ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
CONSTITUTION

(AS ADPOTED ON 15TH MARCH, 2017 AND FURTHER AMENDMENTS
INCORPORATED PURSUANT TO ORDERS OF HON'BLE SUPREME
COURT OF INDIA ON 4TH DECEMBER 2017)

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1
Name of Association

Archery Association of India (Abbreviated as 'AAI')

ARTICLE 2
Registered Office:
The Registered Office of the Archery Association of India will be in Delhi
and a sub-office shall be located wherever the President / Honorary
Secretary General resides. The present address of AAI is - Gate No. 2, DDA

ARTICLE 3
Aims and Objectives:
The aims and objectives of AAI will be:

(a) To organize, encourage, promote and control the Sport of Archery in
India;

(b) To provide facilities for training and physical exercises in the Sport of
Archery and to render financial assistance to both individuals and
organisations for the promotion of such training;
(c) To diffuse useful knowledge and modern techniques in sports and physical exercises by publishing literature in any form the participating in such meetings in India and abroad; and,

(d) Generally to do anything with the promotion of Sport of Archery in particular and sports in general in the country.

ARTICLE 4.
Affiliations:

(a) Archery Association of India (AAI) is a National Association registered with the Registrar of Societies, NCT of Delhi, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

(b) AAI is a Member Association of the World Archery Federation (WA) and World Archery Asia (WAA) and is recognized as the sole National Archery Association for the nation of India by the WA and WAA. No other entity shall be entitled to represent itself as a National Federation for the sport of Archery in India.

(c) AAI is a member of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

ARTICLE 5.
Non-discrimination:

AAI is an autonomous body without any political affiliation and is neutral in matters of politics and religion. It strictly prohibits and disavows any form of discrimination with reference to political affiliation, religion, sexual orientation, language, region, national or social origin, property, birth or race. Any such discrimination on the part of any member of AAI is punishable by suspension or expulsion in terms of this Constitution.
ARTICLE 6.
Promoting Friendly Relations:

AAI shall promote friendly relations between all persons involved in the Sport of Archery. All persons forming part of AAI shall be obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations and principles of fair play. AAI shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any dispute that may arise between State Associations, All India Sports Control Boards / Organizations, Members, Officials and Players.

ARTICLE 7.
Laws of the Game:

AAI and every Member shall be engaged in the Sport of Archery in compliance with any Rules or Laws that may be issued from time to time by the WA and WAA in regard to the conduct of the Sport of Archery, or as modified by AAI in its Rules of Competitions. AAI shall recognize World Archery as the International Federation for Archery representing the World Archery objectives. Members shall be bound by its Rules, shall submit to its jurisdiction in World Archery matters and shall undertake to promote its goals. Members, their officers and athletes, shall be bound by the WA Constitution and Rules including the Code of Ethics and Conduct and the Anti doping rules.

II. MEMBERSHIP:

ARTICLE 8.
Members of AAI:

a) The Members of AAI shall be divided into following categories:
(i) Full Members, being State Archery Associations to be represented in AAI General Council Meetings by two (2) representatives each; and

(ii) Associate Members, being:

(1) All India Sports Control Boards / Organizations to be represented in AAI General Council Meetings by one (1) representative each.

(2) Prominent Archers of outstanding merit comprising at least 5% of the total strength of the General Council of AAI, who shall be appointed for a tenure of four (4) years.

(b) Only one Association shall be recognized as the State Archery Association of that State. For the purposes of this provision, the expression 'State' shall refer to a State or Union Territory recognized as such by the Government of India. Affiliation as a Full Member shall be given to a State Association provided such State Association has at least 50% of the District Units functioning in that State. The decision to accord the status of State Archery Association to an applicant association or the determination of whether the Association has lost/retained its status as a State Archery Association shall be taken by the General Council of AAI by a simple majority of members present and voting, provided that a quorum of 33% of the Members of the General Council who are entitled to vote in meetings is satisfied. It shall be open to the President, AAI, at his sole discretion to appoint an ad hoc committee to undertake a factual enquiry in this regard and place its written findings and
recommendations before the General Council at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting of the General Council at which this matter is to be discussed. The composition of the ad hoc committee shall be at the sole discretion of the President, AAI. The decision of the General Council shall be final and binding on all applicants.

