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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**  
**Government Notifications**

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**SPORTS LAW, No. 25 OF 1973**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Sports under Section 41 and read with Section 31 of the Sports Law, No.25 of 1973.

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Minister of Sports.

Colombo,  
26th October 2016.

**Regulations**

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Associations of Sports Regulations, No. 01 of 2016.

**PART I**

**REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SPORTS**

2. (1) Every application for registration of a National Association of Sports in respect of any sport described in Schedule II hereto shall be-

- (i) made to the Minister to whom the subject of Sports is assigned;
- (ii) substantially in Form A set out in Schedule I hereto;
- (iii) signed by the President and Secretary of such National Association of Sports; and



(iv) accompanied by the following documents:-

- (a) a copy of the Constitution of the National Association of Sports containing matters specified in Schedule III hereto;
- (b) the name, office address and the contact information of such National Association of Sports;
- (c) the names, addresses and contact information of present Committee Members of such National Association of Sports;
- (d) a certified copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at which such Committee Members were elected;
- (e) a certified copy of the Audited Financial Accounts of such National Association of Sports for the previous year;
- (f) details including the Names, Addresses, and other contact information of Affiliated, Clubs and other organizations of such Association and the Committee Members of such Affiliated, Clubs and other organizations.

(2)The duly completed application shall be handed over to the Director-General.

(3)The Director-General may prior to registering any National Association of Sports require for any additional information where may necessary.

(4)The Minister shall, if he is satisfied that the National Association of Sports applying for registration has complied with the provisions of the Law, and the regulations made thereunder, direct the Director-General to inform the National Association of Sports to remit a sum of rupees five thousand being the registration fee.

(5) On receipt of the registration fee the Minister shall register such National Association of Sports and shall cause to issue to such National Association of Sports a Certificate of Registration which shall be substantially in Form B set out in the Schedule I hereto.

(6) Such Certificate shall, unless earlier cancelled or suspended, be conclusive evidence for all purposes that the National Association of Sports specified therein had been duly registered.

(7)The Director General shall within sixty days from receipt of such application communicate the decision in respect of the application to the President and the Secretary who had signed and submitted the application for registration.

(8)The Director-General shall maintain a Register of the National Association of Sports registered with the Ministry of Sports. The Register shall be substantially in Form C set out in the Schedule I hereto.

## PART II

### CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS

3.(1)Every National Association of Sports shall have a Constitution consisting the matters specified in Schedule III hereto and shall be registered by the Director General:

Provided however that any National Association of Sports which is registered in respect of particular sport on the date of commencement of these regulations shall, within three months from the date of commencement of this regulations, submit -

(i) the Constitution consisting the matters specified in Schedule III hereto for registration; and

(ii) a Corporate Plan for following ten years period including the current level of international ranking, expected target within time period and the strategies to increase the level of performance for the approval,

to the Director General.

(2) Every National Association of Sports shall make or amend its Constitution in accordance with the directions, Charters, procedures, rules or regulations of its respective International Sports Federations and submit for approval at its Special General Meeting.

(3) The Constitution shall be submitted to the Director General for registration within forty five days from the date of the approval.

4. Every National Association of Sports shall consist of Affiliates, Clubs or other Organizations which may be related to the particular Sport, as may be determined by the Constitution of such National Association of Sports.

5.(1) (a) Every National Association of Sports shall elect a Committee consisting of such numbers of office bearers as set out in their Constitution including following:-

(i) the President and vice- President;

(ii) the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary;

(iii) the Treasurer who shall –

(a) be a member of the Association of Accounting Technician of Sri Lanka; or

(b) posses a certificate of certified business Accountant or above issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka; or

(c) posses a certificate in banking and finance issued by Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka; and

(iv) an Assistant Treasurer who shall be a person having experience of at least one year in the field of financial management.

(2) Every office bearer of the Committee shall-

(i) be elected at an Annual General Meeting;

(ii) hold office for a period not exceeding four years and be eligible for re-election, for one more term:

Provided however, that such office bearer shall be prohibited from being re-elected to office on consecutive terms:

Provided further, an office bearer shall be eligible for re-election unless removed on disciplinary grounds by the Disciplinary Committee.

(3) Any vacancy occurring in the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer may be filled at a Special General Meeting. Any other vacancy may be filled at a Committee meeting subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting.

