

BIHAR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

[Registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860]



MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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RULES & REGULATIONS

[As per the order/judgment dated 09th August, 2018 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 4235 of 2014, and directions dated 21st August, 2018 & 04th of November, 2018 of Hon'ble Committee of Administrators appointed by Hon'ble Supreme Court]



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1. Name and Jurisdiction

The Association shall be called the "Bihar Cricket Association" and it shall hereinafter be referred to as 'BCA'. The Jurisdiction of the Association shall extend over the geographical limits of State of Bihar.

2. Objects of the Association

The objects of the Association shall be:

- a). To control, promote, encourage and organize the game of cricket in the state of Bihar, lay down policies, roadmaps, guidelines and make rules and regulations (and amend or alter them) in all matters relating to the game of Cricket (in consonance with Board of Control for Cricket in India, hereinafter referred to as BCCI), recognizing that the primary stakeholders are the players and Cricket fans in the State of Bihar, and that accountability, transparency and purity of the Game are the core values;
- b). To provide for measures necessary for promotion and development of the game of Cricket, welfare and interest of Cricketers and elimination of unethical and unfair practices in the Game of cricket; and for that purpose, arrange, organize and regulate representative matches in the state with teams representing the Association and also approved matches of BCCI and to select such teams for any tournament, championship or fixture, local and otherwise.
- c). To foster a spirit of sportsmanship and co-operation among the members, officials and players.
- d). To advance and safeguard the interest of the game of Cricket.
- e). To hold and maintain the Laws of Cricket and the rules and Regulations of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- f). To select teams to represent State of Bihar in Matches organized/ approved by BCCI in India or abroad as the BCCI may decide from time to time;
- g). To publish cricket journals, magazines and literature on cricket for the benefit of the members and the cricket loving public of the State.
- h). To promote, encourage, organize and develop the game of Cricket in schools and colleges in the State.
- i). To appoint State's representative/s on the BCCI, as also to Conferences and Seminars connected with the game of Cricket;
- j). To appoint Managers and/or other team officials for the State Teams;
- k). To employ and appoint Chief Manager, professional managers, auditors, executive secretaries, administrative officers, assistant secretaries, managers, clerks, team support staff, players, and other service personnel and staff; and to remunerate them for their services, by way of salaries, wages,



gratuities, pensions, honoraria, ex-gratia payments and/or provident fund; and to remove/terminate or dismiss such employees or personnel;

- l). To maintain a panel of approved Umpires and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary for the purpose.
- m). To acquire by lawful means, moveable and immovable properties on behalf of the Association and to utilize the income, funds and properties of the Association for the promotion and fulfillment of all or any of the objects of the Association.
- n). To collect funds, and wherever necessary, borrow with or without security and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities;
- o). To carry out any other activity which may seem to the BCA capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value or render profitable or generate better income/revenue, from any of the properties, assets and rights of the BCA;
- p). To encourage the formation of District Associations for the control of the game of cricket in such territory as may be assigned to them by the Association and to assist and coordinate their activities.
- q). To add, alter, maintain and enforce rules and regulations for the control of the game of cricket and governance of the same in the State of Bihar and to maintain discipline among its members, players and officials.
- r). To lay out cricket grounds and to provide pavilion, canteen and other facilities and amenities for the convenience and benefit of the members, players, and the Cricket fans including the women and the disabled, and to ensure the availability of Cricket gear and amenities to Cricket players;
- s). To constitute Committees, from time to time, and entrust or delegate its functions and duties to such Committees, for achieving the objects of the BCA;
- t). To promote, protect and assist the Players who are the primary agents of the game by:
 - (i) Creating a Players' Association to be funded by the BCA;
 - (ii) Being sensitive to Players' before national calendars are drawn up so that sufficient time is provided for rest and recovery;
 - (iii) Taking steps, particularly on longer tours, so the emotional wellbeing and family bonds of the Players' are strengthened;
 - (iv) Compulsorily having qualified Physiotherapists, Mental Conditioning Coaches / Counselors and Nutritionists among the Team's support staff;
 - (v) Having a single point of contact on the logistics and managerial side so that Players' can fully concentrate on the game;
 - (vi) Registering all duly qualified players and agents to ensure there is oversight and transparency in player representation;
 - (vii) Offering appropriate remuneration of an national standard when representing the State on the national stage, and always recalling that State representation has priority over club or franchise;
- (u) To grant/donate such sum/s for:
 - (i) Such causes as would be deemed fit by the BCA conducive to the promotion of the game of Cricket;
 - (ii) The benefit of Cricketers or their spouses and children by introducing benevolent fund schemes or other benefit schemes, as the BCA deems fit, subject to its rules and regulations;
 - (iii) The benefit of any other persons who have served Cricket or their spouses and children as the BCA may consider fit;
 - (iv) To award sponsorships to sportspersons in games other than Cricket for development of their individual skills; and
 - (v) To donate to any charitable cause;



- v). To start or sponsor and/or to subscribe to funds or stage matches for the benefit of the Cricketers or persons who may have rendered service to the game of Cricket or for their families, or to donate towards the development or promotion of the game and to organize matches in aid of Public Charitable and Relief Funds;
- w). To co-ordinate the activities of members and institutions in relation to the BCA and amongst themselves;
- x). To provide a fair and transparent grievance redressal mechanism to players, support personnel and other entities associated with Cricket;
- y). To do all such acts and things as shall be deemed by the Association to be lawful, incidental or conducive to the carrying out of the objects of the Associations.
3. The income, funds and properties of the BCA, however acquired, shall be utilized and applied solely for the promotion of the objects of the BCA as set forth above to aid and assist financially or otherwise and to promote, encourage, advance and develop and generally to assist the game of cricket or any other sport throughout India.
4. The BCA shall not be dissolved unless the dissolution is decided upon by a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the BCA convened for the purpose, by a majority of 3/4th of the Members present and entitled to vote. The quorum for such meeting shall be 2/3rd of the Members who have a right to vote. In the case of dissolution of the BCA, if there shall remain after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the BCA and not running for profit.

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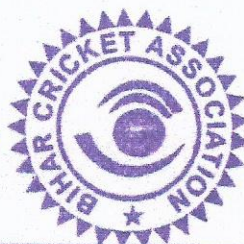
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.(A) DEFINITIONS:

In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a). **'ADMINISTRATOR'** shall mean and include present President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Joint Secretary of the Bihar Cricket Association ("BCA"), present President and Secretary of Full Members affiliated to the BCA, a representative of a Member of the BCA, and any person connected with the Governance and Management of the affairs of the BCA or of its Committees.
- (b). **'AGENTS REGISTER'** is the register maintained by the BCA under the Regulations for Registration of Players Agents.
- (c). **'ASSOCIATION'** or **'BCA'** shall mean the Bihar Cricket Association registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860;
- (d). **'AUDITOR'** is the auditor of the BCA appointed by the Committee of Management of BCA to discharge the functions set out in Rule 38.
- (e). **'BCCI'** or **'BOARD'** is the Board of Control for Cricket in India initially registered under Act XXI of 1860 at Chennai (Madras) on 28.11.1940 and subsequently registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975.
- (f). **'CEO'** is the Chief Executive Officer of the BCA appointed by the Committee of Management as set out in Rule 26.
- (g). **'COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'** is the principal body of the BCA tasked with its governance as set out in Rule 17.
- (h). **'CONSTITUTION'** shall mean and include the Rules and Regulations of the Bihar Cricket Association.
- (i). **'CONFLICT OF INTEREST'** refers to situations where an individual associated with BCA in any capacity acts or omits to act in a manner that brings, or is perceived to bring the interest of the individual in conflict with the interest of the game of cricket and that may give rise to apprehensions of, or actual favoritism, lack of objectivity, bias, benefits (monetary or otherwise) or linkages, as set out in Rule 42.
- (j). **'CRICKET COMMITTEE'** are the committees as set up in Rule 29 which consist only of former Players and are charged with selection, coaching and evaluation of team performance.
- (k). **'CRICKET PLAYERS ASSOCIATION'** refers to the Cricket Player's Association as per the BCCI Constitution.
- (l). **'ELECTORAL OFFICER'** is the person appointed to conduct, supervise and deal with issues concerning elections as set out in Rule 37.
- (m). **'ETHICS OFFICER'** is the person appointed to administer the Conflict of Interest principles as set out in Rule 43.
- (n). **'EXISTING MEMBER'** is a district association or institution or individual or other body corporate that was a Member of the BCA immediately before the effective date on which present Rules & Regulations is approved by the General Body of BCA.
- (o). **'GOVERNING COUNCIL'** is the standing committee constituted by the BCA which shall be in charge of and conduct the Tournaments.
- (p). **'EXECUTIVE MEMBERS'** are the members of the Committee of Management.
- (q). **'FRANCHISEES'** are the various commercial entities who have entered into franchisee agreement with the BCA for participation in the Bihar Premier League

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- (r). **'GENERAL BODY'** is the supreme body of the BCA which is constituted by its Members.
- (s). **'BPL'** refers to the Bihar Premier League which is the franchise based Twenty/20 and/or One day tournament conducted by the BCA during the period BCCI domestic tournament and IPL does not coincide.
- (t). **'JOINT SECRETARY'** is the Honorary Joint Secretary of the BCA as set out in Rule 10 (4).
- (u). **'JUNIOR TOURNAMENT'** shall mean any age group up to 23 years tournaments conducted or approved by the BCA and BCCI from time to time.
- (v). (i) **'MEMBER'** is a **'Full Member'** and **'Associate Member'** and **'Former International Player - Member'** of the BCA.
- (ii) **'FULL MEMBER'** is a District Cricket Association having voting rights and as enumerated in Rule 3(a) (ii) of these Rules.
- (iii) **'ASSOCIATE MEMBER'** is a Member of the BCA not having voting rights and as enumerated in Rule 3(a) (iii) of these Rules.
- (iv) **'FORMER INTERNATIONAL PLAYER MEMBER'** is a member of the BCA having voting rights and as enumerated in Rule 3(a)(iv) of these rules.
- (w). **'MATCH OFFICIAL'** includes Umpires, Match Referees, Observers, Statisticians, Ground Staff and Scorers so appointed by the BCA or a Full Member from time to time.
- (x). **'OFFICE BEARER'** means the President, Vice – President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer.
- (y). **'OMBUDSMAN'** is the independent grievance redressal authority set up under Rule 44.
- (z). **'PLAYER'** is any Cricketer past or present registered with BCA or any of its Members as a player and shall include any person selected in any squad to represent State of Bihar in any Senior Tournament, BPL, Jr. Tournament, One Day Matches or Twenty/20 in the State of Bihar or India or Abroad organized or approved by BCA or BCCI.
- (aa). **'PRESIDENT'** is the Honorary President of the BCA and of the Committee of Management as set out in Rule 10 (1).
- (ab). **'REPRESENTATIVE'** of a Member means a person duly nominated as such by the respective Full Member or Associate Member as the case may be.
- (ac). **'RULE'** shall refer to any rule or sub rule in these Rules and Regulations, and **'RULES'** referred to these Rules & Regulations.
- (ad). **'SECRETARY'** is the Honorary Secretary of the BCA as set out in Rule 10 (3).
- (ae). **'STATE'** means State of Bihar.
- (af). **'TEAM OFFICIAL'** refers to the support staff appointed by the BCA including Coaches, Managers, Physiotherapists, Nutritionists, Trainers, Analysts, Counselors and Medics.
- (ag). **'TOURNAMENT RULES'** means the rules governing the conduct of various domestic tournaments organized by the BCA or BCCI including BPL and such other tournaments as may be conducted by the BCA or BCCI from time to time.
- (ah). **'TREASURER'** is the Treasurer of the BCA as set out in Rule 10 (5).
- (ai). **'VICE PRESIDENT'** is the Vice President of the BCA as set out in Rule 10(2).
- (aj). **'YEAR'** means financial year commencing from the 1st day of April and ending on the 31st day of March of the following year.
- (ak). **'ZONE'** means any of the 5 zones namely North Zone, South Zone, East Zone, West Zone and Central Zone, comprising such districts as decided by the BCA from time to time, and subject to the following:



