AMATEUR BASEBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA

CONSTITUTION

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MEMORANDUM AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

CHAPTER: 1

RULE: 1

NAME: The name of the federation shall be **AMATEUR BASEBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA** and it shall hereafter be referred to as the **FEDERATION** and that will also be known equally by its acronym **A.B.F.I.**

RULE: 2

JURISDICTION: The jurisdiction of the Federation shall extend over the whole of Indian Union.

RULE: 3

HEADQUARTERS: The Head quarters of the federation shall be at the Head quarters of the Secretary General or as decided by the General Council.

RULE: 4

DURATION: **A.B.F.I.** is an organization of indefinite duration, unless four-fifths of its members declare it dissolved at an extraordinary general council where the future of its patrimony will be decided.

CHAPTER: 2

RULE: 5

OBJECTS: The objects of the Federation shall be:-

(a) To promote, encourage and develop the game of Baseball both for men and women in India.

(b) To maintain general control of the game of Baseball in the Indian Union and keep it on the highest ideals of amateurism in sports.

(c) To seek International and National affiliations, which may be instrumental in the development of Baseball.

(d) To encourage the promotion of Baseball and formation of State/Union Territory Associations for the control of the game in such territory as may be assigned to them.

(e) To Co-ordinate inter member activities in respect of Baseball in all possible ways including conducting interstate tournaments and the National Baseball Championships, Inter-Zonal, Regional and Invitational tournaments for Juniors and Seniors for both men and women, in as many categories as considered necessary by its members.

(f) To secure participation in International tournaments.

(g) To hold such International Championships as approved by the International Baseball Association.

(h) To take such steps which may be conducive in general, to the fulfillment of the objects of the Federation.

(i) To give information and the necessary assistance to the members who request it.

(j) To select terms to represent India and to promote, control and finance visits of such teams abroad,

(k) To control and regulate the terms and visits of any baseball team from the union of India going abroad.

(l) To promote, control and if necessary, finance visits of foreign teams to India.

(m) To sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, dispose-off or otherwise deal with all or any of assets or property of the Federation.

(n) To donate such sum or sums towards such charity as the Federation for may deem fit the benefit of a baseball player who has left playing baseball or his wife or children or any other person who has served baseball or his widow or his children as the federation may consider fit and to organize charity matches in aid of such funds.

(o) To start and maintain a library of books, periodicals on sports in general and baseball in particular and to start journal or journals and to donate to such library.

(p) To encourage the development of the physical and moral qualities which are the base of our sport, creating through regional and national competitions, and world competitions, respect and international goodwill helping in this way to improve and build a world of peace.

(q) To carry out studies and researches and to promote seminars and conferences of a technical and scientific character for the development and improvement of Amateur Baseball Nationwide.

(r) To establish the rules and regulations that shall govern all the competitions of Amateur Baseball in India authorized by **A.B.F.I.**

(s) To approve and register the National records of Amateur Baseball.

(t) To mediate it any dispute which may occur between its members.

(u) To be the only Baseball Federation recognized by the Indian Olympic Committee and the only affiliated unit of our country with International Baseball Association.

(v) To generally do all other activities as may seem to the Federation to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the said objects earlier or any one of them.

CHAPTER: 3

RULE: 6

PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP: The membership of the Federation shall be confined to the Indian union and shall be open for.

(a) The Baseball Association of the States and the Union Territories within the Indian Union and any sports organization or a unit of a national character to which the federation in its discretion may grant affiliation.

(b) Each State or Union Territory will be represented by only one Association, Federation or Organisation affiliated to A.B.F.I. Such State and Union Territories are required to have 50% of the district associations as their members.

(c) No application for affiliation of a Federation, Association or Organisation will be carried through if in such State or Union Territory exists a federation, Association or Organisation affiliated to **A.B.F.I.**

(d) All India Organizations such as Services Sports Control Board or Railway Sports Control Board or Central departments etc., subject to the rules and regulations of the federation but without any voting rights.

(e) The application for affiliation to **A.B.F.I.** must be submitted to the Executive committee through its President accompanied by Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) affiliation fee and the application must be in triplicate with the following particulars:-

(i) The Names and addresses of the Office Bearers.

(ii) Certified copy of its status and regulations.

The President, **A.B.F.I.** will study the application and the documents received and if he finds everything legal, he will proceed to inform the rest of the members of the Executive Committee asking them for their voting on the subject.

The Executive committee shall inform the applicant and the members of the **A.B.F.I.** The result of the voting and its recommendation, which will be determined by the approval vote of at least two-thirds of its members. Accepted the application as such, it will be submitted to a council of Delegates who will decide its acceptance or rejection by majority. Necessary documents for certification would then follow.

(f) The members of **A.B.F.I.** will have jurisdiction only in their respective States.

(g) The rights of the members of **A.B.F.I.** are

(i) To have the right to speak and vote in the deliberations of the council.
(ii) To elect and to be elected to perform executive positions.
(iii) To participate in the national Championship, Federation cup or Regional tournaments, programmes and events organised and sanctioned by **A.B.F.I.**
(iv) To receive services and benefits established by **A.B.F.I.**

(v) To propose reforms or innovations in the organisation or the performance of **A.B.F.I.** through the general Council.

(vi) Any other things designated by this constitution and regulation.

(h) The duties of the members of **A.B.F.I. are**

(i) To comply with the Constitution, regulations and resolutions.

(ii) To attend punctually all the meetings and General Councils.

(iii) To pay on time the fees established. The treasurer of **A.B.F.I.** is required to send an Official Notification of the annual dues payment on or before March 1st and the annual dues to be paid not later than March 31st of the current year.

(iv) To accept and perform the position entrusted to them.

(v) To actively participate programme of **A.B.F.I.**

(vi) To inform the secretary general of **A.B.F.I.** the number of leagues, clubs and players affiliated or registered to the Federation or Association or Organisations affiliated.

(vii) Any other thing as established by this constitution and its requirements.

(i) Membership status of **A.B.F.I.** will be lost only for the following reasons:-

(i) By written resignation presented to the Executive Committee.

