

Goa Football Association

STATUTES

GOA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION STATUTES

I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

ART.1

The GOA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION shall be the sole authority that controls football in the state and shall be governed by these Statutes. It is neutral in matters of politics and religion. It prohibits any form of political, religious, sexual, ethnic, linguistic, regional or racial discrimination. It is a member of the Federation and accordingly it is obliged to respect the Statutes and regulations, directives and decisions of the Federation and to ensure that these are likewise respected by its members. The duration of the Association is unlimited. The Association shall be registered as a Society under the Indian Societies Registration Act 1860. The Association as a Society shall be irrevocable. The Association shall operate within the territory of India.

DEFINITIONS:

ART. 2

The terms given below denote the following:

1. **"AIFF" or "Federation"** means the All India Football Federation.
2. **"AFC"** means the Asian Football Confederation.
3. **"AGM"** means the Annual General Body Meeting of GFA.
4. **"Active Member"** is a Club which is a legal entity and which has promotion of football within the state as one of its objects and which participates in a minimum of one official competition of the GFA and complete their engagements in the competition during the respective season.
5. **"Associate Members"** are Clubs which did not fulfil the requirements to continue as Active Members, and will be allowed to conduct only one private football tournaments on payment of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) during the respective season without a right to vote. Associate Membership shall be restricted to one season only.
6. **"Association Football"** means the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

7. "Club" means a Football club which is a legal entity affiliated to the GFA.
8. "Club Licensing" means a process by which clubs are given licenses by AIFF to play in AFC & AIFF Competitions and/or given license by GFA to take part in its competitions.
9. "Competition" means any Football competition / tournament / match (whether a League or a Knock-Out Competition / Tournament, Friendly Match or otherwise) owned / organized / sanctioned by or requiring the sanction of AIFF and/or GFA.
10. "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Association;
11. "FIFA" means Federation Internationale de Football Association.
12. "Financial Year" means a period of twelve months starting from 1st April and ending on 31st March of the subsequent year.
13. "Football" means as the context requires, any or all types and forms of football including without limitation to Association Football, futsal and beach soccer.
14. "GFA" or "Association" means the Goa Football Association which is the legally constituted Association affiliated to the AIFF responsible to conduct and/or sanction all football competitions within the State of Goa.
15. "General Body" is the gathering of eligible members of the Association;
16. "Individual Members" means Patrons, Life Members, Honorary Members, Founder members, Signatories to the Articles of Associations and ex-officio members and a delegate of the referee Association;
17. "Judicial Bodies" means, the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee, the Players Status Committee and the Arbitration Tribunal;
18. Laws of the Game refer to the Laws of the Game, issued by The IFAB and published by FIFA in accordance with the FIFA statutes.
19. "Member" means all Active, Provisional, Associate Clubs and Individual Members of the GFA.
20. "League" means a Professional League / Tournament and/or Amateur League / Tournament which consists of a combination of clubs within the territory of Goa and which is under the authority and sanction of the GFA.
21. Office Bearer of the GFA: The President, and Honorary/General Secretary and Treasurer shall be designated as the Office Bearers of the GFA.
22. Office Bearer of a Club: The President, Vice Presidents, General/Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall be designated as the Office Bearers of the Club. However, in case of Company Clubs, Chairman/President, Managing Director or any other Director or Official so designated/authorized by the Board of Directors.
23. "Provisional Members" are Clubs which are legally constituted entities, which have promotion of Football within the State as one of their objects, and which have been granted provisional membership by the Executive Committee.
24. "Player" means a professional or amateur football player registered in accordance with the GFA Regulations governing the Status and Transfer of Players or any other manner prescribed from time to time.
25. "Referee" means a person who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with any Football match to which he has been appointed.
26. "Regulations" means rules, regulations, codes, instructions and directives as promulgated by the GFA or any another entity authorized to do so, from time to time.
27. "Statutes" means the Constitution of GFA, the Regulations Governing the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Body, promulgated by the General Body.
28. "State" means the State of Goa;
29. "Season" means the period from the first day of June of a year to the thirty-first of May of the following year.
30. "SGM" means the Special or Extraordinary General Body Meeting of GFA.
31. "Zone" means each of the following four area:-
 - i. Bardez comprising Talukas of Bardez, Pernem, Bicholim and Satari.
 - ii. Ilhas comprising Talukas of Tiswadi and Ponda
 - iii. Mormugao comprising Mormugao Taluka and
 - iv. Salcete comprising Talukas of Salcete, Canacona, Quepem and Sanguem. Note: Areas of the new Darbandora Taluka, which are at

present in the Salcete, Ilhas or Bardez Zones will continue to play in these zones.

32. "Districts" means the two revenue districts of North Goa and South Goa. North Goa consists of Bardez and Ilhas Zones. South Goa District consists of Salcete and Mormugao Zones.

NAME, HEADQUARTERS AND AFFILIATION

ART. 31.

The Goa Football Association is a registered Society with the Registrar of Societies, Panaji, Goa, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860

2. The headquarters of the Association shall be at Panaji, Goa.
3. It is formed for an unlimited period
4. GFA is a member of AIFF. Accordingly, it is self-obliged to respect the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC and AIFF and to ensure that these are likewise respected by its Members.

