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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES  
ACT XXI OF 1860  
S. No. 125 of 1958

I hereby certify that "ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION" has this day been registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860  
Given under my hand at MADRAS, this, TWELFTH day of DECEMBER, One thousand nine hundred and FIFTY EIGHT.

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**THE CONSTITUTION AND BYE LAWS  
OF  
ALL INDIA CHESS FEDERATION  
(Regd. No.125 of 1958)  
(Regulated by the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975)**

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**Amended as on 08<sup>th</sup> June, 2011**

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**1. The Name of the Society :**

All India Chess Federation shortly called as "AICF". The word Federation shall not be used in their name by any State Association or Unit.

**2. The Address of the Registered Society:**

Hall No.70 Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Periamet, Chennai 600 003.

**3. The formation of the Society:**

All India Chess Federation was formed on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1958 and registered as a Society under Societies Registration act 1860 bearing Regn. No.125 of 1958 with the Registrar of Assurances, Madras - Chingleput. As per Section 53 of Act 27 of 1975, the Society is now regulated by the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975.

**4. The Society is within the Jurisdiction of Registrar of Society:**

The Society is now functioning under the jurisdiction of the Registrar of societies Chennai Central". The Jurisdiction shall be as decided by Registration Department, Government of Tamilnadu" from time to time.

**5. The business hours of the Society :**

Between 10.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. on all Working days except Sundays and Government holidays.

**6. The objects of the Society:**

The objects of All India Chess Federation shall be –

- (a) To promote the game of Chess to inculcate a sense of discipline amongst the players, to increase their proficiency, to foster brotherhood among the players and to promote a chess culture.
- (b) To maintain general control over the chess activities in India in accordance with this Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in force from time to time.
- (c) To promote formation of Organizations to promote the game of Chess within the jurisdiction of the Federation.

- (d) To act as the Apex Body of the affiliated Members and to co-ordinate their activities and organize and cause to organize National and International Championships, Technical Conferences and Coaching Camps.
- (e) To receive and spend funds to promote the game of Chess in accordance with the Bye Laws of the Federation.
- (f) To select the teams to represent India and to promote, control and if necessary, finance the visits by such teams, players and officials.
- (g) To promote, control and if necessary, finance the visits of foreign teams or coaches or individual players to India.
- (h) To prepare and maintain a National Rank List of players.
- (i) To seek affiliation with other National and International Organisations, if necessary; and
- (j) To generally do such other acts and things as may be necessary or conducive for achieving the objects of the Federation.
- (k) The activities would be confined to the territory of India.
- (l) The activities would be purely charitable in nature and not motivated for profit.
- (m) The benefit of objects would be available to the general public irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex.

**7. Definitions and Explanations:**

**(a) Affiliated Members :**

The affiliated members of AICF are the State Chess Associations functioning in the States/Union Territories of India duly recognized and Affiliated to AICF as per the Bye Laws.

**(b) Association :**

Shall mean the State Association which is affiliated to the Federation.

**(c) Championship :**

State, National and International, Chess Championship for any category or Age Group recognized by AICF and FIDE.

**(d) Federation :**

Federation shall mean in so far as the game of Chess in India is concerned All India Chess Federation.

**(e) Flag :**

The Flag of the Federation is Tricolour Orange on top, White in middle and Green at Bottom with the logo in center.

**(f) FIDE :**

Federation International Des Echecs - The International Chess Federation / World Chess Federation.

**(g) Financial Year :**

1<sup>st</sup> of April to 31<sup>st</sup> of March of succeeding year the period in which the accounts of the registered Society are maintained and Audited as required under the Bye laws.

**(h) The General Body :**

The General Body of All India Chess Federation shall consist of Office Bearers of AICF and its affiliated members.

**(i) Honorary Members :**

The Central Council may, by a majority of two-thirds of those present at the concerned meeting, elect as an Honorary Member any person who is interested in the game and has rendered signal services to it.

**(j) Institution Member :**

Shall mean the Sports bodies of the Statutory bodies functioning in the whole of India and of the Departments of the Government of India duly recognized and affiliated to the AICF as per the Bye Laws.

**(k) Life Members :**

The Council may admit, on payment of the prescribed fee as per the AICF Financial Regulations in force, any person as a Life Member.

**(l) Logo :**

Logo of the Federation is the symbolic sign of Queen bearing "AICF"

**(m) Memorandum :**

Means the Memorandum of Association of a registered society as originally framed and as amended, from time to time, in pursuance of the provisions of this Act;

**(n) Player :**

The Chess player duly registered with the AICF.

**(o) Tournament :**

Any competition, recognized by AICF or by FIDE, conducted by any affiliated Member on behalf of AICF.

**(p) Patrons :**

The Council may recommend any person it thinks fit to be a patron of the Federation on his donating the prescribed fee as per the AICF financial Regulations in force.

