

Proposed Amendments to the Memorandum of Association, Rules and Bye-Laws of the All India Tennis Association (AITA)
in compliance with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026

Comparative Chart of Existing Provisions and Proposed Amendments

Provision No.	Existing Provisions of the AITA Memorandum of Association, Rules and Bye-Laws of the All India Tennis Association (AITA)	Proposed Amendments to the Memorandum of Association, Rules and Bye-Laws of the All India Tennis Association (AITA)
Memorandum of Association		
Sec-4 (Aims & Objects)	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of tennis (hereinafter called "The Game") in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game and those of the Association and particularly:	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of tennis (hereinafter called "The Game") in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game, the players, the coaches and all other stakeholders involved with the game and those of the Association and particularly:
Sec-4(s) (Agreements with firms)	In furtherance of its objects, AITA may enter into an agreement with any firm, organisation or concern in which the office bearers and the members of Executive Committee may or may not be financially interested as Director or partner.	In furtherance of its objects, AITA may enter into an agreement with any firm, organisation or concern in which the members of Executive Committee may or may not be financially interested as director or partner.
Rules of the All India Tennis Association		
Sec-2 (In Recital)	These shall be applicable to all affiliated units in the country.	These shall be applicable throughout the country.
Sec-3(a) (AITA)	AITA means the All India Tennis Association (hereinafter referred to as 'The Association').	AITA or Association: means the All India Tennis Association.
Sec-3(b) (Association composition)	The Association shall consist of: i. Affiliates with voting rights: A State Tennis Association, Union Territory Tennis Association which satisfies the conditions laid down in Rule 18 of the Rules. ii. Associate Affiliates without voting rights: Institution or any other organisation to which AITA has granted affiliation and which satisfies the conditions laid down in Rule 18 of the Rules, viz Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, etc.	Omitted <i>Note: The entire definition and its sub-categories are deleted. The composition of the Association is now addressed under the restructured Rule 6(a) (General Body).</i>

Sec-3(c) (Central Council)	Central Council: Shall mean and include the Office Bearers, Vice Presidents and Joint Secretaries of AITA, two representatives each nominated by the President / Honorary Secretary of the Affiliates and one representative of each of the Associate Affiliates.	General Body: Shall have the meaning ascribed in Rule 6(a).
Sec-3(d) (Executive Committee)	Executive Committee: Means the Executive Committee of the AITA duly elected at Annual General Meeting plus two player representatives nominated by the Athlete's Commission, with concurrence of President, AITA.	Executive Committee: Means the Executive Committee of the AITA duly elected at Annual General Meeting.
Sec-3(g) (Office-Bearers)	Office-bearers of the AITA: Means and include the President, Hon. Secretary General, and Hon. Treasurer. Any person, who is a national of India and otherwise eligible, will be entitled to be an office-bearer.	Omitted.
Sec-3(h) (President)	President: Means the President of the AITA duly elected by the Central Council.	3(g) President: Means the President of the AITA duly elected by the General Body.
Sec-3(i) (Vice President)	Vice Presidents: Means the Vice Presidents duly elected by the Central Council. Vice President (Chair): Means the one Vice President from amongst the Vice Presidents elected by the Central Council and designated as Vice President (Chair) by the Central Council in the AGM. Vice President (Sports): Means one Vice President from amongst the Vice Presidents elected by the Central Council and designated as Vice President (Sports) by the Central Council in the AGM.	3(h) Vice President: Means the Vice Presidents duly elected by the General Body.
Sec-3(j) (Hon. Secretary General)	Hon. Secretary General: Shall mean the Hon. Secretary General duly elected by the Central Council.	3(i) Hon. Secretary General: Shall mean the Hon. Secretary General duly elected by the General Body.
Sec-3(k) (Hon. Joint Secretary)	Hon. Joint Secretary: Shall mean the Hon. Joint Secretary duly elected by the Central Council. A total of 4 Joint Secretaries shall be elected, one from each zone (North, South, East, West).	3(j) Hon. Joint Secretaries: Shall mean the Hon. Joint Secretaries duly elected by the General Body.

Sec-3(l) (Hon. Treasurer)	Hon. Treasurer: Shall mean the Hon. Treasurer duly elected by the Central Council.	3(k) Hon. Treasurer: Shall mean the Hon. Treasurer duly elected by the General Body .
Sec-3(m) (CEO & CFO)	CEO & CFO: Means the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer respectively duly appointed by the Association.	Omitted.
Sec-3(n)	The Affiliation year or Financial Year: Means the period of twelve months from 1 st April to the following 31 st March.	Renumbered as 3(l)
Sec-3(o) (Jurisdiction)	Jurisdiction: The jurisdiction of the Association shall extend all over India and the territories of India.	3(m) Jurisdiction: The jurisdiction of the Association shall extend all over India, including the Union Territories of India .
Sec-3(p) (Tennis)	Tennis: Means the game of Tennis, Padel/Padel Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Beach Tennis or any other form of Tennis.	3(n) Tennis: Means the game of Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Beach Tennis or any other form of Tennis.
Sec-3(q) (Prominent Tennis Player)	Prominent Tennis Player: Shall mean any tennis player who was ranked in AITA/ITF/ATP/WTB or has represented the nation/state/university either individually or in team competitions, during his/her career.	Omitted.
New	3(b) Board: means the National Sports Board established under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.	
New	3(o) Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit: Shall have the scope and meaning ascribed to the term in <u>Annexure III</u> of these Rules.	
New	3(p) International Charters: means the Rules & Regulations, policies, codes and other such governance documents of the International Tennis Federation.	
New	3(q) ITF: means the International Tennis Federation.	
New	3(r) Act: means the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 as amended from time to time.	
New	3(s) Sports Rules: means the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 as amended from time to time.	
New	3(t) State Affiliate: shall include Union Territory Affiliates as well.	
New	3(u) Tribunal: means the National Sports Tribunal constituted under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.	
Sec-4 (Constitution of Association)	The Association shall comprise of: (a) The State Associations affiliated to AITA; (b) Union Territory Associations affiliated to AITA;	The Association shall comprise of: (a) The General Body ; and (b) The Executive Committee .

	(c) Institution or any other organisation to which the AITA has granted affiliation and which satisfies the conditions laid down in Rule 18 of the Rules, viz Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, etc.	
Sec-5 (Objects)	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of Tennis in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game and those of the Association and particularly as defined in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association.	The Association shall be the governing body of the game of Tennis in India and its objects shall be to advance and safeguard the interests of the game, the players, the coaches and all other stakeholders involved with the game and those of the Association and particularly as defined in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association.
Sec-6 (Management: Central Council)	MANAGEMENT: CENTRAL COUNCIL The Central Council shall supervise and control the administration of the AITA and game in India through the Executive Committee and other sub-committees. a) Central Council Central Council: Shall mean and include Affiliates of AITA, each of which shall be represented by two representatives each nominated by the President / Honorary Secretary of the Affiliates; and Associate Affiliates, each of which shall be represented by one representative, provided that Associate Affiliates shall be entitled to participate in proceedings of the Central Council without voting rights. b) Executive Committee and other Sub-Committees The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary General, Hon. Joint Secretaries and Hon. Treasurer, ten (10) members elected from the representatives representing Affiliates and two player representatives representing the AITA Athletes' Commission. Provided that at least 25% of the strength of the Executive Committee shall consist of prominent tennis players. In the event such number is not achieved, the Executive Committee shall nominate as many tennis players from the prominent players to form part of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall exercise the powers as defined in the Regulations and entrust upon by the Central Council.	MANAGEMENT: GENERAL BODY The General Body shall supervise and control the administration of the AITA and game in India through the Executive Committee and other sub-committees. a. <u>General Body (AMENDED)</u> General Body shall mean and include: i. State Affiliates, each of which shall be represented by two representatives each nominated by the Executive Committee of the State Affiliate; ii. Associate Affiliates, each of which shall be represented by one representative, provided that Associate Affiliates shall be entitled to participate in proceedings of the General Body without voting rights; iii. Four (4) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (2 males and 2 females), who shall be elected by the retired sportspersons included in the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Roster of the Association from amongst themselves as outlined in <u>Annexure III</u> to these Rules; iv. Institution or any other organisation to which the AITA has granted affiliation and which satisfies the conditions laid down in Rule 18 of the Rules, such as Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, etc without voting rights. Only the State Affiliates (2 votes per State Affiliate) and Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit representatives (1 vote each) shall have voting rights in meetings of General Body. The

