

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF AITA

(These are in addition to the clauses already discussed above and the same are not repeated here for brevity)

Note: In case of any discrepancy, kindly refer to the documents shared previously on 10.06.2026

Provision No.	Existing Provisions of the AITA Memorandum of Association, Rules and Bye-Laws of the All India Tennis Association (AITA)	Proposed Amendments by the Executive Committee to the Memorandum of Association, Rules and Bye-Laws of the All India Tennis Association (AITA)
Memorandum of Association		
Sec-4 (Aims & Objects)	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of tennis (hereinafter called "The Game") in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game and those of the Association and particularly:	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of tennis (hereinafter called "The Game") in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game, the players, the coaches and all other stakeholders involved with the game and those of the Association and particularly: Comment: The proposed amendment broadens the Association's mandate to expressly recognize its responsibility towards players, coaches, and other stakeholders, ensuring that governance and decision-making are inclusive, transparent
Sec-4(s) (Agreements with firms)	In furtherance of its objects, AITA may enter into an agreement with any firm, organisation or concern in which the office bearers and the members of Executive Committee may or may not be financially interested as Director or partner.	In furtherance of its objects, AITA may enter into an agreement with any firm, organisation or concern in which the members of Executive Committee may or may not be financially interested as director or partner. Comment: Term 'office bearers' has been deleted across the Constitution.

Rules of the All India Tennis Association		
Sec-2 (In Recital)	These shall be applicable to all affiliated units in the country.	These shall be applicable throughout the country. <i>Comment:</i> Proposed amendment is change in the language.
Sec-3(a) (AITA)	AITA means the All India Tennis Association (hereinafter referred to as 'The Association').	AITA or Association: means the All India Tennis Association. <i>Comment:</i> Proposed amendment is to incorporate the term Association which has been used across the document.
Sec-3(b) (Association composition)	The Association shall consist of: i. Affiliates with voting rights: A State Tennis Association, Union Territory Tennis Association which satisfies the conditions laid down in Rule 18 of the Rules. ii. Associate Affiliates without voting rights: Institution or any other organisation to which AITA has granted affiliation and which satisfies the conditions laid down in Rule 18 of the Rules, viz Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, etc.	Omitted <i>Comment:</i> The entire definition and its sub-categories are deleted. The composition of the Association is now addressed under the restructured Rule 6(a) (General Body).
Sec-3(h) (President)	President: Means the President of the AITA duly elected by the Central Council.	3(g) President: Means the President of the AITA duly elected by the General Body . <i>Comment:</i> Term 'Central Council' has been changed to General Body to make it consistent with the terminology of the Act.

Sec-3(j) (Hon. Secretary General)	Hon. Secretary General: Shall mean the Hon. Secretary General duly elected by the Central Council.	3(i) Hon. Secretary General: Shall mean the Hon. Secretary General duly elected by the General Body .
Sec-3(k) (Hon. Joint Secretary)	Hon. Joint Secretary: Shall mean the Hon. Joint Secretary duly elected by the Central Council. A total of 4 Joint Secretaries shall be elected, one from each zone (North, South, East, West).	3(j) Hon. Joint Secretaries : Shall mean the Hon. Joint Secretaries duly elected by the General Body .
Sec-3(l) (Hon. Treasurer)	Hon. Treasurer: Shall mean the Hon. Treasurer duly elected by the Central Council.	3(k) Hon. Treasurer: Shall mean the Hon. Treasurer duly elected by the General Body .
Sec-3(m) (CEO & CFO)	CEO & CFO: Means the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer respectively duly appointed by the Association.	Omitted. <i>Comment:</i> This article has been Omitted since there is no CEO/CFO post in AITA.
Sec-3(n)	The Affiliation year or Financial Year: Means the period of twelve months from 1 st April to the following 31 st March.	Renumbered as 3(l)
Sec-3(o) (Jurisdiction)	Jurisdiction: The jurisdiction of the Association shall extend all over India and the territories of India.	3(m) Jurisdiction: The jurisdiction of the Association shall extend all over India, including the Union Territories of India .
Sec-3(p) (Tennis)	Tennis: Means the game of Tennis, Padel/Padel Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Beach Tennis or any other form of Tennis.	3(n) Tennis: Means the game of Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Beach Tennis or any other form of Tennis.
Sec-3(q) (Prominent Tennis Player)	Prominent Tennis Player: Shall mean any tennis player who was ranked in AITA/ITF/ATP/WTA or has represented the nation/state/university either individually or in team competitions, during his/her career.	Omitted.

		Comment: This provision has been omitted since there is a new process for SOM and Athlete's Committee in the following Articles.
New	3(b) Board: means the National Sports Board established under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.	
New	3(o) Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit: Shall have the scope and meaning ascribed to the term in <u>Annexure III</u> of these Rules.	
New	3(p) International Charters: means the Rules & Regulations, policies, codes and other such governance documents of the International Tennis Federation.	
New	3(q) ITF: means the International Tennis Federation.	
New	3(r) Act: means the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 as amended from time to time.	
New	3(s) Sports Rules: means the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 as amended from time to time.	
New	3(t) State Affiliate: shall include Union Territory Affiliates as well.	
New	3(u) Tribunal: means the National Sports Tribunal constituted under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025. Comment: The above additional definitions are proposed to incorporate definitions for terms which have been incorporated owing to the new statutory regime.	
Sec-4 (Constitution of Association)	The Association shall comprise of: (a) The State Associations affiliated to AITA; (b) Union Territory Associations affiliated to AITA; (c) Institution or any other organisation to which the AITA has granted affiliation and which satisfies the	The Association shall comprise of: (a) The General Body; and (b) The Executive Committee.

	conditions laid down in Rule 18 of the Rules, viz Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, etc.	Comment: This is proposed to simplify the structure of AITA and make it clear through the Constitution itself.
Sec-5 (Objects)	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of Tennis in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game and those of the Association and particularly as defined in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association.	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of Tennis in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game, the players, the coaches and all other stakeholders involved with the game and those of the Association and particularly as defined in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association. Comment: The proposed amendment broadens the Association's mandate to expressly recognize its responsibility towards players, coaches, and other stakeholders, ensuring that governance and decision-making are inclusive, transparent
Sec-6	a) Sub-Committees The Committees as mentioned below shall be appointed at the Executive Committee Meeting held any time after the Annual General Meeting. The sub-committees will continue to function till the new sub-committees are appointed. 1. Management Committee (OMITTED) 2. Finance and Legal Committee (AMENDED) 3. International Committee (OMITTED) 4. Ethics Committee (AMENDED) 5. Arbitration Committee (REPLACED) 6. Tournament Committee 7. Senior Selection Committee 8. Junior Selection Committee	e. <u>Sub-Committees</u> (AMENDED) The Sub-Committees as mentioned below shall be appointed at the Executive Committee Meeting held any time after the Annual General Meeting. The sub-committees will continue to function till the new sub-committees are appointed. i. Finance and Legal Committee ii. Tournament Committee iii. Senior Selection Committee iv. Junior Selection Committee v. Coaching Committee (RENAMED) vi. Internal Complaints Committee (under POSH Act) vii. Any other committee as may be appointed by the Executive Committee

	9. Coaches Education & Certification Committee (RENAMED) 10. Internal Complaints Committee 11. Any other committee as may be appointed by the Executive Committee <u>Management Committee (DELETED)</u> A Management Committee shall be appointed to act on behalf of the Executive Committee and shall comprise of: • President • Vice President (Chair) • Hon. Secretary General • VP Sports • Joint Secretaries • Hon. Treasurer • Three (3) persons if so, nominated by the Executive Committee. Decisions of the Management Committee will be confirmed if so required, at the next Executive Committee Meeting. <u>Finance and Legal Committee</u> A Four (4) Member Finance and Legal Committee comprised of the VP (Chair), Hony. Secretary General, VP Sports and Treasurer shall be appointed to advise the Association on matters pertaining to: • Control of Legal Matters • Control of the finances and accounts of the Association.	<u>Finance and Legal Committee (AMENDED)</u> A Five (5) Member Finance and Legal Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee (which shall include the Hony. Secretary General and the Hony. Treasurer as ex officio members) to advise the Association on matters pertaining to: • Control of Legal Matters • Control of the finances and accounts of the Association. • Decisions on immovable or movable property of the Association. • Consideration of the accounts and scrutinization of proposals for expenditure. • Ways and means of raising funds for the Association. • Review of internal audit and statutory audit reports, verification and confirmation of the Annual Accounts and financial estimates of income and expenditure of the Association prepared by the Treasurer. • Budget for the total recurring and non-recurring expenditure for the year, based on the income resources of the Association and steps to ensure that all procedures, processes, statutory obligations and systems are followed and implemented properly. • Approval of expenditures above Rs. 50,000/- subject to ratification by the Executive Committee in its next meeting. <u>Tournament Committee</u>
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	An Ethics Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for looking into matters relating to adherence to ethical guidelines of the Association and the International Tennis Federation/Olympic Charter. <u>Arbitration Committee (DELETED)</u> An Arbitration Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee and be responsible for dealing with any dispute between AITA and any of its affiliates/affiliates of affiliates/players/coaches/umpires & officials / administrators, and any other dispute relating to internal matters of AITA. The decision of the Arbitration Committee, which will act in accordance with the laws relating to arbitration in the country, will be final and binding on all concerned. <u>Tournament Committee</u> A Tournament Committee shall be appointed to advice on matters relating to Tournaments structuring, scheduling and other related matters. <u>Senior Selection Committee</u> A Senior Selection Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for selection of teams for all domestic as well as international team events in the senior Men's and Ladies Category. <u>Junior Selection Committee</u> A Junior Selection Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for selection of Junior	3. An additional safeguard of ratification of Finance Committee decisions in the EC has been proposed to ensure that no arbitrary decisions are taken by a select few. 4. Renaming is proposed to give clarity to the stakeholders on the purpose of the concerned sub-committee.
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	teams for all domestic as well as international team events in all Junior age groups. <u>Coaches Education & Certification Committee</u> A Coaches Education & Certification Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for all matters relating to Coaches Certification & Education in the country.	
Sec-7	The phrase ‘Central Council’ is replaced with ‘General Body’ across Sec-7 Sub-sections under Sec-7 will be renumbered due to omissions as outlined hereunder.	
Sec-7(c)	To appoint not more than one person to act on the Committee of Management of the national Grass Court Championship of India, National Hard Court Championship of India and on any other tournaments held in India by any affiliated organisation or any club or Tournament Committee affiliated to such organisation and the expenses of such appointed person shall be met by the Affiliate holding the tournament.	Omitted. <i>Comment:</i> These committees no longer exist and hence, it is proposed to omit this provision.
Sec-7(e)	To adopt for any player the status deemed adequate or appropriate as per the international Federation Rules or rules framed by the Association.	To adopt for any player the status deemed adequate or appropriate as per the International Charters or rules framed by the Association. <i>Comment:</i> This is aimed at aligning with phraseology used in Act.
Sec-7(j)	To enlist by co-option or invitation for any special purpose the services of any person who is not an office-bearer or councilor.	To enlist by co-option or invitation for any special purpose the services of any person who is not a member of the Executive Committee.