(4) A person shall be disqualified from being elected or otherwise to hold or continue to hold any paid or unpaid office or to hold any paid or unpaid post or to be a member of a Committee of any National Association of Sports or to be nominee of an affiliated club or organization in a National Association of Sports, if:-

- (a) he is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind;
- (b) he is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be an insolvent;
- (c) he is or has been convicted in a court of law for any offence and imprisoned for a term not less than six months within past four years;
- (d) he has been convicted of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term not less than six months, either by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a military tribunal;
- (e) he has been found guilty for any offence under section 34 of the Sports Law;
- (f) he has held office in the Committee of a National Association of Sports previously and has been found guilty of a financial misdemeanor, malpractice, corrupt practice, breach of discipline or any such offence by a Committee with competent jurisdiction appointed by such National Association of Sports, after due inquiry and such findings makes him unsuitable to hold office;
- (g) he has been an office bearer of the Committee of any National Association of Sports in respect of which, a notice has been issued under section 32 of the Sports Law for violation of the provisions of the section 32 of the Sports Law;
- (h) he has during the two year period prior to the submission of nomination, functioned as professional journalist attached to any media organization as a paid employee or as a freelance journalist in electronic or print media or who is an owner or beneficial owner or co-owner or a major shareholder of a media organization;
- (i) he is a parent or sibling of a competitor in that particular Sports in National Pool or National team;
- (j) he has during the two year period prior to the submission of nominations, functioned as a Professional Coach of sports of that National Association of Sports;
- (k) he is an agent or manager of a Sports personnel;
- (l) he is not, or cease to be a citizen of Sri Lanka;
- (m) he has, during four years prior to the submission of nominations, been engaged in selling or supplying sports goods, sports gear or any item or equipment relating to such Sport to such National Association of Sports or involved in providing sports related training programme (school) or involved in providing sports related services;
- (n) he is directly or indirectly involved in carrying out the business of gaming, betting or wagering;
- (o) he is a public officer employed in or posted to, the Ministry of Sports;
- (p) he is either serving a ban, suspension or prohibition imposed by the decision making body of such National Association of Sports or a competent body established by such National Association of Sports or by the International Sports Organization to which is affiliated or a period of two years have not lapsed after serving such ban, suspension or prohibition on the date of submission of nominations;
- (q) he has during the four years prior to the submission of nominations had been serving a punishment imposed on him by an Anti Doping or an Anti Corruption Tribunal of such National Association of Sports or the Sri Lanka Anti Doping Agency or of the International Sports Organization or Federation to which it is affiliated or World Anti-Doping Agency, for doping, corruption, betting and misuse of inside

information; or he has been subjected to a ban, suspension or prohibition imposed by such National Association of Sports or International organization or the World Anti-Doping Agency;

- (r) he has completed the age of seventy years at the time of the nomination;
- (s) he being a person who represented the country in an international sports event with the approval or concurrence of the Minister of Sports for an activity related to sports and had not returned to Sri Lanka;
- (t) is or becomes a Member of Parliament, any Provincial Council or of any Local Authority:

Provided however, such person who had represented Sri Lanka or an affiliated club or organization in the sport promoted by that Association or has participated as an individual in such sport in any major tournament, meet or competition registered, conducted or approved by the Ministry of Sports or by a National Association of Sports and in possession of a certificate issued to the above effect shall not be disqualified;

- (u) he is being a member of Election Committee of such National Association of Sports;
- (v) he being a person who has held the post of President, Secretary or a Treasure of a National Association of Sports, which has failed or neglected to submit due Audited Financial Statement within the stipulated time period.

(5) Every office bearer of the Committee of the National Association of Sports who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in any procurement shall disclose the nature of his interest on an annual basis.

6. The office bearers who held the office on the day immediately preceding the date on which these regulations came in to operation shall function as the office bearers of the National Association of Sports until the Committee is elected in the manner as specified by the Constitution.

### PART III

#### DUTIES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SPORTS

7. Every National Association of Sports shall have the following duties, powers and functions to-

- (i) develop and promote the relevant sport at every level in every part of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) improve the facilities needed to promote and popularize such Sport with a view to increasing the participation of players in such Sport and to achieve national and international recognition and grading;
- (iii) uplift the standards of such sport to the level of international ranking;
- (iv) increase the level of performance of the National Team;
- (v) identify the talented personal in such sports in every age group and provide support to them in every way and manner;
- (vi) formulate a transparent selection criteria to select the players in accordance with the National Selection Committee appointed by the Minister, with due consideration to the selective criteria specified by respective International Sports Federation and the team for representing the country in international or regional sports event in coordination with the Director General;
- (vii) ensure transparency in administration and governance;

