

First Draft of Suggested Amendments to the All India Tennis Association Constitution (Rules, Regulations, and Bye-Laws)¹

This is a preliminary draft of suggested amendments to the All India Tennis Association Rules, Regulations, and Bye-Laws in line with the Delhi High Court's direction in W.P. 13458/2024 dated 27.04.2026 to bring the AITA Constitution in line with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 ('Sports Act') and National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 ('Sports Governance Rules'). This will be revised further upon a more detailed consideration of international best practices and additional consultations with the relevant stakeholders.

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PART II — RULES			
Rules 1–2 — Name and Applicability (1) These rules be called the All India Tennis Association Rules. (2) These shall be applicable to all affiliated units in the country. (3) These Rules will come into operation from 27th July 2020 (subject to subsequent amendments).	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3 – Definitions Rule 3(a) — "AITA" means the All India Tennis Association (hereinafter referred to as "The	—	N/A	N/A

¹ **Abbreviations:**

AITA – All India Tennis Association
 EC – Executive Committee
 NSB – National Sports Body
 NSF – National Sports Federation
 IC – Internal Committee
 IOC - International Olympic Committee
 ITF – International Tennis Federation
 SG – Secretary General
 SGR – Sports Governance Rules 2026
 SOM – Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit
 VP – Vice President

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Association").			
Rule 3(b) — The Association shall consist of: (i) Affiliates with voting rights — a State Tennis Association, Union Territory Tennis Association, Institution or any other organisation to which AITA has granted affiliation and which satisfies the conditions under Rule 18. (ii) Associate Affiliates without voting rights — a State Association, Union Territory Association or other Organisation which in the opinion of the Central Council is not sufficiently developed in tennis or does not satisfy the conditions for Affiliation in Rule 18.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(c) — (existing) "Central Council" shall mean and include the Office Bearers, Senior Vice President, Vice President Sports, 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.	3(c) [Substitute]: 'Central Council' means the general body of the Association constituted under Rule 6(a).	Rule 7, Sports Governance Rules, 2026	The definition of "Central Council" should cross-refer to the substantive rule that contains its composition [Rule 6(a)]. This brings it in line with the re-constitution of the General Body under Rule 7 of the SGR.
Rule 3(d) — (existing) "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.	3(d) [Substitute]: 'Executive Committee' means the committee of the Association constituted under Rule 6(b).	Section 4(1)(b), Sports Act, 2025	The definition of "Executive Committee" should cross-refer to the substantive rule containing its composition [Rule 6(b)]. This is being substituted to comply with the 15-member

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			cap under Section 4(1)(b) of the Sports Act.
Rule 3(e) — "India" means and includes all territories under the administrative control of the Government of India.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(f) — "National of India" shall mean and include a person as defined in Chapter II of the Constitution of India and/or as defined in the standing orders of the ITF under Qualification of a player to represent a country.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(g) — "Office-bearers of the AITA" mean and include the President, Hon. Secretary General, and Hon. Treasurer.	—	Section 4(1)(f), (g) and (h), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 4(1)(f)–(h) of the Sports Act mandates that every NSB shall have a President, Secretary General and Treasurer. AITA's existing definition of office-bearers is consistent with this.
Rule 3(h) — "President" means the President of the AITA duly elected by the Central Council.	—	Section 4(1)(f), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 4(1)(f) requires a President as head of the NSB who shall preside over EC and General Body meetings.
Rule 3(i) — "Senior Vice President" means the Senior Vice President of the AITA duly elected by	3(i) [Deleted]	-	Consequential amendment — the post

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the Central Council.	<i>The definition of 'Senior Vice President' is deleted, the post having been abolished under Rule 6(b).</i>		of Senior Vice President does not appear in the reconstituted Executive Committee under Rule 6(b). The definition is accordingly deleted.
Rule 3(j) — "Hon. Secretary General" shall mean the Hon. Secretary General duly elected by the Central Council.	—	Section 4(1)(g), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 4(1)(g) requires a Secretary General as head of administration. AITA's existing definition is consistent with this requirement.
Rule 3(k) — "Vice President Sports (VP Sports)" shall mean the Vice President Sports duly elected by the Executive Committee from amongst the Vice Presidents elected by the Central Council.	3(k) [Deleted] <i>The definition of 'Vice President Sports (VP Sports)' is deleted, the post having been abolished under Rule 6(b).</i>	-	Consequential amendment — the post of Vice President Sports does not appear in the reconstituted Executive Committee under Rule 6(b). The definition is accordingly deleted.
Rule 3(l) — "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 and West).	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(m) — "Hon. Treasurer" shall mean the Hon. Treasurer duly elected by the Central Council.	—	Section 4(1)(h), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 4(1)(h) requires a Treasurer as custodian of funds.