(ii) By temporary expulsion duly justified, after a previous hearing and the member must be notified by a registered letter.

(iii) For not having paid two consecutive annual dues and after having been notified in writing (with 60 days of grace from the date of written notification).

(iv) For not having cleared any other dues to the federation for two years from the date of the due arose, and after having been notified in writing (with 60 days of grace from the date of the written notification).

(v) If the subscription is not paid by 31st March such defaulter shall cease to be a member.

(vi) No member shall have the right to vote or seek election at any meeting of the Federation or a Committee or Sub-Committee thereof unless the annual subscription of the year and other dues,(if any) have been paid up to date.

(j) Items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this rule shall come in to force temporarily after President has notified (Temporarily Expelled)

(k) Items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this article shall be known and solved by the immediate ordinary or extraordinary council by majority of votes.

(l) Any defaulted member losing his membership status shall be eligible for re-admission on the payment of all the arrears of subscription and other dues with penalty, and surcharges if any and also re-admission fee of Rs. 5000/ to the Federation shall re-admit such defaulted members provided he clears the arrears and pays the re-admission fee within 60 days from date of the council meeting.

(m) After 60 days if the member has not applied for re-admission after fulfilling the conditions then the Executive Committee may find another member for that territory.

(n) The rights of A.B.F.I. members are of individual character and it is not allowed to give power to another member to vote on their behalf.

(o) All the Incomes, earnings, moveable/immovable properties of the federation shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion

of its aims and objects only set forth in the Memorandum of Association and no profit on thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, Bonus, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or past members of the federation or to any persons claiming through any one or more of the present or past members. No member of federation shall have any personal claim on any moveable or immovable properties of the federation or make any profit, whatsoever by virtue of this membership.

THE ORGANS OF A.B.F.I.

1. **THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF DELEGATES.**
2. **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**
3. **THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.**
4. **THE UMPIRES COMMITTEE.**
5. **THE COACHES COMMITTEE.**
6. **THE YOUTH COMMITTEE.**
7. **THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE.**
8. **THE PROPAGANDA OR PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.**
9. **THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

10. **COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION AND AGE FRAUD COMBAT**

11. **ETHICS COMMISSION**

12. **ARBITRATION COMMISSION**

CHAPTER: 4

RULE: 7

PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

(a) The council of delegates is the supreme authority of **A.B.F.I.** All resolutions, agreements and dispositions legally adopted by the council binds compulsorily the organs, members and the amateur Baseball players.

(b) The council shall meet in ordinary session once a year two days before the start of every national championship or inter zonal tournaments. It will be an essential condition for granting of the privilege to the host State/UT the obligation of providing all necessary facilities for conduct of the council meeting.

(c) In case in a given year no tournament is held the president must call on the ordinary council in the way established in this constitution.

(d) An extra ordinary general council can be held by request, of the President, of the Executive Committee or by request of at least half of the affiliated State/UTs with voting rights .

(e) They should have written convocation atleast 21 days before the opening of the General Council, specifying the subjects to be discussed, and those will be the only one which can be considered validly.

(f) When an extraordinary council is summoned to solve any conflict between two or more affiliated members, the meeting should be held in a State/UT other than those involved in the conflict.

(g) Each member of **A.B.F.I.** can be represented in General Council by two delegates with one vote each.

RULE: 8

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

The council shall have the power

(a) To grant affiliation to Associations of State and Union Territories and also to any other organization as provided in the constitution.

(b) To disaffiliate or to take such other suitable action against members for misconduct in discipline and for other reason provided, no other such action shall be taken without giving the member a month's notice to show cause why such action should not be taken.

(c) To hold, control, and administer property (movables and immovables) and funds of the Federation.

(d) To make and amend the Constitution of the Federation as and when deemed necessary.

(e) To frame by-laws generally for the management of the affairs of the Federation.

(f) To adjudicate on and resolve differences among members arising out of jurisdiction, neglect of the game of Baseball and conflicts which may definitely mar the cause of the game.

(g) To alter, add or reject any rule of a member which may be reprehensible or contrary to the Constitution of the Country or Federation and are generally harmful to the promotion of the game in the area.

(h) To delegate to the Executive Committee or to one or more Committees or sub committees all or any of the powers enumerated in clause (c), (e), (f) and (g) aforesaid.

(i) To consider and decide matters not covered by the constitution.

(j) To appoint India's representative for the International Baseball Association, Baseball Federation of Asia, Indian Olympic Association and Similar bodies and Federations.

(k) To take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient to carry into effect the objects of the Federation.

(l) To elect :-

(i) The President,

(ii) Four Vice Presidents

(iii) The Honarary Secretary General

(iv) Four Honarary Joint Secretaries

(v) The Honarary Treasurer and

(vi) Eight Executive Committee Members.

(m)(m)The office bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Body Meeting normally for a term of four years from amongst the representatives of State and UT members who are part of the electoral college. Subject to the provisions laid down by the Central Government, the ABFI, shall in its constitution and bye laws, establish and maintain with respect to its governance and the conduct of its internal affairs the following provisions:

a. Every Member of the ABFI shall retire on attaining the age of seventy years.

b. To hold Election of the Executive Body in a fair and transparent manner normally in every four years in accordance with the model code of elections prescribed by the Central Government i.e. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports given in the Fifth schedule, which may be amended from time to time. Athletes shall be included in the decision making process of the ABFI through an Athletes' Advisory Council with full voting rights;

c. Ensure that the membership and voting powers held by such Athletes' Council is not less than 25% of the membership and the voting rights of the Executive Body and also the total numbers representing the ABFI;

d. The eligibility of a candidate to contest for election for ABFI shall include the following:

(i) Shall be a citizen if India;

(ii) Shall not have been convicted in any criminal case;

(iii) Shall not have been declared insolvent;

(iv) Shall cease to hold the office of an office bearer or member on the Executive Body on attaining the age of seventy;

(v) The employees of the Union and State Governments and also the employees of the bodies under the Union and State Government desirous of contesting the elections of ABFI shall be governed by the orders of the Union Government prevailing at that time;

(vi) Union Minister in the central government charged with the responsibility of sports shall not be eligible to contest for any elected post in the ABFI until the expiry of five years from the date of he or she relinquishing the charge;

(vii) A person can hold the President of the ABFI for Twelve years with or without break and after that he will not be eligible to seek elections to the post.