		Comment: The term ‘office bearer’ is omitted across the document.
Sec-7(l)	To build Stadia and Tennis Courts on the land belonging to the Association or on land owned by any other body or on land taken on lease from any other body, on its own or jointly or in partnership with that body.	To build stadia and tennis courts on the land belonging to the Association or on land owned by any other body or on land taken on lease from any other body, on its own or jointly or in partnership with that body. Comment: This is a grammatical change as the terms were in uppercase and not defined anywhere.
Sec-7(n)	In case of dispute between the AITA and/or its office-bearers on one part and State Association or Union Territory Association, units affiliated to State Association, Club, Institution, Councillor or any individual on other part, relating to matters covered under rules and regulations of the AITA, only courts within territorial area of Delhi State shall have jurisdiction to try such matters, irrespective of any other territorial jurisdiction of a party or person to the dispute in such matters and this Rule is binding on its Affiliates, Associates, Councillors, clubs or Institutions, individual person or persons connected directly or indirectly with the AITA. All disputes shall always be referred first for arbitration by the AITA Arbitration Committee.	Omitted. Comment: Change is proposed owing to the new Dispute Resolution Committee having been set up.
Sec-7(o)	Affiliated Units of AITA will ensure that any unit affiliated to an Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA will not engage AITA in direct legal proceedings and will always go through the Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA. In case this procedure is not followed, AITA	Affiliated Units of AITA will ensure that any unit affiliated to an Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA will not engage AITA in direct legal proceedings and will always go through the Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA. In case this procedure is not followed, AITA Executive Committee has the power to inform its

	Executive Committee has the power to inform its Affiliate / Associate Affiliate to disaffiliate the said affiliated unit or expel/suspend any office bearer of such an affiliated unit.	Affiliate / Associate Affiliate to disaffiliate the said affiliated unit or expel/suspend any member of the executive committee of such an affiliated unit. Comment: The term ‘office bearer’ is omitted across the document.
New	7(n) To provide interpretation to these rules and regulations, whenever required.	
Sec-8 (Powers and Duties of Office-Bearers)	POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS a. The President (<i>AMENDED</i>) The President shall be the Chairman/Chairperson of the Association and of the Central Council. He shall preside over all meetings of the Central Council and the Executive Committee. He shall guide the AITA in all its activities and shall exercise superintendence over office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee and other Sub-Committees in the discharge of their duties. He shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Association and its efficient administration. His decision on the day to day affairs being administered and executed by the other Office Bearers, Vice President (Chair), Vice President (Sports) and Joint Secretaries will be final. In particular, the President shall have the following powers/responsibilities:	POWERS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE a. The President The President shall preside over all meetings of the General Body and the Executive Committee. He shall guide the AITA in all its activities and shall exercise superintendence over members of the Executive Committee and other Sub-Committees in the discharge of their duties. The President may call a meeting of the Executive Committee at a shorter notice for urgent purpose(s). b. The Vice President - In the absence of the President, the Vice President presides over all the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body. - The Vice President may perform any other specific tasks/functions as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the General Body.

	• To implement the objectives of the Association • To deal with all disciplinary matters arising in the AITA or in relation to the Affiliates / Associate Affiliates as per rules on the subject, provided that any decision in relation to those matters shall be made by the Executive Committee and/or the General Meeting. b. The Vice President (Chair) (AMENDED) One of the Vice Presidents will be designated as Vice President (Chair) by the Central Council in the AGM. i) In the absence of the President, the Vice President (Chair) shall act in exercising all powers of the President, including presiding over all the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Central Council. ii) The Vice President (Chair) may perform any other tasks/functions as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the Central Council. c. The Hon. Secretary General i) Will oversee all the Administrative functions and Human Resource matters with the help of executives and other staff as may be required from time to time for efficient running of the office, matters of routine nature relating to the Association and support functions like IT, Website, Social Media, Registrations, Rankings, Meetings.	c. The Hon. Secretary General i. Will oversee all the administrative functions and Human Resource matters with the help of executives and other staff as may be required from time to time for efficient running of the office, matters of routine nature relating to the Association and support functions like IT, Website, Social Media, Registrations, Rankings, Meetings. ii. Will oversee and be responsible for tennis development activities including Coaching and Officiating and for Beach tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Paralympics, Competitions for differently abled and Senior Tennis. Will also be responsible for sponsorships for AITA and other efforts of AITA to raise financial resources. iii. Will perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper and efficient working of the Association. iv. Will cause minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body to be correctly recorded, confirmed and kept. v. Will issue the notices for convening of the meetings of the General Body and Executive Committee as per these Rules. However, on instruction from the President, Executive Committee Meeting can be called at short notice. As and when required, the Hony. Secretary General, with the permission of the President may call the Executive Committee meeting, through virtual/video conference, provided such
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	ii) Will oversee and be responsible for tennis development activities including Coaching and Officiating and for Beach tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Paralympics, Competitions for differently abled and Senior Tennis. Will also be responsible for sponsorships for AITA and other efforts of AITA to raise financial resources. iii) Will perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper and efficient working of the Association. iv) Will cause minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Council to be correctly recorded, confirmed and kept. v) With the consent of the President, will convene meetings of the Central Council, Executive Committee etc. whenever required. However, on instruction from the President, Executive Committee Meeting can be called at short notice and to the extent possible all meetings would be through virtual/video conference. vi) In case of urgency, will obtain the views of the Central Council or members of the Executive Committee by circulation or by any other manner as directed by the President. d. The Vice President (Sports) (OMITTED) One of the Vice Presidents will be designated as Vice President (Sports) by the Central Council in the AGM. His/Her powers will be as under:	meetings are fully recorded. vi. In case of urgency, will obtain the views of the General Body or members of the Executive Committee by circulation or by any other manner as directed by the President. d. The Honorary Joint Secretaries i. All the duties & powers of the Hon. Joint Secretaries shall be entrusted to them by the Executive Committee. ii. In the absence of the Hony. Secretary General the Executive Committee shall appoint one of the Joint Secretaries to discharge the functions of the Hony. Secretary General. e. The Honorary Treasurer i. Within a reasonable time after the close of the financial year, the Hon. Treasurer shall furnish the Executive Committee with a statement of accounts, copies of which shall be forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee. ii. All accounts shall be maintained by the Hon. Treasurer and he shall be entitled to pay all bills unless previously countermanded by the Executive Committee or the General Body. iii. All cheques shall be issued under the joint signatures of the Hon. Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary General or the President iv. The above will be subject to the condition that any
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	i) Will oversee all matters relating to Professional Tennis sporting activities including the Davis Cup and Fed Cup and all professional tournaments. ii) Will have overall charge and responsibility for Professional Tennis Activities including Teams' Selections, Camps, Tournaments, International Exposure, Players' issues, coordination with Athletes' commission and professional players, Media management and Interactions on Tennis matters. iii) Perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper and efficient working of the Association. e. The Honorary Joint Secretaries (AMENDED) A total of 4 Joint secretaries shall be elected by the Central Council, one from each zone of India, namely North, South, East and West. Each joint secretary would represent each of the 4 zones respectively. All the duties & powers of the Hon. Joint Secretaries shall be entrusted to them by the Executive Committee & / or by the President. f. The Honorary Treasurer i) Within a reasonable time after the close of the financial year, the Hon. Treasurer shall furnish the Executive Committee with a statement of accounts, copies of which shall be forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee. ii) All accounts shall be maintained by the Hon. Treasurer and he shall be entitled to pay all	payment in excess of Rs 50,000/- can be made only when authorized by the Finance and Legal Committee. All amounts received by the Hon. Treasurer shall be deposited with the bankers of the Association forthwith. v. All amounts received by the Hon. Treasurer shall be deposited with the bankers of the Association forthwith. vi. The Hon. Treasurer shall ensure that the accounts of the Association are audited at the end of each financial year by the auditors of the Association. vii. Collect all moneys and dues payable to the Association and report to the Executive Committee on all financial matters. viii. Make an annual statement of accounts and place it before the Annual General Meeting of the General Body. ix. Submit to the President quarterly statements of income and expenditure. x. Disburse the funds of the Association according to the directions of the Executive Committee. xi. Keep a roll of all members and from time to time amend and correct the same as circumstances require. Employ such clerical and other assistants as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. Comments: 1. The powers of the President and the Secretary have been proposed to be diluted. 2. The objective is preventing concentration of unchecked authority in the President and Secretary.
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	bills unless previously countermanded by the Executive Committee or the Central Council. iii) All cheques shall be issued under the joint signatures of the Hon. Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary General or the President iv) The above will be subject to the condition that any payment in excess of Rs 50,000/- can be made only when authorized by the Finance and Legal Committee. v) All amounts received by the Hon. Treasurer shall be deposited with the bankers of the Association forthwith. vi) The Hon. Treasurer shall ensure that the accounts of the Association are audited at the end of each financial year by the auditors of the Association. vii) Collect all moneys and dues payable to the Association and report to the Executive Committee on all financial matters. viii) Make an annual statement of accounts and place it before the Annual General Meeting of the Central Council. ix) Submit to the President quarterly statements of income and expenditure. x) Disburse the funds of the Association according to the directions of the Executive Committee. xi) Keep a roll of all members and from time to time amend and correct the same as circumstances require.	3. The above changes also focus on collective decision making. 4. Posts which are no longer in the EC eg: VP (Sports), have been omitted.
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	xii) Employ such clerical and other assistants as may be authorized by the Executive Committee.	
Sec-9 (Powers and Duties of the Sub-Committees)	9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES a. All sub-committees shall carry out such duties as may be authorized by the Central Council. Such duties shall be discharged in accordance with the Regulations of the Association. b. All sub-committees are recommendatory. Final decisions shall rest with the Executive Committee. c. Normal business of all sub-committees can also be done by post or virtual meetings. Executive Committee may appoint ex-officio members to the sub-committee.	9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES a. All sub-committees shall carry out such duties as may be authorized by the General Body. Such duties shall be discharged in accordance with these rules and regulations of the Association. b. All sub-committees are recommendatory. Final decisions shall rest with the Executive Committee. c. Normal business of all sub-committees can also be done by post or virtual meetings. d. Executive Committee may appoint ex-officio members to the sub-committee. e. Every sub-committee must meet quarterly and submit their report to the Executive Committee. (NEW) <i>Comment:</i> The addition is proposed so that there is a constitutional mandate to meet and transact once in each quarter. This will ensure effective and actual working of each sub-committee. It will help to avoid dormant sub-committees.
Sec-10 (Election Bye Laws)	10. ELECTION BYE LAWS - Attached as Annexure 1	10. ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE The elections of the Executive Committee of AITA shall be held in strict compliance with the Act and the Sports Rules, as amended from time to time (as specifically outlined in the <u>Annexure I</u> to these Rules).