**(q) Special Resolution :**

A Resolution passed by a majority of not less than three fourths of the members of the Society entitled to vote as or present at a General Meeting convened specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as a Special Resolution has been duly given.

**(r) Office Bearers of AICF :**

The Office Bearers of the Federation shall mean,

The President,

The Vice Presidents,

The Secretary,

The Treasurer,

The Joint Secretaries.

All these posts are Honorary without any salary or honorarium.

**(s) Official of AICF :**

Shall mean Coach, Instructor, Manager, Arbiter or functionaries recognized by AICF.

**8. Members of the General Body:**

The General Body of the All India Chess Federation shall consist of :

- (i) All Office bearers of the AICF.
- (ii) Two Representatives nominated by the State Associations affiliated as Members of the AICF.
- (iii) One Representative nominated by Institutional Members affiliated with AICF.
- (iv) Life Members, Patrons and Honorary Members.
- (v). National Men Premier Chess Championship Winner & Runner and National Women Premier Chess Championship Winner & Runner.

Category (iii) and (iv) shall have no voting rights in the General Body.

**9. Powers and duties of the General Body :**

- (a) To elect the office-bearers of the Federation;
- (b) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration;
- (c) To consider and approve the Annual Report;
- (d) To consider and approve the audited statement of accounts and the budget;
- (e) To acquire, hold, control, administer and dispose of the property and funds of the Federation.
- (f) To make and amend the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Federation as and when necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting provided further that for amending the Constitution the quorum of the General Body shall not be less than three-fourth of the strength of General Body;
- (g) To consider and decide any matter related to Chess.
- (h) To take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient for carrying out the objects of the Federation.
- (i) To prescribe the Annual Subscription to be paid to the Federation Central Council.
- (j) To borrow funds when necessary for the purpose of the Federation;

- (k) To frame Rules and Regulations for proper conduct of the functioning and administration of All India Chess Federation and its Affiliated Members.
- (l) To grant affiliation to State Associations and Institutions.
- (m) To disaffiliate State Associations and Institutional members from the Federation.
- (n) To take disciplinary action against its members, the office bearers, officials and players recognized by the federation or of any recognized Members.
- (o) To exercise all or any of the powers of the Central Council and to amend or annul its decisions.

#### **10. Annual Meeting of the General Body of AICF:**

Annual General Body Meeting of the Association shall be held before 30<sup>th</sup> of June every year. The Hony. Secretary shall give notice of the above meeting with a copy of the Agenda at least 21 clear days before the meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting shall inter alia include appointment of Auditors, consideration of the Annual Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Budget estimates for the following year and other matters if any.

Only the Members who have paid their Annual Subscription between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April or with a fine of Rs.100/- before 30<sup>th</sup> of April of that year are eligible to attend the Annual General Body Meeting of the AICF.

Such defaulted members who have not paid the Annual Subscription shall be temporarily disaffiliated and are not eligible for the rights and benefits of the Affiliated Members entitled to in the affairs and functioning of AICF. Such defaulted members are not eligible to attend the Annual General Body Meeting or participate in the election of Office Bearers.

The Secretary shall forward the Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting along with the Agenda of the Annual General Body Meeting to the Active Affiliated Members by R.P.A.D./Speed Post.

On receipt of the Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting, the Active Affiliated Members with voting rights shall forward the names of Two Representatives conferred with voting rights by the General Body or Executive Body nominated and in the case of Institutional Members by the competent Authority to represent the Member at the Annual General Body Meeting, at least 15 clear days before the date of the Annual General Body Meeting.

**11. Special Meeting of the General Body:**

A Special Meeting of the General Body may be called at any time by the Resolution of the Central Council or on the requisition in writing at least by 10 members of the Federation or by the President to consider such matters mentioned in the Agenda.

The Secretary shall give 14 clear days notice of such meetings to all members with a copy of the proposed agenda.

The Special Meeting requisitioned by the Resolution of the Central Council or on requisition in writing by 10 members shall be called within 30 days of the receipt of the Resolution/Requisition/Direction of the President.

**12. Urgent Meeting of the General Body:**

In the event of any emergency the President at his discretion may convene an Urgent Meeting of the General Body of AICF by giving notice prescribing a period even shorter than the one prescribed for the Special Meeting.

**13. Election of Office Bearers of AICF :**

The General Body of AICF shall by a majority of Votes elect the President, 6 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Joint Secretaries for a term of 3 years.

Not more than one office bearer shall be elected from one Member Association.

The President need not belong to any Association.

The Secretary shall hold the same Office only for 2 terms of 3 years each consecutively after which a minimum cooling off period of one term of 3 years shall apply to seek fresh election for the post of Secretary / Treasurer. The President shall hold the same office only for 4 terms of three years each with or without a break. Other Office bearers will hold the office for a term of 3 years in the normal course and will be eligible for re-election for any like term/terms.