ARTICLE 9.

Membership Applications:

(a) Every application for membership of AAI shall be in writing and addressed to the President of AAI. Such application shall include, in addition to any other requirements that may be specified by the General Council of AAI from time to time:

i. A copy of the Applicant's Statutes and Regulations & a copy of Registration with appropriate Government Authority.

ii. A list of Officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.

iii. A copy of the Minutes Books of Meetings and any other records maintained by the Applicant pertaining to its functioning as an Archery Association, including those relating to election of Office Bearers and maintenance of Accounts.

(b) The appointment of prominent Archers of outstanding merit shall be by the Executive Committee of AAI without recourse to the procedure contemplated in this Article. The Membership of these persons shall be noted by the General Council at its next Annual General Meeting.
ARTICLE 10.

Admission of Members:

(a) All applications for Membership shall be scrutinized by the Executive Committee of AAI, which shall submit a report for the consideration of the General Council of AAI highlighting the relevant aspect of the Application and recommending whether or not the application should be allowed. Such recommendation shall be circulated by the Executive Committee to the General Council of AAI at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting of the General Council at which voting on the application would be undertaken.

(b) The decision of whether to admit a Member shall be taken by a simple majority of the members of the General Council of AAI present and voting, provided that at least 33% quorum of the Members entitled to vote in the General Council on that date is satisfied. The decision of the General Council of AAI shall be binding on the applicant.

(c) Pending consideration of any application for Membership by the Executive Committee and/or the General Council of the AAI, the President, AAI shall be empowered to grant provisional membership of the AAI to any applicant, provided that the President, AAI is satisfied that the application of the member is fully compliant with the provisions of the clause relating to Membership Application.

ARTICLE 11.

Terms of Membership:

a) The Annual membership fees of AAI shall be:
i. State Archery Association @ Rs.1000.00

ii. All India Sports Control Boards/ Organizations @ Rs.2000.00

(b) New members shall pay an amount equivalent to the Annual Membership Fee (in addition to the Annual Membership Fee for that year) as Admission fee for gaining membership of AAI.

(c) Membership shall be provisional until the member Association/Board participates in the National Championships either at the Senior/Junior/Sub-Junior/Under-14 levels.

(d) The membership of a State Archery Associations/Board which does not participate in two consecutive National Championships at either Senior/Junior/Sub-Junior/Under-14 levels shall automatically stand suspended. A simple majority of members of the General Council present and voting in a meeting may renew the membership of such Association/Board.

(e) The State Archery Association/Board conducting the National Championships shall pay Rs.30,000/-, Rs.50,000/- and Rs.75,000/- by way of ‘Fees from State Association (Support Services) to AAI for each of the Senior/Junior/Sub-Junior National Championships respectively.

(f) Members of AAI shall have the following obligations:

i. To comply fully with the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of AAI (including the provisions of this Constitution) and WA, wherever applicable, and any applicable laws
ii. To ensure that all their members/affiliates comply with the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of AAI (including the provisions of this Constitution), wherever applicable.

iii. To observe the Laws of the Sport of Archery

iv. To take part in competitions organized by AAI

v. To conduct competitions at the District and State Levels

vi. To not disrupt AAI calendar of events by scheduling competitions/events clashing with AAI events

vii. To make Archers selected by AAI for this purpose available for participation in National Training Camps and National/International Competitions as and when required.

viii. To submit to AAI Executive Council or refer to arbitration as per the provisions of this Constitution and the applicable law governing the conduct of Arbitration Proceedings in India, any and all disputes/differences disagreements arising between members and/or constituent units.

ix. To abstain from any action contrary to the interest of AAI

x. To pay their membership subscriptions

xi. To communicate in a timely manner, any amendment of the statutes and regulations of the State Association and the list of its officials or persons who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties
xii. To notify AAI of elections to the State body, to which an observer may be sent by AAI.

xiii. To elect its office-bearers and representatives by a free and fair voting process and notify AAI of the outcome of such elections.

xiv. To notify AAI of any disciplinary action taken by a Member against any individual or constituent.

xv. To abstain from any relations of a sporting nature with non-recognised entities.