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- (i) Only Full and Associate Members are entitled to filled teams for Intra Zonal Tournaments.
- (ii) The BCA may decide on realigning the Zones in accordance with principles of expediency and competition.
- (iii) Zone shall be created for inter zonal tournaments only.

(B) INTERPRETATION:

- (i) In these Rules, all references to Players, Match Officials and Administrators shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include Players, Match Officials and Administrators (and/or equivalent persons) of the BPL and its Franchisees as well.
- (ii) The EFFECTIVE DATE shall be the date on which these Rules come into force

2. HEADQUARTERS:

The Headquarters of the BCA shall be located at Patna.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND JURISDICTION OF MEMBERS:

(a) Membership

- (i) Membership of the BCA shall be confined to
 - (a) Full Members;
 - (b) Associate Members; and
 - (c) Former International Player Members

(ii) Full Members

- A. Each District shall be represented by a District Cricket Association duly recognized by the BCA and such associations shall be Full Members. No District shall have more than one Full Member.
- B. The Associations who are the controlling bodies for cricket in the following Districts shall be the Full Members of the BCA:

1. Araria	20. Madhepura
2. Arwal	21. Madhubani
3. Aurangabad	22. Monghyr (MUNGER)
4. Banka	23. Muzaffarpur
5. Begusarai	24. Nalanda
6. Bhagalpur	25. Nawada
7. Bhojpur	26. Patna
8. Buxar	27. Purnea
9. Darbhanga	28. Rohtas
10. East Champaran	29. Saharsa
11. Gaya	30. Samastipur
12. Gopalganj	31. Saran
13. Jamui	32. Shiekhpura
14. Jehanabad	33. Sheohar
15. Kaimur	34. Sitamarhi
16. Katihar	35. Siwan
17. Khagaria	36. Supaul
18. Kishanganj	37. Vaishali



19. Lakhisarai

38. West Champaran

C. Where disputes are pending regarding the duly recognized association to represent a particular District, the District shall be represented by the recognized association, subject to any order of the Court or resolution of the BCA as the case may be.

(iii) Associate Members

- A. Any Institution, Individual or Association which does not fall within the definition of a Full Member may be inducted as an Associate Member of the BCA.
- B. The BCA may induct any other Association and any other entity as an Associate Member subject to all the conditions and disqualifications laid down in Rule 9.
- C. The Associate Members will have no right to vote in any meeting of the BCA, however they may put their teams to participate in the tournaments organized or approved by the BCCI or BCA.

(iv) Former International Player Members

- A. The BCA shall grant automatic membership to all former international cricketers (men and women) hailing from Bihar
- B. The former International Player Members shall have the right to attend and vote at General Body Meetings of the BCA and shall also be entitled to contest elections to any post.

4.(i) MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION:

a). Application for Membership shall be submitted to the Hony. Secretary in the prescribed form with the respective fees as under-

I). Full Members:

- i. Rs. 1,000/- per annum for annual affiliation fee
- ii. Rs. 500/- per annum for participating in Senior Boys Tournament.
- iii. : Rs. 400/- per annum for participating in U-23 (Boys) Tournament
- iv. : Rs. 300/- per annum for participating in U-19 (Boys) Tournament
- v. : Rs. 200/- per annum for participating in U-16 (Boys) Tournament
- vi. : Rs. 100/- per annum for participating in U-14 (Boys) Tournament
- vii. : Rs. 200/- per annum for participating in Senior Women Tournament
- viii. : Rs. 200/- per annum for participating in U-23 (Women) Tournament
- ix. : Rs. 200/- per annum for participating in U-19 (Women) Tournament
- x. : Rs. 200/-: per annum for participating in U-16 (Women) Tournament

II). Associate Members : Rs. 50,000/- per annum

b). The Hony. Secretary shall place before the Committee of Management all applications received under clause (a) for consideration.

c). The Committee of Management shall have the power to admit or reject applications for membership without assigning any reason.

In the event of rejection of an application, the fees deposited shall be refunded to the applicant within a fortnight from the date of decision by the Committee of Management.

d). Subscription shall not be altered unless such alternation is approved and passed at the General Body Meeting.



- e). The membership subscription and other dues, if any, of the members shall become payable on the 1st of April each year.
- f). The BCA shall be entitled to take any suitable legal action against the Members for the recovery of membership subscription or any other dues.
- g). The BCA shall be entitled to grant Honorary affiliated membership to such individual/institution if granting such Honorary affiliation will be for the development of cricket and in the interest of BCA

(ii) TOURNAMENT SUBSCRIPTION:

- a) Application for holding tournaments shall be submitted to the Hony. Secretary in the prescribed form with the respective fees as under-
 - I). Cricket League :

Full Member	: No Subscription subject to Rule 33(2)
Associate Members,	: Rs. 5,000/- for each League
Franchise	: As per agreement
 - II). Knock-Out Tournaments :

Full Member	: No Subscription subject to Rule 33 (2)
Associate Members	: Rs. 3,500/- for each tournament
Franchise	: As per agreement
- b). The Hony. Secretary shall place before the Committee of Management all applications received under clause (a) for consideration.
- c). The Committee of Management shall have the power to admit or reject applications without assigning any reason.

In the event of rejection of an application, the fees deposited shall be refunded to the applicant within a fortnight from the date of decision by the Committee of Management.
- d). Subscription shall not be altered unless such alternation is approved and passed at the General Body Meeting.

5. GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) Membership shall be terminated for any of the following reasons
 - i). By Resignation
 - ii) By Death
 - iii). By default in paying membership subscription by the end of financial year i.e. 31st March for two consecutive year.
 - iv) By any disciplinary action taken by the Committee of Management and/or BCCI.
 - v) By not adhering to the directions of BCA.
 - vi) By acting against the interest of cricket.
 - vii) By violating any provisions of Rules & Regulations of BCA and any other Rules formulated by BCA.
 - viii) By getting convicted by the court of law for any offence and has been awarded sentence for more than two years.
 - ix) By declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind.
 - x). By not fulfilling the conditions mentioned in Rule (b) below.



(b) Grounds for Sanction & Derecognition of a Full Member & Associate Member:

- (1) No Member shall be entitled to any grant from the BCA if its Constitution and/or Bye-Laws fail to provide for, or comply with the following:
- (i) The Association shall not have any provision for any post to be held for more than 9 years.
 - (ii) The governing body/Managing Committee of the Association shall include at least two representatives of players (one male and one female), and a nominee of the District Accounts Officer.
 - (iii) The Association shall grant automatic membership to former international and State players hailing from the State.
 - (iv) The Association shall not have proxy voting.
 - (v) There shall be a provision whereby the Office Bearers of the Association stand disqualified under any of the grounds laid down in Rule 21 (3) below.
 - (vi) There shall be provision whereby individuals who are disqualified from being office bearers and/or members of the Governing Body/Managing Committee as aforesaid shall also be disqualified from being representatives/nominees or members of any committee/council.
 - (vii) There shall be a provision whereby an office bearer or an elected member of the Governing Body/Managing Committee/Committee of Management who has held any post for two consecutive terms either in a BCA or in the BCCI (or a combination of both) shall not be eligible to contest any further election without completing a cooling off period of three years. During the cooling off period, such an office bearer or an elected member of the Governing Body/Managing Committee/Committee of Management shall not be a member of the Governing Council or of any Committee whatsoever of the BCA or of a district cricket association.
 - (viii) The Association shall appoint an Electoral Officer, an Ethics Officer and an Ombudsman.
 - (ix) The Association shall abide by the principles of transparency laid down in Rule 41 of these Rules.
- (2) In the event of the grant being denied to any Member under Rule 3(b)-(1) above, the BCA shall directly spend the grant in respect of the district concerned in its capacity as *parens patriae*.
- (3) If any Association continues to be disentitled for a grant under Rule 3 (b)(1) above for a continuous period of 2 years, the BCA may derecognize the Association as a Member, and if it is a Full Member, in its place, recognize any other Association from that district which complies with the requirements of Rule 3(b)(1) above.

(c) Annual Updates

All Members shall, on or before 15th November of each year, inform and update the BCA as to the names of their Office Bearers and the members of their Executive Committees, their respective tenures, the Audited statement of Accounts and the Balance Sheets.

(d) Jurisdiction



The territorial jurisdiction of the Full Members classified under Rule 3(a)(ii) shall be of the administrative Districts so defined by the State Government. If a District were to be bifurcated, the newly created District would be entitled to an independent Full Membership, and shall be so inducted within 3 months of such District coming into force.

6. VOTE & ACCOUNTS OF TOURNAMENTS

- (1) Each Full Member and Each Former International Player Member shall have one vote. Each Full Member shall exercise its one vote through its authorized Representative. Each Former International Player Member shall exercise his/her vote in person. There shall be no proxy voting.
- (2) An Associate Member shall be entitled to participate in the General Body Meetings but shall not be entitled either to vote or have its representative elected to the Committee of Management.
- (3) A Member, required to submit the annual or other accounts, balance sheets or statements of expenditure either under these Rules or under the Rules of the tournament/match, or under the resolutions or decisions of the BCA relating to any grant, fails to submit the accounts or the statements of expenditure relating to such grant, tournament, match or otherwise, within the period stipulated there under, shall not be entitled to any further financial grants from the BCA till the requirement is complied with.