The President and the Hon. Secretary shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 years.

#### **14. Mode of Elections of Office Bearers:**

##### **(a) Filing of Nominations:**

A Member Association may nominate one among the two Representatives, nominated by it to represent it in the Annual General Body Meeting, to contest for any one of the posts of the Office bearers.

Besides the above nomination of one of its Representatives for the post of an Office Bearer of the AICF, the Members of the Association are entitled to nominate to the post of President, a person who need not belong to any Member Associations of the AICF.

Such nominations for the post of Office Bearer and that of the President, if any, shall be made in the Nomination Form appended with the Notice of the AGM sent by the Secretary AICF, at least 14 clear days before the election fixed in the Annual General Body Meeting.

##### **(b) Scrutiny of Nominations:**

The President and Secretary shall nominate the Returning Officer. The Secretary along with the nominated Returning Officer shall scrutinize the Nominations sent by the Members for the posts of Office Bearers in the ensuing elections, immediately on the closure of receipt of the Nominations and finalise the list of candidates contesting in the elections for the various posts of Office Bearers and communicate the List of Candidates to all eligible Member Associations at least by giving 7 clear days before the date of elections.

##### **(c) The conduct of Election :**

The named Returning Officer along with two Assistant Returning Officers nominated by the President shall conduct the polling of votes in the elections.

The existing office bearers and the four players (2 each from National Premier & National Women Premier) shall have no voting rights in the Election of Office Bearers. Only the two Representatives named by each of the Member Associations alone are eligible to cast their votes. The voting shall be by secret ballots. Immediately after the casting of votes, the polled votes will be counted and results will be announced. In the event of tie the President shall exercise his casting votes and the results shall be declared.

#### **15. Powers and duties of the Office Bearers :**

##### **(a) President :**

The President shall preside over the meetings of the General Body, Central Council, and of any Committee of which he is a member and in case of equality of votes, he shall have a casting vote.

If, in the opinion of the President, any emergency has arisen in the affairs of AICF which requires immediate action should be taken, he may take

such action deemed necessary and report the same to the next Meeting of the Central Council or General Body.

**(b) Vice Presidents :**

In the absence of the President for any Meeting, the Vice President nominated by the President shall preside over such Meetings.

**(c) Secretary :**

He shall be the Secretary to the General Body, the Central Council and all other Committees of the Federation and will issue Notices of the meetings of General Body, Central Council and the Committees and record the Minutes of these Meetings. He shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and custody of the above Minutes of the General Body, Central Council and the Committees duly recorded in the Minute Books kept for the said purposes. He shall carry out all resolutions and decisions of the General Body, Central Council and the Committees.

He shall exercise all such powers conferred on him by the General Body and Central Council and shall be in charge of the day to day administration of the Federation assisted by the Secretariat of AICF.

All subscriptions, donations, Grant in Aid, other like payments and amounts sent to the Secretariat of the Federation shall be received under proper Receipts and all disbursements made on behalf of the Federation shall be under proper Vouchers.

He will be in charge of all correspondence received and sent on behalf of the Federation and maintain proper records of the same.

The Secretary shall be empowered to incur contingent expenditure of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) at a time.

He shall be competent to submit proposals to the Governments in respect of National and International Tournaments and also appoint Officials for such Tournaments.

The Secretary along with Treasurer will be responsible for the Funds of the Federation and for preparation of the Annual Budget, Annual Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures and place the same for the consideration of Central Council and for the approval of General Body in the Annual General Body Meeting.

After the conclusion of the Annual General Body Meeting, the Secretary shall before 30<sup>th</sup> of September file the Statutory Returns stipulated under Section 16 (3) of the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act;

- (i) An authenticated copy of such Receipts and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Report.

- (ii) A statement of the names, addresses and occupations of the persons who, at the expiry of the financial year, were members of the registered society; and
- (iii) A declaration to the effect that the society has been carrying on business or has been in operation during the financial year.

With the Registrar of Societies under whose jurisdiction the Federation is functioning. The Secretarial staff will function under the administrative control of the Secretary. He will be competent to appoint such secretarial staff and take disciplinary action including termination of their services and report the same to the Central Council.

**(d) Treasurer :**

The Treasurer along with Secretary shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the Federation and advise the General Body as regards its financial policy.

The treasurer shall along with Secretary submit to the General Body at its annual meeting a statement of receipts and expenditure, the balance sheet audited, and the budget for the ensuing year as approved by the Central Council.

**(e) Joint Secretaries :**

Joint Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in discharging of his duties and carry out the work of the Federation as may be assigned to them by the Central council.

**(f)** Any Office bearer who abstains from three consecutive meetings of either the General Body or the Central Council without prior intimation shall stand automatically removed from his position as office bearer of the Federation. The General Body and the Central Council have the powers to condone the absence on valid reasonings.