(g) Violation of any of the above-mentioned obligations shall be a ground for imposition of any of the sanctions contemplated in this Constitution.

(h) Members of AAI shall have the following rights:

i. To take part through their representatives in the proceedings of the General Council of AAI and

ii. To take part in competitions organized by AAI.

iii. To exercise all other rights arising under this Constitution and any other applicable.

(i) Provisional members of AAI shall have the following rights:

i. To take part in competitions organized by AAI

ii. To attend the Annual General Meeting of AAI as an observer
ARTICLE 12.
Suspension of Members:

(a) A member may be suspended from Membership of AAI for

i. any violation of the terms of the present Constitution or

ii. any conduct detrimental to the reputation or functioning of AAI.

(b) The General Council of AAI may suspend any Member by a simple
majority of members present and voting, provided that at least 33%
quorum of the Members entitled to vote in the General Council on that
date is satisfied.

Provided that before a vote on suspension is undertaken by the
General Council, the Executive Committee by way of its decision shall
issue a Show Cause Notice to the Member detailing the grounds on
which its suspension is being contemplated and inviting a response.
Such Show Cause Notice shall be accompanied by any relevant
documents referenced in the Show Cause Notice or otherwise
relevant to the grounds on which suspension is being contemplated.
The Member shall be granted a period of thirty (30) days from the
date of such Show Cause Notice to reply to the grounds on which its
suspension is being sought. The Show Cause Notice and reply, if
any, by the Member, shall be circulated to the General Council at
least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the
suspension of the Member is tabled.

(c) Where the Executive Committee is satisfied that failure to take
immediate action would cause irreparable prejudice to the reputation
and/or functioning of AAI, it may, by way of a written communication
recording such satisfaction as well as the relevant facts and
reasoning accompanying the same, suspend a Member with immediate effect. Such suspension shall be placed before the General Council at its next meeting along with any response received from the suspended member. A member suspended by the Executive Committee shall be granted thirty (30) days to respond in writing to the grounds of suspension and such response shall be circulated to the General Council at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the suspension of the Member is tabled. Suspension must be confirmed by a simple majority of the members of the General Council present and voting, provided that at least 33% quorum of the Members entitled to vote in the General Council on that date is satisfied.

(d) A suspended member shall lose all rights and privileges of a Member under this Constitution. Other Members shall not engage in any sporting or other contact with a suspended Member.

(e) A suspended member may be reinstated at any time following suspension by a simple majority of the members of the General Council present and voting, provided that at least 33% quorum of the Members entitled to vote in the General Council on that date is satisfied.

(f) Members failing to pay their Membership Fees as well as other dues before the end of that particular Financial Year shall be suspended from Membership of AAI provided that Member in arrears may be restored to the privileges of Membership on payment of full arrears plus a surcharge amounting to 20 percent of arrears as penalty within a period of no longer than 90 days following the end of that Financial Year. The Executive Committee may suspend a Member under this
clause without recourse to the General Council of AAI and without following the procedure set out in clause (b) above.

**ARTICLE 13.**

**Expulsion of Members:**

(a) A Member may be expelled in the event of:

i. persistent and serious violation of this Constitution and any regulations or decisions issued by AAI under this Constitution causing irreparable prejudice to the reputation and functioning of AAI

ii. Failure to fulfill its financial obligations towards AAI

(b) The General Council of AAI may expel any Member by a simple majority of members present and voting, provided that at least 33% quorum of the Members entitled to vote in the General Council on that date is satisfied.

Provided that before a vote on expulsion of Member is undertaken by the General Council, the Executive Committee by way of its decision shall issue a Show Cause Notice to the Member detailing the grounds on which its expulsion is being contemplated and inviting a response. Such Show Cause Notice shall be accompanied by any relevant documents referenced in the Show Cause Notice or otherwise relevant to the grounds on which expulsion is being contemplated. The Member shall be granted a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such Show Cause Notice to reply to the grounds on which its expulsion is being sought. The Show Cause Notice and reply, if any, by the Member, shall be circulated to the General Council at least
fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the expulsion of the Member is tabled.