Provided that notwithstanding anything stated above, nothing shall prevent the Committee of Management, for good reason, from extending for a maximum period of 6 months, the time for submitting of accounts and statements beyond the period referred to above.

7. RE-ADMISSION OF TERMINATED MEMBERS:

- a). Any Member ceasing to be a member of the BCA for reasons under clause 5(a)(i) and 5(a)(iii) may be eligible for re-admission as Member.
- b). Members ceasing to be a member of the BCA for the reason under clause 5(a)(iii) may become eligible for re-admission as Member provided all arrears of subscription and /or of other dues, if any, up to the date of the application for re-admission of membership have been settled in full.
- c). The BCA shall have the discretion to grant re-admission of terminated Members.

8. CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BCA:

- (1) The General Body is constituted of all the Members of the BCA.
- (2) The authorized Representative of the various Full Members shall cast votes on behalf of their respective Full Member. The Former International Player Member shall cast their votes personally. The Associate Members shall have no right to vote.
- (3) All powers of governance, management and decision-making shall vest in the General Body. In addition to the powers already given to the Committee of Management, the Governing Council and the Chief Executive Officer under these Rules, the General Body may delegate such powers as it deems fit to any of them.
- (4) In addition to, and without prejudice to the generality of powers vested in it, the General Body shall have the power:
 - (a) To collect funds and wherever necessary borrow, with or without security, for purposes of the BCA and to raise loans with or without security and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such security.



- (b) To frame the Rules & Regulations of Cricket in State in consonance with the Law of Cricket framed by BCCI and to make alterations, amendments or additions to the Rules & Regulations of Cricket in State whenever desirable or necessary.
- (c) To direct and control the Executive Council, to lend oversight and assistance to the Tournaments conducted by the Executive Council and to ensure that the interests of the franchises and the players are protected.
- (d) To review any decision of the Committee of Management or the Governing Council.
- (e) Generally to do all such other acts and things as may appear to the General Body to be - expedient, convenient and/or conducive to the carrying out of the above functions of the BCA.

9. ELECTION & TERM OF OFFICE BEARERS

- (1) The following Office Bearers of the BCA shall be elected by the Full Members and Former International Player Members of the BCA from amongst their representatives at an Annual General Body Meeting:
 - (a) The President
 - (b) The Vice-President
 - (c) The Secretary
 - (d) The Joint Secretary
 - (e) The Treasurer
- (2) The Term of office of an Office Bearer shall be 3 years. Their position shall be Honorary.
- (3) No person shall be an Office Bearer for more than 3 terms in all.
- (4) An Office Bearer who has held any post for two consecutive terms either in the BCA or in the BCCI (or a combination of both) shall not be eligible to contest any further election without completing a cooling off period of three years. During the cooling off period, such an office bearer shall not be a member of the Governing Council or of any Committee whatsoever of the BCA or of BCCI or of a district cricket association. The expression 'office bearer' should not be permitted to be circumvented by being a member of any other committee or of the Governing Council in BCA, BCCI or any district cricket association, as the case may be.
- (5) A person shall be disqualified from being an Office Bearer, a member of the Governing Council or any Committee or a representative to the BCCI or any similar organization if he or she:
 - (a) Is not a citizen of India;
 - (b) Has attained the age of 70 years;
 - (c) Is declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind;
 - (d) Is a Minister or Government Servant or holds a public office;
 - (e) Holds any office or post in a sports or athletic association or federation apart from cricket;
 - (f) Has been an Office Bearer of the BCA for a cumulative period of 9 years; or
 - (g) Has been charged by a Court of Law for having committed any criminal offence, i.e. an order framing charges has been passed by a court of law having competent jurisdiction.

10. POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS:

(1) THE PRESIDENT



- (a) *The President shall preside at all meetings of the General Body and the Committee of Management.*
- (b) *The President shall be one of the three persons who sign the audited annual accounts and other financial statements of BCA.*
- (c) *The President shall also exercise such functions and duties as he may be empowered with by the General Body or the Committee of Management.*
- (d) *The President shall, in the event of a vacancy or indisposition of an Office Bearer, delegate the functions to another Office Bearer until the vacancy is duly filled up, or the indisposition ceases.*

(2) **THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

- (a) *The Vice President shall officiate in the President's absence when the President is unavailable.*
- (b) *The Vice President shall also exercise such functions and duties as he may be empowered with by the General Body or the Committee of Management.*

(3) **THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall:

- (a) *Keep and maintain the minutes of Annual General and Special General Meetings of the General Body, the Meetings of the Committee of Management and of the Committees appointed by the General Body in appropriate books and shall cause them to be properly and correctly recorded and confirmed.*
- (b) *Be one of the three persons who sign the audited annual accounts and other financial statements of the BCA.*
- (c) *Sign all contracts for and on behalf of the BCA and carry on all correspondence in the name of the BCA save as otherwise directed by the Committee of Management.*
- (d) *Be in charge of the records of the General Body, the Committee of Management, the Governing Council and all Committees, and such properties as may be trusted to his care by the BCA, the Committee of Management or the Governing Council as the case may be.*
- (e) *Convene the Annual General Meeting, the Special General Meeting and the Meetings of the Committee of Management and Executive Council with the written concurrence of the President.*
- (f) *Circulate to all Members of the BCA the statement of accounts prepared by the Treasurer.*
- (g) *Have the power to delegate any work to the Honorary Joint Secretary.*

(4) **THE JOINT SECRETARY**

The Joint Secretary shall:

- (a) *Convene and keep minutes of the Committees that may be placed in his charge at the Annual General Meeting or by the Secretary.*
- (b) *Assist the Secretary in all matters pertaining to the affairs of the BCA.*

(5) **THE TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall:

- (a) *Receive all subscriptions and donations and the monies payable and /or receivable by the BCA;*
- (b) *Be one of the three persons who sign the audited annual accounts and other financial statements of the BCA.*
- (c) *Make payments and incur expenditure out of the funds of the BCA in accordance with the decisions of the BCA, the Committee of Management or any Committee appointed by the BCA,*



- provided that all transfers or payments must be with the joint signatures of the Hony. Secretary and the Treasurer.
- (d) Keep accounts of all monies received and expended by the BCA, in respect of assets, credits and liabilities of the BCA.
 - (e) Prepare statement of accounts.
 - (f) Place before the Committee of Management:
 - (i) Annual Balance Sheet;
 - (ii) Statement of Accounts of the BCA;
 - (iii) Annual Budget;
 - (g) Place before the Annual General Meeting duly audited:
 - (i) Annual Balance Sheet;
 - (ii) Statement of Accounts of the BCA;
 - (h) Invest and/or disburse the funds of the BCA, to withdraw any or all of the existing fixed deposits before the date of maturity in accordance with any general or special directions of the General Body or the Committee of Management.
 - (i) Prepare budgets to be presented at the Annual General Meeting, Special General Meetings and Meetings of the Committee of Management.
 - (j) Co-ordinate with the Auditor as well as the CEO to obtain insight into the utilization of funds by the Full Members/Associate Members.

II. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The Annual General Meeting of the General Body shall be held every year, not later than 30th August at such place and time as the President may fix.
- (2) Elections and Nominations to the Committee of Management shall take place every 3 years at the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) The following business shall be transacted at every Annual General Meeting of the General Body:
 - (a) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous General Meetings.
 - (b) Adoption of the Report of the Secretary for the year under review.
 - (c) Adoption of the Treasurer's Report and the audited accounts for the year under review.
 - (d) Adoption of the Annual Budget.
 - (e) Appointment of Auditor or Auditors for the year and fix their remuneration.
 - (f) Appointment of the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer.
 - (g) Appointment of the Cricket Committees and Standing Committees as mentioned in Rules 29 and 28-respectively.
 - (h) (i) Consideration of the Report and recommendations of the Committee of Management, The Chief Executive Officer and the Committees and to propose policy directions to the Committee of Management.
 - (ii) Consideration of the Report and recommendations of the Governing Council and to propose policy directions to the Committee of Management.
 - (iii) Consideration of any amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the BCA, provided no amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the BCA proposed by a Full Member shall be considered unless the proposals for amendments are received by the Secretary before 30th June.



- (iv) *Consideration of the Reports of the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer and any recommendations made therein.*
 - (i) *Consideration of any motion, notice whereof is given by a Full Member to the Secretary twenty-one days before the meeting. (Such a motion shall be circulated in advance to all members).*
 - (j) *To appoint the BCA's Representative or Representatives on the BCCI Conference or similar Conferences.*
 - (k) (i) *Consideration of any other business which the President may consider necessary to be included in the agenda.*
 - (ii) *Transaction of any other business of an informal character as may be permitted by the Chairperson.*
- (4) *The record of the proceedings of the Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings shall, after the approval of the Chairperson of the Meeting be circulated within two months of the Meeting to the Members of the BCA and then entered in the Minutes Book. The minutes shall be duly confirmed after correction, if any, and signed by the Chairperson at the subsequent Annual General Meeting.*
- (5) *The Secretary shall, at least Twenty One (21) days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting, forward to each member a notice setting out the agenda of business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting along with:*
- (a) *Copies of the Minutes of the previous meeting or meetings to be confirmed at the Annual General meeting;*
 - (b) *Copies of audited Statement of Accounts to be adopted and to be passed at the Annual General Meeting;*
 - (c) *Copies of the audited Statement of Accounts of any tour or tours;*
 - (d) *Treasurer's Reports and the Annual Budget;*
 - (e) *Report of the Ombudsman; and*
 - (f) *Copies of all documents and papers having a reference to any item on the Agenda of the General Meeting;*
- (6) *Any Member desiring to raise any point relating to the Agenda or Accounts at the Annual General Meeting shall give seven days' notice thereof to the Secretary. The Secretary shall circulate such notice to all Members before the date fixed for the meeting.*

12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) *A Special General Meeting of the General Body may be convened by the Secretary:*
 - (a) *on a directive of the President,*
 - (b) *on a resolution of the Committee of Management, or*
 - (c) *on a requisition signed by not less than 13 Full Members specially stating the business to be transacted at such Meeting. No business other than the one for which the Special General Meeting is called will be transacted at such meeting.*
- (2) *In the event of the Secretary failing to convene a Special General Meeting within thirty days of the receipt of a requisition, the requisitionists may themselves convene a Meeting for the purpose specified in the requisition at such place and time as may be decided by the requisitionist.*
- (3) *The President may at his discretion direct the Secretary to convene a Special General Meeting at shorter notice in which case a notice of at least 10 days shall be given.*



- (4) For any Special General Meeting the Secretary shall give Twenty One days' notice specifying the business to be transacted at that meeting.
- (5) In the event of the Secretary failing to convene a Special General Meeting at the direction of the President or on a resolution of the Committee of Management within Ten days, the President may convene a meeting under his own signature.