OBJECTIVES

ART.4

The objectives of the Association are:

1. To improve and popularize the game of Football constantly and promote it throughout the state in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programs;
2. To organize competitions within the state or to grant the mandate/ right to affiliated clubs to do the same in accordance with its statutes and regulations;
3. To draw up regulations and ensure their enforcement;
4. To control all types of Football by taking appropriate steps to prevent infringements of the Statutes and regulations or decisions of FIFA, AFC and the AIFF or of the Laws of the Game;
5. To prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of all matches or competitions, or give rise to abuse of football;

6. To establish and maintain relations with other organizations connected with Football in all forms;
7. To protect the joint interests of its members;
8. To raise the funds, purchase or hold any property, equipment or any interest in the same in furtherance of these objectives;
9. To generally do all such acts which are incidental or conducive to attain these objectives;
10. To institute strong measures and campaigns against bribery, corruption, drugs, match fixing and racism in Football;
11. To manage the sporting relations connected with Football with the AIFF and its affiliated units;
12. To settle disputes between and amongst Players, Officials, Affiliated Clubs and other organizations.

ARTICLE 5 (NEW)

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND STANCE AGAINST RACISM

1. GFA is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
2. Discrimination of any kind against a Club, private person or group of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

PROMOTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS

ART.6 (renumbered)

1. The Association shall promote friendly relations.
 - (a) Between members, officials and players. Every Person and organization involved in the game of Football is obliged to observe the Statutes, Regulations and the principles of Fair play;
 - (b) In the society for humanitarian objectives.
2. The Association shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any dispute that may arise between members, official and players.

3. Every person and organization involved in the game of Football is obliged to observe these Statutes, regulations and the principles of fair play.

FUNDS (RENUMBERED AS ART 55)

PLAYERS ART.7

1. Each player participating in a competition conducted or sanctioned by the GFA shall be registered with the GFA in accordance with the GFA Statutes and Regulations.
2. The Executive Committee shall regulate the status of players and the provisions for their transfer in accordance with the special Regulations made for the purpose and the FIFA and AIFF Regulations whenever applicable.

LAWS OF THE GAME ART. 8

1. Association Football shall be played in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
2. Futsal in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA;
3. Beach Soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA; and
4. Any other type of Football in accordance with the relevant laws for that type of Football recognized by FIFA.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OFFICIAL AND PLAYERS ART.9

Members, Committees, official and players must observe the statutes, regulations, code of Ethics and decisions of the Executive Committee of GFA, AIFF, AFC and FIFA.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ART.10

English shall be the official language of the Association for all purposes.

II-MEMBERSHIP

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS ART.11

1. The Association has Active, Associate, Provisional, and Individual members.
2. Active Members are those defined in ART.2.4 of these statutes. Individual members are those defined in ART 2.16
 - (a) Patrons- being persons who donate an amount of Rupees Five Hundred Thousand are so designated by the General Body;
 - (b) Life members - being persons who donate an amount of Rupees One Lakh and are so designated by the General Body.
 - (c) Honorary Members - being persons who are so designated by General Body;
 - (d) Signatories to the Articles of Association - being persons who signed the articles of Associations approved on 20 July 1977.
 - (e) Ex-officio members - being persons who are members of the Executive Committee during their term of office.
 - (f) This shall not affect the status of existing individual members.
3. Associate Members are those as defined as such in ART 2.5 of these statutes.
4. Provisional Members are those defined as such in ART 2.23 of these statutes.

ADMISSION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION ART.12

The General Body shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a member.

ADMISSION

ART.13

1. Organizations within the state which have promotion of football as one of their objective are entitled to apply for admission to provisional membership to the association. Application shall be in writing and comply with the Admission regulations.
2. A provisional member shall be entitled to apply for active membership after a minimum period of five years of uninterrupted provisional membership. Subject to compliance with Admission Regulations.
3. Membership can only be granted by General Body. The Executive Committee may recommend to General Body whether to admit or not to admit a provisional member as a member.

MEMBERS' RIGHT

ART.14

The rights of the Members are:

1. To take part in General Body meetings;
2. To draw up proposals for inclusions in the Agenda of the General Body meetings
3. To nominate candidates to the Executive Committee of the Association.
4. To vote the agenda of the General Body Meetings and elections of the GFA;
5. To propose amendments to the statutes and regulations of the associations.
6. To participate in the competitions organized by the associations;
7. To participate in the associations development programs.
8. To propose and second proposals during the AGM and Special/ Extraordinary AGM's of the Association.
9. To organize Private Football Tournaments.

ART.15

1. The rights detailed in Art.14.1, 14.4 and 14.8 shall be exercised by the active members through their delegates to the General Body meetings. **The rights detailed in Article 14.3 shall be exercised only**

by the President or the Honorary/General Secretary of an active Member.

2. Individual Members are not entitled to rights detailed in Art 14.3, 14.4, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8 and 14.9
3. Provisional members are not entitled to rights detailed in Art 14.1.14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5 and 14.8.
4. Associate Members are not entitled to any of the rights detailed in Art 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7 and 14.8.

MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

ART.16

I - Members have following obligations:

1. To comply fully with the Statutes and regulations, directives and decisions of the GFA, AIFF, AFC and FIFA and their bodies, at all times;
2. To bring to the notice of the General Body, or the Executive Committee, violations of the Statutes and regulations of the Associations;
3. To take Part in the competitions organized by the association as prescribed in the respective regulations;
 1. To pay affiliation fees and other dues within the prescribed periods;
 2. To ensure their own members comply with the statutes and regulations, directives and decisions of the Association and its bodies;
 3. To comply fully with all other duties arising from these statutes and regulations;
 4. To release their players whenever they are called for state and national training camps and competitions for the state or national team including age group teams;
 5. To submit disputes to the association's bodies in accordance with these Statutes without first resorting to litigation in court
 6. To submit to the Association the Statutes/Constitution, amendments of the Statutes/Constitution and regulations of the Active/Provisional member's and to furnish minutes of their Annual General Body Meetings /Extra Ordinary General Body Meetings within a period of one month from the date of the meeting.