(viii) Secretary General and Treasurer can serve a maximum of two successive terms, of four years each after which a minimum cooling period of four years will apply to seek fresh election to either of the posts.

(ix) President, Secretary General and Treasurer shall cease to hold these posts on attaining the age of Seventy years.

(x) No Office Bearer of ABFI shall be eligible to concurrently hold the post of an Office Bearer in any other National Sports Federation excepting in the National Olympic Committee i.e the Indian Olympic Association.

(xi) Re-election of Office Bearers will be done as per the guidelines of Sports Code.

2. Every amendment in the bye-laws of ABFI shall be passed by a special resolution and before coming in to force it shall have to be approved and registered by the Registrar of Societies.

Candidates must be present during the elections to cast their vote. No proxy voting shall be allowed.

(n) To suspend by justified cause (procedure according to act to the membership) or accept the resignation of the members of the Executives Committee.

(o) To know and solve the situations of rules in membership of the present constitution.

(p) To examine and approve or reject the balances, the financial statements and reports presented by the Treasurer and or by the Executive Committee.

(q) To establish the annual and monthly fees and extraordinary ones deemed necessary.

(r) To approve or reject accounts, resolutions or agreements of the Executive committee.

(s) To discuss and solve any subject submitted by the Executive Committee or by any of its members.

(t) To know, discuss and make agreements, resolutions and dispositions deemed necessary on any subject.

(u) Any other rights established by this constitution and its regulations.

RULE: 9

QUORUM

(a) One-third the number of members who are entitled to vote shall be quorum for the Annual or Special General Meeting. If there is no requisite quorum within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, such general meeting may be adjourned by 21 days and convened at the venue decided by the president and time and such adjourned meeting the members present and entitled to vote shall form the quorum.

(b) At a meeting of the Executive committee five members shall form the quorum.

(c) For all other committees and sub-committees (except selection committee for which the members present shall form the quorum) one-third the number of members shall be the quorum.

(d) The President shall preside as the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting and meeting and in his absence one of the Vice-President as decided by the Executive Body shall preside. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President the members present shall elect the Chairman from among themselves.

(e) At the meeting of the sub-committees, the person elected or nominated as Chairman of the committee shall preside.

RULE: 10

VOTING

Election to the Executive Body of the ABFI shall be held in the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Each State and UT Member

shall have two votes each. For this purpose it may nominate two representatives (with one vote each) to attend the meeting. The nomination letter has to be signed by both the President and Secretary. In case separate nominations are received, the one sent by the President will be accepted.

(a) Election of Office-bearers shall be by secret ballot and no proxy voting shall be permitted.

RULE: 11

ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual General Council Meeting of the Federation shall be held every year at a venue as the General Council may determine to allot National Championship or Inter-zonal Championships and if such venue is not determined it shall be held at a place, day and time as may be determined by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee.

RULE: 12

The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.

(a) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous General Council meeting.

(b) Adoption of Hon-Secretary General's Report, adoption of the audited accounts and Treasurer's report for the previous year.

(c) Appointment of Auditor or Auditors for the year and to fix their remuneration.

(d) Election of Office-bearers when due.

(e) Election of the following Committee.

(i) Executive Committee as laid down in Rule 8(i)

(ii) Technical Committee of not more than five persons.

(iii) Umpire Committee of not more than five persons.

(iv) Coach Committee not more than five persons.

(v) The youth Committee of not more than seven persons.

(vi) The Fund Raising Committee of not more than six persons.

(vii) The Propaganda or Publicity Committee of not more than five persons.

(viii) The Selection Committee of not more than five persons.

(ix) The above committees shall be elected as per the constitution and rules mentioned hereinafter.

(f) Election of representative on **I.B.A. B.F.A. I.O.A.** and on other allied bodies.

(g) Consideration of any report or recommendation of a committee or sub-committee as may be referred to it by the Executive Committee.

(h) Consideration of any motion, notice whereof is given by a member to the Hon. Secretary, 21 days before the meeting (such a motion shall be circulated in advance to all members).

(i) Transaction of any other business of an informative character as may be permitted by the chairman.

RULE: 13

For the Annual General Body Meeting, the Hon. Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the meeting. Circulate to all Office-bearers and members a

notice of such meeting specifying the agenda of business to be transacted at the meeting by registered post.

(a) He shall also circulate copies of the minutes of the previous meeting or meetings to be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Copy of the Audited Statement Accounts to be adopted and passed at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Copy of other audited statements of accounts of any foreign tour submitted by the manager of any office-bearer of the Federation, if such accounts are to be considered or confirmed at the meeting.

(d) Copies of documents and papers having reference to any item on the Agenda of the General meeting.

RULE: 14

Any office-bearer or member desiring to raise any special business at the Annual General Meeting shall give 14 days' notice thereof to the Hon. Secretary. The Secretary shall circulate such notice to all office-bearers and members before the date fixed for the meeting.

RULE: 15

For any Special General Meeting, the Hon. Secretary shall al least 15 days before the date fixed for the meeting given notice thereof to all office-bearers and members setting out the Agenda of business for the meeting.

The President may at his discretion direct the Hon. Secretary to convene a Special General Meeting at shorter notice in which case notice at least 10 days shall be given.

RULE: 16

Non-receipt of notice of the Annual General meeting or Special General Meeting of Executive Committee Meeting by any office bearer or member shall not invalidate the proceedings of any such meeting.

RULE: 17

Special General Meetings (Extraordinary General Council Meeting)

(a) Business other than that could be transacted at the Annual General Council Meeting shall be transacted at the Special General Meeting which shall be converted by the Hon. Secretary General (a) on a directive of the President (b) On a resolution of the Executive committee (c) on requisition signed by not less than two-third the number of members entitled to attend and vote at such meeting specially stating the business to be transacted at such meeting.