**16. Central Council :**

The Central council shall be the Executive Body of the Federation and is vested with all powers to administer the Federation.

**(a) Composition :**

The Central Council shall consist of the Office Bearers of AICF, one Representative nominated by the General Body or Executive Committee of the concerned Member Association and in the case of Institutional Members by its competent Authority and the four players (2 each from National Premier and National Women Premier ).

**(b) Powers of the Central Council :**

- (i)** To sanction expenditures upto Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five lakhs only) at a time.
- (ii)** To hear and decide the issues referred to it by the Office Bearers or Affiliated Members.
- (iii)** To grant provisional affiliation to new members dedicated for the development and promotion of Chess activities in any newly formed areas or newly formed Organizations exercising control over whole of India and refer the same to the General Body in the next available meeting for its decision.
- (iv)** To disaffiliate any Member of the AICF for the attributed misconduct defined in the Constitution or otherwise and refer the same to the General Body in the next available meeting for its decision.
- (v)** To constitute Sub Committees for any specific requirements.
- (vi)** To institute/discontinue/rename and enact Rules and Regulations for the Organization's smooth and successful conduct of various National Championships and Tournaments, Seminars, Technical Conferences, Coaching Camps and the Code of conduct of Players / of Organisers of Championships/Tournaments
- (vii)** To conduct or cause to conduct National and International Championship and other Chess related activities and to permit conduct of other Chess Tournaments/Events conducted by the affiliated members.
- (viii)** To levy capitation, registration, recognition and other like fees.
- (ix)** To fix salaries and other allowances to the secretarial staff of the federation.
- (x)** To fix Travelling and Other Allowances incurred by the Office Bearers of AICF in discharging their duties in the affairs of AICF.
- (xi)** To prescribe remuneration and Travelling and Other Expenses of Boarding and Lodging payable to Arbiters, Officials and Observers appointed to All India Tournaments and National level Championships.
- (xii)** To frame seeding criteria and prescribe the Norms for rating Open Tournaments.
- (xiii)** To enquire into the misconduct attributed to the Affiliated Members and take necessary and appropriate decision.
- (xiv)** Entertain the Appeals preferred by the aggrieved members of the Affiliated State Units and the Secretarial Staff of AICF.

- (xv) To take disciplinary action against Officials and Players concerning the charges leveled. Appeal shall lie to the General Body against such order of the Central Council.
- (xvi) To frame and or amend the code of conduct for Organisers of Tournaments, Players, Managers of Teams, Coaches, Instructors, Arbiters and other Officials.

**(c) Meetings of the Central Council :**

The Central Council shall meet four times a year or as often as necessary. On the requisition in writing by atleast one fourth of the members of the Central Council or on the direction of the President, the Secretary shall convene the meeting of the Central Council.

The secretary shall convene the meeting of the Central Council giving 15 clear days Notice along with the Agenda of the Meeting to all the members of the Central Council.

The members are entitled to place the subjects for the consideration of the Central Council and such subjects shall be sent to the Secretary well in time so that the same can be included in the Agenda of the Meeting.

**(d) Quorum of the Meeting**

The Quorum for the meeting of the Central Council shall be one fourth of its members. The members who could not attend the meeting can send their decisions by post or by fax duly signed by the Secretary. The casting of votes by post by the Members shall be taken into account for the purposes of quorum. If sufficient quorum is not there, the Meeting shall be adjourned. After an interval of an hour the convened meeting shall be held again at the very same place. If even after such adjournment, there is no quorum, then those present at the meeting shall be reckoned to constitute the requisite quorum and the business in the Agenda shall be transacted.

If the requisitioned meeting lacks quorum, then it shall stand cancelled and the requisition will be treated as lapsed

The decisions of the Central Council shall be decided by a majority of votes.

The affiliated members may vote by post or by proxy by authorization duly signed by the President and the Secretary produced in original or through Fax.

## **17. Amendments to the Constitution and Bye Laws:**

The amendment to the Constitution and the Bye Laws of the All India Chess Federation in relation to the Objects of the Society and to carry on its administration shall be made by Special Resolution.

On the suggestion of the Central Council or by one fourth of the members, the Secretary shall convene the Special Meeting of the General Body to consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bye Laws and such Resolutions on being passed by majority of not less than three fourth of members present at the Special Meeting.

The adopted amendment to the Constitution or the Bye Laws shall be registered with the jurisdictional Registrar of Societies and on such registration the amendment shall take effect from the date of passing of the amendment by the Special General Body Meeting.