		Comment: The proposed addition incorporates a direct mandate to abide by the Act and the Rules before making a reference to the Bye-Laws. This helps to ensure that the Bye-Laws are always aligned with the Act and the Rules.
Sec-12 (Casual Vacancies)	The phrase ‘office-bearers’ used throughout.	Sec-12 to be renumbered as Sec-13 The phrase ‘members of the Executive Committee’ replaces ‘office-bearers’ throughout the Casual Vacancies provision. Comment: This is proposed as the phrase ‘office bearer’ has been omitted.
Sec-13 (Permanent Vacancies)	13. PERMANENT VACANCIES Permanent vacancies can be caused by death or circumstances which may prevent any office-bearer from attending to his duties for more than 3 months. a) President Vice President (Chair) will fill the permanent vacancy of the post of President till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted. b) Honorary Secretary General, Vice President (Chair), Vice President (Sports), Hon. Joint Secretary and Hon. Treasurer Permanent vacancy of the posts of Honorary Secretary General, Vice President (Chair), Vice President (Sports), Hon. Jt. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer shall be filled in by the Executive	Sec-13 to be renumbered as Sec-14 14. Permanent vacancies can be caused by death or circumstances which may prevent any member of the Executive Committee office-bearer from attending to his duties for more than 3 months. a. President Vice President will fill the permanent vacancy of the post of President till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted. b. Honorary Secretary General, Vice President, Hon. Joint Secretaries and Hon. Treasurer Permanent vacancy of the posts of Honorary Secretary General, Vice President, Hon. Jt. Secretaries or Hon. Treasurer shall be filled in by the Executive Committee till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted.

	Committee till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted. Any office bearer who has assumed office by virtue of having filled a permanent vacancy or casual vacancy shall not be deemed to have enjoyed a term of 4 years. He will be entitled to contest election as per rules and if elected, hold office for a further term of 4 years and so on as provided herein above.	Any member of the Executive Committee who has assumed office by virtue of having filled a permanent vacancy or casual vacancy shall not be deemed to have enjoyed a term of 4 years. He will be entitled to contest election as per rules and if elected, hold office for a further term of 4 years and so on as provided herein above. <i>Comment:</i> This is proposed as the phrase ‘office bearer’ has been omitted.
Sec-14(a) (Accounts - bills)	All bills shall be passed either by the President, Honorary Secretary General or the VP Sports before payment.	Sec-14 to be renumbered as Sec-15 15(a) All bills shall be passed either by the President, Honorary Secretary General or the Treasurer before payment. <i>Comment:</i> Being in charge of the financials and accounts, Treasurer is the appropriate officer for passing bills and not VP.
Sec-15 (Meetings of the Central Council)	15. MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL (a) Annual General Meeting of the Central Council shall be held annually at such time and place as the President shall fix, provided that such meeting shall not be called on a date earlier than six weeks after the 31st day of March. The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: - i) To receive the report of the Honorary Secretary General which will include the tentative programs for the ensuing year as drawn up by	Sec-15 to be renumbered as Sec-16 16. MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL BODY a. Annual General Meeting of the General Body shall be held annually at such time and place as the President shall fix, provided that such meeting shall not be called on a date not later than 30th day of September. The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: i. To receive the report of the Honorary Secretary General which will include the tentative programs for the ensuing year as drawn up by the Executive

	the Executive Committee and the Hon. Treasurer's statement of account for the previous year, duly audited. ii) To elect, when due, President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary General, Hon. Joint Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and Executive Committee. Associate Affiliate shall not be entitled to be elected in the Executive Committee. iii) To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year. (b) All other business transacted at an Annual General Meeting or any General Meeting shall be deemed 'Special Business', and shall be decided by two-third's majority of votes properly recorded. (OMITTED) (c) An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may be convened by the President/Executive Committee whenever they think fit, or shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary General within three months of receipt of requisition by a minimum of five affiliates specifying the business for which the meeting is to be convened. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting. (d) No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted at any meeting unless a	Committee and the Hon. Treasurer's statement of account for the previous year, duly audited. ii. To elect, when due, President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary General, Hon. Joint Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and Executive Committee. Associate Affiliate shall not be entitled to be elected in the Executive Committee. iii. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year. b. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may be convened by the (i) President, or (ii) the Hon. Secretary General, anytime as required. An Extra-Ordinary General meeting can also be convened on receipt of requisition by a minimum of five State Affiliates, by specifying the business for which the meeting is to be convened. A notice of 3 (three) weeks shall be given for such a meeting. If the President or the Hony. Secretary General do not issue a notice for such Extra-Ordinary General Meeting within 7 days of the receipt of such requisition as mentioned above, any 3 of the 5 states who have requisitioned the meeting, can issued a notice for Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, and such meeting and the business transacted in the meeting shall be considered valid and shall not be legally objected to by the Association. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting, other than that mentioned in the notice. c. No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum
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	quorum is present. No quorum will be necessary for an adjourned meeting. (e) All ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be decided by a bare majority of votes properly recorded at such meeting. However, any business regarding 'Change of Constitution and Rules' will be decided by two-third majority of the member present and who are eligible to vote. All business of an Extraordinary General Meeting, being special, shall be decided by two-third majority of votes properly recorded. (f) In the case of an equality of votes, the President or the Chairman shall have a casting vote. (g) Notice of every meeting shall be sent by letter/e-mail/Speed Post/Courier as considered expedient to the office-bearers, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries and Members of the Central Council at least 3 weeks prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Such notice shall specify the date, time and place of such meeting and the nature of business to be transacted and in case of Annual General Meeting, shall be accompanied by a report of the Hon. Secretary General, report of the Hon. Treasurer, audited statement of accounts for the past year, provided always that the accidental omission to give any such notice to any person entitled thereto or its non-receipt by him shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.	is present. No quorum will be necessary for an adjourned meeting. d. All business of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be decided by a bare majority of votes properly recorded at such meeting. However, any business regarding amendment of these rules and regulations will be decided by two-third majority of the member present and who are eligible to vote. e. In the case of an equality of votes, the President or the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote. f. Notice of every meeting shall be sent by letter/e-mail/Speed Post/Courier as considered expedient to the office-bearers, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries and Members of the General Body at least 3 weeks prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Such notice shall specify the date, time and place of such meeting and the nature of business to be transacted and in case of Annual General Meeting, shall be accompanied by a report of the Hon. Secretary General, report of the Hon. Treasurer, audited statement of accounts for the past year, provided always that the accidental omission to give any such notice to any person entitled thereto or its non-receipt by him shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting. g. At a meeting, every question or motion shall be decided by show of hands unless, prior to any vote being taken, ballot is-
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	(h) At a meeting, every question or motion shall be decided by open voting unless, prior to any vote being taken, ballot is- (aa) Directed by the Chairman or (ab) Demanded by not less than three persons present and entitled to vote. (i) Elections shall be by secret ballot. (j) All matters discussed by the Council in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential. Matters of public interest, may however be released to the press by the Hon. Secretary General subject to approval by the Chairman. No other member is permitted to speak to the press or anybody on behalf of the Association without the permission of the President.	i. Directed by the Chairman, or ii. Demanded by not less than 25 (twenty-five) percent of persons present and entitled to vote. h. Elections shall be by secret ballot. i. All the General Body meetings shall be video recorded. All matters discussed by the General Body in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential. Matters of public interest, may however be released to the press by the Hon. Secretary General subject to approval by the Chairman. No other member is permitted to speak to the press or anybody on behalf of the Association without the permission of the President. <i>Comments:</i> 1. The revised provision strengthens democratic governance by introducing greater procedural clarity, fixing a definite timeline for holding the Annual General Meeting, providing an effective mechanism for members to requisition an Extraordinary General Meeting, requiring video recording of General Body meetings to enhance transparency, and simplifying the voting procedure. 2. Overall, the amendments improve accountability, member participation, and institutional transparency while reducing the scope for procedural disputes.
Sec-16	16 NO CONFIDENCE	Sec-16 to be renumbered as Sec-17