(b) In the event of the Hon. Secretary falling to convene a special General Meeting within 21 days of receipt of a requisition, the requisition is may themselves convene a meeting for the purpose specified in the requisition at such place and time as may be determined by the requisitionists.

(c) In the event of the Hon. Secretary falling to convene a Special General Meeting at the direction of the President or on a resolution of the Executive Committee within 10 days, the President may convene a meeting over his own signature.

(d) Atleast 15 days notice of a special general Meeting shall be given to the members by the Hon. Secretary General or by the requisitionists or by the President, as the case may be, by registered post active.

RULE: 18

PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The management and administration of **A.B.F.I.** activities will be in-charge of an Executive Committee formed by

(i) The President
(ii) Four Vice-Presidents
(iii) The Hon. Secretary General
(iv) Four Hon. Joint Secretaries
(v) The Hon. Treasurer and
(vi) Eight Committee members

(a) A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee may be convened at any time by the President and also shall be convened on the requisition to the effect made in writing by not less than six members of the Committee. Any such requisition shall express the object of the meeting proposed to be called and shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary General.

(b) The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place and shall conduct the proceedings in such manner as the President may from time to time decide.

(c) Until otherwise determined, 5 members shall form a quorum. The President or in his absence a Vice-President or in absence of both a member elected by those present at the meeting shall be the ChairmanThe members of the Executive committee will perform their positions ad honorem and these are separate from those of delegates of the Federations, Associations affiliated to **A.B.F.I.** The expenses for national travel, food and lodging which the members of the Executive Committee incur during the performance of their position shall be paid by the **A.B.F.I.** Except in case of the attendance of the members of the Executive Committee at Nationals and Inter-Zone where food and lodging will be provided by the respective organizing committee. These expenses shall be approved at the next Council.

(d) The members of the Executive Committee shall not take part in any action of controversy in which the state that they represent, is involved.

(e) The Executive committee shall meet at least thrice a year or as often as deemed necessary by the President or when requested by six of its members or by the request of atleast one half of **A.B.F.I.'s** affiliated members.

(f) Fourteen day's clear notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee together with an agenda shall be given to its members of the Executive Committee. However, an emergent meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called at a shorter notice of seven days.

(g) A resolution in writing signed and agreed by all members of the Executive committee shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at meeting of the Executive Committee. Such a resolution shall be ratified at the next meeting of the committee.

(h) The duties of the Executive Committee:

(i) The Executive committee shall govern and administer **A.B.F.I.** matters with utmost zeal and diligence.

(ii) The Executive Committee shall solve all urgent matters of general interest and any particular one presented by its members not otherwise assigned in this constitution.

(iii) The Executive Committee shall observe the efficient functioning of **A.B.F.I**. and Amateur Baseball in the country and to seek its progress and improvements.

(iv) The Executive Committee shall prepare and convoke for ordinary and extraordinary council when the requirements established in this constitution have been complied with.

(v) The Executive Committee shall impose sanctions to the members for motives duly justified.

(vi) The Executive Committee shall suspend and expel from amateur baseball those players of **A.B.F.I.** when they violate or do not comply with this constitution and its regulations.

(vii) The Executive committee shall approve and compile the records of amateur baseball once they have been verified.

(viii) To do everything possible in order to maintain harmony among its members.

(ix) To consider and act upon any matter submitted by the council.

(x) To give all their co-operation and support to its members when due to reasons of principle they have difficulties with the official or private organisation of their state, which could endanger the stability or authority of **A.B.F.I.** In any case

the Executive committee shall appoint one of its members or from the respective zone to go to the state in disagreement to give them all the moral and material help necessary.

(xi) To direct all the matters relating to National Championship, Inter-Zone and Federation cups and any other competitions organised or authorised by **A.B.F.I.** not otherwise assigned by this constitution.

(xii) To interpret, any matter related to **A.B.F.I.'s** constitution, its regulations and the amateur status. This interpretation will rule until the meeting of the next council which will ratify, reform or revoke it.

(xiii) To prepare a budget for approval in the next council. The fiscal year will be the financial year (1st April to 31st March).

(xiv) To prepare and present in the next ordinary council the audited balance sheet, financial statements and annual reports of its activities.

(xv) To handle application for affiliation in accordance with its constitution.

(xvi) To present motions before **A.B.F.I.** General Council.

(xvii) To keep the **I.B.A./I.O.A/** ministry of sports, Govt. of India and other bodies duly informed of **A.B.F.I.'s** activities.

(xviii) To handle all such matters which are convenient to **A.B.F.I.** and which are not attributions of the General Council.

(i) (i) The Executive Committee shall have power and discretion to institute or defend any action or actions at law for or against the federation.

(ii) The Executive Committee shall have power to control expend and regulate the finances of the federation.

(j) The Executive committee shall have power to fill in the casual vacancy of auditor or auditors forthwith, whenever it occurs.

(k) The Executive Committee or any special committee duly nominated by it shall hear and decide, ask questions submitted to it, including those relating to the internal dispute of a member. All its decision shall be binding on members but an appeal there from may be filed to the council in writing within 15 days of

such decision by a member who is not satisfied with the decision along with an appeal fee of Rs. 1,000/-.

(l) The Executive Committee shall have power generally to do all acts and things necessary and expedient to carry out the objects of the federation and not herein expressly specified.

(m) The Executive committee shall have the power to remove and replace any member of the selection committee, technical committee, umpires committee or to any other committee whether such member had been elected or nominated by the council or by the Executive Committee itself.

(n) The Executive Committee shall have the power to frame byelaws, not inconsistent or adverse to the constitution generally for the management of the day-to-day affairs of the Federations.

RULE: 19

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

(a) **The President:**

(i) The President shall be the head of the Federation.

(ii) The President shall represent **A.B.F.I.** officially with full powers, but always subject to this Constitution and regulations.

(iii) The President shall convoke and preside over the sessions of all the General Council Meetings of **A.B.F.I.** and the Executive Committee and to sign together with the Secretary General the corresponding minutes.