## **18. Requirements to be complied with by the Member State Associations to continue Affiliation with AICF :**

The Member State Association affiliated with AICF to continue the affiliation shall pay the Annual Subscription before 15<sup>th</sup> of April and with the fine of Rs.100/-before 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

The Member State Association shall hold their Annual General Body Meeting before 15<sup>th</sup> of May and holding the elections of Office Bearer, if it is required and submit the certified Xerox copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting, Audited Balance Sheet with Auditors Report, Annual Report, Annual Budget for the ensuing year, calendar of events, List of Office Bearers and present condition, with the Secretary of the All India Chess Federation before 31<sup>st</sup> of May to establish that the Member State Association remain active.

## **19. Finance of All India Chess Federation:**

All moneys received by the Federation from whatever source shall form the Federation Fund. The Federation Fund shall be under the control of the General Body and shall be spent as provided under this Constitution and as per the decisions of General Body.

The revenue of the Federation will include;

- (i) Membership/Subscription Fees paid by the affiliated Member State Associations/Institutional Members/Life Member and Patrons.
- (ii) Players' Entry fee for Championships and Tournaments.
- (iii) Non refundable EMD to be paid by the Organisers of National/International Tournaments.
- (iv) Recognition fee for Championships/Tournaments.

- (v) Fee for conducting/organizing International Tournaments.
- (vi) Fee for award of titles/certificates.
- (vii) Players Registration fee.
- (viii) Fees received for services rendered or rights granted by Federation.
- (ix) Other Contributions
- (x) Such other receipts as may be incidental or mandatory to the above.

**20. Deposit and disbursement of the funds of the All India Chess Federation :**

- a) All the moneys given to the Federation at its Secretariat, shall be received by the Secretary and duly brought into the accounts of AICF issuing proper Receipts. The General Body or the Central Council shall decide such Bank or Banks in which the funds of the AICF has to be deposited. On such decision of the General Body or the Central Council the Secretary and the Treasurer shall open the Account or Accounts in the name of All India Chess Federation and such Account or Accounts of the AICF shall be operated by Hony. Secretary, along with the Treasurer or the Vice President. All payments made in the name of the Federation by cheques shall be signed by the Secretary along with the Treasurer or with a Vice President.

All receipts and disbursements made by the Secretary and the Treasurer on behalf of AICF during the interregnum period of the preceded and convened Meeting shall be submitted to the Central Council for its guidance and approval.

- b) The funds of the Institution would be utilized only towards the objects and no portion of it would be distributed in any manner to the trustees or persons defined in Section 13 (1) ( c ) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- c) Not more than 5% of the Income of the trust / Institution would be applied for any religious purposes or given to religious Institutions.

**21. Legal Course :**

- (i) The Federation shall sue and or be sued only in the name of the Hon. Secretary of the Federation.
- (ii) Any Suits/Legal actions against the Federation shall be instituted only in the Courts at Chennai, where the Registered Office of All India Chess Federation is situated or at the place where the Secretariat of the All India Chess Federation is functioning.

**22. Vacancies :**

The vacancies of Office Bearers that may arise by resignation, death or otherwise shall be filled by the President and such nominated person shall hold the office till the next General Body Meeting. The next General Body Meeting can either continue the arrangement or elect a person among the General Body to the vacant office for the remaining period of the full term. In case of vacancy of the President, the Central Council / General Body shall fill the vacancy (could be anybody and not necessarily from Central Council / General Body) for the remainder of the term.

**23. Misconduct on the part of Members / Special Members / Office Bearers/Officials :**

The following acts will be construed as Misconduct on the part of the Members/ the Office Bearers / the Officials.

- (i) Any act against the aims and objects of the Federation and detrimental to the interests of AICF.
- (ii) Fraud, Cheating, embezzlement, theft, willful damage to or dishonesty in connection with Federation's property, funds or records.
- (iii) Willful disobedience of the directives of the Central Council or the General Body or the Competent Office Bearers of AICF.
- (iv) Willful breach of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Orders of the Federation.
- (v) Non-payment of the fees and other dues to the Federation.
- (vi) Not holding Annual General Meetings for two years in row.
- (vii) Offers or attempts to offer or receiving or attempts to receive any consideration in kind, cash or otherwise to influence the results of games, tournaments, elections or any chess events of the Federation.
- (viii) Failure to perform the functions and duties in an impartial and responsible manner.
- (ix) Failure to comply with normally accepted standards and Chess etiquette.

**24. Expulsion/Suspension :**

- (a) If an Office Bearer, affiliated unit or its Office Bearers or a player or an individual directly or indirectly connected with the Federation refuses to comply with the provisions of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations or is guilty of such conduct which in the opinion of the central Council is likely to affect the character or stability or interest

of the Federation, such person or affiliated Unit or its Office Bearers shall be liable for expulsion or suspension for such periods as the Central Council may fix by a Resolution adopted by not less than two-thirds of the Members of the Council present at such Meeting. The Secretary shall cause Notice to the Organisation/Individual calling for their explanation and they shall be placed for the consideration of the Central Council. Any refusal to accept the Notice by the party shall be treated as Notice having been served.