7. To observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sport behaviour as an expression of Fair Play;

II - Violation of the above mentioned obligations by any member may lead to sanctions provided for in these statutes and other regulations of the Association.

SANCTIONS

ART.17

The Association is the supreme disciplinary authority over all its members, their constituents, officials, referees, players, supporters and spectators. **Any violations of the provisions of the Statutes will be punished in compliance with GFA, AIFF, AFC and FIFA Statutes, Disciplinary Code, Code of Ethics and/relevant regulations.**

SUSPENSION

ART.18

1. The General Body is responsible for suspending a member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a member that seriously or repeatedly violates its/his/her obligations as a member with immediate effect. The Suspension shall last until the next General Body, unless the Executive Committee has revoked it in the meantime.
2. A suspension by the Executive Committee shall be confirmed at the next General Body by a two-thirds majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed the suspension is automatically revoked.
3. A suspended member shall lose its/his/her membership rights. Other members shall not entertain sporting contact with a suspended member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
4. The right under **ART 14** of the members that do not pay their dues within the stipulated time shall remain suspended during the period of default. A active member which does not pay the dues of the associations for a period of one year from date of demand shall lose membership of the association.
5. Active member which does not renew/renew its registration and does not participate in at least one competition of the association shall lose its Active membership of the association.

EXPULSIONS

ART.19

1. The General Body may expel a Member: (a) If it/he/she fails to fulfil its/his/hers obligations towards the association including **financial obligations;**
or
(b) If it/he/she violates the **GFA Statutes, Rules, Regulations, decisions, codes, and/or those of AIFF, AFC and/or FIFA;**
2. The presence of an absolute majority of members entitled to vote at the General Body is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes taken.
3. An Expulsion can only be revoked or commuted by an extraordinary General Body meeting specially convened for the purpose with a three fourth's majority of the members present

EXECUTIVE OR MANAGING COMMITTEES OF ACTIVE/PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

ART.20

1. The Executive or Managing Committee of an **Active or Provisional** Member shall be elected.
2. **The statutes of all Non-Commercial Active/Provisional/Associate Members** shall provide a procedure for elections of its Executive or managing Committee.
3. Clubs registered as Commercial Entities will have to appoint a board of Directors and who in turn will elect a **Chairman and/or a President.**
4. Art18.1,2 and 3 shall apply to all existing members.

III- ORGANISATIONS

BODIES

ART. 21

1. The General Body is the supreme and legislative Body.
2. The Executive Committee is the Executive Body.

3. The General Secretariat is the administrative Body.
4. Standing and ad hoc Committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their primary duties and their composition are defined in these statutes. Their functions and additional duties may be drawn up by the Executive Committee.5.
"The Judicial Bodies, the Standing Committees and ad-hoc Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The members of the judicial bodies shall not belong to any other body of the Association at the same time."6. The Judicial Bodies are the Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Committee, Ethics Committee, the Players Status Committee and the Arbitration Tribunal. The responsibilities and functions of the Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Committee, Ethics Committee, the Players Status Committee and the Arbitration Tribunal shall be stipulated in the Association's Disciplinary Code, Players Status Regulations and any other special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

ART.22

1. The General Body meeting may be Ordinary or Special/ Extraordinary.
2. The Ordinary General Body meeting shall be held every year within four months of the end of the financial year or such extended time not exceeding three months due to reasons of Force Majeure or to meet with Legal requirements.
3. The General Body shall elect the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall fix the venue, date and time of the General Body Meeting. Members shall be notified in writing at least 45 days in advance. In case of a General Body Meeting where the elections are held, the name and contact details of the Returning Officer and the electoral college shall be sent together with this notification at least 40 days in advance.
5. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 15 days before the date of the meeting. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the President's report, the financial statements and the Auditors reports.
6. The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary/Special General Body meeting at any time.

7. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary/Special General Body Meeting if one third of the members make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary/Special General Body Meeting shall be held within 60 days of the receipt of the request.
8. Members shall be notified of the place, date, time, and agenda at least 15 days before the date of the Extraordinary General Body Meeting. The agenda of an Extraordinary General Body meeting may not be altered.
9. **President, Vice-President, Honorary/General Secretary and Members of the Executive Committee shall attend all General Body Meetings as ex-officio members.**
- 10 **Persons specially designated by the Executive Committee shall be called to attend the General Body Meetings in a consultative capacity.**
11. **Notices of all meetings shall be issued by the General Secretariat.**
12. **Meetings will be chaired by the GFA President. In his absence the Senior among the two Vice-Presidents shall chair the meeting. In the event the eldest Vice President is absent the meeting will be chaired by the other Vice President.**
13. **The quorum for the Annual or Special/Extraordinary General Body Meetings shall be 50% of the Active Members plus one.**

ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL BODY AGENDA

ART.23

1. The General Secretariat shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the members. Any proposal which a member wishes to submit to the General Secretariat shall be in writing with a brief explanation at least 35 days before the date of the meeting.
2. The agenda for the Ordinary Annual General Body shall include following mandatory items:
 - (a) **Roll Call;**
 - (b) a declaration that the General Body meeting has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes;
 - (c) Approval of the agenda;

- (d) An address by the President;
 - (e) Appointment of three members to scrutinize the minutes;
 - (f) Suspension or expulsion of a member (if applicable)
 - (g) Approval of the minutes of the preceding General Body meeting;
 - (h) Activity report containing the activities since the last General Body meeting;
 - (i) Presentation of consolidated and revised balance sheet and profit and loss statement;
 - (j) Approval of the financial statement;
 - (k) Approval of the budget;
 - (l) Admission for membership (if Applicable);
 - (m) Discussion of proposals submitted by the members and the Executive Committee within the periods stipulated under Art 23.1 (if Applicable)
 - (n) Appointment of auditors;
 - (o) Election of the President, Vice-Presidents and Members of the Executive Committee (if applicable);
 - (p) Installation of the Committees (if applicable)
3. The agenda of an Ordinary Annual General Body meeting may be altered provided two thirds of the members present and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.