c) Sub-Committees

The Committees as mentioned below shall be appointed at the Executive Committee Meeting held any time after the Annual General Meeting. The sub-committees will continue to function till the new sub-committees are appointed.

1. Management Committee
2. Finance and Legal Committee
3. International Committee
4. Ethics Committee
5. Arbitration Committee
6. Tournament Committee
7. Senior Selection Committee
8. Junior Selection Committee
9. Coaches Education & Certification Committee
10. Internal Complaints Committee
11. Any other committee as may be appointed by the Executive Committee

Management Committee (DELETED)

A Management Committee shall be appointed to act on behalf of the Executive Committee and shall comprise of:

- President
- Vice President (Chair)
- Hon. Secretary General
- VP Sports
- Joint Secretaries
- Hon. Treasurer
- Three (3) persons if so, nominated by the Executive Committee.

Decisions of the Management Committee will be confirmed if so required, at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Finance and Legal Committee

A Four (4) Member Finance and Legal Committee comprised of the VP (Chair), Hony. Secretary General, VP Sports and Treasurer shall be appointed to advise the Association on matters pertaining to:

- Control of Legal Matters

members of the Executive Committee of AITA can attend the meeting of General Body, but cannot vote in their capacity as member of the Executive Committee unless they are nominated by a State Affiliate as their representative.

b. Executive Committee (AMENDED)

i. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

Sr.No.	Post	Number
1.	President	1
2.	Vice-President	1
3.	Secretary General	1
4.	Joint Secretary (Male)	1
5.	Joint Secretary (Post reserved for Female)	1
6.	Treasurer	1
7.	Executive Member (Minimum 1 post reserved for female)	5
8.	Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit (1 male and 1 female) who shall be elected by the retired sportspersons included in the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Roster of the Association from amongst themselves [as prescribed in <u>Annexure III</u> to these Rules]	2
9.	Athletes Commission Representatives (1 male and 1 female) who shall be elected by the members of the Athletes Committee from amongst themselves.	2
	Total:	15

ii. The Executive Committee shall not have more than 15 members.

- Control of the finances and accounts of the Association.
- Decisions on immovable or movable property of the Association.
- Consideration of the accounts and scrutinization of proposals for expenditure.
- Ways and means of raising funds for the Association.
- Review of internal audit and statutory audit reports, verification and confirmation of the Annual Accounts and financial estimates of income and expenditure of the Association prepared by the Treasurer.
- Budget for the total recurring and non-recurring expenditure for the year, based on the income resources of the Association and steps to ensure that all procedures, processes, statutory obligations and systems are followed and implemented properly.
- Approval of expenditures above Rs 50,000.

International Committee (DELETED)

A three (3) Member International Committee shall be appointed to advise and represent AITA on International sports bodies & Associations. Any person representing on the Board of Directors of International / Asian Federation/s will automatically be a member of the Committee. Any remaining position will be proposed by the President and ratified by the Executive Committee.

Ethics Committee

An Ethics Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for looking into matters relating to adherence to ethical guidelines of the Association and the International Tennis Federation/Olympic Charter.

Arbitration Committee (DELETED)

An Arbitration Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee and be responsible for dealing with any dispute between AITA and any of its

- iii. The term of the Executive Committee shall be of four (4) years.
- iv. At least (4) members of the Executive Committee shall be women. This shall include (a) 1 Joint Secretary, (b) 1 Members Executive, (c) 1 representative of the Athletes Committee, and (d) 1 female Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit.
- v. At least two (2) members of the Executive Committee shall be Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit out of whom 1 shall be male 1 shall be female.
- vi. At least two (2) members of the Executive Committee shall be representatives from the Athletes Committee out of whom 1 shall be male 1 shall be female and these representatives shall have voting rights except where they have a conflict of interest vis-à-vis the agenda being taken up.
- vii. The Executive Committee shall exercise the powers as defined in these Regulations and entrusted upon by the General Body.
- viii. No member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to vote on an agenda in an Executive Committee meeting where they have a conflict of interest vis-à-vis the agenda being taken up.

c. Ethics Committee (AMENDED)

- i. A 5-Member Ethics Committee consisting of One (1) Chairman and Four (4) Members (2 male and 2 female) will be appointed by the General Body upon nomination by the Executive Committee for a term of 4 years.
- ii. The Ethics Committee shall have at least:
 - 1 - a person of eminence and repute
 - 1 - SOM from the AITA SOM Roster
 - 1 - a person who has in the past been a part of the AITA Executive Committee
 - 1 - a person with legal knowledge
 - 1 - a person with expertise in finance and accounting
- iii. No person from the incumbent Executive Committee or the General Body of AITA shall be appointed to the Ethics Committee.