- (viii) provide training programmes to increase the capabilities and talents of players;
- (ix) maintain high performing athletes tracking systems by use of players data bases, comprising information about bio data of players, participated event, games, matches, tournaments, teams represented, their performances and where seeding, grading or ranking are given, such seeding, ranking and grading;
- (x) enter into Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Sports for obtaining financial support;
- (xi) prepare Corporate Plan for a period of ten years including the current level of international ranking, expected target within time period and the strategies to increase the level of performance;
- (xii) prepare an Annual Action Plan for the succeeding year and submit it to the Director General three months prior to the expiry of current year;
- (xiii) submit to the Auditor General the Financial Statement certified by the Committee within two months of the ending of each financial year;
- (xiv) hold an Annual General Meeting and the election to elect-
  - (a) the office-bearers of Committee of the National Association of Sports;
  - (b) the members for the Election Committee Selection Committee, Decision Making Committee, Seeding Committee or Ranking Committee, Technical Committees, Finance Committee and Disciplinary Committee once in four years;
- (xv) table an Annual Report together with the Audited of Financial Statement in respect of the preceding financial year at its Annual General Meeting;
- (xvi) submit following documents to the Director-General within one month of the Annual General Meeting of every year:-
  - (a) where necessary, bio data of the office bearers elected to such National Association of Sports;
  - (b) a certified copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting together with a copy of the Attendance Register;
  - (c) a certified copy of the Audited Financial Statement for the financial year presented before the Annual General meeting and proof that such Audited Financial Statement has been adopted at the Annual General Meeting;
  - (d) the names and contact information of the members of the Election Committee elected at such Annual General Meeting;
  - (e) development plan for a period as may be set out in their Constitution including tournament calendar and talent identification programme;
  - (f) a bi-annual progress report on activities of National Association of Sports for information and monitoring of financial assistance granted by the Government;
- (xvii) submit a notice at least forty days prior to the Annual General Meeting to its affiliates including the list of the members entitled to be present and to vote at the Annual General Meeting, a certified copy of the Audited Financial Statement, of the preceding financial years along with the list of nominees;

- (xviii) register affiliates, clubs and other organizations engaged in the particular Sport and maintain a Register which shall be substantially in Form D set out in the Schedule I hereto;
- (xix) issue a Certificate of Registration to such affiliate, club or other organization;
- (xx) cancel or suspend the registration of affiliates, clubs and other organizations on the disciplinary ground or breach of the provisions of Constitution of the National Association of Sports after a due and proper inquiry held in accordance with the law;
- (xxi) follow government standard procurement procedures in respect of procurement and awarding of tenders;
- (xxii) follow procurement procedure laid down by the Government of Sri Lanka or National Procurement Commission in respect of any procurement for funds which received from locally or internationally;
- (xxiii) enter into any agreement with an International Federation with the approval of the Ministry of Sports to conduct any international Sports events in Sri Lanka unless such National Association of Sports has all funding required for conducting such event;
- (xxiv) to make rules to regulate the procedure in regarding to the meetings of the Committee of the National Association of Sports and the transaction of business at such meetings;
- (xxv) where necessary, to appoint such number of officers to the staff of the National Association of Sports.

#### PART IV

##### THE PROCEDURE IN APPEALING AGAINST DECISIONS OR ACTIONS OF SUCH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS

8.(1) Any person who is aggrieved by any decision or action of a registered National Association of Sports may, appeal to the Minister within two weeks from the date of communication of such decision or action.

(2) The Minister may, after considering the appeal, require further information as may be necessary.

(3) The Minister shall on consideration of all relevant facts inform his decision to the appellant and the relevant National Association of Sports.

(4) The relevant National Association of Sports shall act in accordance with the decision of the Minister.

#### PART V

##### RESCISSION OF REGULATIONS

The National Association of Sports Regulations, No. 1 of 2013 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1793/3 of January 15, 2013 is hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

9. Every National Association of Sports registered under the rescinded regulations shall deem to be the National Association of Sports registered under these Regulations.

PART VI

INTERPRETATION

10. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires-

“athlete” means any person who participates in any sport at the international or national level or any sports event;

“betting” means and includes-

- (a) placing, accepting, laying or otherwise entering into any bet with any other party (whether individual, company or otherwise) in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any game, match or event;
- (b) soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging, facilitating or authorizing any other party to enter into a bet in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any match or event or game;
- (c) ensuring the occurrence of a particular incident in a match or event or game, which occurrence is to the player’s knowledge the subject of a bet and for which he expects to receive or has received any reward;

“corruption” means fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise influencing improperly, or being a party to any effort to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise influence improperly, the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any match or event;

“Doping” means any offence in terms of the Convention against Doping in Sport Act, No. 33 of 2013;

“Major Tournament” , “meet” or “competition” means, a tournament, meet or competition as may from time to time be approved by the Minister on a recommendation made in that behalf by a National Association of Sports;

“National Association of Sports” has same meaning as in the Sports Law;

“Sports Law ” means the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973.