(No Confidence)	Proposal for no confidence in Executive Committee or any Office Bearer(s) / Members(s) thereof can be taken up only at an EGM convened specially for this purpose. The proposal should be made by at least 25% of the affiliated organizations. The EGM shall be called and convened by the Hon. Secretary General on receipt by him of a requisition in writing to the above effect. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting. A no confidence proposal would be considered as passed if the votes cast in favour of the proposal are at least two-thirds of the votes properly recorded at the meeting	17. NO CONFIDENCE Proposal for no confidence of any member of the Executive Committee (except representatives of the SOM or Athletes Committee) can be taken up only at an EGM convened specially for this purpose. The proposal should be made by at least 25% of the voting members of the General Body. The EGM shall mandatorily be called and convened by the Hon. Secretary General on receipt by him of a requisition in writing to the above effect by giving 3 (three) weeks' notice. In the event that such meeting is not called by the Hony. Secretary General, then the meeting shall be called by any three State Affiliates, who shall jointly issue the notice. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting. A no confidence proposal would be considered as passed if the votes cast in favour of the proposal are more than 50 percent of the votes properly recorded at the meeting. <i>Comments:</i> 1. The revised provision strengthens democratic accountability by providing a clear and enforceable mechanism for moving a no-confidence motion while preventing procedural delays through an alternative method of convening the meeting. 2. It also protects independent representatives from political removal and ensures that the will of the majority of voting members prevails, thereby promoting transparency, fairness, and responsible governance. 3. It has been experienced in the past that the Secretary and President would block no-confidence motions against them by not calling meetings. This has been catered to by
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		providing for mandatory calling a meeting once the requisition is received. 4. Earlier threshold of 2/3rd votes has been proposed to be diluted to 50% votes so that the incumbent officials at all times enjoy at least a simple majority. This reflects true democracy.
Sec-17 (Quorum)	17. QUORUM At the AGM or any meeting of the Central Council, 10 persons shall form a quorum of which at least eight shall be representatives of affiliated organisations.	Sec-17 to be renumbered as Sec-18 18. QUORUM At the AGM or any meeting of the General Body, 10 persons shall form a quorum of which at least eight shall be representatives of affiliated organisations. If the quorum is not met, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 (thirty) minutes, after which the meeting shall be reconvened where quorum will not be necessary. Comments: 1. The revised provision provides greater procedural certainty by prescribing a clear mechanism for adjournment and reconvening in the absence of a quorum. 2. This ensures that the business of the Association is not unduly delayed while maintaining the initial quorum requirement, thereby balancing effective governance with practical administrative.
Sec-18	18. AFFILIATIONS	Sec-18 to be renumbered as Sec-19

(Affiliations)	All State Associations /Union Territory Associations which are Full Member of the All India Tennis Association shall have 2 votes. i. Any State Association / Union Territory which may desire to become an Associate Affiliate shall apply to the Hon. Secretary General. Such applicant State / Union Territory Association must have a legal status as a registered association and have a minimum of 50% of the district level associations affiliated to it or club/institutions which are affiliated. All new affiliations to AITA will be as 'Associate Affiliate' in the initial stage. All such applicants must apply with the following documents:- a) Registration Certificate, b) List of Office-bearers, c) List of affiliated District Tennis Associations / Clubs / Institutions / Members d) Minutes of last two Annual General Meetings e) Audited accounts for last two years. f) Copy of Rules & Regulations conforming to AITA Regulations.	19. AFFILIATIONS a. All State Affiliates of the All India Tennis Association shall have 2 votes each. b. Any state association/union territory association which desires to become an Associate Affiliate shall apply to the Hon. Secretary General. c. Such applicant state/union territory association must: i. have a legal status as a registered society, not-for-profit company or trust, and ii. must have district or other units affiliated to it. d. All new affiliations to AITA will be as 'Associate Affiliate' and they shall have no voting rights in the General Body of AITA. e. All such applicants must apply with the following documents:- i. Registration Certificate, ii. List of Office-bearers, iii. List of affiliated district or other units, iv. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting, v. Audited accounts, and vi. Copy of rules & regulations conforming to these rules and regulations.
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	ii. An Associate Affiliate on fulfilment of the following criteria can apply for promotion as ‘Affiliate with voting rights’:- (DELETED) a) Should have at least two training centres with three (3) courts each, b) Should have at least Five (5) AITA Registered Coaches, c) Should have a minimum of Fifty (50) AITA registered players d) Should have conducted at least four (4) AITA/ITF tournaments in the preceding year. iii. Any affiliate that does not fulfill in time the above requirements listed in 18(iii) hereinabove, will be treated as an Associate Affiliate without voting rights on the decision of the Executive Committee. Such Associate Affiliates may reapply to the Association for becoming an Affiliate with voting rights on fulfilment of applicable conditions in 18(iii). iv. All such applications must be governed by the rules and in accordance with Regulations to these rules. The applicant shall forward the following documents to AITA Office addressed to the Hon. Secretary General: a) Name and address of the training centres.	f. An Associate Affiliate can apply to the General Body through the Hony. Secretary General for promotion as ‘State Affiliate with voting rights’ and the General Body in its next meeting shall take a decision on such an application on the basis of the tennis promotion activities undertaken by the Associate Affiliate in its State/UT. g. If more than one body or organisation in a State/UT claims affiliation to the AITA, which one of the bodies will be entitled to affiliation to the AITA, will be a matter exclusively and entirely within the power and jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of the AITA to decide. If a body/organisation has already been recognized and affiliated to the AITA from a State/UT, no other body/organisation shall be recognized or affiliated to the AITA. h. Grant of affiliation shall be a matter of discretion and no applicant shall have a right to get affiliation merely because it meets the aforesaid criteria. Comments: 1. The revised provision simplifies and rationalizes the affiliation framework by replacing rigid eligibility criteria with a merit-based assessment of actual tennis development activities. 2. It broadens the categories of eligible legal entities, provides a transparent process for obtaining voting rights through the General Body, and promotes flexibility while
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	b) List of AITA Registered Coaches with their registration number c) List of AITA Registered Players with their ITN numbers d) List of tournaments held along with the results e) List of Affiliated District Associations f) List of affiliated clubs / institutions v. If more than one body or organisation in a State claims affiliation to the AITA, which one of the bodies will be entitled to affiliation to the AITA, will be a matter exclusively and entirely within the power and jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of the AITA to decide. If a body/organisation has already been recognized and affiliated to the AITA, no other body/organisation shall be recognized or affiliated to the AITA.	ensuring that affiliation decisions remain focused on the genuine promotion and development of tennis.
Sec 19 (Obligations of Organisations)	19. OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISATIONS a. Every organisation affiliated under Rule 18 shall pay an annual affiliation fee of Rs. 5000/- plus applicable tax (es). b. The annual contribution for each year shall be payable in advance, on or before the 31st day of March, provided, however, that the first annual	Sec-19 to be renumbered as Sec-20 20. OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISATIONS a. Every organisation affiliated under Rule 19 shall pay an annual affiliation fee of Rs. 5000/- plus applicable taxes or the amount of fees as decided by the General Body from time to time. b. The annual contribution for each year shall be payable in advance, on or before the 31st day of March, provided,