	affiliates/affiliates of affiliates/players/coaches/umpires & officials / administrators, and any other dispute relating to internal matters of AITA. The decision of the Arbitration Committee, which will act in accordance with the laws relating to arbitration in the country, will be final and binding on all concerned. <u>Tournament Committee</u> A Tournament Committee shall be appointed to advice on matters relating to Tournaments structuring, scheduling and other related matters. <u>Senior Selection Committee</u> A Senior Selection Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for selection of teams for all domestic as well as international team events in the senior Men's and Ladies Category. <u>Junior Selection Committee</u> A Junior Selection Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for selection of Junior teams for all domestic as well as international team events in all Junior age groups. <u>Coaches Education & Certification Committee</u> A Coaches Education & Certification Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for all matters relating to Coaches Certification & Education in the country. d) <u>AITA Athletes' Commission (AMENDED)</u> AITA will have an Athletes' Commission. The Commission shall be formed with the following criteria: - The Commission will have a maximum 8 members with its own office bearers. - A member can serve a maximum of three (3) terms, i.e. 12 years 50% of the members will be elected by the players and 50% will be nominated by the Executive Committee of AITA.	- The Ethics Committee shall exercise the powers, perform the functions and follow the procedure which is applicable to the ITF Ethics Commission as per the ITF's Rules & Regulations, ITF's Code of Ethics, ITF's Ethics Commission Conflict of Interest Guidance and ethical guidelines of the Association. - The purpose of the Ethics Committee is to help ensure that the sport of tennis is governed ethically and in accordance with the highest standards of honesty and integrity. - The Executive Committee may formulate an AITA Code of Ethics and publish it on the website of AITA. - The ITF Code of Ethics and the AITA Code of Ethics shall apply to the Executive Committee, members of the Sub-Committees, and each person who is a candidate for election or is appointed or is seeking appointment in AITA in any capacity. - The Ethics Committee shall function entirely independent of the Executive Committee and General Body. However, the Ethics Committee shall have the liberty to take assistance from AITA staff for administrative support and the proper functioning of the Ethics Committee. - The Ethics Committee shall depute an observer for the elections of AITA Executive Committee for ensuring that no unethical practices are being adopted during the process. d. <u>Dispute Resolution Committee (NEW)</u> - A 5-Member Dispute Resolution Committee consisting of One (1) Chairman and (4) Members will be appointed by the General Body upon nomination by the Executive Committee for a term of 4 years. - The Dispute Resolution Committee shall have the following composition: - Chairman - a retired judge of a High Court - Member - a senior advocate (male) - Member - a senior advocate (female) - Member - a person who has in the past been a part of the AITA Executive Committee
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	(d) Elections to the Commission shall be held every 4 years. For the first period of 2020-2024, four (4) persons have been nominated by the athletes. (e) To be eligible to be elected as a member of the Commission an athlete must have satisfied the following criteria:- i. Must be above 18 years of age ii. Must have achieved an ATP/WTB ranking and / or ITF Junior Ranking of less than 300 and / or ITF Seniors Ranking (age groups 35+ /40+ only) of less than 25, during his/her career. iii. Must never have received any sanction in relation to World Anti-Doping Code. (f) Election would be conducted in the presence of an AITA appointed Election Observer. (g) Commission will have representation of at least 2 female athletes. (h) Commission will have only one member representing the Seniors category. (i) The Commission will nominate two representatives to be members of the AITA Executive Committee, with concurrence of AITA President. (j) The Commission will be elected by athletes who qualify to be members as per the above criteria.	• Member - a person with expertise in finance and accounting iii. The Chairman shall decide the composition and the number of members hearing the dispute depending on the subject matter of the dispute. However, for matters under sub-section iv(a) and iv(b) below, the composition of the members hearing will be of all the 5 members. iv. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall be responsible for hearing and deciding any and all disputes: a. Regarding elections of AITA or its affiliates; b. Regarding matters involving AITA's affairs; c. Regarding matters involving AITA's affiliates; d. Regarding matters involving affiliates of AITA's affiliates; e. Pertaining to any action against a player; f. Pertaining to selections; g. Pertaining to age fraud; h. Pertaining to any tournament conducted by AITA its affiliates, or affiliates of AITA's affiliates; i. Pertaining to disciplinary action taken by AITA or its affiliates; and j. Arising out of the field of play. Provided the complaint regarding or pertaining to the internal matter within the State Affiliate shall at first instance be instituted before that State Affiliate's dispute resolution committee. In such cases, the AITA Dispute Resolution Committee shall hear appeals against the decision of the dispute resolution committee of the State Affiliates. v. The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and binding. vi. Before any dispute is referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee, it shall first be referred to a Mediation Panel consisting of 3 members (who shall be persons with past experience of conducting mediation) which shall be appointed by the General Body of AITA in the Annual General Meeting in which the election for the Executive Committee is conducted. Only once the said Mediation Panel gives a certificate that there is no scope for amicable
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		settlement in the dispute, then the aggrieved party may file a complaint before the Dispute Resolution Committee. vii. The AITA Dispute Resolution Committee shall follow the procedure as deemed appropriate by it. The Dispute Resolution Committee in consultation with the Executive Committee shall duly formulate the forms and procedures for filing complaints before the Dispute Resolution Committee and the same shall be published on the website of AITA. viii. The AITA Dispute Resolution Committee shall act independent of AITA Executive Committee and General Body. ix. AITA's members, coaches, players, staff, or any other person or entity which has any dispute with AITA shall not approach any court of law for any grievance with AITA or any of its state/district units. All disputes shall be brought before AITA's Dispute Resolution Committee. Recourse to ordinary and constitutional courts of law shall be barred. x. The Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Committee may, from time to time, lay down nominal fees for filing complaints after approval from the Executive Committee. xi. AITA shall extend all assistance to the Dispute Resolution Committee in order to ensure that its operations run smoothly and in an efficient manner. e. <u>Sub-Committees</u> (AMENDED) The Sub-Committees as mentioned below shall be appointed at the Executive Committee Meeting held any time after the Annual General Meeting. The sub-committees will continue to function till the new sub-committees are appointed. i. Finance and Legal Committee ii. Tournament Committee iii. Senior Selection Committee iv. Junior Selection Committee v. Coaching Committee (RENAMED) vi. Internal Complaints Committee (under POSH Act) vii. Any other committee as may be appointed by the Executive Committee
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Finance and Legal Committee (*AMENDED*)

A **Five (5)** Member Finance and Legal Committee shall be appointed **by the Executive Committee (which shall include the Hony. Secretary General and the Hony. Treasurer as ex officio members)** to advise the Association on matters pertaining to:

- Control of Legal Matters
- Control of the finances and accounts of the Association.
- Decisions on immovable or movable property of the Association.
- Consideration of the accounts and scrutinization of proposals for expenditure.
- Ways and means of raising funds for the Association.
- Review of internal audit and statutory audit reports, verification and confirmation of the Annual Accounts and financial estimates of income and expenditure of the Association prepared by the Treasurer.
- Budget for the total recurring and non-recurring expenditure for the year, based on the income resources of the Association and steps to ensure that all procedures, processes, statutory obligations and systems are followed and implemented properly.
- Approval of expenditures above Rs. 50,000/- **subject to ratification by the Executive Committee in its next meeting.**

Tournament Committee

A Tournament Committee shall be appointed to advice on matters relating to Tournaments structuring, scheduling and other related matters.

Senior Selection Committee

A Senior Selection Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for selection of teams for all domestic as well as international team events in the senior Men's and Ladies Category.

Junior Selection Committee

A Junior Selection Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for selection of Junior teams for all domestic as well as international team events in all Junior age groups.

Coaching Committee (*RENAMED*)

A **Coaching Committee** shall be appointed and would be responsible for all matters relating to coaches, certification & education in the country.

f. AITA Athletes Committee (*AMENDED*)

AITA will have an elected Athletes Committee. The Committee shall be formed with the following criteria:

- i. The Athletes Committee will have 2 members (1 male and 1 female) who shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee of AITA.**
- ii. Term: The Athletes Committee shall have a term of 4 years from the date of their election.**
- iii. Tenure: A member can serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms, i.e. 12 years, and after that they must undergo a cooling off period of one term i.e. 4 years, before again seeking election to the Athletes Committee.**
- iv. Eligibility: To be eligible to be elected as a member of the Athletes Committee an athlete must have satisfied the following criteria:**
 - a) Must be an Indian citizen, and**
 - b) Must be above 18 years of age on the day of announcement of election, and**
 - c) be in good standing with AITA, meaning not currently suspended or otherwise ineligible to participate in AITA-recognised tournaments pursuant to any applicable rules or regulations, and**
 - d) not have previously served a suspension period of three (3) months or longer, unless AITA approves their eligibility taking into account all relevant factors, and**
 - e) Must never have received any sanction in relation to World Anti-Doping Code, and**
 - f) Must never have received any sanction from ITF, AITA or any of its State/UT Affiliate.**

		v. Election would be conducted in the presence of an AITA appointed election observer. vi. The Athletes Committee shall perform the functions and shall be elected as per the Athletes Committee bye-laws appended to this Constitution as <u>Annexure II</u>.
Sec-7	The phrase ‘Central Council’ is replaced with ‘General Body’ across Sec-7 Sub-sections under Sec-7 will be renumbered due to omissions as outlined hereunder.	
Sec-7(c)	To appoint not more than one person to act on the Committee of Management of the national Grass Court Championship of India, National Hard Court Championship of India and on any other tournaments held in India by any affiliated organisation or any club or Tournament Committee affiliated to such organisation and the expenses of such appointed person shall be met by the Affiliate holding the tournament.	Omitted.
Sec-7(e)	To adopt for any player the status deemed adequate or appropriate as per the international Federation Rules or rules framed by the Association.	To adopt for any player the status deemed adequate or appropriate as per the International Charters or rules framed by the Association.
Sec-7(j)	To enlist by co-option or invitation for any special purpose the services of any person who is not an office-bearer or councilor.	To enlist by co-option or invitation for any special purpose the services of any person who is not a member of the Executive Committee .
Sec-7(l)	To build Stadia and Tennis Courts on the land belonging to the Association or on land owned by any other body or on land taken on lease from any other body, on its own or jointly or in partnership with that body.	To build stadia and tennis courts on the land belonging to the Association or on land owned by any other body or on land taken on lease from any other body, on its own or jointly or in partnership with that body.
Sec-7(n)	In case of dispute between the AITA and/or its office-bearers on one part and State Association or Union Territory Association, units affiliated to State Association, Club, Institution, Councillor or any individual on other part, relating to matters covered under rules and regulations of the AITA, only courts within territorial area of Delhi State shall have jurisdiction to try such matters, irrespective of any other territorial jurisdiction of a party or person to the dispute in such matters and this Rule is binding on its Affiliates, Associates, Councillors, clubs or Institutions, individual person or persons connected directly or indirectly with the AITA. All disputes shall always be referred first for arbitration by the AITA Arbitration Committee.	Omitted.

Sec-7(o)	Affiliated Units of AITA will ensure that any unit affiliated to an Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA will not engage AITA in direct legal proceedings and will always go through the Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA. In case this procedure is not followed, AITA Executive Committee has the power to inform its Affiliate / Associate Affiliate to disaffiliate the said affiliated unit or expel/suspend any office bearer of such an affiliated unit.	Affiliated Units of AITA will ensure that any unit affiliated to an Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA will not engage AITA in direct legal proceedings and will always go through the Affiliate / Associate Affiliate of AITA. In case this procedure is not followed, AITA Executive Committee has the power to inform its Affiliate / Associate Affiliate to disaffiliate the said affiliated unit or expel/suspend any member of the executive committee of such an affiliated unit.
New	7(n) To provide interpretation to these rules and regulations, whenever required.	
Sec-8 (Powers and Duties of Office-Bearers)	POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS a. The President (AMENDED) The President shall be the Chairman/Chairperson of the Association and of the Central Council. He shall preside over all meetings of the Central Council and the Executive Committee. He shall guide the AITA in all its activities and shall exercise superintendence over office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee and other Sub-Committees in the discharge of their duties. He shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Association and its efficient administration. His decision on the day to day affairs being administered and executed by the other Office Bearers, Vice President (Chair), Vice President (Sports) and Joint Secretaries will be final. In particular, the President shall have the following powers/responsibilities: - To implement the objectives of the Association - To deal with all disciplinary matters arising in the AITA or in relation to the Affiliates / Associate Affiliates as per rules on the subject, provided that any decision in relation to those matters shall be made by the Executive Committee and/or the General Meeting. b. The Vice President (Chair) (AMENDED) One of the Vice Presidents will be designated as Vice President (Chair) by the Central Council in the AGM.	POWERS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE a. The President The President shall preside over all meetings of the General Body and the Executive Committee. He shall guide the AITA in all its activities and shall exercise superintendence over members of the Executive Committee and other Sub-Committees in the discharge of their duties. The President may call a meeting of the Executive Committee at a shorter notice for urgent purpose(s). b. The Vice President - In the absence of the President, the Vice President presides over all the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body. - The Vice President may perform any other specific tasks/functions as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the General Body. c. The Hon. Secretary General - Will oversee all the administrative functions and Human Resource matters with the help of executives and other staff as may be required from time to time for efficient running of the office, matters of routine nature relating to the Association and support functions like IT, Website, Social Media, Registrations, Rankings, Meetings.