VOTES AND DELEGATES

ART.24

1. Each active member has one vote at the General Body meetings and is represented by either one of the following in order of preference
 - (1) Its President
 - (2) its Secretary
 - (3) by an office bearer as defined in Art. 2.22. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
2. President or Honorary/General Secretary of a Provisional Member may attend the General Body Meeting without a right to vote.

3. Individual and Ex officio members may attend the General Body meetings without a right to vote.
4. The President shall conduct the business of the meeting in compliance with standing orders of the General Body.

COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ART.25

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - (a) An elected President.
 - (b) Two elected Vice Presidents one from North Goa District and one from South Goa District, elected by members of the respective district.
 - (c) Nine members from each district elected by members of the respective district. The nine posts of members in each district are reserved as follows for the members of the respective zones in the district.
 - (i) North Goa District will be represented by five members from Bardez zone and four members from Ilhas zone.
 - (ii) South Goa district will be represented by seven members from Sakete zone and two members from Mormugao zone.
 - (d) Four Members nominated by the Executive Committee in its first meeting, one an inactive referee who had attained at least Category 2, one woman member representing women's football and two former players who have played for the National team.
 - (e) One Member nominated by the Executive Committee from a Club participating in the Goa Professional League provided this club does not have a member in the Executive Committee.
 - (f) One member nominated by the Executive Committee from the active members from the talukas of Pernem, Bicholim, Satari and Ponda (North District).
 - (g) One member nominated by the Executive Committee from active members from talukas of Dharbandora, Sanguem, Quepem and Canacona (South District).

(h) The President shall propose the appointment of one elected member to be the treasurer.

2. The Term of the Executive Committee shall be four years.
3. Not more than one representative from an **active** member shall be in the Executive Committee.
4. If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official functions the **Senior** Vice President shall represent him until the next General Body meeting. The General Body shall elect a new President.
5. Any Vacancy arising in the Executive Committee for any post other than that of the President, shall be filled up by the Committee by nomination from amongst the members of the respective zone.
6. Nominated members of the Executive Committee shall have no voting rights.
7. A member of the Executive Committee may not be at the same time a member of the judicial bodies of the association.
8. The Procedure for Conducting Elections shall be as prescribed in Annexure A.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ART.26

1. **The Executive Committee shall carry out the objectives of the GFA.**
2. The Executive Committee shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the responsibility of the General Body or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these statutes.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice every quarter.
4. The President shall convene the Executive meetings if five elected (not nominated) members of the Executive Committee request a meeting. The President shall convene it within 15 days from receipt of the written request.
5. The Executive Committee shall appoint the chairman, deputy Chairman and members of the standing Committees.

6. The Executive Committee shall appoint the chairman and members of the Judicial Bodies.
7. The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda.
8. The Executive Committee may decide to set up ad-hoc Committees if necessary at any time.
9. The Executive Committee shall appoint the delegates of the association to the Federation, the Sports Authority of Goa and any other organization whenever required.
10. The Executive Committee shall compile the regulations for the organization of standing Committees and ad-hoc Committees.
11. The Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the President, may appoint and dismiss the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall ex-officio attend the meetings of all the Committees and sub committees and the General Body and Special/Extraordinary General Body Meeting of the Association.
12. The Executive Committee shall decide the place and dates of the Official competitions of the association.
13. The Executive Committee shall approve regulations stipulating how the association shall be organized internally.
14. The quorum required for the Executive Committee meeting shall be 8 members.
15. **The Longest Serving Vice President shall be designated as the Senior Vice President of the Association.**
16. **To represent and commit GFA in respect of third parties.**
17. **To appoint the Technical Director and Head Coaches for the Senior National Teams.**
18. **To apply maximum supervision in all of the areas of activity of GFA.**
19. **To convene the Annual General Body Meeting and Special/Extraordinary General Body Meeting.**
20. **To approve the draft budget.**
21. **To approve the annual financial statements and send the same to the statutory auditors for their report thereof.**

22. To approve the recommendations of the Audit & Finance Committee.
23. The Executive Committee may from time to time approve to borrow, receive payment of any sum or sums of money, with interest or otherwise, from banks, financial institutions, corporate and/or any other persons for the purpose of the Association in such manner as the Committee may approve and for that purpose to mortgage, charge all or any part of the movable fixed and current assets of GFA.
24. To compile the Activity Report.
25. To nominate and, where appropriate, to dismiss members of the Standing Committees and Ad-Hoc Committees.
26. To prepare the Regulations to be adopted or amended by the General Body, to issue or modify Regulations other than the regulations governing the application of Statutes, and to issue or modify directives for the Standing Committees and Ad-Hoc Committees.
27. To institute, organize and abolish GFA Competitions at State level.
28. To maintain relations with any State sporting bodies, and also to exercise the right to propose/nominate representative of GFA for election/nomination to their various bodies.
29. To provide information to the members of GFA and the public.
30. To approve the Regulations for Competitions owned/organized and/or sanctioned by GFA, as well as any amendments to the same.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ART.27

An Executive Committee Member shall cease to be a member of the Committee if he or she

- a) ceases to be a citizen or resident of India;
- b) has given a false declaration in the nomination form for his election;
- c) submits his resignation;

- d) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of their Executive committee unless he has been granted leave of absence;
- e) is declared a defaulter for non-payment of dues or moneys/monies owing to GFA;
- f) has been charged by a court of law and charges have been framed in a non-bailable offence or is found guilty of an offence and sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than 6 (six) months, and a period of 5 (five) years has not elapsed from the date of expiry of the sentence;
- g) is found to be of unsound mind by a Court of competent jurisdiction and the finding is in force;
- h) Has attained the age of 70 years.