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			AITA's existing definition is consistent with this.
Rule 3(n) — "Vice Presidents" means the Vice Presidents duly elected as such by the Central Council.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(o) — "CEO & CFO" means the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer respectively duly appointed by the Association.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(p) — "Affiliation year or Financial Year" means the period of twelve months from 1st April to the following 31st March.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(q) — "Jurisdiction" — The jurisdiction of the Association shall extend all over India and the territories of India.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(r) — "Tennis" means the game of Tennis, Padel/Padel Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Beach Tennis or any other form of Tennis.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 3(s) — No existing provision.	3(s) [New]: 'Sportsperson of outstanding merit' means a person whose name appears on a roster prepared under Rule 6(aa).	Schedule I, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Rules 5, 6, Sports Governance Rules, 2026	A new defined term is required as the basis for all mandatory athlete representation provisions which derive from the Sports Act, 2025 and the SGR, 2026.
Rule 4 – Constitution	—	N/A	N/A

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Rule 4(a) — The State Associations affiliated to AITA.			
Rule 4(b) — Union Territory Associations affiliated to AITA.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 4(c) — Such other State Associations, Union Territory Associations and Organisations as the Central Council may from time to time declare to be affiliated to AITA on such conditions as AITA may prescribe. Those not satisfying the conditions in Rule 18 will be termed "Associate Affiliates" without voting right.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 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, as defined in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association.	—	Section 15, Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — AITA's objects are consistent with its duties as a recognised sports organisation under Section 15 of the Sports Act.
Rule 6 - 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.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 6(a) — (existing) Central Council (i) Central Council shall mean and include the Office Bearers, Senior VP, VP Sports, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries of AITA, two representatives each nominated by the President / Honorary Secretary of the Affiliates and one representative each of the	6(a) [Substitute] — Central Council: The Central Council shall function as the general body of the Association for the purposes of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025. The Central Council shall consist of—	Rule 3, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Rules 5(1)–(2), Sports Governance	Rule 7(1) of the SGR prescribes four mandatory General Body categories for an NSF: (a) at least four sportspersons of

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Associate Affiliates. (ii) The number of Vice-Presidents shall not exceed eight at any one time. (iii) The number of Joint Secretaries shall not exceed four at any one time. [No provision: equating Central Council to the General Body; for sportspersons of outstanding merit as voting members; tying affiliate votes to NSB registration; or any residual 'other category' provision.]	(a) the members of the Executive Committee for the time being in office; (b) five Vice-Presidents, one from each of the following zones, namely:— (i) the North Zone; (ii) the South Zone; (iii) the East Zone; (iv) the West Zone; and (v) the Central Zone; (c) five Joint Secretaries, one from each of the following zones, namely:— (i) the North Zone; (ii) the South Zone; (iii) the East Zone; (iv) the West Zone; and (v) the Central Zone; (d) one representative of each Affiliate registered with the National Sports Board; (e) one representative of each Associate Affiliate; (f) eight sportspersons of outstanding merit, of whom four shall be men and four shall be women; and (g) One nominee of the Paralympic Committee of India nominated by its Executive Committee. Each sportsperson of outstanding merit and each authorised representative of an Affiliate shall have one vote.	Rules, 2026 Rules 6(1)–(5), Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Rule 7(1), Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Rule 10(3), Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Schedule I, Sports Governance Rules, 2026	outstanding merit; (b) ex officio members; (c) in the case of an NSF, representatives of each State-level affiliate registered with the NSB; and (d) any other category in Bye-Laws consistent with International Charters. The substitution restructures the Central Council to comply with this mandatory composition.