(iv) The President shall prepare with the Secretary General and the Treasurer the annual report to all **A.B.F.I.** members and to present a written report of the President's activities at the end of the term of office which shall be read in the corresponding Ordinary meeting of the General Council.

(v) The President shall execute the decisions of the council and of the Executive Committee and present to them the reports that may be requested.

(vi) The President shall assign persons to be responsible for carrying out research that may be necessary to **A.B.F.I.**

(vii)The President shall be responsible for **A.B.F.I's** publicity.

(viii)If in the option of the President, an emergency has arisen requiring immediate action including suspension and other disciplinary action against any official of the **A.B.F.I.**, any member, the organizers of any tournament, umpires, players, managers and coaches accompanying a team, the President shall take such action as he/she deems fit and proper and report the same at the next meeting of the council or the Executive Committee whichever in the ordinary course would have deals with the matter. However in case of a member, action for suspension shall be taken only for deliberate breach of the rules of the federation or for defiance of any direction of the of the general council of Executive committee and such suspension shall be reported within a period of one month to the Executive committee or General council or special General Council as the case may be for ratification.

(g) Any other, set forth by this constitution and regulations.

(b) **The Vice-Presidents**

(i) They may be elected as Chairman of the Committees and the Sub-committees by the council.

(ii) The President or the Council or the Executive Committee may assign any particular work to them or any of them.

(iii) During the leave or absence of the President or until such time a new President is elected owing to the sudden demise of the President or in the event of resignation of the President, the senior-most Vice-President shall officiate as President and shall exercise all the powers of the President.

(c) **The Hon. Secretary Generals:**

(i) To keep the minutes of the sessions of the General Council and of the Executive Committee and to sign them together with the President.

(ii) To transcribe the minutes of the General Council and send them to all **A.B.F.I.** members within thirty days after the General Council Meeting.

(iii) To receive, answer and file all the correspondences and documents and the name of the Federation including those that relate to the Government, I.O.A., National Federation of other countries and I.B.A. & B.F.A. and other Inter-national bodies.

(iv) To dispatch the convocation for the General Council and for the Executive Committee meetings.

(v) To receive all suggestions, petitions and claims and to inform the President, circulating them among the members, advising them of the resolutions taken.

(vi) To receive and transact any matter submitted for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

(vii) To issue all official and legal documents ordered by the Executive Committee or its President.

(viii) To be incharge of **A.B.F.I.** publicity and its distribution.

(ix) To be the Secretary of other Committees and Sub-Committee when so appointed by the Council.

(x) To be the Secretary of the Council and the Executive Committee.

(xi) All those relating to his position and any other indicated in this constitution and its regulations.

(d) **The Hon. Joint Secretaries**

(i) To carry our all works of the Federation allotted to them and act according to directions and subject to approval of Executive Committee.

(ii) To be the Secretary of the other committees and sub-committees when so appointed by the council.

(iii) To assist the Hon. Secretary General in carrying out the works of the Federation.

(e) **The Hon. Treasurer**

(i) To keep accounting books with the records of the assets and liabilities, income and expenditure of **A.B.F.I.** The accounting books should be analysed or audited by a competent outside agency authorised by the Ordinary General Council.

(ii) To keep a file of all the invoices paid by **A.B.F.I.** and of the bank statements.

(iii) To collect the fees established for the members and to notify all members of fees due to the organisation, notification of annual dues should be received by the State Association prior to January 1 for the year in which the fee is due.

(iv) To prepare the balances, financial statements and economic reports.

(v) To present to the President quarterly reports of the Income and Expenditure with copies to all members of the Executive Committee.

(vi) To assist or send a member of the Executive Committee under his responsibility to all tournaments and championships organised and approved by **A.B.F.I.** in order to verify the correct contribution of the percentage that this Construction and Regulations established in favor of **A.B.F.I.** Treasury.

To designate a member of the Executive Committee to assist in the collection of all fees resulting from **A.B.F.I.** tournaments.

(vii) To present to the General Council annual reports of Income and Expenditure with copies to all delegates.

(viii) To issue vouchers of Income and Expenditure made **A.B.F.I.** for such purposes, when necessary.

(ix) All other pertaining to his position and those established by this Constitution and its regulations.

(x) To sign the cheques of the Federation alongwith the Hon. Secretary General and President.

RULE: 20

PERTAINING TO OPERATION OF BANK ACCOUNT

(i) An account shall be opened in any one of the Nationalized Banks/Scheduled Commercial Bank.

(ii) All money transactions shall be operated through this account.

(iii) It shall be operated as a joint account by the President, Hon. Secretary General and the Treasurer.

(iv) The cheques may be signed by any two persons as mentioned in Rule 20 (iii).

RULE: 21

PERTAINING TO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(a) The technical committee shall consist of five members elected by the council for two years term and they are eligible for re-election.

(b) Within the five members they themselves elect the Chairman of the committee.

(c) The Chairman of the Technical committee, or the person designated by him, has the obligation to attend all the meeting of the Executive Committee when requested whether regular or special and to all ordinary and extraordinary general councils, where he shall have the right to speak in an advisory capacity, but cannot vote.

(d) The Technical Committee will attend all National Championship and Inter-Zonal Championship but the organizing committee will be responsible for the expenses of only three of them. The Committee will determine the way in which the three members to be sent under the advice of the Chairman.

(e) The members of the Technical Committee will perform their position and honorem; however the expenses incurred by the chairman of the committee regarding his position will be paid by **A.B.F.I.** if not covered in other ways, but such expenses should be approved in the next council.

(f) Alongwith three members of the Technical committee who will attend **A.B.F.I.** Championship two others from the Host State are appointed by the Host State.

(g) The cost of travel, food and lodging incurred by the members of **A.B.F.I.'s** technical Committee on these occasions are to be paid by the Host State.

(h) The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be responsible for approval of the complying and registration of the National records of amateur Baseball.

RULE: 22

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(a) To prepare the rules of the game to be approved by the Executive Committee.

(b) To study and report annually any reforms made to the rules of the game.