TERM OF OFFICE

ART. 28 (NEW)

1. President shall serve for a maximum three terms with or without break.
2. The Honorary/General Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms after which, a cooling period of four years is required before re-election.
3. A Government Servant shall not hold elective office except with the previous sanction of the Government. The tenure of the Government servant holding an elective office shall not be more than one term or four years whichever is less.
4. A Government employee belonging to the Sports Department or organization under the Administrative Control of the said Department shall not be eligible to hold an elective office in the Association.

PRESIDENT

ART. 29

1. The President represents the association legally.
2. He is primarily responsible for
 - (a) Implementing the decisions passed by the General Body and the Executive Committee through the General Secretariat.

- (b) Supervising the work of the General Secretariat.
 - (c) Relations between association, its affiliated members, government and non-government organizations and AIFF and other sporting organizations.
3. The President shall propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary and the Treasurer.
 4. The President shall preside over the meetings of the General Body, the Executive Committee, the Emergency Committee and of such Committees of which he has been appointed the Chairman.
 5. The President shall have an ordinary vote in the Executive, Emergency and other Committee of which he is chairman and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
 6. If the President is absent or unavailable, the senior Vice President available shall deputize.
 7. Any additional powers of the President shall be as contained in the regulations of the association.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

ART.30

1. The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The emergency Committee shall consist of the President and seven members (two Vice-Presidents and one member from each zone) of the Executive Committee, nominated by the Executive Committee.
2. The President shall convene the emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decision may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
3. All Decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
4. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the senior Vice-President shall deputize.

5. The President is entitled to designate a deputy for any member who is unable to attend or has a conflict of interest. The deputy shall belong to the Executive Committee and the same zone as the member who is unable to attend or has conflict of interest.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ART.31

1. The Standing Committees are:
 - (a) Audit and Finance Committee
 - (b) Media, Marketing and Television Advisory Committee
 - (c) Official Competitions Committee
 - (d) Planning and Development Committee
 - (e) Referees' and Assistant Referees' Committee
 - (f) Sports Medical Committee
 - (g) Technical and Coaching Committee
 - (h) Women's' Football and Women's' Competitions Committee
 - (i) Youth Development Committee
2. The Chairman of the Standing Committees shall preferably be members of the Executive Committee with the exception of the **Audit and Finance** Committee, who shall not belong to the Executive Committee. **However the Executive Committee may decide to appoint an individual who is not a member of the Executive Committee as a Chairman, if needed.**
3. The members of each standing Committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee.
4. The composition, specific duties and powers of the individual Committee shall be stipulated in special regulations.
5. Each chairman shall represent his Committee and conduct business in compliance with relevant regulations. **In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman shall preside over the meetings.**
6. Each Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.
7. **A Standing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and a minimum of three members.**

8. The quorum for the meetings shall be a minimum 30% of the total members in the Committee.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

ART.32

The Audit & Finance Committee shall advise and assist the Executive Committee on all financial matters of GFA, including without limitation:

- a) advise the Executive Committee on the steps necessary to regulate and monitor the financial affairs of GFA;
- b) review the draft budget and financial statements prepared by the General Secretariat and make recommendations on the same to the Executive Committee;
- c) Opening of Current, Savings, Fixed Deposit, Overdraft, loan, cash credit, Escrow and/or any other bank account with any Bank;
- d) make recommendations to the Executive Committee to borrow, receive payment of any sum or sums of money, with interest or otherwise, from banks, financial institutions, corporate and/or any other persons for the purpose of the GFA. The Finance Committee may also recommend to mortgage, charge all or any part of the movable fixed and current assets of GFA;
- e) To fix up passage money and other expenses for delegates appointed to attend meetings of GFA and other organisations relating to Football;
- f) To place before the Executive Committee for sanction, any material expenditure not provided in the budget;
- g) To recommend annual increment, Provident Fund, Bonus, Ex-gratia, Dearness Allowance, Gratuity for the Staff for approval of the Executive Committee;
- h) ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting;
- i) review the External Auditors' report at the request of the Executive Committee; and
- j) assess and provide recommendations on the GFA's internal control systems and risk management policies;

- k) annually review the effectiveness of risk assessment, risk management and the internal control system;
 - l) review reports and the effectiveness of the internal audit function;
 - m) deal with other matters relating to the monitoring of GFA's finances;
 - n) review, at least annually, tax matters, including the status of income tax reserves and governmental tax audits and developments in this area;
 - o) ensure compliance with the applicable accounting standard.
4. The Audit & Finance Committee shall cooperate in its duties with the Statutory & Internal Auditors.
5. The frequency of meetings is determined by the Chairman according to the needs and the urgency of matters to be dealt with. The Audit & Finance Committee must hold at least three (3) meetings per year.

Merged with Finance Committee (see above)

MEDIA, MARKETING AND TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ART.33

Media, Marketing and television Advisory Committee shall maintain relations with media organizations and advise the Executive Committee with regard to drafting and implementing contracts between the associations and the media organizations and its various marketing/television partners and analyze marketing and television marketing and television strategies that have been devised.

OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

ART.34

The Official Competitions Committee

1. Shall organize all the association's competitions, in compliance with provisions of the regulations applicable to such competitions, and any organizing Agreement.