- (b) In the event of dissolution or defunct Association or Pursuant to expulsion or Suspension under 24.A or pursuant to action taken under section 9 & 16 the central council shall appoint an Ad. Hoc Committee consisting of 5 members in place of the State Association, to run the affairs of the Association, until fresh elections are held under AICF's supervision, so that the interest of Chess players are protected.

**25. Dissolution :**

- (a) Dissolution of the Federation shall take place in accordance with the provisions of Tamilnadu Societies Registration act 1975.
- (b) In case of winding up / dissolution of the All India Chess Federation, the net funds would be transferred to Institutions having similar objects and enjoying exemption u/s 11 & 80 G of the IT Act, 1961.

**26. Disputes :**

In all disputes, the decision of the Federation shall be final and binding on all concerned.

**27. Rules and Regulations :**

All Rules and Regulations framed for relevant purposes or on any matters and adopted by the Central Council and the General Body shall have the same force as this Constitution.

**28. Conclusion :**

Any matter not directly covered by this Constitution shall be decided by the General Body/Central Council on the basis of the provisions in this Constitution most nearly applicable in accordance with the general terms and spirit of this.

## **ANNEXURE**

Invoking the power vested under Bye Law 27 of the Constitution of All India Chess Federation the following Rules and Regulations are framed:

### **I. Code of Conduct for the Organisers of Championship/Tournaments;**

The following will be construed as misconduct on the part of the Organisers of Championships/Tournaments:

- (a) Withholding of prizes, whether in cash or in kind, announced for Championships of the Federation or Open Tournaments recognized by the Federation.
- (b) Not providing requisite facilities as determined by the Federation to the participants in any championship/Tournaments conducted by the host Association or Organisers or recognized Open Tournaments.
- (c) Non-payments of the share of entry fees, fee from prize money and other dues to the Federations.
- (d) Mismanagement or manipulations in the conduct of Championships/Tournaments held on behalf of the Federation.
- (e) Willful disregard or disobedience of the provisions contained in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Federations.
- (f) Fraud, Cheating, embezzlement, theft, willfull damage to or dishonesty in connection with Federation's property, funds and records.
- (g) Offers or attempts to offer or receiving or attempts to receive any consideration in kind, cash or otherwise to influence the results of games, tournaments, elections or any chess events of the Federation.
- (h) Failure to perform the functions and duties in a impartial and responsible manner.
- (i) Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of behaviour and chess etiquette.
- (j) Failure to send the results together with the report of tournaments /Championships with in a week after the conclusion of the same.
- (k) Any other act which is against the aim and objects of the Federation and detrimental to its interests.

## II. Code of conduct for the players:

- (a) All qualified players shall participate in the National Premier Championship (National, 'A') and National Women Premier (National Women "A") Championship unless specific exemption is granted by the President/Hon. Secretary on reasonable grounds.
- (b) All Players selected to the Indian Team for International Tournaments shall attend the Coaching Camp/Camps if any conducted by the Federation prior to the relevant event unless exempted by the Hon. Secretary.
- (c) Players shall desist from indulging in any act detrimental to the interests of Federation nor shall they spearhead any movement against the Federation. They shall not also pass any derogatory remarks in public or to the press about the Federation.
- (d) Players, either in their personal capacity or in the capacity as a player or the captain of a team, shall not make any public announcements without the approval of the competent authority.
- (e) Players shall desist from harming other players, their property or that of the organizers and the Federation and shall not resort to disorderly behaviour or any subversive act or any act of indiscipline during chess events and functions.
- (f) Players shall not make abusive or derogatory language against anybody during the course of a competition, nor shall they make any unjustified accusations against anybody.
- (g) Players shall cooperate with the organizers of tournaments, in all matters and strictly abide by the Rules and Regulation of Tournaments.
- (h) Players shall conduct themselves with dignity and be dressed decently at all chess events and functions.
- (i) Players who want to go out of India to participate in tournaments shall take prior permission from the Federation by writing to the Hon. Secretary.
- (j) Players shall not fraudulently participate in events.
- (k) Players should not smoke or be drunk in the tournament hall during the course of chess events and functions.
- (l) During coaching camps, players shall strictly follow the Rules and Regulations of the Federation and the instructions of the Coach and also do their best to take advantage of the Coaching Camps.
- (m) Players shall remit the entry fees for tournaments as specified in the regulations and shall not bargain or argue at the venue of the tournament.
- (n) Date of Birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate in age group championships by the

AICF and all affiliated members of AICF. Any player who is aggrieved by this stipulation can appeal to the Central Council of the AICF with proper documentary proof and AICF decision will be final and binding.