	contribution shall be payable within one month of the receipt of notice of affiliation. c. Every affiliated organisation shall on or before the 31st day or March in each year, send to the Association a complete list of office bearers, councillors, names of affiliated clubs, district associations and other organizations, minutes of the Annual General Meeting and audited statements of accounts. This provision, however, will not be applicable to Railways Sports Promotion Board and Services Sports Control Board. d. Notice of every subsequent addition to such list and of any withdrawal there-from shall be sent to the Association by every such organisation. e. Such other information as may be called for by the Association within one month of the receipt of the communication.	however, that the first annual contribution shall be payable within one month of the receipt of notice of affiliation. c. Every affiliated organisation shall on or before the 30th day of September in each year, send to the Association a complete list of members of its executive committee, councillors, names of affiliated clubs, district associations and other organizations, minutes of the Annual General Meeting and audited statements of accounts. This provision, however, will not be applicable to Railways Sports Promotion Board and Services Sports Control Board. d. Notice of every subsequent addition to such list and of any withdrawal there-from shall be sent to the Association by every such organisation. e. Such other information as may be called for by the Association shall be given by the affiliates, including the associated affiliates, within one month of the receipt of the communication. <i>Comments:</i> The revised provision enhances administrative flexibility and accountability by empowering the General Body to revise affiliation fees as required and also collect applicable taxes on the same as difficulties in this regard were faced by AITA in the past.
Sec-21 (Disputes)	21. DISPUTES (a) All unresolved disputes arising within the affiliated units of AITA or between affiliated units of AITA shall be	Omitted.

	referred to the AITA Arbitration Committee by the affiliated units. The arbitration proceedings shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. (b) The arbitration procedure shall be completed within the period specified by the AITA Executive Committee (President AITA based on the circumstances of the case has the authority to extend or vary the period).	Comment: Sec-21 (Disputes) deleted in its entirety. Dispute resolution now addressed comprehensively through new Dispute Resolution Committee under Rule 6(d).
Sec-23 (Voting)	This has been reframed and simplified.	23. VOTING a. The following shall have voting rights in the General Body: i. Each Stat Affiliate will be represented in the General Body by 2 representatives who shall be entitled to a total of 1 vote at all meetings of the General Body. ii. Each SOM GB Representative shall have 1 vote each at all meetings of the General Body. b. No person, representing an Associate Affiliate without voting rights, shall have any right to vote on any matter or subject or issue in discussion before the General Body, but such a person may take part in discussions and express his/her views in the General Body Meeting and all the decisions taken by the General Body shall be binding and enforceable irrespective of such person's views expressed in the meeting.

		<i>Comment:</i> Proposed amendment is aligned with the current structure of AITA and complies with the Act and NSB Rules. It is aimed at simplifying the existing clause which was complexly worded for no reason.
Sec-29 (Right of Appeal)	Any club or player affiliated to any affiliated organisation, or any person being a member of such an organisation or club or player being aggrieved by a decision or ruling of the Governing Body of such affiliated organisation, may appeal to the AITA within a period of 30 days of the said decision or ruling and the appeal shall be heard at such place and time and by such persons and in such manner as the Central Council shall direct. Expenses incurred in connection with such an appeal shall be paid by such parties to the appeal and in such manner as the Central Council shall determine.	Any club or player affiliated to any affiliated organisation, or any person being a member of such an organisation or club or player being aggrieved by a decision or ruling of the governing body of such affiliated organisation, may appeal to the concerned affiliate's jurisdictional state dispute resolution committee and in the absence thereof, to the AITA Dispute Resolution Committee. <i>Comment:</i> The proposed amendment is to make the present provision consistent with the Dispute Resolution Structure.
Sec-32(k)	A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary General within one month of the receipt by him of a requisition in writing from three members of the Executive Committee.	A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary General within 15 (fifteen) days of the receipt by him of a requisition in writing from three members of the Executive Committee. <i>Comment:</i> This has been proposed keeping in mind the past conduct of erstwhile Secretaries delaying calling of meetings when the same are adverse to their interests.
Sec-32(m)	The Executive committee shall take decision regarding the Davis Cup, foreign tours and international matches or competitions.	The Executive committee shall take decision regarding the Davis Cup, foreign tours and international matches or competitions

		taking into consideration the recommendation of the relevant sub-committee(s). <i>Comment:</i> The proposed amendment takes into consideration the recommendation of expert committees.
Sec-32(n)	Quorum: At all meetings of the Executive Committee, 5 persons shall form a quorum of which at least two shall be elected representatives of affiliated organizations.	Quorum: At all meetings of the Executive Committee, 5 persons shall form a quorum, of which at least 2 (two) shall be who are not SOM representatives or Athletes Committee representatives. If the quorum is not met, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 (thirty) minutes, after which the meeting shall be reconvened where quorum will not be necessary. <i>Comment:</i> This provision ensures that at least 2 persons attending the EC meeting are elected members of the Executive Committee elected by the General Body of AITA.
Sec-32(o)	No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of requisite number be present. No quorum will be necessary for an adjourned meeting.	Omitted. <i>Comment:</i> This provision was self-contradictory and hence, is proposed to be removed.
Sec-32(p)	The Executive Committee shall always have the powers to ratify any action or decision taken by the Office Bearers/sub-committee.	The Executive Committee shall always have the powers to ratify or change any action or decision taken by its members or any sub-committee.
New		32(i) The President can decide to call any Executive Committee Meeting virtually instead of a meeting where

		members are required to attend physically. If an EC is called with physical presence, a member can attend virtually with prior permission of the President and can also vote virtually. However, to give such permission will be at the discretion of the President depending upon the nature of the agenda. Any issue arising due to a failed video or audio connection shall be treated as absence of such a member. Comment: 1. The proposed provision modernizes the functioning of the Executive Committee by enabling virtual participation while preserving the flexibility to hold physical meetings where necessary. 2. It promotes greater participation, reduces logistical constraints, ensures continuity in decision-making, and provides procedural clarity regarding virtual attendance and voting, thereby enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Association's governance.
New		32(j) All the Executive Committee meetings, physical or virtual shall be video recorded.
Sec-34 (Rules which must be in the constitution of an affiliate/associate affiliate)	34. RULES WHICH MUST BE IN THE CONSTITUTION OF AN AFFILIATE / ASSOCIATE AFFILIATE a) Every State Association Affiliate must have its own Rules & Regulations which are in	Omitted. Comment: There is no need for a separate provision to this effect as the Act ensures necessary compliance by Affiliates.

	conformity with the Rules & Regulations of the AITA. b) Every Affiliate/Associate Affiliate must get AITA approval prior to any amendment to their Constitution. An AITA Observer will be appointed for election of Office Bearers, when due, of the Affiliate/Associate Affiliate. The expenses for the AITA Observer will be borne by AITA.	
Sec-35 (Standing Orders)	35. STANDING ORDERS 1) The meetings of the Central Council shall be called by the Hon. Secretary General with the approval of the President and shall be held at such place as may be decided by the President. 2) A copy of every report to be presented at a council meeting shall as far as possible, be sent to each member at least five clear day prior to the date fixed for the meeting at which such report is to be considered, Any report on matter of urgency shall be circulated to the members either before or at such meeting and shall be read at the meeting by the member presenting the report or by the Hon. Secretary General. The Chairman's decision, whether the matter is of urgency or not, shall be final.	Omitted. Comments: 1. These were non-democratic and vested unilateral powers in the President and Secretary vis-à-vis venue of meetings, deciding whether there is urgency or not, accuracy of minutes, veto power of chairman on all points of discussion etc.. Thus, all such provisions have been proposed to be removed. 2. Removal of these clauses allows more transparent, accountable and democratic functioning of AITA.

	3) At every meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be taken as the first ordinary business and, if accurate, signed by the Chairman of the meeting. 4) All questions at the Council meeting shall be decided by show of hands. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. 5) Every notice of motion to be placed on the Agenda for a meeting shall be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary General and shall be signed by the member of the Council giving it. 6) The decision of the Chairman upon all points of orders shall be final. All matters discussed by the Council in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential Matters of public interest may, however, be communicated by the Hon. Secretary General to the press subject to the approval of the Chairman.	
Sec-37 (Annual list of governing body members)	37. ANNUAL LIST OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS Once in every year a list of the office bearers and members of the Governing Body, viz. the Executive Committee shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies,	Sec-37 to be renumbered as Sec-34 34. ANNUAL LIST OF GENERAL BODY MEMBERS Once in every year a list of the members of the General Body and the Executive Committee shall be filed with the Registrar of

	West Bengal as required under Section 17 of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961.	Societies, West Bengal as required under Section 17 of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961.
Sec-38 (Suit & Legal Proceedings)	The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the President and / or the Secretary as per the provisions of West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the society.	Sec-38 to be renumbered as Sec-35 The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the President and / or the Secretary as per the provisions of West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the society. In all such cases, the President/Hony. Secretary General shall not be personally liable. <i>Comment:</i> This has been incorporated so that no single individual is held accountable for the collective decision taken by the body.
Sec-40 (Application of the Act)	40. APPLICATION OF THE ACT All the Sections of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the Societies registered in West Bengal shall apply to the society.	Sec-40 to be renumbered as Sec-37 37. APPLICABLE STATUTES The provisions under the following statutes and rules and regulations thereunder shall apply to AITA: - The West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the Societies registered in West Bengal, and The notified provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