13. QUORUM AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) 13 (Thirteen) Full Members present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum for an Annual General Meeting. No business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting unless the quorum requisite is present at the commencement of the business of the meeting. If within an hour from the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same date of the following month and at the same place and time. If at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within an hour from the time of the meeting, the Full Members present shall form the quorum.
- (2) For a Special General Meeting 13 Full Members, present and entitled to vote shall be quorum. If no quorum is present at the appointed time of the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned for an hour. If at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present, the Full Members present shall form the quorum.

14. CHAIRPERSON AT MEETINGS

The President shall preside as Chairperson at the Annual General Meeting or the Special General Meeting of the General Body and in his absence the Vice-President shall preside. In the event of the Vice President also being absent, the Members present shall elect one amongst them as the Chairperson of the Meeting.

15. VOTING AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS / SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) At the Annual General Meeting / Special General Meeting, each Full Members and Each Former International Player Member shall have one vote. The Associate Members shall have no vote.
- (2) At an Annual General Meeting / Special General Meeting, a resolution placed before the Meeting duly moved and seconded shall be put to vote and shall be decided either on a show of hands or by a secret ballot as the Chairperson may decide.

16. CASTING VOTE OR DRAWING LOTS

Save as provided otherwise by these Rules, questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. If the Chairperson of the Meeting declines to exercise his casting vote, the issue shall be decided by drawing lots.

17. THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- (1) There shall be Committee of Management for the BCA which shall be primarily responsible for the governance of the affairs of the Board.



- (2) The Committee of Management shall comprise of 9 Executive Members of whom Five shall be the elected Office Bearers as per Rule 9 and the remaining Four shall be:
- One to be elected by the Full Members of the BCA from among their Elected Office Bearer;
 - Two, one male and one female, to be nominated by the Cricket Player's Association from amongst those of its members who hail from Bihar.
 - One to be nominated by the Accountants General of Bihar from among the serving senior functionaries of the A.G. office, co-terminus with the nominee's tenure;
- (3) A person shall be disqualified from being a Executive Member if he or she:
- Is not a citizen of India;
 - Has attained the age of 70 years;
 - Is declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind;
 - Is a Minister or a government servant or holds a public office [except for the nominee under Rule 17(2)(c)];
 - Holds any office or post in a sports or athletic association or federation apart from cricket;
 - Has been an Office Bearer of the BCA for a cumulative period of 9 years;
 - Has been charged by a Court of Law for having committed any criminal offence, i.e. an order framing charges has been passed by a court of law having competent jurisdiction.
- (4) Each of the elected Executive Members shall have a term of 3 years in office, subject to a maximum of 3 Terms on the Committee of Management. An Executive Member who has held any post for two consecutive terms either in the BCA or in the BCCI (or a combination of both) shall not be eligible to contest any further election without completing a cooling off period of three years. During the cooling off period, an Executive Member shall not be a member of the Governing Council or of any Committee whatsoever of the BCA or of BCCI or of a district cricket association. The expression 'Executive Member' should not be permitted to be circumvented by being a member of any other committee or of the Governing Council in BCA, BCCI or any district cricket association, as the case may be.
- (5) No individual, including one filling up a vacancy under Sub-Rule (9) below shall be a Executive Member for more than 9 years. In the event of a Executive Member completing 9 years before the expiry of his term, he shall cease to hold office on completion of 9 years.
- (6) No nominated Executive Member shall have more than one term of 3 years.
- (7) Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these Rules, a former President of the BCA shall not be entitled to be elected or nominated to the Committee of Management in any capacity except for a second and final term as President, subject to sub-Rules (4) and (5) above.
- (8) No Executive Member, once elected, shall hold any office in a Full Member Association. The Full Member shall take steps to fill up the vacancy so created immediately.
- (9) Any vacancy in the Committee of Management due to death, resignation, insolvency, unsoundness of mind, nomination to the BCCI or other disqualification shall be filled up for the remaining period:
- In the case of an elected Executive Member, by elections at a Special General Body meeting of the BCA convened by the Secretary for that purpose within 45 days;
 - In the case of a nominated Executive Member, in the same manner as prescribed for the respective nominee in Rule 17(2) above;



- (10) For the purposes of the Societies Registration Act, the governing body of the BCA shall be the Committee of Management.

18. **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

- (1) The affairs of the BCA shall be governed by the Committee of Management and its framework of governance shall:
- i. Enable strategic guidance of the entity;
 - ii. Ensure efficient monitoring of management;
 - iii. Ensure the performance of the respective roles, responsibilities and powers of the Chief Executive Officer, Managers, Cricket Committees and Standing Committees, except the Governing Council;
 - iv. Ensure a distribution and balance of authority so that no single individual has unfettered powers;
- (2) The Committee of Management shall have all the powers of the General Body and authority and discretion to do all acts and things except such acts as by these rules are expressly directed or required to be done by the General Body. Exercise of such powers, authorities and discretion shall be subject to the control and regulation of the General Body. No regulation shall retrospectively invalidate any act of the Committee of Management which was otherwise valid.
- (3) The Committee of Management shall exercise superintendence over the CEO, the Cricket Committees and the Standing Committees in the discharge of their duties generally, and in particular, in accordance with any general or special direction of the General Body, except for the Governing Council of the BPL which is directly accountable to the General Body.
- (4) In addition to and without prejudice to the generality of powers conferred directly or by necessary implication under these Rules and regulations and the Memorandum of Association, the Committee of Management shall exercise the powers and perform the duties hereafter mentioned:
- a. To control, permit and regulate all aspects regarding the visits of cricket teams to Bihar and visits of Bihar teams to other State and to settle the terms on which such visits shall be conducted.
 - b. To lay down conditions on which Players shall take part in a tour to any State in India and by which such Players shall be governed, including terms of payments to such Players.
 - c. To control, expand and regulate the finances of the BCA.
 - d. To institute or defend any action or proceedings for or against the BCA or against any Office-Bearer or employee of the BCA.
 - e. To mediate in regard to issues between Members, failing resolution of which a reference may be made to the Ombudsman;
 - f. To interact and consult with the Cricket Players' Association regarding representations made on their behalf.
 - g. To derecognize players registered with BCA and its Members in the event such players associate himself against the interest of BCA or plays in match/tournaments not conducted/recognize/approved by the Committee of Management.
 - h. To purchase, sell and/or mortgage, exchange and/or otherwise dispose of immovable property wherever situated, in order to promote the objects of the BCA.



- i. To collect funds and whenever necessary borrow not exceeding 25% of the General Fund with or without security for purposes of the BCA and to raise loans with or without security and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such security.
- j. To fill up, till the following Annual General Meeting, any vacancy occurring of a member of a committee by reason of death or being adjudged insolvent or being of unsound mind or being convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude or by resignation or any other disqualification.
- k. To frame rules and lay down conditions including those of travel, accommodation and allowances under which State Players shall take part in cricket tournaments/matches or Exhibition, Festival and Charity matches organized by the BCA or BCCI or by a Member.
- l. To frame rules for the State Championship or for University, Schools or other tournaments or for any Exhibition matches between members and / or between the Universities in India.
- m. To frame rules regarding the appointment, service conditions and disciplinary action concerning employees and officers of the BCA.
- n. To make the Tournament Rules for various domestic tournaments and exhibition matches involving Members, Universities and other entities.
- o. To frame rules, in consultation with the CEO, for the appointment of Managers, Secretaries, Administrative Officers, Peons and other service personnel and staff and for payment to them and other persons in return for their services rendered to the BCA, salaries, wages, gratuities, pensions, honorariums, compensations, any ex-gratia payment and/or provident fund and to regulate discipline by suspending, fining, removing or dismissing such employees.
- p. To make rules generally for the management of the affairs of the BCA.
- q. To start or sponsor and/or to subscribe to funds or stage a match for the benefit of cricketers or persons who may have rendered service to the game of cricket or for their families or to donate for the development or promotion of the game to be regulated by rules framed in this regard from time to time.
- r. To appoint BCA's representative or representatives to participate any meetings, seminars, conferences of the BCCI or its Members.
- s. To either on its own, or through its delegate, entertain, hear and decide administrative appeals by employees or other directly affected parties against the orders of the Chief Managers or the Cricket Committees as the case maybe.
- t. Generally to do all such other acts and things which are delegated to it by the General Body and all other functions to be expedient, convenient and/or conducive to the carrying out of the above functions of the Committee of Management.

Provided that the exercise of powers under Clauses (k), (l), (m), (n), (o) and (p) shall be subject to ratification by the BCA at its next meeting, failing which the rules shall lapse.

- (5) The Committee of Management shall meet at least once every 3 months at such time and place and shall conduct proceedings in such manner as it may from time to time decide.
- (6) A Special Meeting of the Committee of Management may be convened at any time by the President and shall be convened on a requisition to that effect being made in writing by not less than three Executive Members. Any such requisition shall express the object of the meeting proposed to be called and shall be sent to the Secretary.



- (7) Fourteen days' clear notice of the Meeting of the Committee of Management together with the Agenda shall be given to the Executive Members. For a Special Meeting of the Committee of Management convened for the purposes stated in Sub-Rule (5) above, Seven days' clear notice shall be given. An Emergent meeting of the Committee of Management may be convened with Two days' notice.
- (8) Five members of the Committee of Management shall form a quorum for its meetings. The President or in his absence a member elected by those present at the meeting shall be the Chairperson. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- (9) A resolution by circulation by all members of the Committee of Management shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Committee of Management. Such a resolution shall be ratified at the next meeting of the Committee of Management.
- (10) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of every Meeting in a book which shall be signed by the Chairperson when approved.

19. **BCA JURISDICTION OVER PLAYERS, MATCH OFFICIALS & TEAM OFFICIALS OF MEMBERS**

- (1) The BCA shall have concurrent jurisdiction and control over Players, Match Officials and Team Officials within the jurisdiction of a Member. Such individuals participating in cricket under the aegis of a Member shall be deemed ipso facto to submit to the jurisdiction of the BCA.
- (2) The BCA shall have jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against the Players, Match Officials and Team Officials within the jurisdiction of a Member.
- (3) No Players, Match Officials and Team Officials within the jurisdiction of a Member can participate in any match/tournaments/Exhibition Matches which has not been authorized/approved/permitted/ conducted by BCA or its Full Members.

20. **CONDUCT OF PLAYERS**

The Committee of Management shall have the power to enquire into the conduct of any Player within its jurisdiction and may take such disciplinary action against the Player as the Committee of Management may deem fit, which decision shall be final.