III. FINANCIAL YEAR & ACCOUNTS

ARTICLE 14.

FINANCIAL YEAR & ACCOUNTS:
The financial year of AAI shall be from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

(a) The funds received on behalf of AAI shall be deposited in Bank approved by the Executive Committee. The banking account shall be operated by any two of the President / Honorary Secretary General with the Honorary Treasurer.

(b) The President and the Honorary Secretary General shall be authorized to incur expenditure within the limits of the budget sanctioned at the Annual General Meeting of the General Council.

(c) No expenditure in excess of or not included in the budget, passed at the Annual General Meeting, shall be incurred excepting after the approval of the President.

Provided that it may be reported to the General Council at its next meeting.

IV. GENERAL COUNCIL

ARTICLE 15.

General Council of AAI:
The General Council of AAI, which is the supreme legislative body of AAI, shall comprise:

(a) Full Members of the AAI, each of which shall be represented by two (2) representatives.

(b) Associate Members of the AAI, each of which shall be represented by one (1) representative.

Provided that Associate Members shall be entitled to participate in proceedings of the General Council without voting rights.

V. OFFICE BEARERS

ARTICLE 16:

Office Bearers of AAI:

(a) AAI shall have the following Office-Bearers:

i. One (1) President

ii. One (1) Senior Vice-President

iii. Eight (8) Vice-Presidents

iv. One (1) Honorary Secretary-General

v. Seven (7) Joint-Secretaries

vi. One (1) Honorary Treasurer

(b) The Office-Bearers shall be elected by the General Council and shall be Members of the General Council. Provided that only a delegate representing a Full Member shall be entitled to be an Office-Bearer.
An Office-Bearer shall be domicile citizen of India and a domicile of the State whose Archery Association he/she represents.

(c) No Office-bearer shall hold any office in any other National Federation affiliated to IOA, excepting the Indian Olympic Association.

(d) Any representative of a Member who has been elected as an Office-bearer shall continue to hold his office till the end of the term even if his representation has been withdrawn by his own Association. In case of suspension/expulsion of the Member of which the individual is a representative, the office held by its representative shall be deemed to have been vacated.

(e) The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the Committee or in any other committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the General Council.

ARTICLE 17.
Election of Office Bearers:

(a) The General Council shall, by two-third majority of its Members present and voting adopt Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of free and fair elections, by secret ballot, to the posts of Office Bearers, provided that a quorum of at least 33% of the total Members entitled to vote in the meeting is present. President will appoint Returning Officer (RO) for holding the election.

(b) The election of Office-Bearers shall be held every four (4) years, preferably at least one (1) month before the elections of the Indian Olympic Association. The elections to the State Archery Associations shall be completed before the elections of AAI.
(c) No person, against whom charges have been framed by a competent Court in India for offences of a serious nature under the Indian Penal Code/Prevention of Corruption Act in respect of which punishment of more than 2 years has been prescribed, shall be permitted to serve as an Office-bearer of AAI. The disqualification shall commence from the date of the order of the Court framing charges or convicting such person and shall remain in place until such person is acquitted by a competent Court or has served in full the sentence imposed by such Court.

(d) AAI shall intimate the concerned Ministry of the Government of India at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the election is to be held and shall permit any Observer nominated by the Government to attend the polling as well as counting of votes.

ARTICLE 18.

Tenure and Age-Limits:

(a) The President of AAI shall hold office, with or without a break, for either a maximum of three (3) terms (whether complete or not) or a cumulative period of twelve (12) years.

(b) The Honorary Secretary-General and Honorary Treasurer of the Federation may serve a maximum of two successive terms, after which a person who has held either of these posts will be able to seek election to the same or any other post only after a cooling off period of one term.
(c) The President, Honorary Secretary-General and Honorary Treasurer of AAI, shall, without exception, cease to hold these posts on attaining the age of seventy (70) years.

ARTICLE 19

Removal of Office Bearers:

(a) Office-bearers may be removed by a vote of no-confidence passed by the General Council in an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for this purpose, provided that such resolution shall receive the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting, and provided further that a quorum of at least three fourths of the total members of the General Council entitled to participate and vote in such meeting is present.