		Comment: This is necessary to ensure perpetual compliance with the Act.
New		Annexure I Election Rules Comment: The Election Rules have been amended to strictly incorporate Schedule II to the NSB Rules and are fully in line with the NSB Rules and the Act. <u>Document is reproduced hereunder.</u>
New		Annexure II Athletes Committee Bye-Laws Comment: These have been formulated to give a proper scope, purpose and structure to the Athletes Committee. These are formulated keeping in mind Clause E1.3.1 of the ITF Constitution, and the ITF Athletes Committee document shared by ITF with AITA. <u>Document is reproduced hereunder.</u>
New		Annexure III Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Bye-Laws Comment: These have been formulated in strict compliance with the NSB Rules and the tiers are curated keeping in mind the importance of various tournament in the tennis ecosystem.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AITA

Election Rules

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- (i) In these Election Rules (which shall include the Act and the Sports Rules), unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “candidate” shall mean any candidate contesting for Election to an Elected Post;
 - (b) “Election” shall mean the election of the Executive Committee of AITA conducted in accordance with these Election Rules for an Elected Post;
 - (c) “general meeting” shall mean a meeting of all members of the General Body of AITA, that is called and conducted in accordance with such AITA’s bye-laws; and
 - (d) “nomination” shall mean the process through which a candidate formally submits such candidate’s interest to contest for an Election to an Elected Post in accordance with these Election Rules.
 - (e) “Form” or “Forms” shall mean the various forms appended to Schedule II - Election Rules appended to the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.
- (ii) Any terms used in these Election Rules but not defined herein, shall strictly and literally have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act and the Sports Rules.

2. Scope and Applicability

- (i) These Election Rules strictly and literally apply to all elections in the AITA.
- (ii) Any candidate, voting member or other participant in the election shall also be subject to the Act, and the AITA’s Code of Ethics if he is not otherwise already bound and covered by the same.

3. Reserved Posts

- (i) At least one of the sportspersons of outstanding merit on the Executive Committee and one of the representatives from the Athletes Committee on the Executive Committee, shall be a woman.
- (ii) At all times, at least 4 members of the AITA Executive Committee shall be women.
- (iii) One of the posts of a Jt. Secretary shall be reserved for a woman.
- (iv) One of the posts of the Executive Committee (over and above the posts mentioned in (i),(ii) and (iii) above) shall be reserved for a woman.

4. Election to Executive Committee.

- (i) The Executive Committee shall, by resolution, appoint an Electoral Officer from the National Sports Election Panel, at least sixty days prior to the expiry of such Executive Committee's term, for the preparation of the electoral roll and conduct of elections to the Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Executive Committee shall, in consultation with the Electoral Officer appointed under sub-rule (i), notify the date for elections, at least fifty days prior to the expiry of such Executive Committee's term.
- (iii) The Electoral Officer shall be responsible for ensuring smooth conduct of the elections to the Executive Committee of AITA in compliance with these Election Rules.
- (iv) The AITA shall provide the requisite number of administrative staff as specified by the Electoral Officer to assist such officer to conduct the elections to the Executive Committee.
- (v) The timelines for elections of the Executive Committee of AITA shall be as follows:

Event	Timeline
Submission of application to be a sportsperson of outstanding merit	Within sixty days of the call for applications under sub-rule (1) of rule 5.

Preparation of a roster of male sportspersons of outstanding merit and a roster of female sportspersons of outstanding merit	At least ninety days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Election or nomination of sportspersons of outstanding merit to the General Body	At least seventy-five days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Appointment of an Electoral Officer	At least sixty days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Notification of election date	At least fifty days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Preparation and release of draft electoral roll	At least forty-five days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
Call for elections, release of final electoral roll and invitation for nominations	At least thirty days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.

- (vi) any person who meets the eligibility criteria under sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Act and is not subject to disqualification under rule 11 may contest for election to the Executive Committee of a National Sports Body. The said provisions shall be construed strictly in their literal sense, and no interpretative exercise shall be permissible.
- (vii) Members of the General Body of AITA, shall be eligible to be included in the electoral college and participate and vote in the election to its Executive Committee as specified below, namely:
 - (a) every individual sportsperson of outstanding merit shall have one vote; and
 - (b) every State Affiliate unit of AITA, shall have a maximum of two votes, to be exercised by separate individual representatives of such State Affiliate (who need not be members of the concerned State Affiliate).
- (viii) The electoral roll for an election to the Executive Committee shall consist of only such members or their representatives in the General Body of AITA that have voting rights as per sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3), as the case may be, and are not otherwise strictly disqualified

under the provisions of the Act, Rule 11 of the Sports Rules or these Election Rules in their literal sense.

- (ix) For the election of the Executive Committee, any disqualification(s) incurred by a voter or a candidate owing to the position held by him/her or his/her involvement in in a State/UT Affiliate unit or their district affiliate units shall not be relevant for the purpose of sub-rule (viii).
- (x) The eligibility of a voter and a candidate shall be tested strictly in accordance with the express and literal provisions of the Act, the rules made thereunder and these Election Rules.
- (xi) The draft electoral roll for the election shall be prepared and released by the Electoral Officer in consultation with the then Executive Committee of AITA, at least forty-five days prior to the expiry of the term of such Executive Committee:

Provided that the Electoral Officer's decision shall be final and binding in respect of the inclusion or non-inclusion, as the case may be, of any person on the electoral roll.

- (xii) The Electoral Officer shall provide for at least seven days from the release of the draft electoral roll, to receive and respond to any objections regarding the composition of the final electoral roll.

5. Conduct of Elections

- (i) Elections shall generally take place at the Annual General Meeting of the AITA, where so required may also take place at a specially convened general meeting.
- (ii) Elections shall always be by secret ballot.

6. Electoral Officer

- (i) All administrative matters relating to any election shall be ruled upon by the Electoral Officer.
- (ii) The Electoral Officer shall be responsible for supervising the administrative process relating to the elections, including:
 - (a) ensuring the correct application of the Act, and these Rules;
 - (b) setting reasonable deadlines for each stage of the elections in accordance with the model calendar provided under clause 5 of these Election Rules, and enforcing such deadlines strictly;

- (c) determining and distributing the appropriate documentation and forms, including nomination forms and ballot papers, for each stage of the elections and enforcing and verifying their proper use;
 - (d) distributing information to voting members, other members, the media and public;
 - (e) managing relations with government bodies or the National Sports Board and any observers as deputed by the National Sports Board;
 - (f) causing the publication of all notifications and forms concerning the elections on the official websites of the AITA, the National Sports Board and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and
 - (g) all other tasks necessary to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process.
- (iii) The Electoral Officer may, only for reasons of practical necessity, modify the Forms, while ensuring that the principles of this Schedule are adhered to. This provision shall not entitle the Election Officer to expand the scope of any provision of the Act and the rules made thereunder and the Rules & Regulations of AITA and shall at all times construe the provisions in their literal sense and strictly.

7. Calling elections and the electoral roll

- (i) Elections shall be called by the AITA's Executive Committee in consultation with the Electoral Officer, at least thirty days prior to the expiry of such Executive Committee's term, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the AITA's constitutional documents and shall be included in the agenda of the applicable general meeting.
- (ii) The call for elections shall contain, at a minimum, the following:
 - (a) the name of the Electoral Officer;
 - (b) the final electoral roll prepared and released by the Electoral Officer pursuant to sub-rule (6) of rule 10 and in accordance with Form 1;
 - (c) the Elected Posts that are the subject of such Elections and any pre-requisites or qualifications for Candidates to contest such Elected Posts;
 - (d) an invitation to file for nominations for Elected Posts by interested Candidates;

- (e) the nomination form to be submitted by interested Candidates which shall be in accordance with Form 2; and
 - (f) the electoral calendar which shall be in accordance with the model calendar specified in sub-clause (iii) below:
- (iii) The Electoral Officer shall conduct the Elections in accordance with the following model calendar:

Event	Day
Call for Elections, invitation for nominations and release of final electoral roll	Day 1
Filing of nominations	Day 8 to Day10
Announcement of draft list of nominations received	Day 10
Objections to draft list of nominated candidates	Day 11 to Day 14
Scrutiny and disposal of objections to Draft list of nominated candidates	Day 15 to Day 16
Final list of nominated candidates	Day 17
Withdrawal of nominations	Day 18
Final list of contesting candidates	Day 19
Polling and announcement of results	Day 21

- (iv) The Electoral Officer may, only for reasons of practical necessity, modify the model calendar specified in sub-clause (iii), while ensuring that the elections are completed within a maximum period of twenty-one (21) days.

8. Contingency mechanism when no female representatives are nominated as representatives by State Affiliates:

- (i) In the event that, prior to the commencement of the nomination process, when no female representatives are nominated by the State Affiliates, a Draw of Lots (“**the Mechanism**”) shall be undertaken.
- (ii) Under the Mechanism, two (2) State Affiliates shall be selected by draw of lots, conducted in a transparent and recorded manner by

the Executive Committee.