21. **ENQUIRY INTO CONDUCT OF PLAYERS, MATCH OFFICIALS, ADMINISTRATORS, ETC.**

In the event of the BCA enquiring into the conduct of a Player, Match Official, Administrator, etc., the BCA shall proceed in the manner prescribed in Rule 45.

22. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE BCA**

- (1) Patna shall be the administrative headquarters where the office of the BCA shall be permanently situated. It shall be the Central Secretariat of the BCA.
- (2) The day-to-day management of the BCA shall be conducted by professionals in both cricketing and non-cricketing matters.
- (3) The Governing Council of the BPL shall be accountable directly to the General Body and not to the CEO or the Committee of Management.

23. **NON-CRICKETING MATTERS**

- (1) The day to day management of non-cricketing matters including operations, technical, human resources, finance and media shall be conducted by the CEO under the supervision of the Committee of Management.
- (2) The CEO shall be assisted by Managers as may be appointed under Rule 26.



24. CRICKETING MATTERS

- (1) The management of cricketing matters such as selections, coaching and evaluation of team performance shall be exclusively handled by the Cricket Committees comprising only of Players as set out in Rule 29.
- (2) The management, evaluation and selection of umpires shall be done by the Umpires Committee comprising only of Umpires as set out in Rule 30.
- (3) The reports of the Cricket and Umpires Committees shall be sent to the CEO for being forwarded to the Committee of Management, but the CEO shall not in any way be involved in the preparation, approval or amendment of the same.

25. EFFICIENCY IN FUNCTIONING

- (1) The bankers, lawyers and others offering professional services to the BCA shall be appointed in a fair and transparent manner.
- (2) The bank account of the BCA shall be operated by the Treasurer along with the Secretary.
- (3) The CEO and the Cricket & Umpires Committees shall function independently in their respective domains without any interference or approval from each other.

26. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

- (1) The day-to-day management of the affairs of the BCA shall vest in a full time CEO to be appointed by the Committee of Management, who shall be a management professional with management experience of at least 5 years in a company/institution.
- (2) The CEO shall be assisted by not more than 6 full-time professionals (Managers) who shall be appointed by the Committee of Management in consultation with the CEO essentially to govern the streams of finance, technical, infrastructure, law, media and human resources. The Chief Manager may however re-align or re-allot these streams as he deems fit.
- (3) The eligibility criteria for the CEO and Managers shall be laid down by the Committee of Management keeping in mind the following guidelines:
 - a. Knowledge and familiarity with cricket or other sports;
 - b. Understanding of financial position and fiscal direction of the BCA;
 - c. Knowledge of operations of cricket administration and overall policy;
 - d. Clarity on role, division of responsibilities and hierarchy;
 - e. Familiarity with regulatory and legal responsibilities as well as attendant risks;
- (4) There shall be an appropriate induction process laid down by the Committee of Management for the CEO and the Managers, which shall include a fair and transparent process of appointment.

27. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

The CEO shall have the following functions on behalf of the BCA:

- (1) To implement all the Rules and Regulations made by the General Body and the Committee of Management in regard to non-cricketing matters;
- (2) To issue guidelines in respect of travel, accommodation, allowances, etc., to be paid to players, support staff and officials participating in matches, other than BCCI sponsored matches;
- (3) To lease and manage immovable property of the BCA wherever situated, in order to promote the objects of the BCA.
- (4) To lay down parameters for the laying of grounds for playing the game and to provide pavilion, canteen and other conveniences and amenities in connection therewith.
- (5) To appoint Team Officials for the State teams which shall compulsorily includes qualified coaches, managers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, ~~trainers~~ analysts, counselors and medics.



- (6) To secure Players' welfare to ensure that the logistics manager will arrange for accommodation and travel, to ensure that tickets given to Players for matches will be on par with those given to the Members, and to also ensure that no expenditures towards the game (baggage handling, injury related, etc.) will be undertaken by the Player, failing which such expenses will be reimbursed to the Player within 30 working days of the requisition being made. Also, to process requests made by Players to make arrangements for the accommodation and travel of their respective wives / partners / family members, wherever permitted.
- (7) To ensure that all measures are adopted to eliminate any form of racial, communal, casteist or other hatred from the game, with stringent action taken against the offenders including the initiation of criminal proceedings.
- (8) To start and maintain a library of books, periodicals, DVDs and other databases on Sports in general and Cricket in particular, and to publish journals, books and other material as well as the official website of the BCA.
- (9) To produce by itself the Cricket content for telecast of cricket matches and/or ceremonies by hiring or owning equipment and hiring necessary crew, technicians, etc.
- (10) To publicize the stadium capacity of all stadia across the State with compulsory seat numbers, to provide transparent online and offline ticket booking services with reasonably priced tickets and maximize the access of the public to the games.
- (11) To provide at stadiums, wholesome and hygienic food and beverages at affordable rates, clean and hygienic restrooms for all genders and for the differently-abled, adequate fire and emergency entries and corridors, sufficient access avenues and wheelchairs for the differently-abled, proper signage, parking and transport facilities as well as efficient security systems.
- (12) To arrange and organize the State Championship of Bihar for the Ranji Trophy matches or for University, Schools or other tournaments or for any Exhibition matches between members and / or between the Universities in State or India including regulations and bye-laws in respect of travel, accommodation, allowances to be paid to players and officials participating in such matches.
- (13) To frame guidelines generally for the convenience and ease of day-to-day management of affairs of the BCA.
- (14) To prescribe guidelines to lay out or convert any ground into high quality turf wickets at all levels in all areas of the State and to provide Pavilions, Canteens, Public Conveniences and other amenities with disabled access and suitable signage, especially to involve more Indians in the game of cricket and to encourage participation of all sections of society.
- (15) To assist the Cricket Committees and facilitate the implementation of their tasks and recommendations.
- (16) To collate monthly reports concerning the functioning of the various Committees, to create action plans in advance and upload the same on the website of the BCA.
- (17) To create a database of all cricketers at all levels, maintain records and statistics, track performances and certify age and identity of participants.
- (18) To take steps to create world class infrastructure at all levels in all areas across the State. To coordinate with District Cricket Associations, to conduct tournaments, to provide better access to the public, with particular reference to women and the disabled.
- (19) To put in place mechanisms to encourage State level cricketers to play nationally and internationally and hone their skills so that a wider talent pool is available to represent the State.
- (20) To enter transparently into contracts with third parties and vendors for the purposes of the various Committees of the BCA, and to ensure that in all contracts for television and media rights, the interests of the public remain uncompromised, and full, unhindered broadcasts of all deliveries and their replays are shown with the screen offering a full and complete view without advertisement banners or margins, and to restrict commercial time only to the refreshment and other team breaks during and between innings.



- (21) To report to the Committee of Management every month or as often as required by the Committee of Management on the functioning of the management and the progress made in developing cricket in State.
- (22) To consider the reports of the Auditor, to verify whether Full Members are meeting their objectives and to assess whether cricket is being suitably developed and promoted across the State.
- (23) To consider all applications for financial aid or any other benevolence to cricketers, Umpires and administrators as per the rules framed by the General Body in this behalf from time to time and recommend the same to the Committee of Management for their approval.
- (24) To examine all the expenditure exceeding the Budget and to control such outlays as are required for the proper administration of the BCA.
- (25) To advise the BCA regarding investments.
- (26) To process requests made for increase in all types of allowances, subventions/subsidies to be paid to the Associations, tariff for Coaching Camps, Coaching Subsidies to the Associations, allowance to the players for matches of different Trophies and when playing against foreign sides, both at home and away and to recommend the same to the Committee of Management.
- (27) To do all acts and things which are delegated by the BCA and Committee of Management to him, and all other functions as are necessary and expedient to carry out the objects of the BCA as aforesaid.

28. THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- (1) The Standing Committees are the Committees that provide guidance and advice on behalf of the Members to the Chief Manager.
- (2) The Standing Committees are:

A. The Senior Tournament Committee

- (i) The Senior Tournament Committee shall consist of FIVE persons appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) The Committee shall advise the CEO on the conduct of the following Tournaments in accordance with their respective rules as framed by the BCA or BCCI:
 - a. State Championship of Bihar;
 - b. Match between the State Champions and the Rest of Bihar;
 - c. State Zonal Championship;
 - d. Limited Overs Zonal Tournament;
 - e. Limited Overs One Day Inter District Tournament;
 - f. Trophy for Universities;

B. The Tours, Fixtures & Technical Committee

- (i) The Tours, Fixtures & Technical Committee shall consist of FIVE persons appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting. At least three of these five persons ought to have played a minimum of 1 Ranji Trophy Match, if no Ranji Player is available then players who played at least 05 inter-state domestic tournament organized by BCCI.
- (ii) The Committee shall, subject to any directions of the BCA, advise the CEO on the making of draws and fixing of dates and venues in respect of the following:
 - a. Tours of State Team visiting outside State;
 - b. Tours of other State teams visiting Bihar;
 - c. All matches and Tournaments conducted/organized by the BCA or BCCI.
- (iii) The Committee shall, subject to any directions of the General Body or the Committee of Management, advise the CEO on the following:
 - a. Appointment of Observers for matches during the tours of visiting teams in Bihar;



- b. Considering the laws of the game and amendments thereto, experimental laws, technical matters that may be referred to it by the General Body and matters regarding the Laws of the game to be discussed at the BCCI meetings.
- c. Framing and finalizing the playing conditions for all tours to and from State.

29. THE CRICKET COMMITTEES

(1) The Cricket Committees are the Committees comprised exclusively of former Players who are tasked with the Selection, Coaching and Evaluation of Team Performances.

(2) The Cricket Committees are:

A. The Men's Selection Committee

- (i) The Men's Selection Committee shall select the Senior State Team for representation in national tournaments or matches organized by BCCI. This Committee shall also be responsible for vetting and selecting Coaches and Support Staff (physiotherapists, trainers, therapists, analysts and medics) for the respective teams, as well as providing evaluation reports of the respective team performances to the Committee of Management on a quarterly basis.
- (ii) The Men's Selection Committee shall consist of THREE persons to be appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting, on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Committee of Management from time to time. Only former Players of BCA who have played for India or have played a minimum of 03 Ranji Trophy Matches or 05 one day senior domestic tournament of BCCI shall be eligible to be appointed to this Committee, provided that they have retired from the game at least 5 years previously. The player who has achieved most among the members of the Committee shall be appointed as the Chairperson.
- (iii) The Men's Selection Committee shall appoint a Captain for the team in each format, who shall be an ex-Officio member of the Committee. The Captain, however, shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of there being an equality of votes for the appointment of a Captain, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. In the event of there being no majority agreement over the selection of the players, the Captain's wishes in that regard shall prevail.
- (v) On a tour, the Cricket Manager/Coach, Captain and Vice-Captain shall constitute the Selection Committee. The Administrative Manager shall convene the meeting and keep a record of the proceedings.

