



GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

(Registered under societies Registered Act, XXI of 1860)

Regd. No. S.3129/1966-1967

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

(As amended in AGM held on 27th November 2022, Phagwara)

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 will be the address of President/ Secretary of the Federation.

III. OBJECTIVES:

The objects for which the Federation is established are:

1. To promote the development of Gymnastics i.e.:

- Artistic Gymnastics, Men and Women,
- Rhythmic Gymnastics,
- Trampoline Gymnastics,
- Acrobatic Gymnastics,
- Aerobic Gymnastics,
- Gymnastics for All,
- Parkour

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 encourage, promote, coordinate, control and regulate gymnastics competitions and events within its jurisdiction and to secure adequate participation of the representative of the affiliated units in National Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, World Cup, World Championships and such other Inter-State and International contests.

3. To encourage, assist, advice gymnastics coaches, gymnasts and officials desirous of improving themselves and their performance at training institutions.
4. To improve and to help to conduct all such gymnastics competitions as may be included in the programme of the Indian Olympic Association or such other All India Sports bodies from time to time.
5. To educate the people in general as to the value of gymnastics and to fight against any form of violence, sports injustice and doping.
6. To enforce all rules and regulations of International Gymnastics Federation (F.I.G.).
7. To enforce and defend the exclusive right of the Federation to the use of the Federation Flag and Federation Insignia, confining their use.
8. To be the official organisation in complete and sole charge of all gymnastics in the country.
9. To promote interest in Gymnastics, particularly with the Olympic Games and other International contests under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee.
10. To stimulate the interest of the people of the country in the promotion of gymnastics and gymnastics contests and to that end the formation of State Gymnastics Association for the development of Gymnastics within a State or States.
11. To act as the channel of communication between State Gymnastics Associations and the Government of India for financial or other assistances, wherever necessary.
12. To admit or reject membership of the State Gymnastics Associations which, shall be required to submit their Annual Reports and audited Statement of Accounts to the Federation for information.
13. To take disciplinary action against any Gymnast, Coaches, Judges, Officials or Gymnastics Association for misbehaviour or any other undesirable activity bringing discredit to the Federation or country.
14. To do all other things that may be necessary or expedient for the promotion or development of gymnastics in the country and for the conduct of its business.



GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

RULES & REGULATION

(As amended in AGM held on 26th March 2022, Bengaluru)

1. DEFINITIONS:

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

- (a) **FEDERATION:** Means Gymnastics Federation of India. (G.F.I.)
- (b) **MEMBERS:** Means the representatives of different states/units elected or nominated in the manner prescribed by the Rules.
- (c) **OFFICE BEARERS:** Means the President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Joint Secretaries and Honorary Treasurer.
- (d) Words purporting the masculine gender include feminine gender & vice-versa as the context permits.
- (e) Where the context so permits "The Executive Committee" or the "General Council" shall mean the Federation and meeting of the General Council, for all intents and purposes shall be deemed to be the meeting of the Federation.
- (f) Unit includes vocational unit and Sports central bodies or organizations of all India nature.
- (g) Gymnastics Disciplines include:
 - MAG (Men's Artistic Gymnastics)
 - WAG (Women's Artistic Gymnastics)
 - RG (Rhythmic Gymnastics)
 - TRA (Trampoline Gymnastics)
 - AER (Aerobic Gymnastics)
 - ACRO (Acrobatic Gymnastics)
 - GfA (Gymnastics for All)
 - PK (Parkour)and any other disciplines as described by FIG.

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 the Affiliated Gymnastics Associations of States and Union Territories will have right to vote. All other affiliated members such as Board/Institution/Organisation of All India nature will have no voting right.
- (ii) Only one State/UT Gymnastics Association from each State/UT shall be admitted as a member of the Federation
- (iii) The State/Unit which fails to participate in a National Gymnastics Championship consecutively for 3 years shall automatically lose Membership of the Gymnastics Federation of India.
- (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 the human rights.
- (v) The member Associations must be registered as a distinct entity under an appropriate act or law in their respective jurisdiction.
- (vi) The affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must have an affiliated registered district level association/unit in at least 50% of the districts in their respective state / territory where the sport of gymnastics is practiced. They should not have individuals as members with voting rights.
- (vii) The affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must hold regular elections as per their constitution (tenure of elected members must not exceed 4 years) and send notice of election along with a list of members forming the electoral college to GFI.
- (viii) 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 accredited member units and their Office Bearers and members as and when sought by GFI.
- (ix) It is mandatory for all affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics association to conduct their annual state championships 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.
- (x) Failure to hold elections as per constitution or to supply the required information within the stipulated period will constitute a breach of these Rules & may render the defaulting unit to disciplinary action under these Rules.