	i) In the absence of the President, the Vice President (Chair) shall act in exercising all powers of the President, including presiding over all the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Central Council. ii) The Vice President (Chair) may perform any other tasks/functions as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the Central Council. c. The Hon. Secretary General i) Will oversee all the Administrative functions and Human Resource matters with the help of executives and other staff as may be required from time to time for efficient running of the office, matters of routine nature relating to the Association and support functions like IT, Website, Social Media, Registrations, Rankings, Meetings. ii) Will oversee and be responsible for tennis development activities including Coaching and Officiating and for Beach tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Paralympics, Competitions for differently abled and Senior Tennis. Will also be responsible for sponsorships for AITA and other efforts of AITA to raise financial resources. iii) Will perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper and efficient working of the Association. iv) Will cause minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Council to be correctly recorded, confirmed and kept. v) With the consent of the President, will convene meetings of the Central Council, Executive Committee etc. whenever required. However, on instruction from the President, Executive Committee Meeting can be called at short notice and to the extent possible all meetings would be through virtual/video conference. vi) In case of urgency, will obtain the views of the Central Council or members of the Executive	ii. Will oversee and be responsible for tennis development activities including Coaching and Officiating and for Beach tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Paralympics, Competitions for differently abled and Senior Tennis. Will also be responsible for sponsorships for AITA and other efforts of AITA to raise financial resources. iii. Will perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper and efficient working of the Association. iv. Will cause minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body to be correctly recorded, confirmed and kept. v. Will issue the notices for convening of the meetings of the General Body and Executive Committee as per these Rules. However, on instruction from the President, Executive Committee Meeting can be called at short notice. As and when required, the Hony. Secretary General, with the permission of the President may call the Executive Committee meeting, through virtual/video conference, provided such meetings are fully recorded. vi. In case of urgency, will obtain the views of the General Body or members of the Executive Committee by circulation or by any other manner as directed by the President. d. The Honorary Joint Secretaries i. All the duties & powers of the Hon. Joint Secretaries shall be entrusted to them by the Executive Committee. ii. In the absence of the Hony. Secretary General the Executive Committee shall appoint one of the Joint Secretaries to discharge the functions of the Hony. Secretary General. e. The Honorary Treasurer i. Within a reasonable time after the close of the financial year, the Hon. Treasurer shall furnish the Executive Committee with a statement of accounts, copies of which shall be forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee. ii. All accounts shall be maintained by the Hon. Treasurer and he
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	Committee by circulation or by any other manner as directed by the President. d. The Vice President (Sports) (OMITTED) One of the Vice Presidents will be designated as Vice President (Sports) by the Central Council in the AGM. His/Her powers will be as under: i) Will oversee all matters relating to Professional Tennis sporting activities including the Davis Cup and Fed Cup and all professional tournaments. ii) Will have overall charge and responsibility for Professional Tennis Activities including Teams' Selections, Camps, Tournaments, International Exposure, Players' issues, coordination with Athletes' commission and professional players, Media management and Interactions on Tennis matters. iii) Perform such other duties as may be necessary for the proper and efficient working of the Association. e. The Honorary Joint Secretaries (AMENDED) A total of 4 Joint secretaries shall be elected by the Central Council, one from each zone of India, namely North, South, East and West. Each joint secretary would represent each of the 4 zones respectively. All the duties & powers of the Hon. Joint Secretaries shall be entrusted to them by the Executive Committee & / or by the President. f. The Honorary Treasurer i) Within a reasonable time after the close of the financial year, the Hon. Treasurer shall furnish the Executive Committee with a statement of accounts, copies of which shall be forwarded to all members of the Executive Committee. ii) All accounts shall be maintained by the Hon. Treasurer and he shall be entitled to pay all bills unless previously countermanded by the Executive Committee or the Central Council.	shall be entitled to pay all bills unless previously countermanded by the Executive Committee or the General Body. iii. All cheques shall be issued under the joint signatures of the Hon. Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary General or the President iv. The above will be subject to the condition that any payment in excess of Rs 50,000/- can be made only when authorized by the Finance and Legal Committee. All amounts received by the Hon. Treasurer shall be deposited with the bankers of the Association forthwith. v. All amounts received by the Hon. Treasurer shall be deposited with the bankers of the Association forthwith. vi. The Hon. Treasurer shall ensure that the accounts of the Association are audited at the end of each financial year by the auditors of the Association. vii. Collect all moneys and dues payable to the Association and report to the Executive Committee on all financial matters. viii. Make an annual statement of accounts and place it before the Annual General Meeting of the General Body. ix. Submit to the President quarterly statements of income and expenditure. x. Disburse the funds of the Association according to the directions of the Executive Committee. xi. Keep a roll of all members and from time to time amend and correct the same as circumstances require. xii. Employ such clerical and other assistants as may be authorized by the Executive Committee.
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Sec-9 (Powers and Duties of the Sub-Committees)	9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES a. All sub-committees shall carry out such duties as may be authorized by the Central Council. Such duties shall be discharged in accordance with the Regulations of the Association. b. All sub-committees are recommendatory. Final decisions shall rest with the Executive Committee. c. Normal business of all sub-committees can also be done by post or virtual meetings. d. Executive Committee may appoint ex-officio members to the sub-committee.	9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES a. All sub-committees shall carry out such duties as may be authorized by the General Body. Such duties shall be discharged in accordance with these rules and regulations of the Association. b. All sub-committees are recommendatory. Final decisions shall rest with the Executive Committee. c. Normal business of all sub-committees can also be done by post or virtual meetings. d. Executive Committee may appoint ex-officio members to the sub-committee.

		e. Every sub-committee must meet quarterly and submit their report to the Executive Committee. <i>(NEW)</i>
Sec-10 (Election Laws) Bye	10. ELECTION BYE LAWS - Attached as Annexure 1	10. ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE a. The elections of the Executive Committee of AITA shall be held in strict compliance with the Act and the Sports Rules, as amended from time to time (as specifically outlined in the <u>Annexure I</u> to these Rules).
Sec-11 (Tenure of Office Bearers)	11. TENURE OF OFFICE BEARERS <i>(OMITTED)</i> The President can hold the office for a maximum period of twelve (12) years with or without break. The Hon. Secretary General and the Hon. Treasurer may serve a maximum of two successive terms of four years each after which a minimum cooling off period of four years will apply to seek fresh election to either post. The President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall be eligible if he/she be less than 70 years old on the election date. And if any member is thus elected before the age of 70, then he/she shall continue the full tenure. Furthermore, no office bearer of the AITA shall be eligible to be the office bearer simultaneously of any other National Sports Federation/Association except of the Indian Olympic Association.	11. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE <i>(NEW)</i> a. A person shall not be qualified to contest for election or seek nomination to, the Executive Committee, unless: i. such person is a citizen of India who has attained at least twenty-five years (25) of age and is not seventy-five (75) of age on the last date of nomination for election; ii. the nomination of such person is duly proposed and seconded by a voting member of the General Body; iii. such person is not declared to be of unsound mind; iv. such person complies with the International Charters and Statutes and bye-laws relating to age and term of the Executive Committee; and v. such person, if he is a government servant, has necessary approvals from the Government, as applicable. b. A person shall not be qualified to contest for election or seek nomination for the post President or the Hony. Secretary General or the Treasurer, unless such person (i) is a SOM GB Representative, or (ii) has previously served as a member for at least one full term in the Executive Committee of AITA on any post, or (iii) has previously served as the President, or the Secretary General or the Treasurer in any of its State Affiliate units. c. A person may continuously hold the position of either the President or the Secretary General or the Treasurer, as the case may be, for up to three consecutive terms separately, or in combination thereof and shall be eligible for election to such posts or to the Executive Committee after a mandatory cooling off period of one term.

Sec-12 (New - Disqualifications)	-	12. DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR GENERAL BODY, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES a. A person shall be disqualified from being a member of the General Body, or of any committee of a AITA, and shall not be eligible for contesting for election to the Executive Committee or the Athletes Committee, if such person: i. is declared insolvent under applicable law; or ii. is subject to a conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction in India for an offence, followed by a sentence of imprisonment; or iii. is subject to a ban from holding any such position by an order of the Ethics Committee of AITA; or iv. is a member of the general body or of any committee of any other National Sports Body which is registered with the National Sports Board under the Act, except the Indian Olympic Association; or v. has not completed the cooling off period of one term after having held the position of President, Secretary General or Treasurer in any other National Sports Body which is registered with the National Sports Board under the Act, except the Indian Olympic Association; or b. The period of disqualification under Clause 12(a)(i) shall be for the period of insolvency. c. The period of disqualification under Clause 12(a)(ii) shall be for a period of one full term of the Executive Committee after the completion of such sentence. d. The period of disqualification under Clause 12(a)(iii) shall be for the duration of such ban.
Sec-12 (Casual Vacancies)	The phrase ‘office-bearers’ used throughout.	Sec-12 to be renumbered as Sec-13 The phrase ‘members of the Executive Committee’ replaces ‘office-bearers’ throughout the Casual Vacancies provision.
Sec-13 (Permanent Vacancies)	13. PERMANENT VACANCIES Permanent vacancies can be caused by death or circumstances which may prevent any office-bearer from attending to his duties for more than 3 months. a) President	Sec-13 to be renumbered as Sec-14 14. Permanent vacancies can be caused by death or circumstances which may prevent any member of the Executive Committee office-bearer from attending to his duties for more than 3 months. a. President