B. The Junior Cricket Committee

- (i) The Junior Cricket Committee shall consist of THREE persons to be appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting, on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Committee of Management from time to time. Only former Players of BCA who have played for India or have played a minimum of 01 Ranji Trophy Match or 03 one day senior domestic tournament of BCCI shall be eligible to be appointed to this Committee, provided that they have retired from the game at least 5 years previously. The player who has achieved most amongst the members of the Committee shall be appointed as the Chairperson.
- (ii) The Junior Cricket Committee shall:
 - a. Select all age group teams upto Under-23 years for the purpose of coaching camps or for playing against local or other state teams in any format of the game.



- b. *Appoint a Captain for the team in each format, who shall be an ex-Officio member of the Committee. The Captain, however, shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of there being an equality of votes for the appointment of a Captain, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. In the event of there being no majority agreement over the selection of the players, the Captain's wishes in that regard shall prevail. On a tour, the Cricket Manager/Coach, Captain and Vice-Captain shall constitute the Selection Committee. The Administrative Manager shall convene the meeting and keep a record of the proceedings.*
- c. *Vet and select Coaches and Support Staff (physiotherapists, trainers, therapists, analysts and medics) for the respective teams, as well as providing evaluation reports of the respective team performances to the Committee of Management on a quarterly basis.*
- d. *Organize and conduct junior tournaments of the BCA;*
- e. *Organize junior tours of other State;*
- f. *Decide any dispute in regard to junior tournaments;*
- g. *Inculcate proper ethics in the youth, particularly through interactions with senior and former Players on issues such as drugs, betting, match-fixing, etc.*

C. *The Women's Selection Committee*

- (i) *The Women's Selection Committee shall select the State Team across all age groups for representation in all formats of the game. This Committee shall also be responsible for vetting and selecting Coaches and Support Staff (physiotherapists, trainers, therapists, analysts and medics) for the respective teams, as well as providing evaluation reports of the respective team performances to the Committee of Management on a monthly basis.*
- (ii) *The Women's Selection Committee shall consist of THREE persons to be appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting, on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Committee of Management from time to time. Only former Players who have represented the Women's State Team shall be eligible to be appointed to this Committee, provided that they have retired from the game at least 5 years previously. The senior most achiever amongst the members of the Committee shall be appointed as the Chairperson.*

Provided that if no player from Women's State Team is available then in that case Junior Cricket Committee will function as Women's Selection Committee till player from Women's State Team becomes available.

- (iii) *The Women's Selection Committee/Junior Cricket Committee shall appoint a Captain for the team in each format, who shall be an ex-Officio member of the Committee. The Captain, however, shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of there being an equality of votes for the appointment of a Captain, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. In the event of there being no majority agreement over the selection of the players, the Captain's wishes in that regard shall prevail.*
- (iv) *On a tour, the Cricket Manager/Coach, Captain and Vice-Captain shall constitute the Selection Committee. The Administrative Manager shall convene the meeting and keep a record of the proceedings.*

D. *The Women's Cricket Committee*

- (i) *The Women's Cricket Committee shall consist of THREE former women Players who have played at least First Class cricket which shall be nominated at the Annual General Meeting of the BCA, the senior most of whom shall be the Chairperson.*
- (ii) *The Committee shall:*
 - (a) *Draw up programmes of coaching at zonal and State levels.*



- (b) Plan and conduct Women's Junior and Senior domestic tournaments.
- (c) Organize tours to other States or tours of other State Teams to Bihar.
- (d) Decide any dispute in regard to Women's Tournaments.
- (e) Generally have control over Women's Cricket activities, outside of those covered by the Women's Selection Committee.

E. The Zonal Selection Committee

- (i) The Zonal Selection Committee shall select the respective Zonal Team for inter-zonal competitions and trophies. This Committee shall also be responsible for vetting and selecting Coaches and Support Staff (physiotherapists, trainers, therapists, analysts and medics) for the respective teams.
- (ii) The Zonal Selection Committee shall consist of THREE persons to be appointed by the BCA, as and when zone will be created, at the Annual General Meeting, on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Committee of Management from time to time. Only former Players who have played for India or have played at least 01 Ranji Trophy Match or 03 one day senior BCCI domestic tournament or 10 senior BCA domestic tournament are eligible to be appointed to this Committee, provided that they have retired from the game at least 5 years previously. The player who has achieved most amongst the members of each Zonal Committee shall be appointed as the Chairperson for the respective Committee.
- (iii) The Zonal Selection Committee shall appoint a Captain for the team, who shall be an ex-Officio member of the Committee. The Captain, however, shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of there being an equality of votes for the appointment of a Captain, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. In the event of there being no majority agreement over the selection of the players, the Captain's wishes in that regard shall prevail.

F. The Differently-Abled Cricket Committee:

- (i) The Differently-Abled Cricket Committee shall consist of THREE persons to be appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting, on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Committee of Management from time to time. Only former Differently-Abled Players who have represented the State in any format of the game shall be eligible to be appointed to this Committee. It is preferable that different categories of impairment (visual, physical, etc.) be represented among the members of the Committee. The player who achieved most among the Players shall be the Chairperson.
Provided that if no Differently-Abled player is available then in that case Junior Cricket Committee will function as Differently-Abled Cricket Committee till State level Differently-Abled player becomes available.
- (ii) The Differently-Abled Cricket Committee shall, in consultation with the Cricket Talent Committee select the State Team across all age groups for representation in all matches conducted by BCCI. In addition, this Committee shall also propose to the Chief Manager the best practices to be inculcated including coaching, counseling and special equipment. This Committee shall also endeavor to bring the various existing cricket associations for various types of impairment under the common umbrella of the BCA and evolve training programmes and raise awareness.
- (iii) This Committee shall appoint a Captain for the team in each format, who shall be an ex-Officio member of the Committee. The Captain, however, shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of there being an equality of votes for the appointment of a Captain, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote. In the event of there being no majority agreement over the selection of the players, the Captain's wishes in that regard shall prevail. On a tour, the Cricket Manager/Coach, Captain and Vice-Captain shall constitute the



Selection Committee. The Administrative Manager shall convene the meeting and keep a record of the proceedings.

G. The Cricket Talent Committee:

- (i) The Cricket Talent Committee shall consist of THREE persons to be appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting, on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Committee of Management from time to time. Only former Players who have played at least 03 Ranji Trophy Matches and if no Ranji Player is available then players who played in at least 03 senior one day BCCI domestic tournament and have the highest level of coaching certification shall be eligible to appointed to this Committee. The senior most among the Players shall be the Chairperson.
- (ii) This Committee shall:
 - a. Be responsible for scouting for talent in men, junior, women and disabled cricket.
 - b. Organize the framework within which the State Cricket Academy and the various District/Zonal Cricket Academies will be established and perform.
 - c. Create the programmes and coaching centers for coaching at Zonal and State levels;
 - d. Improve infrastructure in all areas of the State;
 - e. Make provisions for making the game of cricket accessible to the general public by creating turf wickets, pay-and-play facilities and converting existing fields and grounds into high quality pitches;
 - f. Encourage the youth to take up cricket by setting up promotional camps and other avenues of engagement with the game;
 - g. Provide evaluation reports of the targets set and achieved and the details of its programmes to the Committee of Management on a quarterly basis;
- (3) No person who has been a member of a Cricket Committee shall write, comment or publicize any discussions or decisions of the Selections made except where so authorized by the BCA or the Committee of Management. Any violation of this confidentiality provision will invite removal and substitution by the Committee of Management.
- (4) The Chairpersons of the respective Cricket Committees shall submit a quarterly report to the CEO which shall then be forwarded by him to the Committee of Management for assessment and action, if any.
- (5) The Committee of Management is empowered to add any further Cricket Committees as may be required, particularly to cater to weaker sections of society.
- (6) No person who has been a member of any Cricket Committee for a total of 5 years shall be eligible to be a member of any Cricket Committee.

30. THE UMPIRES COMMITTEE

- (1) The Umpires Committee shall consist of THREE persons appointed by the BCA at the Annual General Meeting, each of whom shall have been an experience of officiating in at least 01 Ranji Trophy Match. In the event of such a person not being available, any umpire who has highest level of umpiring certificates shall be eligible to be appointed. No person may be a member of this Committee for more than 5 years. The senior most umpire shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.
- (2) The function of the Umpires Committee shall be to standardize umpiring throughout State and to draw up and maintain a panel of Umpires to officiate matches in State and classify them into State Panel, District Panel of Umpires, according to the merits of the Umpires (subject to reclassification), as per criteria worked out by the Committee. The Committee shall hold examinations from time to time for this purpose.



- (3) *The Committee shall appoint umpires for all District, Zonal and State level matches and shall assist Members in the formation of the panels of Umpires in their respective areas. The Committee shall endeavor to promote umpiring by conducting camps and programmes.*
- (4) *The Committee shall draw a format to obtain confidential reports from captains on umpires, match referees or any other designated persons to assess the merits / demerits of the Umpires.*
- (5) *The Committee may hold, organize and arrange seminars and conventions of umpires to discuss the laws of the game, experimental rules and suggestions of BCCI in regard to amendments, alterations and additions to the laws of the game.*

31. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

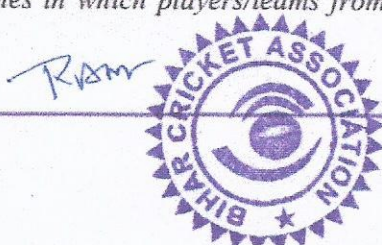
- (1) *The Governing Council of the BPL shall consist of SEVEN members who shall be inducted at every Annual General Body Meeting of the BCA. The term of the members of the Executive Council (other than the Secretary, Treasurer, AG nominee and CEO) shall be three years.*
- (2) *The composition of the Governing Council shall be as follows:*
 - i. *Four representatives of the General Body; of which two shall be the Secretary and Treasurer, and two others to be elected by the General Body;*
 - ii. *One representative of the Cricket Player's Association from amongst those of its members who hail from Bihar (other than the representatives on the Committee of Management);*
 - iii. *The Executive Member who is the nominee of the Accountants General, Bihar on the Committee of Management;*
 - iv. *The CEO of the BCA;*
- (3) *One of the two elected Member representatives shall be the Chairperson of the Governing Council.*
- (4) *All decisions relating to the BPL would be taken by the Governing Council by majority and in case of equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.*
- (5) *The Governing Council shall maintain a separate Bank Account which shall be operated by the Treasurer and the CEO.*
- (6) *The Governing Council shall, at the following Meeting of the General Body, submit a report along with all decisions taken by it.*

32. INADVERTENT OMISSION TO GIVE NOTICE OF MEETING

Inadvertent omission to give notice of an Annual General or Special General Meeting or Meetings of the Committee of Management or of any of the Committees to any member entitled thereto or the non-receipt thereof by such individual shall not invalidate the proceedings of such meetings.