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	Associate Affiliates shall not be entitled to vote but may participate in discussions. 6(aa) The procedure for designating sportspersons of outstanding merit shall be as follows— (i) not less than one hundred and fifty days before the expiry of the term of the Executive Committee, the Association shall issue a public call for applications; (ii) applications shall close sixty days after the call; (iii) not less than ninety days before the expiry of the term, the Association shall prepare gender-segregated rosters of eligible applicants, each roster containing ten times the number of sportspersons required; the rosters shall be populated in order of tier under Schedule I of the Sports Governance Rules, 2026, with the eldest applicant preferred where applicants from the same tier exceed available places; (iv) the rosters shall be published on the Association's official website and submitted to the National Sports Board; and (v) the election or nomination of sportspersons of outstanding merit from the rosters shall be completed not less than seventy-five days before the expiry of the term of the Executive Committee.		The procedure for preparing the roster of SOMs is given in Rules 5, 6, and 9 of the SGR.
Rule 6(b) — (existing) Executive Committee	6(b) [Substitute] — Executive	Section	Section 4(1)(b) of the

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The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary General, VP Sports, Hon. Joint Secretaries and Hon. Treasurer, ten (10) members elected from the representatives representing Affiliates and two player representatives representing the AITA Athletes' Commission. [approximately 28 members total; no ceiling prescribed; athlete reps subject to presidential concurrence; no women's representation requirement]	Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than fifteen members elected from the Central Council and shall include— • President; • Secretary General; • Treasurer; • five sportspersons of outstanding merit; • Two representatives of the Athletes Committee elected from among themselves; and • five members, preferably from each of the Zones (North, South, East, West and Central): Provided that at least five of the members on the Executive Committee shall be women, including two women sportspersons of outstanding merit and a woman representative of the Athletes Committee.	4(1)(b), Sports Act, 2025 Rule 8(2)–(3), Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Delhi High Court Judgment, paras. 17–18	Sports Act, 2025 caps the EC at 15 members with mandatory sportsperson, Athletes Committee and women representation requirements. The existing 25-member EC directly conflicts with the statutory cap.
Rule 6(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 Committee 3. International Committee	—	N/A	N/A

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4. Ethics Committee 5. Arbitration Committee 6. Tournament Committee 7. Senior Selection Committee 8. Junior Selection Committee 9. Coaches Education & Certification Committee 10. Any other committee as may be appointed by the Executive Committee			
Rule 6(c) — Management Committee A Management Committee shall be appointed to act on behalf of the Executive Committee and shall comprise of: — President — Hon. Secretary General — 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.	[DELETED].	N/A	N/A
Rule 6(c) — Finance Committee A Four (4) Member Finance Committee comprised of the Hony. Secretary General, Treasurer and two persons nominated by the President shall be appointed to advise the Association on matters pertaining to: — 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.	—	N/A	N/A

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— 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. — Approval of expenditures above Rs 50,000.			
Rule 6(c) — International Committee 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.	[To be revised after further deliberation.]	N/A	N/A
Rule 6(c) — Ethics Committee (existing) 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 sporting bodies. [No independence requirements, minimum composition, jurisdiction, compliance hierarchy or permanent status prescribed.]	6(c) [Substitute] — Ethics Committee: An Ethics Committee shall be maintained as a permanent standing committee of the Association. The Ethics Committee shall have independence in its decision-making. The Ethics Committee shall have jurisdiction over all members of the Central Council, members of the Executive Committee, employees, players, coaches, officials and affiliates. Its constitution, operation and procedure shall be as provided in the Bye-Laws, in	Rule 15, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Schedule II, Cl. 13(ii), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Rule 15 of the SGR requires every NSF to have a standing Ethics Committee in its Bye-Laws. Section 12 of the Sports Act mandates a Code of Ethics. The existing provision merely establishes the

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	compliance with the International Charters and Statutes of the International Tennis Federation, the guidelines of the Indian Olympic Association and any model guidelines issued by the National Sports Board.		committee by appointment; the substitution makes it a permanent standing body with a Code of Ethics mandate.
Rule 6(c) — Arbitration Committee (existing) An Arbitration Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee and be responsible for dealing with any dispute between AITA and any of its affiliates/affiliates of affiliates/players/coaches/umpires & officials/administrators, and any other dispute relating to internal matters of AITA. The decision of the Arbitration Committee, which will act in accordance with the laws relating to arbitration in the country, will be final and binding on all concerned. [EC-appointed; no independence requirement; no minimum composition; no compliance hierarchy.]	6(c) [Insertion] — Dispute Resolution Committee: The Dispute Resolution Committee shall facilitate the resolution of disputes. When any dispute arises between AITA and any of its affiliates/affiliates of affiliates/players/coaches/umpires and officials/administrators, or if there is any other dispute relating to internal matters of AITA, the dispute may be resolved through arbitration or mediation. There shall be a roster of arbitrators and trained mediators maintained by the Dispute Resolution Committee. If the parties opt for arbitration, an arbitration tribunal shall be constituted by the Dispute Resolution Committee by selecting one arbitrator from the roster of arbitrators, with the consent of all parties to the dispute. The decision of the arbitrator, who will act in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, will be final and binding on all	Rule 15, Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Rule 15 of the SGR requires every NSF to have a Dispute Resolution Committee in its Bye-Laws. Section 4(1)(d) of the Sports Act mandates a Dispute Resolution Committee by that name. The Arbitration Committee is renamed and made permanent to comply with the statutory nomenclature.