	Vice President (Chair) will fill the permanent vacancy of the post of President till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted. b) Honorary Secretary General, Vice President (Chair), Vice President (Sports), Hon. Joint Secretary and Hon. Treasurer Permanent vacancy of the posts of Honorary Secretary General, Vice President (Chair), Vice President (Sports), Hon. Jt. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer shall be filled in by the Executive Committee till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted. Any office bearer who has assumed office by virtue of having filled a permanent vacancy or casual vacancy shall not be deemed to have enjoyed a term of 4 years. He will be entitled to contest election as per rules and if elected, hold office for a further term of 4 years and so on as provided herein above.	Vice President will fill the permanent vacancy of the post of President till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted. b. Honorary Secretary General, Vice President, Hon. Joint Secretaries and Hon. Treasurer Permanent vacancy of the posts of Honorary Secretary General, Vice President, Hon. Jt. Secretaries or Hon. Treasurer shall be filled in by the Executive Committee till 3 months or the next AGM, whichever is less, in which the election shall be conducted. c. Any member of the Executive Committee who has assumed office by virtue of having filled a permanent vacancy or casual vacancy shall not be deemed to have enjoyed a term of 4 years. He will be entitled to contest election as per rules and if elected, hold office for a further term of 4 years and so on as provided herein above.
Sec-14(a) (Accounts - bills)	All bills shall be passed either by the President, Honorary Secretary General or the VP Sports before payment.	Sec-14 to be renumbered as Sec-15 15(a) All bills shall be passed either by the President, Honorary Secretary General or the Treasurer before payment.
Sec-15 (Meetings of the Central Council)	15. MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL (a) Annual General Meeting of the Central Council shall be held annually at such time and place as the President shall fix, provided that such meeting shall not be called on a date earlier than six weeks after the 31st day of March. The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: - i) To receive the report of the Honorary Secretary General which will include the tentative programs for the ensuing year as drawn up by the Executive Committee and the Hon. Treasurer's statement of account for the previous year, duly audited. ii) To elect, when due, President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary General, Hon. Joint Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and Executive Committee. Associate Affiliate shall not be entitled to be elected in the Executive Committee. iii) To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.	Sec-15 to be renumbered as Sec-16 16. MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL BODY a. Annual General Meeting of the General Body shall be held annually at such time and place as the President shall fix, provided that such meeting shall not be called on a date not later than 30th day of September. The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: i. To receive the report of the Honorary Secretary General which will include the tentative programs for the ensuing year as drawn up by the Executive Committee and the Hon. Treasurer's statement of account for the previous year, duly audited. ii. To elect, when due, President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary General, Hon. Joint Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and Executive Committee. Associate Affiliate shall not be entitled to be elected in the Executive Committee.

	(b) All other business transacted at an Annual General Meeting or any General Meeting shall be deemed ‘Special Business’, and shall be decided by two-third’s majority of votes properly recorded. (OMITTED) (c) An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may be convened by the President/Executive Committee whenever they think fit, or shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary General within three months of receipt of requisition by a minimum of five affiliates specifying the business for which the meeting is to be convened. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting. (d) No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. No quorum will be necessary for an adjourned meeting. (e) All ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be decided by a bare majority of votes properly recorded at such meeting. However, any business regarding ‘Change of Constitution and Rules’ will be decided by two-third majority of the member present and who are eligible to vote. All business of an Extraordinary General Meeting, being special, shall be decided by tow-third majority of votes properly recorded. (f) In the case of an equality of votes, the President or the Chairman shall have a casting vote. (g) Notice of every meeting shall be sent by letter/e-mail/Speed Post/Courier as considered expedient to the office-bearers, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries and Members of the Central Council at least 3 weeks prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Such notice shall specify the date, time and place of such meeting and the nature of business to be transacted and in case of Annual General Meeting, shall be accompanied by a report of the Hon. Secretary General, report of the Hon. Treasurer, audited statement of accounts for the past year, provided always that the accidental omission to give any such notice to any person entitled thereto or its non-receipt by him shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting. (h) At a meeting, every question or motion shall be decided by open voting unless, prior to any vote being taken, ballot is-	iii. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year. b. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may be convened by the (i) President, or (ii) the Hon. Secretary General, anytime as required. An Extra-Ordinary General meeting can also be convened on receipt of requisition by a minimum of five State Affiliates, by specifying the business for which the meeting is to be convened. A notice of 3 (three) weeks shall be given for such a meeting. If the President or the Hony. Secretary General do not issue a notice for such Extra-Ordianry General Meeting within 7 days of the receipt of such requisition as mentioned above, any 3 of the 5 states who have requisitioned the meeting, can issued a notice for Extra-Ordianry General Meeting, and such meeting and the business transacted in the meeting shall be considered valid and shall not be legally objected to by the Association. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting, other than that mentioned in the notice. c. No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. No quorum will be necessary for an adjourned meeting. d. All business of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be decided by a bare majority of votes properly recorded at such meeting. However, any business regarding amendment of these rules and regulations will be decided by two-third majority of the member present and who are eligible to vote. e. In the case of an equality of votes, the President or the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote. f. Notice of every meeting shall be sent by letter/e-mail/Speed Post/Courier as considered expedient to the office-bearers, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries and Members of the General Body at least 3 weeks prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Such notice shall specify the date, time and place of such meeting and the nature of business to be transacted and in case of Annual General Meeting, shall be accompanied by a report of the Hon. Secretary General, report of the Hon. Treasurer, audited statement of accounts for the past year, provided always that the accidental omission to give any such notice to any person entitled thereto or its non-receipt by him shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.
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	(aa) Directed by the Chairman or (ab) Demanded by not less than three persons present and entitled to vote. (i) Elections shall be by secret ballot. (j) All matters discussed by the Council in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential. Matters of public interest, may however be released to the press by the Hon. Secretary General subject to approval by the Chairman. No other member is permitted to speak to the press or anybody on behalf of the Association without the permission of the President.	g. At a meeting, every question or motion shall be decided by show of hands unless, prior to any vote being taken, ballot is- i. Directed by the Chairman, or ii. Demanded by not less than 25 (twenty-five) percent of persons present and entitled to vote. h. Elections shall be by secret ballot. i. All the General Body meetings shall be video recorded. j. All matters discussed by the General Body in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential. Matters of public interest, may however be released to the press by the Hon. Secretary General subject to approval by the Chairman. No other member is permitted to speak to the press or anybody on behalf of the Association without the permission of the President.
Sec-16 (No Confidence)	16 NO CONFIDENCE Proposal for no confidence in Executive Committee or any Office Bearer(s) / Members(s) thereof can be taken up only at an EGM convened specially for this purpose. The proposal should be made by at least 25% of the affiliated organizations. The EGM shall be called and convened by the Hon. Secretary General on receipt by him of a requisition in writing to the above effect. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting. A no confidence proposal would be considered as passed if the votes cast in favour of the proposal are at least two-thirds of the votes properly recorded at the meeting.	Sec-16 to be renumbered as Sec-17 17. NO CONFIDENCE Proposal for no confidence of any member of the Executive Committee (except representatives of the SOM or Athletes Committee) can be taken up only at an EGM convened specially for this purpose. The proposal should be made by at least 25% of the voting members of the General Body. The EGM shall mandatorily be called and convened by the Hon. Secretary General on receipt by him of a requisition in writing to the above effect by giving 3 (three) weeks' notice. In the event that such meeting is not called by the Hony. Secretary General, then the meeting shall be called by any three State Affiliates, who shall jointly issue the notice. No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting. A no confidence proposal would be considered as passed if the votes cast in favour of the proposal are more than 50 percent of the votes properly recorded at the meeting.
Sec-17 (Quorum)	17. QUORUM At the AGM or any meeting of the Central Council, 10 persons shall form a quorum of which at least eight shall be representatives of affiliated organisations.	Sec-17 to be renumbered as Sec-18 18. QUORUM At the AGM or any meeting of the General Body, 10 persons shall form a quorum of which at least eight shall be representatives of affiliated organisations. If the quorum is not met, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 (thirty) minutes, after which the meeting shall be reconvened where quorum will not be necessary.
Sec-18 (Affiliations)	18. AFFILIATIONS	Sec-18 to be renumbered as Sec-19 19. AFFILIATIONS