(Regulations 2)

SCHEDULE I

FORM A

**Application for Registration of a National Association of Sports**

1. Name of National Association of Sports:.....
2. Address:.....
3. Date of formation of the National Association of Sports:.....
4. Name of Sports or Group of Sports .....
5. The following documents are attached to this application:
  - (a) a certified copy of the Constitution of such Association containing matters set out in the Schedule III hereto as guidelines ; Yes/No
  - (b) the name, office address and the contact information of such Association and the names, addresses and contact information of present office bearers of the Committee of such National Association of Sports; Yes/No
  - (c) a certified copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at which such office bearers were elected; Yes/No
  - (d) a certified copy of the Audited Accounts of such National Sports Association for the previous year; Yes/No (if applicable)
  - (e) details including the names, addresses, and other contact information of Affiliated, Clubs and other organizations of such Association and the Committee Members of such Affiliated Clubs and other organizations. Yes/No
6. Date of the Annual General Meeting at which the present office bearers of the Committee mentioned above were elected:.....

The application is being made consequent to a Resolution passed at the General Meeting of the ..... (name of National Association of Sports) duly authorizing the submission of the Application of Registration.

(Attach of a copy of the Resolution and a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting)

*Signature of President of National Association of Sports:*

Name and Address:

Date:

Signature of Secretary :

Name and Address:

Signature of Applicant :

FORM B

**Certificate of Registration of a National Association of Sports**

Name of National Association of Sports:.....

It is hereby certified that the..... has been registered under section 29 of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973 as the National Association of Sports for (name of the sport).....with effect from this ..... day of ..... 20..... The registration number is granted to the Association is .....

.....  
Minister of Sports.

Date:.....

(Regulation 2)

FORM C

**Register of registered National Association of Sports**

1. Name of the Sports or Group of Sports :.....
2. Particulars of Order under section 28 of the Sport Law :.....
  - (1) Date/Number of the Gazette :.....
  - (2) File No. of the Sport Ministry/ Dept. of Sports Development :.....
3. Date of 1<sup>st</sup> Registration as a National Association of Sports :.....
4. Address and contact information of the Association and office bearers :.....
5. Any previous cancellation/suspension of registration and dates of cancellation/suspension :.....
6. Interim Committee (if and period) :.....
7. Annual General Meetings held : yes/No and Date :.....
8. Annual Accounts audited by the Auditor General :- Yes/No
9. Constitution registered by the Director General:- Yes/No. .... Date :.....
10. National Tournaments conducted :.....

FORM D

PART A

**Register of Members directly affiliated to National Associations of Sports**

1. Name of the National Association of Sports: - .....
2. Name of Affiliate Body: - .....
3. Address: - .....
4. Number of Members: - .....
5. Number of representatives allowed to be present at Annual General Meetings:- .....
6. Number of votes allowed to members at Annual General Meetings:- .....
7. Names of Members: - .....
8. Names and Address of office bearers with titles: - .....
9. Names and Address of members of the committees: - .....

PART B

**Register of Members affiliated to Provincial Associations, District Associations, Federations, Leagues or any other Organizations which are affiliated to the National Associations**

1. Name of Provincial Association, District Association, Federation, League or any other Organization:- .....
2. Address: - .....
3. Name of affiliate body: - .....
4. Address: - .....
5. Number of members: - .....
6. Names and Address of office bearers with titles: - .....
7. Names and Address of members of the committees: - .....