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	parties. If the parties opt for mediation, a sole Mediator shall be appointed by the Dispute Resolution Committee, with the consent of the parties, from the panel of trained mediators on the roster prepared by the Dispute Resolution Committee. Any settlement pursuant to the mediation by the Mediator shall be final and binding on all parties. All disputes shall ordinarily be resolved within a period of ninety (90) days from the date of appointment of the arbitrator or sole mediator.		
Rule 6(c) — Tournament Committee A Tournament Committee shall be appointed to advise on matters relating to Tournament structuring, scheduling and other related matters.	[To be revised after further deliberation.]	N/A	N/A
Rule 6(c) — 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.	[To be revised after further deliberation.]	N/A	N/A
Rule 6(c) — 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.	[To be revised after further deliberation.]	N/A	N/A

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Rule 6(c) — Coaches Education & Certification Committee A Coaches Education & Certification Committee shall be appointed and would be responsible for all matters relating to Coaches Certification & Education in the country.	[To be revised after further deliberation.]	N/A	N/A
<i>No existing provision.</i>	Rule 6(c) [Insertion] Internal Complaints Committee: The Association shall constitute an independent Internal Complaints Committee, as required by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013, in accordance with the Bye-Laws.	Section 4, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Rules, 2013	Section 4 of the POSH Act, 2013 requires every employer with ten or more employees to constitute an Internal Committee (IC) to receive and inquire into complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace. Incorporation of this clause is also proposed in view of the All India Football Federation having officially approved the AIFF Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Policy on 08.05.2026, to be implemented with immediate effect. (Ref: https://www.the-aiff.com/article/aiff-executive-committee-approves-aiff-posh-policy) AITA's nationwide operations,

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			tournaments, camps and affiliated activities bring it squarely within the scope of the Act. This insertion in Rule 6(c) establishes the Committee in the body of the Rules; Annexure II sets out its detailed constitution, composition, tenure, jurisdiction, and procedure.
Rule 6(d) — (existing) AITA Athletes' Commission As required by the Olympic Charter, AITA will have an Athletes' Commission. The Commission shall be formed with the following criteria: (a) The Commission will have a maximum 8 members with its own office bearers. (b) A member can serve a maximum of three (3) terms, i.e. 12 years. (c) 50% of the members will be elected by the players and 50% will be nominated by the Executive Committee of AITA. (d) Elections to the Commission shall be held every 4 years. (e) To be eligible to be elected as a member of the Commission an athlete must have: (i) been above 18 years of age; (ii) 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) never received any sanction in relation to World Anti-Doping Code.	6(d) [Substitute] — Athletes Committee: As required by the Olympic Charter, AITA will have an Athletes Committee. The Committee shall be formed with the following criteria: (a) The Committee will have a maximum of 8 members with its own office bearers. (b) A member can serve a maximum of three (3) terms, i.e. 12 years. (c) 50% of the members will be elected by the players and 50% will be nominated by the Executive Committee of AITA. (d) Elections to the Committee shall be held every 4 years. (e) To be eligible to be elected as a member of the Committee, 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	Rule 9(2), Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Rule 11, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Rule 15, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 IOC Olympic Charter, Rule 2.7	The following changes are required: (1) Gender equality is desirable; (2) Elections must be conducted by the Electoral Officer simultaneously with EC elections per Rule 9(2) of the SGR; (3) Rule 15 of the SGR requires the Bye-Laws to include provisions concerning the Athletes Committee constitution, operation and procedures; (4) Section 4(1)(e) requires an Athletes Committee with elected members.