(c) To have final on-sight authority in order to regulate all the competition events held under **A.B.F.I.'s** recognition and authorisation. All Tournaments protests

are to be decided by the technical Committee and can only be appealed to the **A.B.F.I.** Executive Committee or Council at a future **A.B.F.I.'s** reunion following the completion of the tournament.

(d) To compile and submit to the approval of the Executive Committee the records of the Amateur Baseball, once they have been verified.

(e) To oversee the operations of the Umpire Committee.

(f) Any other such task setforth in this constitution and its regulations.

RULE: 23

PERTAINING TO UMPIRE'S COMMITTEE

(a) The umpire's committee shall consist of five members elected by the general council for a period of two years and are eligible for re-election.

(b) The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from among the members.

(c) The Umpire's committee is directly responsible to the Technical Committee.

(d) The Chairman of the Umpire's Committee serves as a non-voting member of the Technical Committee.

RULE: 24

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UMPIRE'S COMMITTEE

(a) To establish and enforce standards for certification of **A.B.F.I.'s** national umpires.

(b) To assist in standardising umpire techniques, mechanics and procedures in international baseball play.

(c) To encourage and promote the development of competent umpires throughout the Nation.

(d) To select and schedule umpires for **A.B.F.I.** tournaments.

RULE: 25

PERTAINING TO COACH

(a) The coach committee shall consist of five members ejected by the General Council for a period of two years and eligible for re-election.

(b) The Chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the Executive committee from among the members.

(c) The Coaches committee is directly responsible to the Executive Committee.

(d) The Chairman of the coaches committee shall be a non-voting member of the technical committee.

RULE: 26

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACHES COMMITTEE

(a) The responsibilities of the coaching committee shall be to improve and standardize the play of baseball in our country.

(b) To coach the players at par with international level.

(c) It shall have the power to nominate a panel of coaches to be sent to state associations for their coaching programme.

(d) The Chairman of the committee shall be the national coach.

RULE: 27

PERTAINING TO YOUTH COMMITTEE

(a) The Youth committee shall consist of seven members.

(b) Amongst the seven, five members shall be elected from the General Council.

(c) One Vice-president shall be appointed by the Executive Committee as the Chairman of the Youth Committee.

(d) One Joint-secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee as the convener of the youth committee.

(e) It shall generally deal with the matters of the little league for the youth below 17 years of age.

RULE: 28

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

(a) To prepare rules for little league to be approved by the executive Committee.

(b) To study and report annually any reforms to be made to the rules of little league.

(c) To have final insight authority in order to regulate all the competitions events held under **A.B.F.I.'s** recognition and authorisation for little league tournaments.

(d) To compile and submit to the approval of the Executive Committee, the records of little league baseball once they have been verified.

(e) To encourage and promote the development of little league tournaments throughout the Country.

(f) To select and schedule for little league tournaments.

(g) To appoint coaches to coach youth players.

(h) To receive funds from **A.B.F.I.** spent for the development of the game among youth players.

(i) To receive funds from sponsors for organizing and conducting little league championships.

(j) The committee shall meet atleast four times in a year to decide and chalkout plans for the development of baseball game among the youths.

RULE: 29

PERTAINING TO FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

(a) It shall consist of five members elected by the general council. The period of the term shall be for two years and are eligible for re-election.

(b) The president will be the chairman of the committee and the treasurer will be the convener.

(c) They will actively work to secure funds for **A.B.F.I.**

(d) They will make their arrangements to find ways and means to secure funds for **A.B.F.I.** for its developmental programmes.

RULES: 30

PERTAINING TO PROPAGANDA OR PUBLICY COMMITTEE

(a) It shall consist of five members elected by the general council. The period of the term shall be for two years and are eligible for re-election.

(b) The president shall be the Chairman and the hon. Secretary general be the convener.

(c) They shall bring out magazines and booklets regarding play of baseball.

(d) They shall publish books, monthly mentioning development of the game, bringing latest techniques of the game and giving all latest records of amateur baseball.

(e) To make arrangements to publish all particulars regarding development of game, results of game, records of the game in all leading newspaper and also through national news agencies.

(f) To make arrangement for telecasting the game of baseball during important tournaments such as national championship federation cup and inter zonal tournaments.

RULE: 31

PERTAINING TO SELECTION COMMITTEE

(a) The selection committee shall be constituted by the President in accordance with the guidelines of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which is to be ratified by the Executive Committee.

RULE: 32

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

(a) They shall select the national to play against visiting foreign teams.

(b) They shall select the national team to tour abroad.

(c) There is no quorum required for the selection committee meeting, the members present shall form the quorum.

(d) The Hon. Secretary General, convener shall inform the members well in advance the time, date and venue of the selection committee meeting and the purpose of the meeting.

(e) At the meeting of the selection committee in case of tie the chairman shall have a casting vote.

(f) The selection committee shall select a captain from among the selected players.

(g) If they select a term to abroad, alongwith the captain they shall select a Vice-captain.

(h) The Selection Committee shall select players after getting a written letter from the Executive Committee, the number of players to be selected. In addition to this they may select some stand-byes who may replace the selected players who are unable to play.

NOTE:

When an Indian team is on tour abroad the Manager, Captain and Coach shall form the tour selection committee with the manager as its Chairman. They shall decide the final playing combination.

Rule 33

A. Committee for prevention of sexual harassment:

The Committee for prevention of Sexual Harassment will be constituted by the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee/Council. Any complaint / grievance sexual harassment lodged with ABFI will be placed by him before the Committee for a final decision. The Committee shall address complaints in a time bound manner and take appropriate disciplinary action in case of misconduct and where conduct in 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.

B. Anti-Doping Commission:

Anti-Doping Commission shall be constituted by President consisting of One Chairman and Two members. The Anti-Doping Commission shall be responsible for educating the athletes regarding doping effects on health and career by organizing seminars, conferences, virtual meetings etc.

C. Age Fraud Combat:

The Executive Committee shall ensure that the participants in the teams representing the Affiliates or the national teams representing India/Association in sports events do not indulge in any age fraud or impersonation or any other sports fraud. Such matter shall be dealt with the applicable Government guidelines/ Law.