- (o) Players shall present themselves for Medical Test to determine their age at any time when called upon to do so by All India Chess Federation of its affiliates. "The AICF will have the powers to arrange for Medical test to determine the age of any player at any time if there is a suspicion, particularly for those who wish to participate in age group tournaments abroad".
- (p) Players shall not speak (or indicate anything by sign) to anybody other than the arbiters of that tournament, during the course of a game.
- (q) Players shall be present for the opening and closing ceremonies of championships/tournaments.
- (r) Players shall not leave the venue of championships/tournaments without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- (s) Players shall not withdraw from tournaments without valid reasons and without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- (t) Fraud, cheating, embezzlement, theft, willful damage to or dishonesty in connection with Federation's property, funds or records.
- (u) Offers or attempts to offer or receiving or attempts to receive any consideration in kind, cash or otherwise to influence the results of games, tournaments, election or any chess events of the Federation.
- (v) Failure to comply with normally accepted standards and Chess etiquette.
- (w) Any other act which is against the aim and objects of the Federation and detrimental to its interests.
- (x) Players desirous of participating in any official FIDE / Asian / Commonwealth Championships should have participated in the last years respective age group / open National Championships. However, the Federation shall have the right to accept or reject any such requests.
- (y) Players shall strictly abide by the Constitution, Rules Regulations and Orders/Instructions of the Federations in force from time to time and also abide by the instructions of the Arbiters and AICF Office Bearers.
- (z) No player shall participate in any tournament not authorised by All India Chess Federation or by its affiliate members or District Associations and units affiliated to them. The above violation shall attract disciplinary proceedings including cash penalties apart from debarring from participating in any tournaments in future

**III. Organisation of National Championship/Tournaments:  
Conditions for organizing chess events:**

- (a) A bid for organizing a chess event shall be made in the prescribed format along with the required fees, detailed estimate and budget.
- (b) Only National / Senior National / International Arbiters shall be appointed for National and International FIDE Tournaments as the case may be in consultation with the Federation.
- (c) An Arbiter officiating in a National Tournament as Chief Arbiter shall be eligible for an honorarium as decided by the Federation from time to time.
- (d) In cases where any grant is received by the organizers through the Federation audited statement of accounts shall be submitted to the Federation within one week of the conclusion of the event failing which a fine of two percent of the total grant shall become payable by the organizers.
- (e) The President or the Hon. Secretary shall have the right to demand advance deposit of the prize fund or bank guarantee for a like amount before granting the tournaments/chess events.
- (f) Invitation containing all essential details such as venue, date, time, schedule, eligibility, seeding criteria, entry fee, prize money, system of play, other rules and regulations, accommodation, and other information necessarily required by the participating units and players shall be issued at least sixty days before the commencement of the tournament.
- (g) Events shall be conducted in accordance with FIDE and AICF rules.
  - (i) In all the National Championships the tie break will be decided by Buchholz system.
  - (ii) Pairings should be done only in Swiss Manager.
  - (iii) All National Championships (except National Challengers and National Premier) will have 2 rounds per day on not more than 2 days and will be played on 11 rounds Swiss irrespective of number of entries.
  - (iv) National Under 25 will be played on 9 rounds Swiss irrespective of number of entries.
- (h) Protests against the decisions of Arbiters shall be filed with the prescribed protest fee within one hour of the occurrence of the incident which has caused the protest.
- (i) An Appeals Committee of five members plus two reserves, will be nominated by the All India Chess Federation / organizers selected from different States. No member of the committee shall vote on a dispute in which a player from his own unit is involved and that in such cases the reserve member(s) shall take his/their place in the committee for the time being.
- (j) Players registered with AICF alone will be eligible to participate in the Championships.

(k) **National Championships:**

Subject to the age restrictions the following criteria shall be applied for the selection and seeding of players to the National Championships/Tournaments except Premier National and National Challengers.

- (i) Top 4 of the last National are to be seeded to the category National.
- (ii) Top 2 of the last National are to be seeded to the one step higher Nationals.
- (iii) Champion of the last National is to be seeded to the two steps higher Nationals.
- (iv) Each State Association / Institutional Member of the All India Chess Federation shall be entitled to send 4 entries to National Challengers (National 'B'), National Women Challengers (National Women 'B'), National junior and National Junior girls. For National Sub Junior and Sub Junior Girls four entries will be allowed for State Associations only. For all other Nationals two entries are allowed for State associations only.

Provided that this will be in addition to the seeded and rated players. If any Association / Special Member fails to send full quota, the vacancies so caused shall not be filled.