33. PERMISSION TO CONDUCT TOURNAMENTS

- (1) *No Club or person affiliated to a member shall conduct or organize any tournament or any matches in which players/teams from the region within the jurisdiction of a member are participating or are likely to participate without the previous permission of the BCA.*
- (2) *No member or a Club or person affiliated to a member shall conduct or organize any tournament or any match/matches in which players/teams from regions outside their jurisdiction are participating or are likely to participate without the previous permission of the BCA and such permission, if any, shall be subject to payment of subscription of Rs. 7,500/- for each Cricket League and Rs. 5,500/- for each Knock out tournaments.*
- (3) *Permission for conducting or organizing any tournament or match/matches will be accorded only to the members of the BCA and will be in accordance with the rules framed by the BCA in this regard from time to time.*
- (4) *No member or a Club affiliated to a member shall conduct or organize any inter-State Tournament or Inter-State match/matches in which players/teams from other States are participating or are likely to*



participate without the previous permission of the BCCI. Permission for conducting or organizing any Inter-State Tournaments or Inter-State match/matches will only be accorded to the Members of the BCCI on special occasions.

- (5) Members or their affiliates desirous of undertaking tours within Bihar or inviting teams of other Districts shall obtain the previous permission of the BCA, which may be granted in accordance with the Rules framed by the BCA.
- (6) Only Full members shall have right to hold tournaments between the teams of their members.
- (7) Associate Members may put their teams to participate in the tournament conducted by such Full Members in whose jurisdiction their head office exists.
- (8) Franchisees may hold BPL as per the terms and conditions of the agreement entered between them with BCA. Full Members shall provide all necessary assistance as may be required for holding BPL by the Franchisees.
- (9) No Junior Tournaments shall be conducted either by the Full Members or Associate Members where each inning of the match is of less than 40 over.

34. **BAN ON PARTICIPATION IN UNAPPROVED TOURNAMENTS**

- (1) No Member shall participate or extend help of any kind to an unapproved Tournament.
- (2) No Player, Umpire, Scorer, Official or other person associated with the BCA shall participate in any unapproved tournament.
- (3) The Committee of Management shall take appropriate action including suspension and stoppage of financial benefits and any other action against individuals / Members contravening the above.

35. **PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS**

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37. **THE ELECTORAL OFFICER**

- (1) At least four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting at which an election is to be held, the Committee of Management shall appoint an Electoral Officer, who shall be a former member of the Election Commission of Bihar.
- (2) The Electoral Officer shall oversee and supervise the entire election process including scrutiny of the electoral rolls for Executive Members, which shall include all nominations and candidatures being subject to his scrutiny in accordance with Rules.
- (3) In case of any dispute or objection as to candidacy, disqualification, eligibility to vote, or the admission or rejection of a vote in the elections to the Apex Council or any of the Committees, the Electoral Officer shall decide the same and such decision shall be final and conclusive.

38. **AUDITOR(S):**

- (1) The General Body shall at every Annual General Meeting appoint one or more auditors to hold office for a 1 year period and shall fix their remuneration. The Auditor shall be eligible for reappointment by the General Body.
- (2) The Auditor(s) of the BCCI shall have the right of access at all times to the Books of Accounts, Vouchers and any other documents relating to the accounts of the BCA and shall be entitled to obtain from the



Office-bearers and Committees such information and explanation as may be necessary in the discharge of his/their duties.

- (3) The Auditor(s) shall provide an opinion on the financial statements of the BCA and recommendations on the financial controls within the system, which shall be contained in a Financial Report.
- (4) The Auditor(s) shall also ascertain how the funds of the BCA are being utilized by the respective Members. It will be the responsibility of the Auditor(s) to verify the statements made by the Member associations in this regard and to give findings, which shall be contained in a Compliance Report.
- (5) Both the Financial Report and the Compliance Report of the Auditor(s) shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

39. ACCOUNTS

True accounts shall be kept by the Treasurer of all moneys received and expended by the BCA and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place and of all assets, credits and liabilities of the BCA. This shall include the separate account maintained for the Tournaments as well.

40. SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & BALANCE SHEET

The accounts shall, unless the General Body fixes any other date there for, be settled by the Treasurer on the 31st of March in each year, and a balance sheet of the assets and liabilities of the BCA on that day shall be made out by him. The Balance Sheet duly audited with the Auditor's remarks shall be laid before the General Body at the Annual General Meeting.

41. TRANSPARENCY

- (i) The Memorandum of Association, Rules and Regulations and all other resolutions, orders and memoranda of the BCA (including the Committee of Management and the General Body) shall be freely available to the general public at a reasonable price. The same shall also be available on the Website of the BCCI.
- (ii) The composition of the various Committees (including the Executive Council), their reports of work done, financial outlay and expenditure shall be uploaded on the Website of the BCA on a quarterly basis at distinct links dedicated to each Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Manager to ensure that this is done.
- (iii) All payments and expenditures made by the BCA which is in excess of Rs.2.50 lakh (Rs. Two Lakhs and Fifty Thousand) shall be enumerated and uploaded on the website.
- (iv) All proceedings and conclusions of the Ombudsman and the Electoral Officer shall be uploaded on the Website of the BCA annually.
- (v) The audited accounts, balance sheets, profit & loss accounts and annual reports shall be uploaded on the Website of the BCA annually.
- (vi) The Financial and Compliance Reports of the Auditor shall be placed on the uploaded on the Website of the BCA annually.
- (vii) All notices on or behalf of the BCA including tenders for goods and services, for contractual arrangements and the like shall be promptly uploaded on the Website of the BCA.
- (viii) The website of the BCA shall have dedicated links to all the stadia in the country which host international matches, along with their complete seating capacity, pricing and transparent booking procedures for all tournaments whether National, Domestic or Tournament. All sponsor and other free allotments shall also be disclosed, in no event being more than 10% of the entire seating capacity in any particular category.

42. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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- (1) A Conflict of Interest may take any of the following forms as far as any individual associated with the BCA is concerned:
- (i) **Direct or Indirect Interest:** When the BCA, a Member, the Tournament or a Franchisee enter into contractual arrangements with entities in which the individual concerned or his/her relative, partner or close associate has an interest. This is to include cases where family members, partners or close associates are in positions that may, or may be seen to compromise an individual's participation, performance and discharge of roles.
- Illustration 1:** A is an Office Bearer of the BCA when it enters into abroad cast contract with a company where A's son B is employed. A is hit by Direct Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 2:** C is a Member of the Tournament Executive Council. The Tournament enters into a contract with a new franchisee, the Managing Director of which is C's partner in an independent commercial venture. C is hit by Indirect Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 3:** D is the Office Bearer of a District Association. D's wife E has shares in a Tournament Franchisee which enters into a stadium contract with the District Association. D is hit by Indirect Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 4:** F is President of the BCA. His son-in-law is a Team Official of a Franchisee. F is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 5:** G is an employee of the BCA. His wife runs a catering agency that is engaged by the BCA. G is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- (ii) **Roles compromised:** When the individual holds two separate or distinct posts or positions under the BCA, a Member, the BPL or the Franchisee, the functions of which would require the one to be beholden to the other, or in opposition thereof.
- Illustration 1:** A is the Coach of a team. He is also Coach of an BPL Franchisee. A is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 2:** B is Secretary of the BCA. He is also President of a District Association. B is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 3:** C is the Vice President of the BCA. He is also President of a District Association and member of a Standing Committee. C is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 4:** D is a Selector. He is also coach of an BPL franchisee. D is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- (iii) **Commercial conflicts:** When the individual enters into endorsement contracts or other professional engagements with third parties, the discharge of which would compromise the individual's primary obligation to the game or allow for a perception that the purity of the game stands compromised.
- Illustration 1:** A runs a cricket academy. He is appointed as a selector. A is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 2:** B is a BCA commentator. He also runs a sports management company which contracts members of the team. B is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 3:** C is a selector. He is contracted to write a column on a tour that the State team is on. C is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 4:** D is a team captain. He is also co-owner of a sports management agency which is contracted to manage other team members. D is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- Illustration 5:** E is a member of the BPL Governing Council. He is engaged by a cricket broadcaster to act as a Tournament commentator. E is hit by Conflict of Interest.
- (iv) **Prior relationship:** When the individual has a direct or indirect independent commercial engagement with a vendor or service provider in the past, which is now to be engaged by or on behalf of the BCA, its Member, the BPL or the Franchisee.



Illustration 1: A is President of the BCA. Prior to his taking office, he has been engaged professionally for his services by a firm B. After A becomes President, B is appointed as the official consultants of the BCA. A is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 2: B is the Secretary of a District Association. Prior to his election, he ran a firm C, specializing in electronic boundary hoardings. Upon becoming Secretary, the contract for the Association's stadium hoardings is granted to C. B is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 3: D is the Chairperson of the Governing Council. Before he came into this office, he used to engage E as his auditor for his business. After becoming Chairperson, E is appointed as auditor to the BPL. D is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 4: F is the Captain of a Tournament team, and G is the team's manager. When F is made Captain of the State team, G is appointed as the State team's manager. F is hit by Conflict of Interest.

- (v) **Position of influence:** When the individual occupies a post that calls for decisions of governance, management or selection to be made, and where a friend, relative or close affiliate is in the zone of consideration or subject to such decision-making, control or management. Also, when the individual holds any stake, voting rights or power to influence the decisions of a franchisee / club / team that participates in the commercial league(s) under BCA;

Illustration 1: A is a selector. His son is in the zone of consideration for selection. A is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 2: B is the Secretary of a District Association. He also runs a cricket academy in the District. B is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 3: C is an umpire. His daughter D is a member of a team which is playing a match in which C officiates. C is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 4: E is the President of a District Association and his company F owns 12 cricket clubs in the District from which probables are selected for the District team. E is hit by Conflict of Interest.

EXPLANATION: The Illustrations which refer to a President / Secretary / Vice-President may be read as illustrations referring to any other Office Bearer, and also to the members of the Apex Council, the Governing Council and the Committees.

