBITRATION COMMISSION:

The Arbitration Commission of GFI shall be constituted in consultation with the Executive Committee as an independent adjudicatory body to provide a final and binding mechanism for the resolution of disputes referred to it under the Constitution, rules, and regulations of the Federation in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

The Commission shall function in accordance with the principles of natural justice, procedural fairness, and transparency, with the objective of ensuring expeditious, expert, and authoritative resolution of disputes, thereby preserving the integrity, stability, and credibility of gymnastics governance in India. It shall consist of up to 5 members, one of them being Chairperson. The Chairperson and majority of the members of the Arbitration Committee shall be independent (who are not members of GFI).

Duties and Functions

1. To hear and decide appeals or references arising from orders or decisions of the Dispute Resolution Committee, or any other authority of the Federation, as provided under the Constitution or Regulations.
2. To adjudicate disputes referred to it by member units, athletes, officials, or other stakeholders, where arbitration is prescribed or permitted under the Federation's framework.
3. To exercise its jurisdiction as an independent and neutral body, free from interference by any organ or office bearer of the Federation.
4. To conduct arbitration proceedings in a fair, efficient, and time-bound manner, in accordance with the prescribed arbitration rules of the Federation and applicable law.
5. To ensure that parties are afforded a reasonable opportunity to present their case, including submission of pleadings, documents, and oral arguments, as may be permitted.
6. To pass reasoned arbitral awards or orders in writing, which shall be final and binding on the parties, subject to remedies available under applicable law.
7. To grant interim or ancillary reliefs, where necessary, to preserve rights or prevent irreparable harm, as permissible under the governing rules.
8. To ensure confidentiality of proceedings and awards, except where disclosure is required by law or for implementation purposes.
9. To place its awards before the Federation solely for the purposes of implementation and record, without any power of review or modification by the Federation.
10. To perform all incidental and consequential acts necessary to give effect to its arbitral jurisdiction under the Constitution and Regulations of the Federation.