	All State Associations /Union Territory Associations which are Full Member of the All India Tennis Association shall have 2 votes. i. Any State Association / Union Territory which may desire to become an Associate Affiliate shall apply to the Hon. Secretary General. Such applicant State / Union Territory Association must have a legal status as a registered association and have a minimum of 50% of the district level associations affiliated to it or club/institutions which are affiliated. All new affiliations to AITA will be as ‘Associate Affiliate’ in the initial stage. All such applicants must apply with the following documents:- a) Registration Certificate, b) List of Office-bearers, c) List of affiliated District Tennis Associations / Clubs / Institutions / Members d) Minutes of last two Annual General Meetings e) Audited accounts for last two years. f) Copy of Rules & Regulations conforming to AITA Regulations. ii. An Associate Affiliate on fulfilment of the following criteria can apply for promotion as ‘Affiliate with voting rights’:- (DELETED) a) Should have at least two training centres with three (3) courts each, b) Should have at least Five (5) AITA Registered Coaches, c) Should have a minimum of Fifty (50) AITA registered players d) Should have conducted at least four (4) AITA/ITF tournaments in the preceding year. iii. Any affiliate that does not fulfill in time the above requirements listed in 18(iii) hereinabove, will be treated as an Associate Affiliate without voting rights on the decision of the Executive Committee. Such Associate Affiliates may reapply to the Association for becoming an Affiliate with voting rights on fulfilment of applicable conditions in 18(iii).	a. All State Affiliates of the All India Tennis Association shall have 2 votes each. b. Any state association/union territory association which desires to become an Associate Affiliate shall apply to the Hon. Secretary General. c. Such applicant state/union territory association must: i. have a legal status as a registered society, not-for-profit company or trust, and ii. must have district or other units affiliated to it. d. All new affiliations to AITA will be as ‘Associate Affiliate’ and they shall have no voting rights in the General Body of AITA. e. All such applicants must apply with the following documents:- i. Registration Certificate, ii. List of Office-bearers, iii. List of affiliated district or other units, iv. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting, v. Audited accounts, and vi. Copy of rules & regulations conforming to these rules and regulations. f. An Associate Affiliate can apply to the General Body through the Hony. Secretary General for promotion as ‘State Affiliate with voting rights’ and the General Body in its next meeting shall take a decision on such an application on the basis of the tennis promotion activities undertaken by the Associate Affiliate in its State/UT. g. If more than one body or organisation in a State/UT claims affiliation to the AITA, which one of the bodies will be entitled to affiliation to the AITA, will be a matter exclusively and entirely within the power and jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of the AITA to decide. If a body/organisation has already been recognized and affiliated to the AITA from a State/UT, no other body/organisation shall be recognized or affiliated to the AITA. h. Grant of affiliation shall be a matter of discretion and no applicant shall have a right to get affiliation merely because it meets the aforesaid criteria.
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	iv. All such applications must be governed by the rules and in accordance with Regulations to these rules. The applicant shall forward the following documents to AITA Office addressed to the Hon. Secretary General: - Name and address of the training centres. - List of AITA Registered Coaches with their registration number - List of AITA Registered Players with their ITN numbers - List of tournaments held along with the results - List of Affiliated District Associations - List of affiliated clubs / institutions v. If more than one body or organisation in a State claims affiliation to the AITA, which one of the bodies will be entitled to affiliation to the AITA, will be a matter exclusively and entirely within the power and jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of the AITA to decide. If a body/organisation has already been recognized and affiliated to the AITA, no other body/organisation shall be recognized or affiliated to the AITA.	
Sec 19 (Obligations of Organisations)	19. OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISATIONS - Every organisation affiliated under Rule 18 shall pay an annual affiliation fee of Rs. 5000/- plus applicable tax (es). - The annual contribution for each year shall be payable in advance, on or before the 31st day of March, provided, however, that the first annual contribution shall be payable within one month of the receipt of notice of affiliation. - Every affiliated organisation shall on or before the 31st day or March in each year, send to the Association a complete list of office bearers, councillors, names of affiliated clubs, district associations and other organizations, minutes of the Annual General Meeting and audited statements of accounts. This provision, however, will not be applicable to Railways Sports Promotion Board and Services Sports Control Board.	Sec-19 to be renumbered as Sec-20 20. OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANISATIONS - Every organisation affiliated under Rule 19 shall pay an annual affiliation fee of Rs. 5000/- plus applicable taxes or the amount of fees as decided by the General Body from time to time. - The annual contribution for each year shall be payable in advance, on or before the 31st day of March, provided, however, that the first annual contribution shall be payable within one month of the receipt of notice of affiliation. - Every affiliated organisation shall on or before the 30th day of September in each year, send to the Association a complete list of members of its executive committee, councillors, names of affiliated clubs, district associations and other organizations, minutes of the Annual General Meeting and audited statements of accounts. This provision, however, will not be applicable to Railways Sports Promotion Board and Services Sports Control Board.

	d. Notice of every subsequent addition to such list and of any withdrawal there-from shall be sent to the Association by every such organisation. e. Such other information as may be called for by the Association within one month of the receipt of the communication.	d. Notice of every subsequent addition to such list and of any withdrawal there-from shall be sent to the Association by every such organisation. e. Such other information as may be called for by the Association shall be given by the affiliates, including the associated affiliates, within one month of the receipt of the communication.
Sec-20 (Disaffiliations)	Sec-20 to be renumbered as Sec-21 References to ‘Central Council’ to be reworded to ‘General Body’	
Sec-20(b)	For non-filing of membership returns as provided for in Rule 19(c).	For non-filing of membership returns as provided for in Rule 20(c) .
Sec-21 (Disputes)	21. DISPUTES (a) All unresolved disputes arising within the affiliated units of AITA or between affiliated units of AITA shall be referred to the AITA Arbitration Committee by the affiliated units. The arbitration proceedings shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. (b) The arbitration procedure shall be completed within the period specified by the AITA Executive Committee (President AITA based on the circumstances of the case has the authority to extend or vary the period).	Omitted. <i>Note: Sec-21 (Disputes) deleted in its entirety. Dispute resolution now addressed comprehensively through new Dispute Resolution Committee under Rule 6(d).</i>
Sec-22 (Re-admission)	References to ‘Central Council’ to be reworded to ‘General Body’.	
Sec-23 (Voting)	This has been reframed and simplified.	23. VOTING a. The following shall have voting rights in the General Body: i. Each Stat Affiliate will be represented in the General Body by 2 representatives who shall be entitled to a total of 1 vote at all meetings of the General Body. ii. Each SOM GB Representative shall have 1 vote each at all meetings of the General Body. b. No person, representing an Associate Affiliate without voting rights, shall have any right to vote on any matter or subject or issue in discussion before the General Body, but such a person may take part in discussions and express his/her views in the General Body Meeting and all the