(b) When any Member(s) seeks tabling of a vote of no-confidence against any Office-bearer as an item on the Agenda of any Meeting, such item shall be included in the Agenda of the Meeting by the Executive Committee. Prior to any Meeting at which the Agenda includes a vote of no-confidence, the Member(s) calling the vote shall issue a written notice to the office-bearer(s) specifying the grounds on which the removal of the office-bearer(s) is being sought. Such notice shall be issued at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the Meeting is being called and the office-bearer(s) shall be granted fifteen (15) days to respond to the same in writing. The Notice and response(s), if any, shall be circulated to the Members at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Meeting.
VI. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

ARTICLE 20.

Powers and Functions of the General Council of AAI:

The General Council of AAI shall have the following powers and functions:

(a) To formulate the policy of AAI and the principles on which it shall be carried out

(b) To elect Office-Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee at the expiry of their terms.

(c) To frame rules for honorary and associate membership or patronship of AAI and to invite the President of the Republic of India or any other dignitary to be the patron-in-chief of AAI

(d) To impose and enforce penalties, including fines, sanctions, suspension and expulsion of members in accordance with this Constitution, for any violation of this Constitution or applicable Statutes, Rules and Regulations issued by the WA.

(e) To control the dues and funds of AAI and expend the same in the best manner possible

(f) To appoint auditors to examine and certify the Accounts and Balance Sheet of AAI annually and to fix their remuneration

(g) To approve the budget of AAI

(h) To institute, locate, conduct and manage all meets promoted for the selection of India's Archery representatives for the Olympic Games, Asian Games or any other international contests
(i) To convene/conduct National, Zonal and Open Archery Championships for Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior and Under-14 Archers

(j) To appoint Finance Committee, Technical Committee/Panel and any other subcommittee and to fix their terms of reference

(k) To recognize and register National, Zonal and all other Archery Records

(l) To assist, advise and arrange for coaching of archers

(m) To organize Archery training camps and coaching clinics

(n) To amend the Constitution when considered necessary

(o) To enroll State Associations and All India Sports Control Boards/Organizations

(p) To maintain a register of approved officials and archers

(q) To hold or arrange to hold individual physical efficiency tests

(r) To raise funds for AAI and receive grants from the Government and any other authority and to administer the same

(s) To explain and interpret this Constitution and any other Rules and Regulations of AAI and to render decisions on any matter not covered therein

(t) To maintain affiliation with the IOA, WA and WAA
(u) To make Rules and Regulations for conducting All-India, Zonal and Open Archery Championships and contests

(v) To nominate Patrons and Honorary Members, when necessary.

(w) To suspend any Member or archer from the national competition without assigning any reason there for and for such period as may be specified, provided that no archer or Member shall be suspended without due adherence to the principles of natural justice.

(x) To reinstate any suspended archer or Member upon reasonable cause being shown by such person for revocation of the suspension.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21.

Composition of the Executive Committee:
The Executive Committee of AAI shall comprise all the Office-Bearers of AAI.

Provided that if any position on the Executive Committee falls vacant, the same shall be filled no later than the next Annual General Meeting. In the interim, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall continue to exercise the powers and discharge the functions of the Executive Committee as if fully constituted and in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Provided that at least twenty-five per cent (25%) of the Executive Committee shall be comprised of sportspersons. In the event such composition is not achieved following election of the Office-Bearers, the Executive Committee shall be entitled to nominate as many sportspersons to form part of the Executive Committee as may be required to ensure that
at least twenty-five per cent (25%) of the members of the Executive Committee are sportspersons. Such persons nominated by the Executive Committee of AAI shall be entitled to participate and vote in meetings of the Executive Committee but shall not be regarded as Office-Bearers.

Powers and Functions of Executive Committee

ARTICLE 22.
The powers and functions of the Executive Committee shall be:

(a) To conduct general management and direction of AAI

(b) To recommend to the General Council membership of organizations which are eligible to obtain membership under the Constitution of AAI

(c) To decide cases of indiscipline, misconduct, protests, breaches of regulations, interpretation of Rules and Regulations and impose suitable penalties against individuals, if necessary, subject to the right of appeal to the General Council

(d) To approve disciplinary action and hear appeals against such action taken by subordinate bodies

(e) To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the General Council

(f) To fill any vacancy in the Executive Committee.