3. MEMBERSHIP FEES:

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.

4. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the Federation shall be from 1st April to 31st March, of the following year:

- (a) All members fee shall be payable in advance within the first three months of the financial year.
- (b) Members in arrears of the dues of the Federation on any account shall be forfeited of their right to attend the meetings of the General Council, Executive Committee & the right to participate in Zonal, National and International competitions.
- (c) The right, however, may be restored if, the amount due is paid during the financial year. Should payment made later the arrears together with a surcharge of 10 per cent thereon may be realized from the defaulting members.

5. GENERAL COUNCIL:

The General Council of the Federation shall consist of two accredited representatives of all the affiliated States/Units.

NOTE: All accreditation shall have to be made by the State/Unit authorities, either President or the General Secretary in concurrence with the President of the State/Unit 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 so nominated must be the member of the State/Unit.

If not already nominated within the two accredited representatives of an affiliated State/UT, the President, Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Treasurer may participate in the General Council Meeting without voting rights.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

- (i) All Office Bearers elected during General Election of office bearers
- (ii) 4 members elected during General Election of office bearers.
- (iii) 6 members of the Athletes Committee

Both the genders shall be represented in the Executive Committee.

(b) Holding of Office: No office bearer of a National Federation shall hold office simultaneously, in any other National Federation, excepting the Indian Olympic Association

7. SPECIAL NOTES:

- (i) Accreditation of a representative or representatives shall terminate either by accreditation of another representative or by lapse of time in respect of accreditation for a limited time or a particular occasion, or when a representative ceases to belong to the organisation to which he/she represents.
- (ii) An individual elected as office bearer or executive Committee member, on the basis of accreditation by a State Association, will be permitted to complete his/her tenure even if the concerned State Association withdraws the accreditation at a later date given to the individual earlier.

- (iii) Any vacancy in the Executive shall be filled up by the Executive Committee.

8. OFFICE BEARERS:

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| (a) President: | 1 |
| (b) Senior Vice President: | 1 |
| (c) Vice-President: | 4 |
| (d) Hon. General Secretary: | 1 |
| (e) Joint Secretary: | 4 |
| (f) Hon. Treasurer: | 1 |

NOTE: The 3 Office Bearers, i.e., the President, the Hon. General Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer shall be from 3 different states.

9. VOTING POWER:

- (i) Only the accredited representatives of Affiliated Gymnastics Associations of States and Union Territories shall have power to vote.
- (ii) Voting at any General Council or Executive Committee Meeting shall be by show of hands. Elections of office-bearers and members of Executive Committee will be held by secret ballot.
- (iii) Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, the decisions at any meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of the voting members present when the quorum required is met.
- (iv) In case of tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote (except for elections).
- (v) Voting by proxy is not allowed.

10. ELECTION:

- (i) Elections shall be held once in four years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM i.e. Meeting of the General Council) at least one month before expiry of the existing term unless extension provided or ratified by the General Council in case of exceptional circumstances.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) The election procedure is annexed in the Appendix "Election Procedures".

11. TENURE & TERMS OF OFFICE BEARERS:

- (i) Any individual elected as President of Gymnastics Federation of India can hold the office for 3 consecutive terms or 12 years (whichever is less) with or without break and shall cease to hold the office on attaining the age of 70 years.
- (ii) Any individual elected as The General Secretary and Treasurer of the Gymnastics Federation of India can hold the office for two consecutive terms or 8 years (whichever is less) and can stand for re-election after undergoing the cooling off period of 4 years. And all office bearers shall cease to hold office on attaining the age of 70 years.
- (iii) For Government Employee to hold elective office in the Gymnastics Federation of India, the rules in force shall be applicable.

12. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS:

(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 exercise superintendence over office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee and other 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.
- (iii) The President may guide the members in all matters relating to policy and organisations.
- (iv) The President may call emergent meetings of the Executive Committee and General Council as and when necessity arises.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) The President shall be ex-officio member of all the committee/subcommittees.
- (vii) The President will appoint all the Committees/Sub 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 absence and at his 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) HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY:

- (i) The General Secretary 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 General Secretary will issue notices of all meetings, call for any purpose or information necessary for disposal of any matter from the members.
- (iii) The General Secretary shall prepare the Annual Report of the Federation and circulate the same to all members.
- (iv) The General Secretary shall convene meetings of General Council, Executive Committee or any meetings with the concurrence of the President.
- (v) The General Secretary may delegate his duties to any Joint Secretary for the better and efficient management of the Federation.

- (vi) The General Secretary shall perform such other duty or duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution, Rules, Bye laws and Resolutions of the Federation.

(d) HONORARY JOINT SECRETARIES:

They shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President and/or the General Secretary.

(e) HONARY TREASURER:

- (i) The Treasurer shall receive all money of the Federation and shall pay all bills duly certified by the Hon. General Secretary 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 General Secretary, prepare an inventory of the Federation's property and submit the same along with the accounts.

13. BANKING ACCOUNT:

An 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 jointly operated upon by any two of the following:

- (1) President, (2) Honorary General Secretary, (3) Honorary Treasurer.
- In each case Honorary Treasurer must be one of them.

14. POWERS, FUNCTION AND DUTIES:

(i) GENERAL COUNCIL:

- (a) To formulate and enforce the policy of the Federation.
- (b) To carry into effect the objects of the Federation.
- (c) To hold election of office bearers every four years in accordance with the Rules of this Constitution.
- (d) To consider the Annual report, Statement of Account and Budget estimate of the Federation.
- (e) To admit membership to any organisation eligible under the Constitution.
- (f) To exercise such other powers and performs such other duties as are incidental and relate to the purpose, objects and powers of the Federation.
- (g) To have power to frame Bye laws and Rules which are not inconsistent with the Constitution.

(ii) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- (a) To conduct the business of the Federation during the interval between meetings of the General Council and duly report all its decisions and actions to the General Council for its approval.
- (b) To appoint special committee for specific function and duty, whenever necessary subject to the approval of the General Council.
- (c) To determine the number of the Gymnasts, manager and coaches to be selected for any International contests or foreign tours.
- (d) To initiate and recommended to the General Council schemes for the promotion and development of gymnastics in the country.
- (e) To consider the Annual report prepared by the Honorary General Secretary and Audited Accounts prepared by the Treasurer before placing it to the General Council.
- (f) To decide ways and means to raise funds for the Federation.
- (g) 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.
- (h) To hold trials or examination for officials or training of Gymnasts, Judges and Coaches.
- (i) To encourage and promote foreign tours and assist in meets, contest and competitions between different states, nations and other visiting teams.
- (j) To take disciplinary action against any member for misconduct or any undesirable activity and place the matter for consideration of the General Council.
- (k) To receive protests, complaints, appeals and claims and dispose them of according to the rules.
- (l) To purchase or acquire any movable or immovable property or any interest therein for the benefit of the Federation.
- (m) To get itself affiliated with the I.O.A. & International Federation.
- (n) To delegate the powers to any member if, necessary.

15. MEETINGS:

- (i) **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.
 - (1) To confirm the proceedings of the last meeting.
 - (2) To adopt the Annual Report.
 - (3) To pass the audited Accounts.
 - (4) To pass the annual budget.
 - (5) To consider the actions of the Executive Committee.
 - (6) To elect every fourth year the office bearers & Members of EC.
 - (7) To appoint auditors every fourth year and to fix their remuneration.
 - (8) To amend Constitution, if necessary.

(9) 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.

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

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

(iv) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be convened by the President or the Honorary General Secretary 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.

16. REQUISITION MEETINGS:

Requisition meeting of the General Council shall be convened by the President or Honorary General Secretary 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.

17. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the President or the Honorary General Secretary in concurrence with the President with a notice of 15 days.

18. EMERGENT MEETING:

The emergent meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened by the President or by the Honorary General Secretary 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. Ten days' notice shall be deemed as sufficient for such meeting.

19. 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.

20. ADJOURNED MEETING:

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

21. 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.

22. The colour of the Federation shall be Deep Blue.

23. 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 sections 13 & 14 of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860.

24. All the provisions of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 as extended to the State of Delhi will apply to “Gymnastics Federation of India”.

25. VARIOUS COMMITTEES:

- (i) All required Committees will be formed by the President
- (ii) The composition and roles and responsibilities of certain required committees is annexed in the Appendix “Various Committees”
- (iii) The President may form additional Committees as and when required.