		decisions taken by the General Body shall be binding and enforceable irrespective of such person's views expressed in the meeting.
Sec-24 (Notice)	References to 'Central Council' to be reworded to 'General Body'.	
Sec-26 (Travelling and halting expenses)	The President, Vice President (Chair), Hon. Secretary General, VP Sports, Hon. Joint Secretaries and the Hon. Treasurer, the member of the Executive Committee and Members of the various sub-committees shall be entitled to such travelling and halting allowances as may be approved by the Executive Committee.	The members of the Executive Committee and members of the various sub-committees shall be entitled to such travelling and halting allowances as may be approved by the Executive Committee.
Sec-28 (Rules of the game)	References to 'Central Council' to be reworded to 'General Body'.	
Sec-29 (Right of Appeal)	Any club or player affiliated to any affiliated organisation, or any person being a member of such an organisation or club or player being aggrieved by a decision or ruling of the Governing Body of such affiliated organisation, may appeal to the AITA within a period of 30 days of the said decision or ruling and the appeal shall be heard at such place and time and by such persons and in such manner as the Central Council shall direct. Expenses incurred in connection with such an appeal shall be paid by such parties to the appeal and in such manner as the Central Council shall determine.	Any club or player affiliated to any affiliated organisation, or any person being a member of such an organisation or club or player being aggrieved by a decision or ruling of the governing body of such affiliated organisation, may appeal to the concerned affiliate's jurisdictional state dispute resolution committee and in the absence thereof, to the AITA Dispute Resolution Committee.
Heading	REGULATIONS SANTIONED BY THE ALL INDIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION - General Regulations	Omitted.
Sec-32 (Executive Committee)	References to 'Central Council' to be reworded to 'General Body'. Clauses are renumbered owing to omission and additions as mentioned hereunder.	
Sec-32(g)	Each member of the Executive Committee must be a member of an affiliated organization affiliated directly or indirectly to the AITA.	Omitted.
Sec-32(j)	The Executive Committee may also arrive at decisions on points referred to them by circulation. All matters circulated	The Executive Committee may also arrive at decisions on points referred to them by circulation. All matters circulated must be voted on within a period of 5 days from the date of dispatch of the Circular.

	must be voted on within a period of 15 days from the date of dispatch of the Circular.	
Sec-32(k)	A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary General within one month of the receipt by him of a requisition in writing from three members of the Executive Committee.	A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary General within 15 (fifteen) days of the receipt by him of a requisition in writing from three members of the Executive Committee.
Sec-32(m)	The Executive committee shall take decision regarding the Davis Cup, foreign tours and international matches or competitions.	The Executive committee shall take decision regarding the Davis Cup, foreign tours and international matches or competitions taking into consideration the recommendation of the relevant sub-committee(s).
Sec-32(n)	Quorum: At all meetings of the Executive Committee, 5 persons shall form a quorum of which at least two shall be elected representatives of affiliated organizations.	Quorum: At all meetings of the Executive Committee, 5 persons shall form a quorum, of which at least 2 (two) shall be who are not SOM representatives or Athletes Committee representatives. If the quorum is not met, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 (thirty) minutes, after which the meeting shall be reconvened where quorum will not be necessary.
Sec-32(o)	No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of requisite number be present. No quorum will be necessary for an adjointed meeting.	Omitted.
Sec-32(p)	The Executive Committee shall always have the powers to ratify any action or decision taken by the Office Bearers/sub-committee.	The Executive Committee shall always have the powers to ratify or change any action or decision taken by its members or any sub-committee.
New		32(i) The President can decide to call any Executive Committee Meeting virtually instead of a meeting where members are required to attend physically. If an EC is called with physical presence, a member can attend virtually with prior permission of the President and can also vote virtually. However, to give such permission will be at the discretion of the President depending upon the nature of the agenda. Any issue arising due to a failed video or audio connection shall be treated as absence of such a member.
New		32(j) All the Executive Committee meetings, physical or virtual shall be video recorded.

Sec-34 (Rules which must be in the constitution of an affiliate/associate affiliate)	34. RULES WHICH MUST BE IN THE CONSTITUTION OF AN AFFILIATE / ASSOCIATE AFFILIATE a) Every State Association Affiliate must have its own Rules & Regulations which are in conformity with the Rules & Regulations of the AITA. b) Every Affiliate/Associate Affiliate must get AITA approval prior to any amendment to their Constitution. c) An AITA Observer will be appointed for election of Office Bearers, when due, of the Affiliate/Associate Affiliate. The expenses for the AITA Observer will be borne by AITA.	Omitted.
Sec-35 (Standing Orders)	35. STANDING ORDERS 1) The meetings of the Central Council shall be called by the Hon. Secretary General with the approval of the President and shall be held at such place as may be decided by the President. 2) A copy of every report to be presented at a council meeting shall as far as possible, be sent to each member at least five clear day prior to the date fixed for the meeting at which such report is to be considered, Any report on matter of urgency shall be circulated to the members either before or at such meeting and shall be read at the meeting by the member presenting the report or by the Hon. Secretary General. The Chairman's decision, whether the matter is of urgency or not, shall be final. 3) At every meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be taken as the first ordinary business and, if accurate, signed by the Chairman of the meeting. 4) All questions at the Council meeting shall be decided by show of hands. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. 5) Every notice of motion to be placed on the Agenda for a meeting shall be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary General and shall be signed by the member of the Council giving it. 6) The decision of the Chairman upon all points of orders shall be final.	Omitted.

	7) All matters discussed by the Council in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential Matters of public interest may, however, be communicated by the Hon. Secretary General to the press subject to the approval of the Chairman.	
Sec-36 (Alterations to the MOA or Rules and Regulations)	To be renumbered as Sec-33	
Sec-37 (Annual list of governing body members)	37. ANNUAL LIST OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS Once in every year a list of the office bearers and members of the Governing Body, viz. the Executive Committee shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies, West Bengal as required under Section 17 of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961.	Sec-37 to be renumbered as Sec-34 34. ANNUAL LIST OF GENERAL BODY MEMBERS Once in every year a list of the members of the General Body and the Executive Committee shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies, West Bengal as required under Section 17 of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961.
Sec-38 (Suit & Legal Proceedings)	The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the President and / or the Secretary as per the provisions of West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the society.	Sec-38 to be renumbered as Sec-35 The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the President and / or the Secretary as per the provisions of West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the society. In all such cases, the President/Hon. Secretary General shall not be personally liable.
Sec-39 (Dissolution of the organisation)	To be renumbered as Sec-36	
Sec-40 (Application of the Act)	40. APPLICATION OF THE ACT All the Sections of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the Societies registered in West Bengal shall apply to the society.	Sec-40 to be renumbered as Sec-37 37. APPLICABLE STATUTES The provisions under the following statutes and rules and regulations thereunder shall apply to AITA: - The West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to the Societies registered in West Bengal, and The notified provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the rules and regulations made thereunder.
Sec-41	To be renumbered as Sec-38	

(Essential Certificate)	
New	ANNEXURE I - Election Rules (<i>Amendments are made to the Original Bye-Laws, but the document is essentially entirely new</i>)
New	ANNEXURE II - Athletes Committee Bye-Laws
New	ANNEXURE III - Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit Bye-Laws