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(f) Election would be conducted in the presence of an AITA appointed Election Observer. (g) Commission will try and maintain Gender Equality and have at least 2 female athletes. (h) Commission will have only one member from 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. [Not a statutory 'Athletes Committee'; presidential concurrence required; gender equality aspirational only; no compliance hierarchy; no Electoral Officer role.]	less than 300 and/or ITF Seniors Ranking (age groups 35+/40+ only) of less than 25, during his/her career; and (iii) must never have received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code: Provided that the athlete shall not be eligible if he or she meets any of the criteria for disqualification given in Rule 11 of the Sports Governance Rules 2026. (f) Elections to the Committee shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer simultaneously with elections to the Executive Committee. (g) Not fewer than fifty per cent. of the members of the Athletes Committee shall be women. (h) The Committee will have only one member from the Seniors category. (i) The Athletes Committee shall nominate two representatives to be members of the Executive Committee. (j) The Committee will be elected by athletes who qualify to be members as per the above criteria. Its constitution, operation and procedure shall comply with the International Charters and Statutes of the International Tennis Federation; in the absence of such guidelines, with those of the Indian Olympic Association; and in the absence of both, with model		

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	guidelines issued by the National Sports Board.		
Rule 7 — Powers and Duties of Central Council (a) To elect the President, Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary General, the Hon. Joint Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and Executive Committee, and to convene general body meetings of affiliated organisations to resolve disputes and conduct elections. (b) To carry out the objects of the Association and to make, maintain and publish all necessary Rules and Regulations. (c) To appoint not more than one person to act on the Committee of Management of national tournaments held in India by affiliated organisations. (d) To prohibit any act or practice by affiliated members, clubs or Tournament Committees or by any person which is detrimental to the interests of the Game and the Association. (e) To adopt for any player the status deemed adequate or appropriate as per the International Federation Rules or rules framed by the Association. (f) To impose penalty on affiliated organisations and on members and/or players for any infringement of the Rules and Regulations of the Association. (g) To consider and deal with all applications for affiliation and decide all questions as to the right of representation at meetings of the Central Council. (h) To decide all questions of eligibility of persons nominated or elected as office-bearers and Councillors of the Central Council and to annul any election.	7(a) [Consequential amendment]: To elect the President, Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary General, the Hon. Joint Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and members of the Executive Committee, and to convene general body meetings of affiliated organisations to resolve disputes and conduct elections. [All other sub-clauses (b)–(o): no change]	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — reference to 'Senior Vice President' deleted from clause (a), the post having been abolished under Rule 6(b) [Substitute].

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(i) To delegate all or any of its powers to its duly appointed committees. (j) To enlist by co-option or invitation the services of any person for any special purpose. (k) To establish and maintain office premises, to appoint staff and to appoint auditors. (l) To disaffiliate any organisation which has not complied with any of the rules. Also to re-admit organisations that have been disaffiliated. (m) To build Stadia and Tennis Courts on land belonging to the Association or in partnership with another body. (n) In case of dispute between AITA and its office-bearers on one part and State Associations, clubs, institutions, councillors or any individual on the other part, only courts within the territorial area of Delhi State shall have jurisdiction, irrespective of any other territorial jurisdiction. (o) Affiliated units of AITA will ensure that any unit affiliated to an Affiliate/Associate Affiliate will not engage AITA in direct legal proceedings and will always go through the Affiliate/Associate Affiliate.			
Rule 8 - Powers and duties of Office – Bearers Rule 8(a) — The President 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 and shall have overall powers of supervision over the working of the Association.	—	Section 4(1)(f), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 4(1)(f) of the Sports Act requires the President to be the head of the NSB and to preside over EC and General Body meetings.
Rule 8(b) — The Senior Vice President (i) In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice	8(b) [Deleted] — The provisions relating to the Senior Vice President are deleted,	Rule 6(b) [Substitute]	Consequential amendment — the post