2. Shall draw the regulations for these competitions and place them for the approval of the Executive Committee.
3. Shall appoint sub committees and individuals to organise specific matches and competitions.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ART.35

The Planning and Development Committee shall plan the Development of Football in various aspects. It shall coordinate all the football development activities in Goa. The decisions will be implemented by the development department of GFA after approval by the GFA Executive Committee.

In accordance to the AIFF Statutes the Players Status Committee has been transferred to a Judicial Committee

REFEREES' AND ASSISTANT REFEREES' COMMITTEE

ART.36

The Referees' and Assistant Referees' Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game and may propose amendments to the Laws of the Game through the Executive Committee. It shall appoint the Referees and the Assistant Referees for matches in competition organized by the Association.

SPORTS MEDICAL COMMITTEE

ART.37

The Sports Medical Committee shall deal with all medical aspects of football including age verification.

TECHNICAL AND COACHING COMMITTEE

ART.38

1. The Technical and Coaching Committee shall primarily analyze the basic aspect of football training, coaches' education and technical development.

2. Recommend Coaches for various state football teams and to require their attendance at various courses and seminars

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL AND WOMEN'S' COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

ART.39

The Women's' Football and Women's' Competitions Committee shall organize the Women's Championship in compliance with the regulations for these competitions, and the organizing agreements and deal with General issues relating to Women's Football.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ART.40

The Youth Development Committee shall analyse and plan youth development programs.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

ART.41

The General Secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of GFA under the direction of General Secretary. The members of the General Secretariat are bound by the internal organizational regulations of GFA and shall fulfil the given tasks in the best manner.

GENERAL SECRETARY

ART.42

1. The General Secretary is the Chief Executive of the General Secretariat.
2. He shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications/ experience.
3. He shall be responsible for:
 - a) Implementing decisions passed by the General Body and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directive.
 - b) Attending the General Body and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the Standing and ad-hoc committees.

- c) Organising the General Body and meetings of the Executive Committee and other bodies.
 - d) Compiling the minutes for the meetings of the General Body, Executive committee, standing and ad-hoc committees.
 - e) Managing and keeping the accounts of GFA properly.
 - f) The correspondence of GFA.
 - g) Relations with the members, committees, FIFA, AFC and AIFF.
 - h) Organising the General Secretariat.
 - i) The appointment and dismissal of staff working in the General Secretariat.
 - j) Proposing Managerial staff to the President.
4. The General Secretary may not be a General Body Delegate or a member of any body of GFA.
 5. Without prejudice to what is contained in the above clauses the President may propose appointment of the General Secretary from one of the elected Members where it is expedient to do so.

IV-JUDICIAL BODIES

ART. 43

1. The Judicial Bodies of GFA are:

- a) Disciplinary Committee;
- b) Appeal Committee;
- c) Ethics Committee;
- d) Player Status Committee;
- e) Arbitration Tribunal.

2. The responsibilities and functions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be stipulated in the GFA Disciplinary Code. The responsibilities and function of the Ethics Committee shall be stipulated in the GFA Code of Ethics. The responsibilities and function of the Player Status Committee shall be stipulated in the GFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. Members of the judicial bodies shall not be members of any other GFA body.

The responsibilities and function of Arbitration Tribunal shall be stipulated in the relevant regulations.

3. All Judicial Committees shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and other members, as decided by the Executive Committee.
4. The Judicial Bodies are to be composed in such a way that the members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks. The judicial bodies shall have a minimum of 3 (three) members.
5. The Chairpersons, along with at least one other member each of the judicial bodies shall fulfil the independence criteria provided in these Statutes.
6. The Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and other members of the judicial bodies shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. Their term shall be for 4 (four) years. The Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and other members of the Judicial Bodies may be relieved of their duties by the Executive Committee.
7. The Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the Judicial Bodies may each serve a maximum of 2 (two) terms (whether consecutive or not).
8. If a Chairperson, A Deputy Chairperson or a member of a Judicial Body resigns or becomes permanently incapacitated with regard to performing his functions during his term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve for the remainder of the initial term of office.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ART. 44

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and such number of members deemed necessary, subject to the minimum number of members stated above. At least 2 (two) members of the Disciplinary Committee shall have legal qualifications.
2. The function of this body shall be governed by the GFA Disciplinary Code. The Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairperson may rule alone.

3. The Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the GFA Disciplinary Code, on Members, Clubs, Officials, Players, Intermediaries and Licensed Match Players Agents.
4. These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the General Body and Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

ART. 45

1. The Appeal Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the number of members deemed necessary, subject to the minimum number of members stated above. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall have legal qualifications.
2. The function of this body shall be governed by the GFA Disciplinary Code the GFA Code of Ethics and the GFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. This Committee shall pass decisions only when at least 3 (three) members are present. In certain cases, the Chairperson may rule alone.
3. The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee the Ethics Committee and the Player Status Committee that are not declared final by the relevant GFA regulations.
4. Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee shall be irrevocable and binding on all the parties concerned. This provision is subject to appeals lodged with the Arbitration Tribunal

ETHICS COMMITTEE

ART. 461.