- (2) Within a period of 15 days of taking any office under the BCA, every individual shall disclose in writing to the Committee of Management any existing or potential event that may be deemed to cause a Conflict of Interest, and the same shall be uploaded on the website of the BCA. The failure to issue a complete disclosure, or any partial or total suppression thereof would render the individual open to disciplinary action which may include termination and removal without benefits. It is clarified that a declaration does not lead to a presumption that in fact a questionable situation exists, but is merely for information and transparency.
- (3) A Conflict of Interest may be either Tractable or Intractable.
- Tractable conflicts are those that are resolvable or permissible or excusable through recusal of the individual concerned and/or with full disclosure of the interest involved;
 - Intractable conflicts are those that cannot be resolved through disclosure and recusal, and would necessitate the removal of the individual from a post or position occupied so that the conflict can cease to exist;

Explanation: In Illustration (3) of Rule 42(1)(i), if the wife held 51% shares, the conflict will be treated as intractable. If the wife holds 13% shares the conflict is tractable or intractable will have to be decided by the Ethics Officer on the facts of the case. If the wife holds 1%-2% or only 100 shares out of 1 crore shares, a disclosure of the same may be sufficient.



- (4) It is clarified that no individual may occupy more than one of the following posts at a single point of time except where prescribed under these Rules:
- a. Player (Current)
 - b. Selector / Member of Cricket Committee
 - c. Team Official
 - d. Commentator
 - e. Match Official
 - f. Administrator / Office-Bearer
 - g. Electoral Officer
 - h. Ombudsman & Ethics Officer
 - i. Auditor
 - j. Any person who is in governance, management or employment of a Franchisee
 - k. Member of a Standing Committee
 - l. Chief Manager & Managers
 - m. Office Bearer of a Member
 - n. Service Provider (Legal, Financial, etc.)
 - o. Contractual entity (Broadcast, Security, Contractor, etc.)
 - p. Owner of a Cricket Academy
- (5) As far as incumbents are concerned, every disclosure mandated under Sub-Rule (3) may be made within 90 days of the approval of these Rules by Committee of Management.

43. THE ETHICS OFFICER

- (1) The BCA shall appoint an Ethics Officer at the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of guidance and resolution in instances of conflict of interest. The Ethics Officer shall be a retired Judge of a District Court so appointed by the BCA after obtaining his/her consent and on terms as determined by the BCA in keeping with the dignity and stature of the office. The term of an Ethics Officer shall be one year, subject to a maximum of 3 terms in office.
- (2) Any instance of Conflict of Interest may be taken cognizance of by the Ethics Officer:
- a. Suo Moto;
 - b. By way of a complaint in writing to the official postal or email address; or
 - c. On a reference by the Committee of Management;
- (3) After considering the relevant factors and following the principles of natural justice, the Ethics Officer may do any of the following:
- a. Declare the conflict as Tractable and direct that:
 - i. The person declare the Conflict of Interest as per Rule 45 (3); or
 - ii. The interest that causes the conflict be relinquished; or
 - iii. The person refuses from discharging the obligation or duty so vested in him or her;
 - b. Declare the conflict as Intractable and direct that:
 - i. The person be suspended or removed from his or her post; and
 - ii. Any suitable monetary or other penalty be imposed; and
 - iii. The person be barred for a specified period or for life from involvement with the game of cricket;

The Ethics Officer is wholly empowered to also direct any additional measures or restitution as is deemed fit in the circumstances.



44. THE OMBUDSMAN

- (1) The BCA shall appoint an Ombudsman at the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of providing an independent dispute resolution mechanism. The Ombudsman shall be a retired Judge of the High Court or a retired District Justice of a District Court so appointed by the BCA after obtaining his/her consent and on terms as determined by the BCA in keeping with the dignity and stature of the office. The term of the Ombudsman shall be one year, subject to a maximum of 3 years in office.
- (2) The BCA shall, in consultation with the CEO frame Regulations regarding the discipline and conduct of the Players, Match Officials, Team Officials, Administrators, Committee Members and others associated with the BCA.

45. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

- (1) The types of disputes/differences that form the Ombudsman's ambit and the procedures for redressal are:

a. **Member, Association & Franchisee Disputes**

Any disputes between or among the BCA, its Members, Tournament Franchisees, Zones and the Cricket Players' Association shall be automatically referred to the Ombudsman.

Procedure: Both parties would submit their arguments and a hearing would be conducted following the principles of natural justice and exercising all powers of enquiry and hearing as the Ombudsman deems fit before appropriate orders are passed.

b. **Detriment caused by Member or Administrator**

If any Member or any Administrator of the BCA commits any act of indiscipline or misconduct or acts in any manner which may or likely to be detrimental to the interest of the BCA or the game of cricket or endanger the harmony or affect the reputation or interest of the BCA or refuses or neglects to comply with any of the provisions of the Memorandum and/or the Rules & Regulations of the BCA and/or the Rules of conduct framed by the BCA, the Committee of Management, on receipt of any complaint shall issue a Show Cause Notice calling for explanation and on receipt of the same and/or in case of no cause or insufficient cause being shown, refer the same to the Ombudsman.

Procedure: The Ombudsman shall, after providing opportunity of hearing to the parties concerned, pass an appropriate order.

c. **Misconduct or Breach by Others**

In the event of any complaint being received from any quarter or based on any report published or circulated or on its own motion, of any act of indiscipline or misconduct or violation of any of the Rules and Regulations by any Player, Umpire, Team Official, Selector or any person associated with the BCA, the Committee of Management shall refer the same within 48 hours to the Chief Manager to make a preliminary enquiry.

Procedure: The CEO shall forthwith make a preliminary inquiry and call for explanations from the concerned person(s) and submit his report to the Committee of Management not later than 15 days from the date of reference being made by the Committee of Management. On receipt of the report, the Committee of Management shall forward the same to the Ombudsman, who shall call for all particulars and unless it decides that there is no prima facie case and accordingly drops the charge, hearing shall commence on the case and the same shall be completed as expeditiously as possible by providing a reasonable opportunity to the parties of being heard. If, despite due notice, any party fails to submit any cause or submits insufficient cause, the Ombudsman shall after providing reasonable opportunity of hearing to the parties concerned, pass appropriate order. In the event any party refuses and or fails to appear



despite notice, the Ombudsman shall be at liberty to proceed *ex-parte* on the basis of the available records and evidence.

d. **By the Public against the BCA**

Where a member of the public is aggrieved concerning ticketing and access and facilities at stadia, the same may be brought in the form of a complaint to the Ombudsman.

Procedure: The Ombudsman would adopt the same procedure as laid down in (c) above after referring the complaint to the Chief Manager to solicit a report on the complaint.

- (3) The Place of hearing shall be decided by the Ombudsman from time to time. The Ombudsman shall have the power to impose penalties as provided in the Regulations for Players, Team Officials, Administrators, Managers and Match Officials of the BCA.
- (4) The decision of the Ombudsman shall be final and binding and shall come into force forthwith on being pronounced and delivered.
- (5) Any Administrator, Player, Match Official, Team Official, Selector or other individual associated with the BCA on being found guilty and expelled by the BCA shall forfeit all their rights and privileges. He or she shall not in future be entitled to hold any position or office or be admitted in any committee or any role on the BCA.
- (6) A Member or Franchise once expelled, may, on application made after expiry of three years since expulsion, be readmitted by the BCA, provided the same is accepted at a General Body meeting by 3/4th members present and voting.
- (7) Pending inquiry and proceeding into complaints or charges of misconduct or any act of indiscipline or violation of any Rules and Regulations, the concerned Member, Administrator, Player, Match Official, Team Official, or other individual associated with the BCA (along with their respective privileges and benefits) may be suspended by the Committee of Management until final adjudication. However, the said adjudication ought to be completed within three months, failing which the suspension shall cease.

46. **NOTICE**

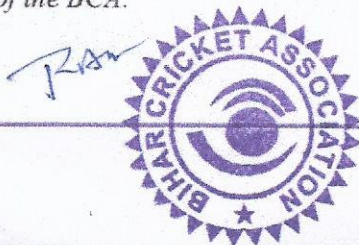
- (1) Any notice required to be served on any Member of the BCA or any Administrator or other entity shall be addressed to their registered addresses.
- (2) All notices shall be served by way of electronic mail to the official e-mail addresses as are furnished to the BCA.
- (3) Any notice sent via post or e-mail shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the same was sent, and it shall be sufficient to prove either that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and posted or that the email was sent to the correct e-mail address.

47. **BANK ACCOUNT**

Account(s) shall be opened in the name of the BCA in such Schedule bank(s) as may be approved by the Committee and shall be operated by the joint signatures of the Hony. Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer.

48. **RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS /OFFICIALS/PLAYERS**

- (a) Members/officials/players shall not indulge in such act, behavior or conduct that may bring the BCA to disrepute or may be considered prejudicial or anyway undesirable to the interest or the BCA.
- (b) The BCA shall not interfere with the normal business or management of any Member, but it shall have the right to call for an explanation/to take action, if necessary, against any Member for infringement of the Rules & Regulations of the BCA.



- (c) Every Member shall forward to the BCA, each year, the names and addresses of its office bearers and players register under them.
- (d) Every Member shall release players selected by the BCA for Inter-State and other representative matches.
- (e) Every Member having a ground shall place its ground in proper playing condition at the disposal of the BCA for tournaments and other matches conducted by the BCA.
- (f) No Member shall run any tournament or conduct any match in its area without the prior approval of the Committee of Management.
- (g) No Members and its registered players shall take part in any match or tournament which is not approved/conducted by the BCA. This Rule shall not be applicable to University/College/School/Office teams participating in bonafide Inter University/Inter Collegiate/Inter School/Inter Office tournaments.

49. LAWS OF THE GAME

The laws of Cricket framed by INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL from time to time and accepted by the Board for Control for Cricket in India and the Rules of the Board shall be observed by the BCA. However, the BCA shall have power to amend the Rules to suit the local conditions.

50. INDEMNITY

Every Office-bearer, Executive Members, Chief Manager, Manager or a Member of a Committee of the BCA shall be indemnified out of the BCA's funds against all losses and expenses incurred in the discharge of his or her duties, except those which have occurred through willful act or default and if so, each one shall be chargeable only for so much moneys or properties as they shall actually receive for or in the discharge of the business of the BCA and shall be answerable only for their own act, neglect or default and not for those of any other person.

51. SUITS BY OR AGAINST THE BCA

The BCA shall sue or be sued in the name of the Honorary Secretary.

52. AMENDMENT AND REPEAL

These Rules and Regulations of the BCA shall not be repealed, added to, amended or altered except when passed and adopted by a 3/4th majority of the members present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting of the General Body convened for the purpose or at the Annual General Meeting. Any such amendment will not be given effect to without the leave of the Honorable Supreme Court.

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