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President shall preside over all meetings of the Central Council and the Executive Committee. (ii) The Senior Vice President may perform any other tasks/functions as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the Central Council.	the post having been abolished under Rule 6(b) [Substitute]. Note: The function of presiding over meetings in the absence of the President should be assigned to a designated senior member of the Executive Committee.	(consequential)	of Senior Vice President is abolished. The existing provision for the SVP to preside in the President's absence will need to be addressed in the second round of review.
Rule 8(c) — The Hon. Secretary General (i) Will oversee all Administrative functions and HR matters. (ii) Will oversee tennis development activities including Coaching and Officiating. (iii) Will perform such other duties as may be necessary. (iv) Will cause minutes of all meetings to be correctly recorded. (v) With the consent of the President, will convene meetings of the Central Council and Executive Committee. (vi) In case of urgency, will obtain the views of members by circulation or any other manner.	—	Section 4(1)(g), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 4(1)(g) requires the Secretary General to be the head of administration responsible for carrying out all decisions of the EC and General Body.
Rule 8(d) — The VP Sports One of the Vice Presidents will be elected by the Executive Committee to act as VP Sports. Powers include oversight of Professional Tennis activities including Davis Cup, Fed Cup, professional tournaments, Players' issues, Media management.	8(d) [Deleted] — The provisions relating to the Vice President Sports are deleted, the post having been abolished under Rule 6(b) [Substitute]. Note: Oversight of professional tennis activities (Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, professional tournaments, players' issues, media management) should be assigned to a designated EC member or sub-committee.	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — the post of VP Sports is abolished. The functions currently assigned to this post will need to be reassigned in the second round of

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			review.
Rule 8(e) — The Honorary Joint Secretaries A total of 4 Joint Secretaries shall be elected by the Central Council, one from each zone. All duties & powers shall be entrusted to them by the Executive Committee and/or the President.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 8(f) — The Honorary Treasurer Powers and duties include: furnishing accounts statement to the EC after financial year close; maintaining accounts; joint signatures on cheques; depositing amounts with banks; ensuring annual audit; collecting dues; making annual statement of accounts; submitting quarterly statements; disbursing funds; keeping roll of members.	—	Section 4(1)(h), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 4(1)(h) requires the Treasurer to be the custodian of funds or accounts of the NSB.
Rule 9 — Powers and Duties of Sub-Committees (a) All sub-committees shall carry out such duties as may be authorised by the Central Council, 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.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 10 — Election Bye Laws Attached as Annexure I.	—	Section 16, Sports Act, 2025; Rule 9, Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — the Election Bye-Laws are annexed. Amendments to specific clauses of the Bye-Laws are set out in the Annexure I

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Rule 11 — (existing) Tenure of Office Office bearers, Senior Vice President, Vice-Presidents, VP Sports, and Joint Secretaries shall hold office for one term of four years. Retiring office bearers shall be eligible for re-election. 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. The President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall cease to hold that post on attaining the age of 70 years. [Age limit applies only to three Office Bearers; no limit for VPs, Joint Secretaries, or elected EC members.] No office bearer of the AITA shall be eligible to be the office bearer simultaneously of any other NSF except the Indian Olympic Association. [Restriction applies only to Office Bearers — not to VPs or elected EC members.]	Rule 11 [Substitute]: All members of the EC shall hold office for one term of four years and after expiry of that period, until their successors are appointed. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election by simple majority. No member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to contest election or hold office if such person has attained the age of seventy years on the last date for filing of nominations. All members of the EC may hold office, separately or in combination of multiple posts, for a maximum of three terms of four years each. On completion of two consecutive terms in one or more of those offices, whether singly or in combination of multiple posts, a person shall be ineligible to hold or contest for any of the offices for one full term. After expiry of that cooling-off period, such person shall again be eligible to contest for any post in the Executive Committee. Furthermore, no member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to hold office simultaneously in the governing body of— (a) any other National Sports Federation or Association except the Indian Olympic	Section 4(2) and Section 4(2) Proviso, Sports Act, 2025 Rule 11(2), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Section 4(2) of the Sports Act extends the 70-year age ceiling to all EC members (not just the President, SG and Treasurer). The combined effect of Section 4(2) and the SGR Rule 11(2) also re-defines the applicable cooling off and term structure.

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	Association; or (b) any State or Union Territory sports association affiliated to, or recognised by, AITA, including Affiliates.		
Rule 12 — Casual Vacancies (a) Any one of the office-bearers going out of India for more than three continuous months. (b) Any circumstances which may prevent office-bearers from carrying out their duties for a period of more than 30 days. Interim arrangements can be made by the President. (c) It is not obligatory to fill in casual vacancies caused in the Executive Committee or sub-committees. Decision shall rest with the Executive Committee.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 13 — Permanent Vacancies (a) President: Permanent vacancy shall be filled by the Senior Vice President. (b) Senior Vice President: Permanent vacancy shall be filled from amongst the Vice Presidents by the Executive Committee. (c) Honorary Secretary General, the VP Sports, the Hon. Joint Secretaries and the Hon. Treasurer: Permanent vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee. (d) Members of the Executive Committee: Permanent vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee from amongst the Hon. Secretaries or representatives of the affiliated organisations. It is not obligatory to fill in such vacancies.	13 [Substitute] — Permanent Vacancies: All Permanent vacancies shall be filled by re-elections and the elected member shall have hold office until the expiry of the term of the Central Council, Executive Committee or Sub-Committees, as the case may be.	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — references to Senior Vice President and VP Sports removed, those posts having been abolished under Rule 6(b). Elections are now required to fill in permanent vacancies.