SCHEDULE II

**Names of Sports**

1. Badminton
2. Aquatic Sports
3. Body Building
4. Cycling
5. Rifle
6. Hockey
7. Karate Do
8. Yachting
9. Rugby Football
10. Weightlifting
11. Gymnastic
12. Golf
13. Wrestling
14. Automobile Sports
15. Basket Ball
16. Athletic
17. Cricket
18. Netball
19. Tennis
20. Bridge
21. Carom
22. Life Saving
23. Boxing
24. Judo
25. Billiards & Snooker
26. Football
27. Volleyball
28. Elle
29. Chess
30. Rowing
31. Table Tennis
32. Squash
33. Taekwondo
34. Softball Cricket
35. Power lifting
36. Kabaddi
37. Sports for the Disabled
38. Motor Cycle Sports
39. Baseball
40. Wushu
41. Throw ball
42. Archery
43. Equestrian
44. Traditional Karate
45. Handball
46. Tag of War

47. Shooting
48. Fencing
49. Wheel Chair
50. Sepaktakrow
51. Sumo
52. Modern Pentathlon
53. Ju Jitsu
54. Sambo
55. Kho-Kho
56. Angampora
57. Kudo
58. Ballroom Dancers
59. Roll Ball
60. Climbing and Mountaineering
61. Canoeing and Kayaking

(Regulation 2, 3 and 5 )

### SCHEDULE III

#### **Matters relating to the Constitution of the National Association of Sports**

Every National Association of Sports shall have the Constitution containing the following matters:

- (a) to hold an Annual General Meeting once a year, preferably on or before the thirty first of May of each year;
- (b) to stipulate the Financial Year of such National Association of Sports to be a calendar year, commencing on first of January and ending on thirty first December of every year;
- (c) to conduct election to elect office bearers of the Committee of National Association of Sports in accordance with the Constitution and in free and fair manner;
- (d) the manner of representation and voting rights of its affiliated, clubs and other organizations;
- (e) to enable relevant Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations be entitled to cast vote at the election, which should be exercised in accordance with the mandate given by their respective Affiliated, Clubs and other Organizations;
- (f) to appoint provincial or district officers who shall be responsible for the co-ordination of activities of affiliates, clubs in the relevant districts and report back to the National Association of Sports;
- (g) to appoint not more than two representatives of affiliated School Associations to the Decision Making Committee of such National Association of Sports, upon nomination of such School Association affiliated and whether appointee are eligible for voting rights;
- (h) to hold the committee meetings of such Associations at-least once a month and that at least one representative of the School Associations should be present at such meetings;
- (i) to give not less than forty days' Notice in writing to its Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations of Annual General Meeting of such National Association of Sports;
- (j) to give Annual Report and a copy of the Audited Financial Statement certified by the Auditor General pertaining to the preceding financial year, at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting;

- (k) to give a list of members entitled to be present and eligible to vote at such Annual General Meeting specifying the number of votes each such person is entitled to exercise, to its Member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations, at least forty days prior to Annual General Meeting;
- (l) to deny voting right to any member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations who has not participated in required Tournament, Matches or Games for a period and deny voting rights for new members at the meeting during which accepted as new members;
- (m) to make it obligatory for the immediately past office bearers of the Committee of the National Association of Sports to hand over all documents relating to the matters of such Association to newly appointed office bearers of the Committee within seven day from the appointment of such new office bearers;
- (n) to specify the procedure for election, removal, qualification, composition, term and the responsibilities of the office bearers of Committee and the members of the Election Committee, Decision Making Committee, Selection Committee, Seeding Committee or Ranking Committee, Technical Committees, Finance Committee and Disciplinary Committee;
- (o) the names of the persons who are nominated by the Affiliates, Clubs or other Organizations to cast their vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be notified to the National Association of Sports at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting;
- (p) the procedure where an Annual General Meeting of a National Association of Sports is postponed due to a lack of quorum, fourteen days notice in writing shall be given to re-convene the meeting with same agenda;
- (q) to make compulsory to duly keep Books of Accounts of Member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations;
- (r) the denial of participation and voting at Annual General meeting and voting of election of the National Association of Sports, if the Member Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations fail to hold Annual General Meeting, proper election and accounts;
- (s) to ensure that a person shall not be appointed by a National Association of Sports as a delegate or representative of such National Association to its respective International Federation or any other International Association unless such person is a citizen of Sri Lanka who has a background in Sports Organization;
- (t) to stipulate the procedure for appointment of coaches, referees, umpires and judges by such Associations and management and supervision of such coaches, referees, umpires and judges;
- (u) to adopt a Code of Conduct applicable to its Players, Members, Coaches, Referees, Umpires and all other Officials, in conformity with the requirements specified by their respective International Federations;
- (v) to specify the responsibilities of the Affiliates, Clubs and other Organizations of the National Association of Sports;
- (w) to follow or abide by the World Anti Doping Agency Code and the Sri Lanka Anti Doping Code;
- (x) to have an Athlete Committee and to include representatives of the Athlete Committee within their governing bodies in accordance with the constitution of the International Sporting Organizations.