(g) To sanction foreign tours by teams and officials

(h) To appoint staff whenever required and to fix their remuneration.

(i) To hold tests for officials.
(j) To consider annual accounts of the Honorary Treasurer

(k) To consider the Annual Report of the Honorary Secretary General and forward the same along with the budget to the General Council with its recommendations.

(l) To appoint Sub-committees for smooth functioning and conduct of the Sport of Archery and frame by-laws for this purpose, provided that the functioning of such subcommittees shall submit annual reports to the General Council at the Annual General Meeting and may be dissolved by the Executive Committee for any reason or on the recommendation of at least fifty percent (50%) of the Members of the General Council.

(m) To carry out any other function necessary for the smooth functioning of AAI and to conduct and promote the Sport of Archery in India, subject to any action taken under this Clause being placed before the General Council for ratification by a majority of the members present at voting at the next meeting of the General Council.

(n) To designate a suitable person as Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) and 1st Appellate Authority.

(o) To Constitute and Ombudsman to adjudicate dispute arising between Members and/or Archers

VIII. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS

ARTICLE 23.

Duties and Functions of President:

(a) The President is the chief executive of AAI and shall preside over all Meetings of the General Council and the Executive Committee
(b) The President may call meetings of the General Council and the Executive Committee by following the procedure prescribed in this Constitution and shall perform such other duties attached to the office he holds.

(c) The President shall enjoy, in addition to a deliberative vote in any decision of the General Council or Executive Committee, a casting vote in the event of a tie.

(d) The President may spend up to Rs.50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) at a time in each Financial Year on behalf of AAI without recourse to the Executive Committee and/or General Council, and may further spend any amount beyond this limit subject to such expense with necessary particulars being placed before the next meeting of the Executive Committee and approval of the Executive Committee being obtained for such expense.

(e) The appointment of Officials, Coaches (including the National Coach), Managers etc. of Indian teams for various international tournaments shall be by and in the name of the President or an Office-Bearer/sub-committee to whom this function is delegated by the President.

(f) The President shall depute one or more officials in any National or Zonal Archery meet.

(g) The President has the power to appoint the Chief Executive Officer to look after the day to day functioning of the Association and its activities. The person so appointed has no voting rights.

(h) The President has the power to initiate various competitions and activities for promotion of Archery including an Archery League.
ARTICLE 24.
Duties and Functions of Senior Vice-President:

In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President will act for the President and shall exercise all powers of the President.

ARTICLE 25.
Duties and Functions of Vice-President:

(a) The decisions of the Executive Committee shall be executed by any of the Vice-President(s) when, and to the extent authorized to do so by the Executive Committee.

(b) When both the President and the Senior Vice-President are absent, one of the Vice-Presidents present in the meeting shall preside over the meetings of the General Council or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 26.
Duties and Functions of Honorary Secretary General:

(a) The Honorary Secretary-General shall be responsible for overseeing the functioning of AAI in accordance with the decisions of the General Council and the Executive Committee under the overall direction of the President and in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(b) The Honorary Secretary-General shall be responsible for recording minutes of all the proceedings of meetings of the General Council and the Executive Committee and for maintenance of the statutory and other records of AAI.
(c) The Honorary Secretary-General shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, convene meetings of the General Council and the Executive Committee and any other committee or sub-committee as may be formed.

(d) The Honorary Secretary-General shall receive all monies on behalf of the Treasurer if the treasurer is absent.

(e) The Honorary Secretary-General shall perform such other acts as are delegated to him by the General Council and/or the Executive Committee under this Constitution and the rules and regulations of AAI.

(f) The Honorary Secretary-General has the power to spend up to Rs. 25,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) at a time in each Financial Year on behalf of AAI and at his sole discretion.

ARTICLE 27:

Duties and Functions of Honorary Joint Secretaries:

The Honorary Joint-Secretaries shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the General Council or delegated to them by Honorary Secretary-General from time to time.