- (iii) One of the two State Affiliates selected through the Mechanism shall be mandatorily required to nominate one (1) female representative for the purpose of contesting the election for the reserved post for woman Jt. Secretary, and the other shall be mandatorily required to nominate one (1) female representative for the purpose of contesting the election to the reserved post for woman on the Executive Committee. Such State Affiliate shall re-send the names of their representatives within 2 (two) days after they are drawn through the mechanism.
- (iv) Failure of selected State Affiliates to nominate a female representative shall render its nominations invalid and the Affiliate shall be deemed to have forfeited their right to participate, vote and contest in that election.
- (v) Such two State Affiliates selected through the draw of lots in a given election shall be excluded from all subsequent draws in the next elections until every other two State Affiliates have been selected at least once.
- (vi) Once all State Affiliates have been drawn at least once, the rotation cycle shall automatically reset, and all State Affiliates shall again become eligible to be mandated for being drawn in the next draw of lots.
- (vii) A record of selections shall be maintained by the AITA Secretariat and certified by the Electoral Officer.

9. Nominations

- (viii) The nomination of a candidate for election shall be proposed and seconded by persons on the electoral roll.
- (ix) Every nomination form shall be delivered to the Electoral Officer in person by the candidate himself within the deadline specified.
- (x) No member shall nominate more than one candidate for the same Elected Post, either as proposer or seconder and, if he so does, only the first valid nomination shall be accepted, and all other nominations of such member, shall be deemed to be void and inoperative.
- (xi) No person shall be permitted to withdraw his name as proposer or seconder, once the nomination form endorsed by him has been delivered to the Electoral Officer.
- (xii) The Electoral Officer shall prepare a list of all nominations received by him, Elected Post-wise in accordance with Form 3.

10. Scrutiny and Finalisation of Nominations

- (i) The Electoral Officer shall scrutinise each nomination form received by him and determine its validity or otherwise strictly and literally as per the qualifications and disqualifications stipulated in the Act, rules made thereunder and the AITA's Rules & Regulations.
- (ii) During the scrutiny of nominations under sub-clause (i), each Candidate or one of his authorised representatives shall have the right to be present and raise any objection in relation to nomination of another Candidate for the Elected Post for which he has filed his nomination.
- (iii) Pursuant to the scrutiny of nomination forms, the Electoral Officer shall prepare a list of validly nominated candidates in accordance with Form 4.
- (iv) Every candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his candidature prior to the commencement of the Election by providing notice to the Electoral Officer in accordance with Form 5, and the Electoral Officer shall accept the notice of withdrawal if he is satisfied as to the genuineness of such notice.
- (v) Any notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled.
- (vi) The Electoral Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates in accordance with Form 6 of these Bye-Laws.
- (vii) The AITA shall produce the ballot papers in accordance with Form 7 under the supervision and charge of the Electoral Officer.
- (viii) The ballot papers shall be printed clearly and legibly, and the names of the contesting candidates shall be arranged, for each Elected Post, in alphabetical order according to the english alphabet.

11. Campaign Practices

- (i) Electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair manner and, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles.
- (ii) Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidates, the AITA and its members.
- (iii) A Candidate shall not produce any spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause him prejudice, and criticism of other candidates, if made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work.

- (iv) No Candidate shall engage in criticism based on unverified allegations or distortion against any other Candidate, and there shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes.
- (v) Every Candidate may present to the members in the electoral roll, his plans and views for the Elected Post, in the form of a written document, which shall be published by the Electoral Officer in accordance with clause 4 (i) (g) of these Election Rules.
- (vi) Candidates shall avoid excessive expenditure in campaigning, recognizing that it could become a factor of inequality amongst the candidates.
- (vii) The promotion of a candidate shall exclude any form of publicity, including the use of new media or social networks, and no public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organised in the process of promoting a candidature, and no use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the media may be made in order to place a candidate at an advantage or a disadvantage.
- (viii) All candidates shall scrupulously avoid all activities that are “corrupt practices”, including bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters.
- (ix) Candidates may, in no case and under no pretext, give presents, offer donations, gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature, directly or indirectly, to voting members.
- (x) The incumbent Executive Committee member, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that they have used their official position for the purposes of their election campaign and in particular shall not -
 - (a) use official transport including, vehicles, machinery and personnel for furtherance of their campaign;
 - (b) issue any advertisement at the cost of the AITA or its members in the newspapers and other media or misuse the AITA’s official media channels during the elections;
 - (c) sanction grants or payments out of discretionary funds from the time elections are announced; and
 - (d) enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of any of the AITA’s members or its partners.

12. Neutrality and Independence

- (i) As the voting is secret, voting members are prohibited individually or collectively, from announcing publicly, in any form whatsoever,

their intention to vote or not vote for a candidate.

- (ii) Incumbent Executive Committee members shall refrain from making any public declaration and may in no way support a candidate.
- (iii) Candidates shall not -
 - (a) accept instructions from any person;
 - (b) accept direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material or in kind, by any third party, or
 - (c) enter into any form of undertaking with any person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the Elected Post.
- (iv) The AITA's executive team and administration shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times, and no support or service in relation to a candidature may be requested from any member of the AITA's administration or staff.

13. Polling

- (i) Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is equal to the number of Elected Posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed to those Elected Posts, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll for election to such Elected Post.
- (ii) Where the number of contesting candidates for any Elected Post or category of Elected Post is more than the number of Elected Posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those Elected Posts remaining unfilled.
- (iii) At the poll, members who are in the electoral roll, shall be entitled to,-
 - (a) cast one vote for each of the Elected Posts remaining unfilled, where only one such seat is to be filled; and
 - (b) cast as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for an Elected Post, where more than one seat is to be filled.
- (iv) The ballot papers shall contain the name(s) of the Candidate(s), and the voters must mark one candidate only.
- (v) Every voter shall be required, before he is supplied with a ballot paper, to give his signature on the authenticated copy of the electoral roll for taking the poll.
- (vi) Except for the circumstance under sub-clause (i), a secret ballot shall always be conducted, regardless of how many candidates there are, and the secrecy of the ballot shall be guaranteed by the provision of a procedure ensuring privacy for the voter, and the Electoral

Officer shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers and be responsible for ensuring that the process is properly documented.

- (vii) Voting members must vote in person where required.
- (viii) The voter shall record his vote on the ballot paper in secrecy in a voting compartment specially provided for the purpose at the polling station.
- (ix) The voter shall record his vote on the ballot paper by placing a tick mark against the name of the candidate of his choice, and the tick mark to indicate the vote shall be placed by the voter only by means of an article (such as a stamp) specifically provided for the purpose by the Electoral Officer.
- (x) The ballot paper marked by a voter shall be deposited by him in a ballot box specially prepared and sealed by the Electoral Officer and placed at such a conspicuous place in the polling station that it shall be constantly visible to all present in the polling station.
- (xi) The Electoral Officer shall close the poll at the designated time of closure, and such voters who are present at the polling station at the appointed closing hour, if any, shall be entitled to vote even if the poll proceedings have to be extended for sportspersons of outstanding merit more time.
- (xii) The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the Electoral Officer before the commencement of the voting, and if the number of ballot papers returned in the poll is equal to or less than the number of ballot papers distributed, the Election shall be declared valid, but if the number returned in the poll exceeds that of the ballot papers distributed, the vote shall be declared null and void and another poll shall be taken immediately.

14. Counting of Votes

- (i) The Electoral Officer shall take up the counting of votes, post-wise and category-wise, as soon as may be, after the polling process is complete.
- (ii) Every contesting candidate can nominate one authorised representative who shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes, and other than such authorised representative, only the Electoral Officer and members of the AITA's executive or administrative team, as specifically approved by the Electoral Officer, may take part in the count.
- (iii) Every ballot paper on which a vote has been recorded shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly

marked.

- (iv) The following ballot papers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected by the Electoral Officer, namely:-
 - (a) those that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Electoral Officer;
 - (b) those that bear any words other than the names of the candidates;
 - (c) those that are illegible or have been defaced;
 - (d) those that bear identifying marks; and
 - (e) those that include votes for more candidates than permitted in a particular poll.
- (v) The Electoral Officer shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper, in red, the reasons for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.
- (vi) The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise, and category-wise where applicable, and recorded in the descending order of the votes so cast for each candidate in accordance with Form 8.
- (vii) The Electoral Officer shall thereafter ascertain the result of counting and the candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes in the said descending order, post-wise and category wise, where applicable, equal to the number of seats to be filled for each Elected Post or category of Elected Posts, where applicable, shall be deemed to have been duly elected to those Elected Posts.
- (viii) After completing and verifying the count, the Electoral Officer shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately, and the AITA shall keep these envelopes and shall retain them atleast until the declaration of results of the immediately subsequent Election of the Executive Committee, or till the pendency of any legal proceedings relating to such Elections, whichever is later.

15. Declaration of Results

- (i) Once the count has been completed and verified, the names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected at the Elections shall be declared by the Electoral Officer at the general meeting.
- (ii) The results of the election shall be declared in accordance with Form 9 and published on AITA's official website within twenty-four (24) hours of completion thereof.

- (iii) If, after the counting of the votes, an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates, and the addition of one vote will entitle any of those candidates to be declared elected, the Electoral Officer shall forthwith decide between those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an additional vote.