- The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the GFA Code of Ethics. It shall pass decisions if at least 3 (three) members are present. The chairperson may pass decisions alone in specific cases.**
2. **The Ethics Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and such number of members deemed necessary, subject to the minimum number of members stated above. The Chairperson shall have legal qualifications. The other members may have legal qualifications or related experience.**

3. **The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the AIFF Code of Ethics and the GFA Disciplinary Code on Officials, Players, Intermediaries and Licensed Match Agents.**
4. **The Executive Committee shall issue the Code of Ethics.**
5. **The Ethics Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee**

PLAYERS' STATUS COMMITTEE

ART. 47

The Players' Status Committee shall monitor compliance with the GFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for Competitions. Its powers and jurisdiction are governed by the GFA and AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players

THE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

ART.48

1. **The Association shall create an option for recourse to arbitration by nominating a panel of five independent arbiters, at least one of whom shall be retired judge and/or a practicing advocate with ten years standing, to resolve any dispute between the Association, its members, players, officials and all those involved in the game of Football. Any three members of this panel shall constitute the Arbitration Tribunal provided one of them is a retired judge or an advocate of ten years standing.**
2. **Only the Arbitration Tribunal is empowered to deal with appeals against decisions of the Executive Committee. The reference to the Arbitration Tribunal shall be sought by an application made to the association secretariat within 10 days of the notification of the decision.**
3. **The Arbitration Tribunal is also empowered to deal with all disputes between a third party and any entities or persons dealing with Association, if an arbitration agreement exists.**

OBLIGATIONS

ART.49

1. **The members and all other natural or legal persons affiliated to them shall agree to recognize the Arbitration Tribunal as an independent**

judicial authority and to ensure their members, affiliated players and officials comply with the decisions passed by the Tribunal. The same obligation shall apply to licensed match and players' agents.

2. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited.
3. To ensure the foregoing, the members shall insert a clause in their statutes stipulating that they voluntarily agree not to take dispute to court of law, and are required to submit any disagreement to the jurisdiction of the association.

V-SUBMISSION TO DECISION OF ASSOCIATION

PRINCIPLES

ART.50

1. Members shall agree to comply fully with any decision passed by the relevant Association bodies, which, according to these statutes are final and not subject to appeal.
2. Members shall take every precaution to ensure that their players and officials comply with these decisions.

AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS OF THE GENERAL BODY

ART.51

1. The General Body is responsible for amending the statutes, the Regulations and the standing Orders of General Body. **Amendments to the Statutes can be done only at a Special Meeting of the Association.**
2. Any proposals for an Amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat by a member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal by a member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least two other members.
3. Any proposal for an Amendment to the Regulation and Standing Orders of the General Body must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat by a member, or by the Committee.

4. A proposal for an Amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if two thirds of the members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
5. No Amendment to the Constitution shall be made which proves to be repugnant to the provisions of sec.2 (15), 11, 12 and 13 and 80(G) of the Income Tax Act 1961, as amended from time to time. Further no amendments shall be carried out without the prior approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax.
6. A proposal for an Amendment to the Regulations and Standing Orders of the General Body shall be adopted only if a simple majority of the member present and eligible to vote agrees to it.
7. For a vote on an Amendment to the Statutes, Regulations and Standing Orders of The General Body to be valid, 50% + 1 of members eligible to vote must be present.

ELECTIONS, OTHER DECISIONS AND REQUISITE MAJORITY

ART.52

1. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
2. Any other decision requiring a vote shall be reached by a show of hands.
3. If the vote does not result in a simple majority in favour, the motion shall be deemed to have failed.
4. Elections shall be carried out in accordance with the Election Regulations **which are attached as Annexure A to these statutes.**
5. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority is sufficient for a vote to be valid. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the simple majority.
6. Election Regulations attached to this Constitution, as Annexure A, can be amended only by the General Body of the Association.

MINUTES

ART.53

1. The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the General Body meetings.

2. The Minutes of the General Body meeting shall be checked by the three members appointed to scrutinize the minutes.

REGULATIONS

ART.54

The Association and the Executive Committee may frame Regulations to carry into effect the objects of these statutes and in particular with respect to:

1. The General Body of the Association shall frame the Election Regulations.
2. The Executive Committee shall frame the following Regulations/**Procedures/Codes**:
 - a. **Status and Transfer of Players;**
 - b. Code of Ethics;
 - c. **Admission of new members;**
 - d. Secretariat Organisation;
 - e. Official Competitions;
 - f. **Functioning of Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees;**
 - g. **Functioning and duties of the Judicial Bodies.**
 - h. Code of conduct for football
 - i. **Disciplinary Code.**
 - j. **Governing financial procedures.**

FUNDS

ART. 55

1. **The funds of the Association shall be invested in the modes specified under Section 13(1) (d) read with Section 11(5) of the IT Act amended from time to time.**
2. **There shall be maintained accounts of the Association regularly. The accounts shall be duly audited by a qualified Chartered Accountant. Every year the accounts shall be closed by 31st of March.**
3. **The funds and income of the Association shall be solely utilized for achievement of the objectives of the Association and no**

payment shall be made to the members by way of profit, interest or dividend etc.

DISSOLUTION

ART.56

The dissolution of the Association as a society only can be carried out as under:

1. The association shall be dissolved by a **Special/Extraordinary General Body Meeting** specially convened for the purpose at which the resolution to dissolve the Association is passed by at least a three - fourths majority of the eligible members present.
2. The quorum of such a **Special/Extraordinary General Body meeting** shall be four- fifths of the total number of the **Active** members registered with the Association.
3. In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Association, the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the members of the Association. But the same shall be transferred to another charitable trust or society whose objects are similar to those of the Association.

ART.57

Upon dissolution of the Association, three liquidators shall be appointed by the General Body from among the members of the Association. It shall be their duty to:

1. Close the accounts after they are duly audited.
2. Do such acts or refrain from performing such acts as are necessary for the speedy winding up of the affairs of the association.
3. Dispose **off** assets of the association by handing over the same to such institution controlling the game of football in the state and in the absence of such institution to the Federation.
4. Upon dissolution of the GFA, all its funds and assets shall be entrusted to the appropriate Government authority or to another organization whose objects are similar to those of GFA.