ARTICLE 28:

Duties and Functions of Honorary Treasurer:

(a) The Honorary Treasurer shall maintain all accounts, receive all monies, issue receipts, pay all bills duly certified by the Office-Bearer(s) and authorized as expenses in the budget passed by the General Council.
(b) The Honorary Treasurer shall operate jointly with the President and / or the Honorary Secretary-General an account in a bank duly approved by the Executive Committee, submit such statements of account as may be called from him, present an audited statement of accounts and budget for the year and do all acts necessary for the due performance of his duties under this Constitution.

(c) The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring that AAI accepts and applies the Mercantile system of accounting and that the accounts of AAI are maintained properly and audited annually by a registered Chartered Accountant.

(d) The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring that the records and accounts of AAI will be accessible to the Government of India and are produced as and when requisitioned in writing by any Ministry of the Government of India.

IX. MEETINGS

ARTICLE 29.

Annual General Meeting of the General Council:

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the General Council shall be held annually at the time of the Senior National Archery Championship or at any other convenient time as may be determined by the President.

(b) Notice of the holding of the meeting shall be issued by the Honorary Secretary-General at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the Meeting. Such Notice shall specify the place, date and Agenda for the Meeting, which Agenda may not be altered.
(c) The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 33% of the strength of the General Council as on the date of issuance of the Notice under clause (b) above.

(d) Each State Archery Association shall have two (2) votes in the Annual General Meeting, which votes shall be exercised by a delegate present in person at the Meeting. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. Provided that no State Archery association shall have more than two (2) delegates present at the Annual General Meeting.

(e) Delegates must be members of State Archery Association that they represent and be nominated by the appropriate body of that Association. Nominations shall be signed by the President or the Honorary / General Secretary of the Association. In case of conflict the nomination signed by the President shall be treated as valid. No person against whom charges have been framed by a competent Court in India for offences of a serious nature under the Indian Penal Code/Prevention of Corruption Act in respect of which punishment of more than 2 years has been prescribed shall be permitted to serve as a delegate of an Association or vote at an Annual General Meeting. The disqualification shall commence from the date of the order of the Court framing charges or convicting such person and shall remain in place until such person is acquitted by a competent Court or has served in full the sentence imposed by such Court.

(f) The following business shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting, in addition to any other business added to the agenda of the Meeting by the President:

i. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting.
ii. Adoption of Honorary Secretary-General’s report.

iii. Consideration and passing of the Audited Statement of Accounts and balance sheet of AAI for the preceding Financial Year.

iv. Holding elections of Office-bearers (when applicable).

v. Appointment of auditors for next financial year and their remuneration.

vi. Carry out amendments to this Constitution, if any.

vii. Conduct any such business that may have been notified.

viii. Take up matters affecting the welfare of AAI, which the President may allow at the meeting without notice.

(g) The Annual Report, Audited Statement of Account and other relevant papers pertaining to the Annual General Meeting of the General Council shall be circulated to all members along with the Notice calling for the Annual General Meeting and specifying its agenda.

ARTICLE 30.

Special General Meeting:

(a) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the President, AAI at his discretion, or shall be called within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written requisition signed by no less than 50% of the Members of the General Council.

(b) If the President, AAI fails to convene a requisitioned meeting within the time specified in clause (a) above, then the Members seeking such meeting may convene a Special General Meeting under arrangements made directly by then, by providing Notice of at least thirty (30) days to Members. The Notice must specify the Agenda of
the Special General Meeting and in order to be valid, must contain the signatures of the Members comprising at least 50% of the General Council of AAI, at whose instance the meeting is being convened. In meetings convened under this clause, only the items of agenda specified in the Notice will be taken up for discussion.

ARTICLE 31.
Emergent Meeting:
Notwithstanding anything contained in the above, an Emergent Meeting may be convened by the Honorary Secretary General in consultation with the President to discuss and vote on an urgent specific matter requiring expedient resolution, with ten (10) days clear notice being issued for the same to each Member. Such meeting shall be preceded by a written Notice specifying the matter requiring urgent resolution and the nature of the urgency. In meetings convened under this clause, only the specified urgent matter will be taken up for discussion. The quorum for an Emergent Meeting shall be one-third of the General Council of AAI and any resolution will only be valid if it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the Members present and voting.