16. Sanctions and Complaints

- (i) All administrative matters relating to any election not covered by the Act, these rules or the AITA's bye-laws shall be ruled upon by the Electoral Officer.
- (ii) In the event of a breach of these Election Rules, the Electoral Officer may refer the same to the AITA's Ethics Committee, who may make to the candidate in question:
 - (a) observations, which may be made public; or
 - (b) issue a warning, which will be automatically made public on the AITA's official website.
- (iii) If a candidate or a voting member has any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections he may bring the same to the notice of the Electoral Officer.
- (iv) Any decision by the Electoral Officer under these rules shall be final and binding, and any petition to the National Sports Tribunal relating to conduct or outcome of election shall be limited to only any violation of the provisions relating to the process of conduct of election under this Schedule:

Provided that no such petition may be filed after a period of thirty days from the declaration of results of any election.

ALL INDIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION
ATHLETES COMMITTEE BYE-LAWS

1. These Bye-Laws shall be read in addition to the above Rules, and shall be governed by the principles contained therein.
2. The Athletes Committee shall perform the following functions:
 - a. It shall receive complaints from the athlete's community on all questions of concern to athletes.
 - b. It shall represent the interests of all athletes competing in ITF and AITA-recognised tournaments.
 - c. It shall advise and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all questions of concern to athletes.
 - d. The Athletes Committee is not a decision-making body. Its role is to advise and make recommendations to the Executive Committee, and on occasion to other committees of AITA, in accordance with these Bye-Laws.
3. The election to the Athletes Committee shall be as follows:
 - a. The election shall be conducted by the same Electoral Officer who is appointed for conducting the elections of the Executive Committee of AITA.
 - b. To be eligible for election to the Athletes Committee, a candidate must fulfil the eligibility criteria mentioned in Clause 6(f)(d) of the Rules.
 - c. Any member of the Athletes' Committee shall be elected by and from among a pool of athletes which shall comprise of a total of upto 50 active athletes whose AITA ranking is as follows:
 - Top 15 men (singles)
 - Top 15 women (singles)
 - Top 10 men (doubles)
 - Top 10 women (doubles)

- d. An athlete appearing in more than one category, shall be included as a single person in the pool and will pave the way for an additionally lower ranked player in that category. If there are more than one persons emerge as eligible, a person shall be selected by drawing a lot.
 - e. The aforesaid rank shall be held by the athlete on the date of publication of the notification of the elections.
 - f. Anyone from among this pool of athletes seeking election as member of the Athletes' Commission shall submit his/her application as per the process provided in the notice by the Electoral Officer.
 - g. In the absence of any rules or regulations issued by the Government of India in this regard, the forms, procedure and steps adopted for the election of Executive Committee of AITA shall also be implemented and followed for the elections of the Athletes Committee.
4. Members of the Athletes Committee shall always be bound by the AITA's Rules and all regulations. The age, term, tenure, qualifications, disqualifications etc. applicable for the election to the Executive Committee shall also apply for the election of Athletes Committee Chairperson, Executive Committee Representatives and General Body Representatives.
5. Any dispute or issue relating to the eligibility of a member of the Athletes Committee, or of a candidate to become a member of the Athletes Committee, shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee.
6. Expenses
- AITA shall cover meeting costs necessarily incurred by members in attending or participating in Committee meetings, including costs of telephone or video conferencing. Any other expenses must be approved in advance and no other expenses (not-approved) shall be reimbursed.
7. Code of Conduct
- The AITA Code of Conduct (or such other code as may be applicable from time to time) shall apply to all members of the Athletes Committee. Members must familiarise themselves with the content of the applicable Code and comply with it at all times.
8. Amendment and Review
- These Bye-Laws shall be reviewed annually at the commencement of each calendar year, and any amendments must be approved in writing by the AITA Executive Committee. Any matter arising that is not addressed in these Bye-Laws shall be determined by the President of AITA in consultation with the AITA Executive Committees. ***

ALL INDIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION
SPORTSPERSONS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT BYE-LAWS

1. These Bye-Laws shall be read in addition to the above Rules, and shall be governed by the principles contained therein.
2. AITA shall have a category of retired players who shall be termed Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit (“**SOMs**”). These Bye-Laws outline, *inter alia*, the reserved positions for SOMs in AITA management, procedure for their selections and also their elections.
3. AITA shall maintain two Rosters of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit - 1 for male sportspersons (“**SOM Roster Male**”) and 1 for female sportspersons (“**SOM Roster Female**”) (collectively “**SOM Rosters**”) which shall be duly published on the website of AITA.
4. The SOM Rosters shall consist of 20 sportspersons each.
5. Procedure for selection of SOMs:
 - a. The procedure for selection of SOMs shall be in strict compliance of the Sports Rules, as amended from time to time.
 - b. The call for applications for inclusion in the SOM Rosters shall be floated by the Executive Committee by issuance of a notice (“**SOM Notice**”) at least 150 days before the expiry of the term of the Executive Committee of AITA.
 - c. The SOM Rosters shall be prepared and published on the website of AITA at least 90 days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
 - d. The SOM Notice shall specify the General Eligibility Criteria and Tiered Eligibility Criteria (collectively “**Eligibility Criteria**”).
 - e. The General Eligibility Criteria for applying for inclusion in the SOM Rosters shall be as outlined in the Sports Rules, as amended from time to time.
 - f. The SOM Rosters shall be prepared by considering the following tournaments reads with the Tiered Eligibility Criteria stipulated in the Sports Rules:

Tier	Tournament
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Tier 1	Applicants who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal in the Summer Olympic Games, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.
Tier 2	Applicants who have participated in two or more editions of the Summer Olympic Games.
Tier 3	Applicants who have participated in at least one edition of the Summer Olympic Games.
Tier 4	Applicants who have been awarded a Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award or an Arjuna Award by the Central Government, provided that any award if rescinded or returned, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.
Tier 5	Applicants who have themselves or as part of Indian team won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing, in (i) Grand Slams i.e. Wimbledon, Australian Open, French Open and US Open, (ii) Davis Cup, or (iii) Billie Jean King Cup, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.
Tier 6	Applicants who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing, in the Commonwealth Games or Asian Games, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.
Tier 7	Applicants who have themselves or as part of Indian team stood first, second or third in Asia-Oceania Billie Jean Cup or Asia-Oceania Davis Cup, provided that any result if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier.
Tier 8	Applicants who have participated in at least five sanctioned international events conducted under the aegis of ITF, ATP, WTA, or an affiliate of ITF.

Tier 9	Applicants who have participated in at least one sanctioned international event conducted under the aegis of ITF, ATP, WTA, or an affiliate of ITF.
Tier 10	Applicants who have who have themselves or as part of a team won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal or equivalent placing in the National Games or a National Championship or equivalent competition.

g. The fulfilment of the eligibility criteria shall be checked as on the date on which the SOM Notice is issued by AITA.

6. While populating the SOM Rosters, AITA shall adhere to the following criteria:

- a. In the first instance, all applicants satisfying the General Eligibility Criteria and Tier 1 of the Tiered Eligibility Criteria shall be included in the relevant gender's SOM Roster.
- b. In the event the SOM Roster cannot be populated to meet the prescribed threshold, applicants satisfying the General Eligibility Criteria and the immediately succeeding Tier of the Tiered Eligibility Criteria shall be included sequentially until the required threshold is met.
- c. Where the number of eligible sportspersons under a particular Tier exceeds the prescribed threshold, preference and priority shall be accorded to the eldest applicant by age among such candidates.
- d. Where the concerned SOM Roster still falls short of the prescribed threshold despite compliance with the above steps, AITA may issue a fresh call for applications or frame and adopt additional tiered criteria, consistent with the principles underlying the existing Tiered Eligibility Criteria.
- e. The finalised SOM Rosters shall be published on the AITA website.
- f. Any person whose name appears whose name is reflected in either of the SOM Rosters shall be deemed to be a Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit in respect of AITA for the purposes of the applicable Act and rules framed thereunder.

7. Election of SOM Representatives:

- a. First, there shall be four (4) sportspersons of outstanding merit who are elected by the members of the SOM Roster from amongst themselves to represent them in the General Body of AITA ("**SOM GB Representatives**"). Each SOM GB Representative shall have one (1) vote each in the meetings of the General Body of AITA. At all times, 2 SOM GB Representatives shall be males and

2 SOM GB Representatives shall be females.

- b. After the election of the SOM GB Representatives, there shall be an election for two (2) sportspersons of outstanding merit who are elected by the members of the SOM Roster from amongst themselves to represent them in the Executive Committee of AITA (“**SOM EC Representatives**”). Each SOM EC Representative shall have one (1) vote each in the meetings of the Executive Committee of AITA. At all times, 1 SOM GB Representatives shall be a male and 1 SOM GB Representative shall be a female.
 - c. Any person who has contested or has been elected for the post of SOM GB Representative can also contest for the election of SOM EC Representative.
 - d. The elections for the SOM GB Representatives and SOM EC Representatives shall be concluded at least 75 days prior to the expiry of the term of the incumbent Executive Committee.
 - e. The elections of SOM Representatives shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer who is appointed for conducting the elections of the Executive Committee.
 - f. The procedure for election of SOM Representatives shall be as per the forms, procedure and rules adopted for the elections of the Executive Committee as specified in the Sports Rules.
8. For the elections to the posts in the Executive Committee of AITA (except the SOM EC Representatives), only the SOM GB Representatives shall be eligible to vote and contest. The age, term, tenure, qualifications, disqualifications etc. applicable for the election to the Executive Committee shall also apply for the election of SOM GB Representatives and SOM EC Representatives.