RESIDUARY POWERS

ART.58

Notwithstanding anything provided herein, the association shall have powers to do execute any act and deed which is not specially provided herein so far as the same in necessary for progress of Football in the state and/or to enable the Association to meet any exigency and/or carry into effect the intent and purpose of the Statutes and Regulations and /or directions of FIFA or the Federation or General Body.

ANNEXURE APROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall be held every four years at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Association or at a Special General Body Meeting convened only for this purpose within a period not exceeding three months from the date on which the AGM is held.
2. The election shall be by a secret ballot.
3. A person not below the rank of an active or retired Senior Division Judge or a Practising Advocate with 15 years standing or a person of eminence shall be appointed as the Returning Officer by the Executive Committee to conduct the elections.
4. The Returning Officer can choose person(s) not connected with the Association to assist him for scrutinizing and finalizing the list of candidates as well as to oversee the distribution and counting of the ballots on the day of the elections.
5. The Executive Committee shall make available its staff and also all necessary material required to the Returning Officer or such person(s) assisting him in the preparation and for the conduct of the election.
6. A candidate to be eligible to contest elections to the Executive Committee shall:
 - a. **Be an Indian Citizen resident in Goa** and have attained the age of 25 years on the date of filling of the nomination.
 - b. Have ceased to be an active referee or player or coach registered with the association at least twelve months prior to the date of elections.
 - c. Be proposed by two eligible active members.

- d. Not be a member of the Judicial Bodies of the Association.
 - e. Be an office bearer of an active member as defined in Art 2.4 of these Statutes read with Art. 2.22.
 - f. Candidates for the post of Vice President or Executive Committee Member shall be Office Bearers of the Clubs from their respective zones/districts.
7. The active Members who are eligible to vote for the election may deputate one of the following Members to represent the member and vote :
- i) Presidenti
 - i) Secretary
 - iii) Office Bearer under Art. 2.22 of the statutes of GFA. The name of this member or in his/her absence substitute member from among those named above shall be notified to the Returning Officer at least twenty days before date of elections. The Returning Officer may accept a request from an active member for replacement of the name in the electoral college if an application is made in this regards not later than twenty four hours from time of election and the Returning Officer is satisfied that an emergency situation exists. The decision of the Returning Officer shall be Final in this regard.
8. The electorate shall comprise of all such representatives of the Active Members eligible to vote.
9. For the purpose of the elections, the electorate is divided in the following manner. For nominating the candidates for the post of President any Active Member eligible to vote from either of the districts.
- b. For electing the President – entire electorate present on the day of election.
 - c. For nominating the candidates for the post of the Vice-Presidents, an Active Member eligible to vote from North-Goa District to nominate a candidate for the post of Vice-President from North Goa District and likewise, for the post of Vice- President from South Goa District, an Active Members eligible to vote from South Goa District can nominate the candidate.
 - d. For electing the Vice-Presidents, the entire electorate of either districts present on the day of the elections in terms of clause (c)

above. The Electorate of North district will elect the Vice President for north Goa, and electorate of South district will elect the Vice President for South Goa.

e. The nine members of each district i.e North Goa District comprising of 4 members, from Ilhas zone and 5 members from Bardez Zone, South Goa District comprising of 7 members from Salcete Zone and 2 members from Mormugao zone shall be nominated by Active Members of their respective zone only.

f. For electing the members, the electorate of North Goa district present on the day of election will elect the members of North Goa, and the electorate of south Goa District present on the day of election will elect the members of South Goa.

10. An Active Member can propose the nomination of only one candidate for a particular post.

11. If the Active Member proposes more than one candidate for the same post then the first nomination proposed by this Active Member submitted to the Returning Officer will be accepted while all other nominations will be rejected.

12. Nominations in the prescribed format shall be submitted to the Association headquarters before 12 noon on the date so fixed which shall not be less than 30 days prior to the date of the election.

13. Every nomination for election to a post in the Executive Committee shall be accompanied by a deposit of Rs.5000/- . The deposit shall be returned to the candidates who are elected or who secure at least 25% of the total votes that have been cast. The deposit from the other candidates shall be forfeited.

14. Returning officer shall scrutinize all the nominations after 12 p.m. on the last day fixed. The scrutiny will be over the same day. Candidates can be present during the scrutiny of their nomination.

15. The candidate securing half of the votes plus one vote of the total votes polled shall be declared elected for the post of the President. However, in case neither of the candidates secures the requisite number of votes there shall be a second round of polling between the two candidates who polled the highest number of votes in the First Round of Polling.

16. The candidate/candidates securing the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the posts of Vice-Presidents and Executive Committee Members.

17. In case of any dispute the Returning Officer may reserve his decision and pronounce the same within two working days. Returning officer may hear the candidates and/or their appointed representative and any other person/official as may be required.

18. Candidates may withdraw their nominations 15 days prior to the date of election, after which no withdrawals will be permitted. (The deposit shall be returned to candidates who have withdrawn.)

19. The General Secretary shall dispatch to all the candidates and display on the notice board at the headquarters of the Association and also the website a list of nomination received, accepted and rejected within 7 days from the last day of scrutinizing the nomination. Another list detailing withdrawals along with the final list of candidates for the elections shall be dispatched to all the candidates and members as well as displayed on the notice board at the Headquarters of the Association 12 days prior to the date of the election.

20. Decisions of the Returning Officer shall be final

21. Voting in the elections is not permitted by proxies.

Elvis Gomes
(President)

Welvin Menezes
(Hon. General Secretary)