ARTICLE 32.
Emergent Powers between Meetings:
In the interval between two meetings of the General Council, the Executive Committee may take any action consistent with this Constitution in regard to a matter otherwise requiring a resolution of the General Council, provided that it is not possible or feasible to convene a Meeting. The Executive Committee, to the extent possible, shall attempt to obtain the consent of Members through electronic or postal ballot voting. Any such decision shall
be communicated in writing to the Members, which communication shall specify the reason for taking such decision as well as the urgency involved that precluded calling of a Meeting. No such decision shall be regarded as a valid decision of AAI unless ratified at the next Meeting by at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting, with a quorum of at least fifty (50%) of the Members of the General Council present. Any third-party rights created by such decision of the Executive Committee shall be expressly made subject to ratification by the General Council.

**ARTICLE 33.**

**Meetings of the Executive Committee:**

(a) Meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened whenever necessary by the Honorary Secretary-General, with the permission of the President. *Provided that* the Executive Committee shall meet at least thrice in a calendar year.

(b) The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be one-third of its Members, subject to a minimum of seven members being present.

(c) Any decisions of the Executive Committee requires the positive vote of at least two thirds of its members present and voting.

(d) At least twelve (12) days' notice of such a meeting shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee, however, the Honorary Secretary-General may, with the consent of the majority of Executive Committee present expressed in writing, convene any such meeting during the period of any of the National Archery Championships with
shorter notice. At such meeting, only matters relating to that particular Championship shall be considered.

(e) An emergent meeting may be convened by the Honorary Secretary-General, in consultation with the President, on an urgent specific matter, with five (5) days notice for such meeting being given to each member

(f) A decision of the Executive Committee may be taken by circulation amongst its members in case of urgency when the meeting of the Executive Committee cannot be convened. Any decision arrived at by such circulation shall have to be placed before the next meeting of the Executive Committee for confirmation and record.

X. AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 34.

AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members of the General Council present and voting, provided that a quorum of 33% of the total members of the General Council is present at the meeting at which such vote is taken.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 35.

Legal Status:

(a) Provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable to the NCT of Delhi shall apply mutatis mutandis to AAI.
(b) AAI shall submit an Annual List of Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee to the Registrar of Societies, Delhi, as required under Section 4 of the Societies Registration Act, 1880 as applicable to the NCT of Delhi.

(c) The income and property of AAI shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of AAI as set out in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any one by way of dividend.

(d) The income and property as well as the management and control of AAI shall vest in its Executive Committee.

(e) AAI may be dissolved by the General Council at a Meeting specially called for this purpose upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary-General of a written requisition received by not less than two-thirds of the Members of the General Council. In the event of dissolution of the AAI, the entire Funds of AAI shall be realized and first used for payment of liabilities of AAI. The assets left, if any, shall be disbursed, after obtaining prior approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemption), New Delhi, to any other Society having similar objectives and which has been granted registration under Section 12AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961. In no circumstances shall the proceeds be distributed in any manner to any Member of the AAI, Office-Bearer of the AAI, or their relatives or related concerns.

ARTICLE 36.

Jurisdiction:

AAI may sue or be sued in the name of the President or Honorary Secretary-General. All proceedings shall be subject to the exclusive
jurisdiction of Civil Court and the High Court of Delhi, and a clause to this
effect shall be included in any deed or contract executed by AAI with any
third party.

ARTICLE 37.
Arbitration:
Any dispute, difference or disagreement arising out of or in relation to any
provision of this Constitution or any other Rule or Regulation issued by AAI
or WA (to the extent relevant to the functions and powers of AAI), or
between Members of AAI shall be referred to binding arbitration by a Sole
Arbitrator to be appointed by the consent of the parties. The provisions of
the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 shall apply to the conduct of such
arbitration proceedings and the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi shall have sole
jurisdiction over any proceedings in regard to the conduct of these
arbitration proceedings.

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