26. General Disciplinary Regulations:

- (i) Violation of the existing Rules cannot be excused on the grounds of ignorance of the said Rules.
- (ii) 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.

27. Settlement of disputes/conflicts in the State Associations/units and Members:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Every member shall be deemed to continue its membership of the GFI on the specific condition that it voluntarily surrenders its right of seeking redress in any court of Laws.
- (iii) All unresolved disputes or any other concern arising within a GFI State/Unit shall be referred to GFI. The GFI shall form a Sub-Committee to resolve or decide on the dispute/concern or refer the dispute for settlement by arbitration under the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940.

The arbitration proceedings shall be completed within the period specified under the Arbitration Act or with the time extended by the Arbitrators with the consent of the parties.

- (iv) 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 training of the sport team of the State/Unit, GFI will constitute an ad-hoc 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 training of that particular sport/team until the dispute or concern within the State/Unit is resolved.
- (v) All disputes between GFI and the IOA or within the GFI itself will be dealt with in the same manner as laid down in (iii) above.
- (vi) 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.

28. Disciplinary Sanctions:

The member units are liable to the following disciplinary sanctions:

- (i) Warning,
- (ii) Caution,
- (iii) Suspension for a specified period of time and
- (iv) Expulsions from the GFI.

29. APPEAL:

An appeal can be submitted to the President of the IOA in the event of any differences which may arise with regard to the functioning of the GFI within its laid down statutes and regulations. Appeal to any other jurisdiction is forbidden.

NOTES:

1. No penalty shall be imposed before the unit at fault has been heard at the interrogation specially conducted for this purpose.
2. Should an affiliated unit fail to present itself through its accredited office-bearers at the interrogation, it shall be considered as having been interrogated.
3. As a general rule, except, in the special circumstances duly appreciated suspension shall be applied as a temporary measure between the infraction of an actual penalty.

30. Un-sportsman Like behaviour and acts of violence: During the Olympic, Commonwealth & Asian Games or any other National or International Competitions, any unsportsman like behaviour on the part of a sportsman, official or coach which includes insulting, making undesirable gestures, abusing the decision of the Judges/referees and provoking the opponents or spectators etc. in a word, committing any act not in keeping with the propriety of sports shall be punished as follows:

- (i) Disqualification for the duration the activity of that item or sports,
- (ii) Disqualification for the entire duration of the competition,
- (iii) Prohibition from participation for a fixed period of time.

31. MISCELLANIOUS:

- (a) The GFI will ensure that:
 - (i) Suitable rules and policies including Code of Conduct, Eligibility Code, Registration of Gymnasts and for conduct of training, competitions and other events are framed and implemented.
 - (ii) The State Associations, in their respective field or specialization would hold where feasible, not less than two competitions annual for specified as groups at the Junior and Sub-Junior levels. These competitions should be organized through inter block and inter District competitions in each State leading to the competition at National Level.
 - (iii) It is committed to keep Indian Gymnastics free from doping and will enforce the applicable anti-doping rules and policies including of WADA, NADA, FIG and IOA.
- (b) The GFI may sue or be sued in the name of the President/Secretary or any other person specifically authorised by the General Council. A lawsuit can only be filed at the headquarters of GFI at New Delhi.
- (c) The provisions of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 will apply to the GFI.
- (d) 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.
- (e) The nationality of gymnasts and participation in the Olympic Games are ruled by the FIG Statutes.

32. 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.

The present Constitution has been approved by the General Council on 27th November 2022. It shall come into force with immediate effect.



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APPENDIX - VARIOUS COMMITTEES

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A Finance Committee shall be appointed as per Rules of federation for a period of 4 years after the General elections. It shall consist of 5 members, one of them being a Chairman. The President and the General Secretary of the Federation shall be the ex-officio members of the said Committee.

DUTIES:

- a. To scrutinize the accounts prepared by the Hon. Treasurer before they are audited.
- b. To scrutinize the budget for the next financial year before it is placed before the Executive Committee.
- c. To suggest various ways to raise funds of the Federation.

2. SELECTION COMMITTEE:

A Selection Committee shall be appointed as per Rules of Federation for a period of 4 years after the General election. It shall consist of 5 members, one of them being a Chairman. The President and the General Secretary of the Federation shall be the ex-officio members of the said Committee.