- (l) Extra seeding will be given to the State which produces Gold / Silver / Bronze medals winners in the last respective age group National Championships in the ratio 3 : 2 : 1. And these nominations from the State Associations shall be given only from the Rank list of their respective State championships with proof and not to any body else.
- (m) The host (if it is an AICF recognized unit) is entitled to field two additional players in National Challengers (National 'B'), National Women Challengers (National Women 'B'), National Jr.Boys & Girls, National Sub Junior Boys & Girls. In all other Nationals, only one additional player will be allowed.
- (n) Four players will be selected from areas where no State Chess Association exists.
- (o) Any player who pays the prescribed Special entry fee may be considered for participation with recommendation of the respective State Association.
- (p) If the total number of entries is an odd number, the host association may add one more entry to make it an even number.
- (q) The Secretary, All India Chess Federation can nominate one player.
- (r) 1 and 2 of the last National (Women) are to be seeded to same category National (except National 'A' Men).
- (s) Champion of the last National (Women) is to be seeded to the same and one step higher National (except National 'A' Men and National 'A' Women).
- (t) Any current World Champion in any category is to be seeded to All Nationals.

- (u) Any current World No.2 and 3 are to be seeded to the same + one step higher Nationals.
- (v) 1) Any Current Asian No.2 and 3 are to be seeded to the same category National.  
2) Any Current Asian Champion is to be seeded to the same + one step higher National
- (w) Any current National Champion is to be seeded to all lower category National subject to the restriction regarding age.
- (x) **Seeding to National Challengers (National 'B'):**
1. All IMs, and WGMs
  2. First six players from the previous National Challengers (National "B") other than IMs and WGMs
  3. The first two from the National Under-25 Chess Championship
  4. Current National Junior Girls Champion
  5. The winner and runner-up of the last National Women Challengers (National Women's "B")
  6. Current World Champion in any category
  7. Current Asian Junior Champion
  8. The first three from the last Asian Men Championship
  9. All Board prize winners of the last National Team Championship
- (y) **Seeding to National Women Challengers (National Women 'B'):**
1. All WGM's and WIM's
  2. Top four from the last National Women Challengers (National Women 'B') other than WGM's and WIM's
  3. Champion of the last National U -17 Girls Championship
  - 4 Current World Champion in any category
  5. Current Asian Junior Girls Champion
  6. The first three from the last Asian Women Championship
  7. All Board Prize winners of the National Woman Team Chess Championship
- (z) All IM's are seeded to all the National Championship (other than National Premier) subject to age and All WIM's are seeded to all the woman National Championship (other than National Premier) subject to age.
- (aa) Medal winners in the commonwealth Championship are to be seeded in the same category tournament.
- (ab) NATIONAL PREMIER (National 'A') FORMAT (13 Round Swiss irrespective of the number of entries, with one round per day)
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| a) Previous National Premier (including GM's ) | – Top 06 |
| b) From National Challengers                   | - Top 30 |
| c) All GM's                                    |          |
| d) National Junior Boys / Girls Champion       | - 02     |

- e) National Women Premier - Top 02
- f) AICF Secretary Nominee - 02

(ac) NATIONAL WOMEN PREMIER (National Women 'A') FORMAT (11 Round Swiss irrespective of the number of entries, with one round per day)

- a) Previous National Women Premier – Top 06
- b) Previous National Women Challengers – Top 20
- c) All WGM's
- d) National Junior Girls Champion - 01
- e) AICF Secretary Nominee - 02

(ad) **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:**

The following shall be the selection criteria for international tournaments: The selection will be subject to the rules of the organizers.

1. U-16 Chess Olympiad: The top five players from the National Sub Junior will be seeded to the immediately following World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad.
2. World U-10, 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20: As per respective National Championships Ranking.
3. Asian U-10, 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20: As per respective National Championships Ranking.
4. Selection of India Men Team for all official championships like Asian, World, Olympiad, etc., will be done on the following basis:
  - a. National Premier Champion and Players with 2650 ELO and above
  - b. The rest of the team will be selected based on the ELO Rating (cut of FRL to be decided by Central Council) to the Indian Team for all official Team Championships provided the players regularly participate in top tournaments. Players below 2650 ELO need to participate in National Challengers / Premier in order to be eligible for consideration for selections.
  - c. For other Tournaments in India & Abroad: Top six from National Premier (National 'A') ranking (no rating Criteria) will be considered.
5. Selection of India Women Team for all official championships like Asian, World, Olympiad, etc., will be done on the following basis:
  - a. National Women Premier Champion and Players with 2500 ELO and above
  - b. The rest of the team will be selected based on the ELO Rating (cut of FRL to be decided by Central Council) to the Indian Team for all official Team Championships provided the players regularly participate in top tournaments.

Players below 2500 ELO need to participate in National Women Challengers / Woman Premier in order to be eligible for consideration for selections.

c. For other Tournaments in India & Abroad: Top six from National Women Premier (National Woman 'A') ranking (no rating Criteria) will be considered.

6. Continental Championship / Commonwealth Championship

National Premier (National 'A') Champion / National Women Premier (National Women 'A') Champion.

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