Rule 34

Committee for prevention of unethical practices (ethics commission) :-

The President after seeking the approval of the Executive Committee shall constitute a Committee for prevention of unethical practices. This committee will deal with all cases relating to unethical practices This Committee will frame its own methodology for dealing such cases in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Government and the international bodies etc. Court orders, if any, will also be taken into account by the Committee.

CHAPTER 5

PERTAINING TO THE TOURNAMENTS

RULE: 35

A.B.F.I. should organise every year National Championship, Federation Cup and Inter Zone Championship for both men and women.

Bidding Procedures

The Prospective host Baseball State association shall apply in writing to the **A.B.F.I.** Executive Committee for approval and sanction. The application shall contain information about the competition sites, the availability of accommodations and eating facilities, travel arrangements to the hosting site and to and from accommodations to the various competition sites. An applicant must document that the ground to be used in the competition are fully equipped and confirm with the minimum standards established for a regulation baseball court.

Before final approval is given by the **A.B.F.I.** the facilities proposed by the applicant shall be inspected in person by a proposed by the applicant shall be inspected in person by a member of the Technical committee is satisfied that the facilities meet International requirements.

In the event that shall eject to call for a council or extraordinary meeting to proceed the National baseball Tournaments the availability of suitable meeting facilities, etc, will be a major factor in selecting a site for the National Baseball Championship.

Support from the host State Sports Council should be sought and once secured will be an asset to the hosting bid.

The host baseball associations application may also contain any other pertinent information which the applicant seems appropriate. All applications will b reviewed by the **A.B.F.I.** Executive Committee who then shall make recommendations on sites to the **A.B.F.I.** members at the next scheduled **A.B.F.I.** council.

RULE: 36

The Executive Committee will invite the affiliated members in good standing to participate in the National Championship with no less than three months notice prior to the date of the inauguration.

The inscription should be returned to the **A.B.F.I.** Secretary General not less than two months prior to the start of the tournament and should be accompanied by the following:

(a) Participation fee of Rs. 100/-

(b) Guarantee appearance bond of Rs. 5000/-

These will be immediately forwarded to the **A.B.F.I.** treasurer. In case that a team fails to appear for participation in the tournament the amount of Rs. 5000/- given as a guarantee will be awarded to the organizing committee. The fee schedule above applies only to National Championship, Federation Cup and Inter Zonal Tournaments. Similar requirements for all tournaments will be determined by the Youth Committee in the corresponding regulations.

RULE: 37

The invitation shall bear the name of the affiliated association in-charge of the National Championship, the name of the Host State and the date of inauguration of the tournament.

RULE: 38

The Executive Committee, during the development of the National Championship will watch and supervise that the present Constitution, the regulations that govern those

series and the amateur Baseball official rules are complied with and faithfully applied.

RULE: 39

The affiliated federation or association of the host State working with the **A.B.F.I.'s** Technical Committee are responsible for the tournaments and will be incharge of its organization which will be incharge of its organisation which will be done observing the pertinent regulation that promote the participation of the largest number of teams and the normal development of the event.

RULE: 40

The following are the duties and responsibilities of the association of the Host State of the National Championship/Federation Cups/Inter Zonal Championship.

(a) To inform the Secretary General of the Executive Committee with atleast three months anticipation the inauguration date of the tournament so that such committee can make the necessary arrangement.

(b) In all **A.B.F.I.** authorised All India Tournaments it is mandatory that the defending championship be invited to defend its title by the Host State. The Host State will lose the privilege of holding such tournaments in case of failure to comply.

(C) Nominate the best Local Umpires who shall supervise the development of the games. The umpires should be the most competent approved by the technical/Umpires Committee.

(d) The state association affiliated to **A.B.F.I.** must send atleast 15 days in advance of their arrival to their host State, the complete list of official delegation, their exact address of all its members and the name of the beneficiary and the address of the same. The information should be sent to the organizing committee with copy to **A.B.F.I.'s** Executive Committee.

(e) To cover cost of lodging, food and necessary timely local transportation of the assigned umpires and 20 persons for each participating teams from one day prior to the start of the tournament until one day after the tournament.

To cover the cost of travel, lodging and good for the members of the Technical Committee deputed for the inspection prior to the tournament and the same cost and timely local transportation from two days prior to the state of the tournament until one day after the tournament is completed.

(f) Supply the resignation forms made in accordance to the official sample approved by the **A.B.F.I.** and which will be sent with the necessary anticipation to the participating State association.

(g Supply each participating delegation in the course of the following 12 hours after the game have been concluded with the scores and official compilation of the same and at the National Championship/Federation Cup/Inter Zonal tournament, the general computation of the competition.

(h) Supply trophies, medals, certificate etc. in accordance with accepted **A.B.F.I.** regulation that will granted as awards.

RULE: 41

The regulation for these National tournaments should comprise all aspects referring to the registration of the players and their impugnations, protest,

system of holding the game, schedule for the same, ties, rules of the game and financial liquidations.

RULE: 42

In the registration form of each participating player it should show his full name and Sur name and his curriculum three years prior to the registration.

(a) The signature of a player should appear on the registration form.

(b) Each registration form should also be signed by the Presidents or Secretary of the affiliated association to which the player belongs.

RULE: 43

When a participating affiliated association protests participation of any player, the same shall be referred to the technical committee for its resolution. In case of a protest of any kind during tournaments under **A.B.F.I.** jurisdiction the protest should be made in writing to the Technical committee accompanied by Rs. 100/- Such protest should be made within two hours from the conclusion of the game.

CHAPTER: 6

GUARANTEE

RULE: 44

The affiliated federation/ association, which requests to organise any tournaments shall, at that time the site is granted, deposit the amount of Rs. 2000/- to the Executive committee.

A further Rs. 5000/- must be deposited with the **A.B.F.I.** treasurer at least four months in advance of the tournament. This amount shall remain on deposit to guarantee compliance with the payment of the percentage as stipulated here under or this constitution.