DUTIES:

- a. To select gymnasts for participating in all the International competitions & other events.
- b. To frame Rules for selecting final team to participate in all the International competitions.
- c. To submit final report to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

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, as per FIG Rules. All the Technical Committees will be appointed for a period of 4 years as per the Rules of Federation after the General election of the Federation. Each committee will consist of 5 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 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 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 misbehaviour or any other undesirable & anti Federation activity that brings discredit to the Federation or the Country or the Gymnastics.

5. COMMITTEE AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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.

6. ATHLETES COMMITTEE:

An Athletes Committee shall be nominated by the President out of outstanding former Athletes in consultation with Department of Sports. The said Committee shall consist of up to 6 athlete members from across disciplines, one of them being a Chairperson.

DUTIES:

- a. Attend the National Championships of their respective discipline and maintain contact with the gymnasts of that discipline
- b. Be the representative of Gymnasts and convey their concerns and suggestions to GFI and the respective discipline's Technical Committee
- c. To recommend means and policies for welfare of the Athletes of the Federation
- d. Concerned members to be the ex-officio member of the technical committee of their respective discipline.
- e. All members to be the ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the Federation.

7. ETHICS COMMITTEE:

An Ethics Committee 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. The Chairperson and majority of the members of the Ethics Committee shall be independent (who are not members of GFI).

DUTIES:

- a. To provide opinion and recommendations to the GFI Executive Committee.
- b. To recommend an appropriate Code of Ethics and/or modifications to it.
- c. To investigate and order on cases brought before the Ethics Committee.
- d. To perform such other tasks that are linked to the development of and respect for the ethical principles, assigned to it by the GFI Executive Committee and/or the GFI President.



GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA

APPENDIX - ELECTION PROCEDURE

1. The notice of the Annual General Assembly Meeting (AGM) with notification of elections will be sent to all Member Units 21 clear days in advance.
2. Each member unit duly affiliated with the Federation (GFI) will intimate the name (s) of their representatives within seven days from the notification of the AGM with elections.
3. As soon as may be before / after the issue of the notice for the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the president of Gymnastics Federation of India shall nominate a person as Returning Officer for conduct of Election of Office Bearers and Members of Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of these procedure.
4. The President / General Secretary will prepare the Electoral College list which shall include authorized representatives of the Member Units who are authorised to vote and circulate this list to all member Units, 12 (Twelve) days before the AGM. This list of Electoral College will be handed over to the Returning Officer on the same day i.e. the day when it is circulated to all Member Units.
5. Nomination for any post of Elected Member shall be proposed by one of the authorized representatives of the Member Units whose name is included in the Electoral College list, and also subscribed by one such representative as seconder.
6. No person shall be eligible to nominate more than one candidate for the same post, either as proposer or seconder; and if he so does, his/her signature on the nomination papers delivered second in point of time to the Returning officer shall be deemed to be inoperative.
7. No person shall be permitted to withdraw his/her name as proposer/seconder, once the nomination paper subscribed by him/her has been delivered to Returning Officer.
8. Nomination for the various post of the Elected members will be filed within 5 (Five) days from the circulation of the Electoral College.
9. Returning Officer will scrutinize and prepare the list of valid nominations, post wise and publish it on the last day of filling the nominations.
10. The withdrawal of nomination may be made within 2 (Two) days from publishing of list of valid nomination by the Returning Officer.
11. The Returning Officer will prepare and publish the Final list of contesting candidates on the last date fixed for withdrawal of nomination.
12. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post is equal to the number of posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those posts and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such post.

13. Where the number of contesting candidates for any post is more than the number of posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those post(s) only.
14. At the poll, each authorized representative, whose name is included in the Electoral College list shall be entitled to:
 - i) cast one vote for each of the posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled.
 - ii) cast as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for any post, where more than one seat is to be filled.
15. The Annual General Assembly (AGM) will be held and if required and polling for the post of the Elected members will be held in the AGM only. The counting of Votes will be done immediately after the voting is complete.
16. Returning Officer will declare the Result of all the Posts of Elected members after the whole process of Election is over.

Notes:

- i. In any case, no proxy voting will be allowed.
- ii. All employees of State & Central Government, who desire to contest the elections will require prior written permission as per the rules of the respective government through their competent authority.
- iii. All lists and relevant documents concerning the elections shall be displayed in conspicuous place in the office of the Returning Officer and published on the website of the Federation.