RULE: 45

The affiliated association to which the site was granted and which does not conduct the tournaments shall lose the amount given in guarantee unless the cause of its cancellation is beyond its control.

RULE: 46

All dispositions established in this chapter shall also be valid for the alternate host state.

CHAPTER: 7

PERTAINING TO THE ASSETS

RULE: 47

The assets of the **A.B.F.I.** shall be formed by:

(a) The payment of Rs. 5000/- as an affiliation fee.

(b) Annual membership fee of Rs. 1000/-

(c) A 5% of the gross income of all the games that will be held in option of the National Championship shall be paid not later than fifteen days after the closing of the tournament.

The liquidation of the last days after the closing of the tournament should be sent to the Treasure of **A.B.F.I.** within period of not more than fifteen days after the closing at the event together with an economic report endorsed by the Executive committee of the State association.

(d) The payment of Rs. 100/- as entry fee paid to **A.B.F.I.** for all tournaments for each team, senior, junior, men and women.

(e) The payment of Rs. 30/- as registration fee for each player men, women, senior and junior per year.

CHAPTER: 8
INTER MEMBER REGISTRATION
AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS
RULE: 48

(a) Inter member registration and transfer of players shall be governed by the eligibility rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Executive committee. Such transfers from one member to another member shall not be deemed to be complete until the permission of the federation is received in writing.

(b) The income of the federation, shall be invested or deposited in the modes or forms prescribed u/s 11 (5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, if so decided by the Executive Committee of the federation.

CHAPTER: 9

COMPLAINT REDRESSAL AND ARBITRATION

RULE: 49

COMPLAINT REDRESSAL COMMITTEE :

The Complaint redressal committee will be headed by one of the Executive Council Member of ABFI. The President ABFI will nominate the Chairman, Convener and three others members of this Committee in consultation with Executive Council. Any Complaint/Grievance will be lodged with the Secretary ABFI, who will place the same before the Committee for a final decision within four (4) weeks of receipt of the complaint.

RULE: 50

ARBITRATION COMMISSION

CONSTITUTION :

The President will constitute an Arbitration Commission preferably with three persons not having any conflict of interest. Al least one person in the Commission shall be from the legal background. The approval of the Executive Council shall be obtained on the composition of the Commission.

PLACE OF ARBITRATION :

Place of Arbitration proceedings shall be ABFI Headquarters at New Delhi or any other place in Delhi as decided by the Commission.

COST OF THE PROCEEDINGS :

The cost of the Arbitration proceedings shall be borne by the parties as per the decision of the Commission.

MODALITIES :

1. All State Associations shall include in their Constitution, a provision that Associations would have all unresolved disputes settled by the Arbitration Commission of the ABFI and the Associations and its members shall voluntarily surrender their right of seeking redress in any court of law before approaching the Arbitration Commission. In case a party to the dispute is not satisfied with the decision of the Commission, he/they may seek legal remedy in a Court of Law thereafter. Any violation will attract disciplinary action which may include suspension and/or cancellation of the membership, temporary or

permanent suspension from participating in any of the activities and programs of the Federation.

2. The dispute has to be communicated to the Secretary ABFI in writing by any party and thereafter the Secretary ABFI, in consultation with the President, will refer the matter to the Commission for adjudication.

3. The following disputes, inter-alia, may be referred to the Arbitration Commission :

   i) Dispute between ABFI Members/Affiliates.

   ii) Dispute within a State Association affiliated to ABFI.

   iii) Dispute relating to affiliation with the ABFI.

   iv) Age fraud appeal against the decision of the ABFI Age Verification Committee.

   v) Dispute between ABFI and its Vendors/Suppliers/Sponsors/Affiliates.

   vi) Selection disputes.

   vii) Election Disputes.

   viii) Affiliation disputes of District Baseball Association within a State Association.

   ix) Affiliation dispute of a State Association.

CHAPTER: 10

RESIDUARY POWERS

RULE: 51

(a) All residuary powers shall vest in the council of the Federation.

(b) All the Provisions under all the Section of the Societies Registration Act, 1860, shall be applicable to this federation.

CHAPTER: 11

REFORMS TO THE CONSTITUTION

RULE: 52

The actual Constitution can be reformed/amended by either of the two following methods.

(a) An ordinary or extraordinary council with a favorable vote of atleast two-thirds of the members present in the council.

(b) By written request addressed to the Executive committee expressing motive and cause acted favorable upon by two thirds vote of the Executive Committee, when submitted to the full membership of the council with the favorable vote of atleast two-thirds of the **A.B.F.I.** members.

RULE: 53

The project of reform shall be distributed to all **A.B.F.I.** members with atleast 15 days time period between their receiving the suggested reforms and the required time to submit their vote concerning this change.

FINAL DISPOSITION

RULE: 54

This constitution or changes will enter into effect as of the date of its approval.

CHAPTER: 12

JURISDICTION OF COURTS

RULE: 55

Only the courts located within the jurisdiction of the city in which the headquarters of the federation is situated shall alone have jurisdiction in the matters of ABFI. The Federation shall be used in the name of the Honorary Secretary General.

LIST OF AFFILIATED UNITS

1. A. P. Baseball Association
2. Assam Baseball Association
3. Bengal Baseball Association
4. Baseball Association of Bihar
5. Chhattisgarh Baseball Association
6. Baseball Association Chandigarh
7. Baseball Association Delhi
8. Gujarat Baseball Association
9. Goa Baseball Association
10. H. P. Baseball Association
11. Haryana Baseball Association
12. Jharkhand Baseball Association
13. J&K Baseball Association
14. Karnataka Baseball Association
15. Kerala Baseball Association
16. M. P. Baseball Association
17. Manipur Baseball Association
18. Maharashtra Baseball Association
19. Baseball Association of Odisha
20. Punjab Baseball Association
21. Amateur Baseball Association of Pondicherry
22. Rajasthan Baseball Association
23. Tamilnadu Baseball Association
24. Baseball Association Of Telangana
25. U. P. Baseball Association
26. Uttarakhand Baseball Association