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Rule 14 - Accounts Within a reasonable time after closure of the financial year, the Hon. Treasurer shall furnish to the Executive Committee the statements of accounts of the Association.	—	Section 15(b), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Section 15(b) requires AITA to comply with the provisions of the Sports Act and rules made thereunder, including obligations relating to accounts.
Rule 14(a) — All bills shall be passed either by the President, Honorary Secretary General or the VP Sports before payment.	14(a) [Substitute]: All bills shall be passed either by the President or the Honorary Secretary General before payment.	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — reference to 'VP Sports' removed from bill-passing authority, that post having been abolished under Rule 6(b).
Rule 14(b) — All cheques shall be issued under the joint signatures of the Hon. Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary General or the President or the Senior Vice President. Cheques for amounts up to Rs.50,000/- may also be issued under the joint signatures of the Hon. Treasurer and the CEO or CFO.	14(b) [Substitute]: All cheques shall be issued under the joint signatures of the Hon. Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary General, or failing them, the President and the Honorary Secretary General. Cheques for amounts up to Rs. 50,000/- may also be issued under the joint signatures of the Hon. Treasurer and the CEO or CFO.	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — reference to 'Senior Vice President' removed from cheque-signing authority, that post having been abolished under Rule 6(b).
Rule 14(c) — All amounts received by the AITA shall be deposited with the banks of the Association forthwith.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 14(d) — A maximum sum of Rs. 5000/- shall be allowed to the Hon. Treasurer as imprest cash (at one time).	—	N/A	N/A

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Rule 14(e) — The accounts of the Association shall be audited at the end of each financial year by the auditors of the Association.	—	Section 15(b), Sports Act, 2025	In compliance — Annual audited accounts are required. AITA, as a recognised sports organisation receiving grants, shall also be treated as a public authority under Section 14(2) of the Sports Act.
Rule 15 — Meetings of the Central Council (a) Annual General Meeting of the Central Council shall be held annually. Ordinary business includes: receiving the report of the SG and Treasurer's statement; electing office-bearers when due; confirming names of councillors; appointing auditors. (b) All other business at an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting shall be deemed "Special Business" and shall be decided by two-third majority of votes properly recorded. (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. (d) No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted unless a quorum is present. (e) All ordinary business of the AGM shall be decided by a bare majority of votes properly recorded. Business regarding "Change of	15(j) [Consequential amendment]: All matters discussed by the Council in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential. Matters of public interest may be released to the press by the Hon. Secretary General, the CEO or any other person subject to approval by the Chairman. [All other sub-clauses (a)–(i): no change]	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — reference to 'VP Sports' removed from press-release authority in clause (j), that post having been abolished under Rule 6(b).

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Constitution and Rules" will be decided by two-third majority. (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 to all office-bearers and members of the Central Council at least 3 weeks prior to the date fixed for such meeting. (h) At a meeting, every question or motion shall be decided by open voting unless ballot is directed by the Chairman or demanded by not less than three persons 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 be released to the press by the Hon. Secretary General / VP Sports / CEO / any other person subject to approval by the Chairman.			
Rule 16 — No Confidence Proposal for no confidence in the Executive Committee or any Office Bearer(s)/Member(s) can be taken up only at an EGM convened specially for this purpose. The proposal should be made by at least 25% of affiliated organisations. A no confidence proposal would be considered as passed if votes in favour are at least two-thirds of votes properly recorded.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 17 — Quorum At the Annual General Meeting or any meeting of the Central Council, 10 persons shall form a quorum of which at least eight shall be	—	N/A	N/A

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representatives of affiliated organisations.			
Rule 18 — Affiliations All State Associations/Union Territory Associations which have been a Full Member of AITA for the last 10 years automatically continue to be Affiliates with 2 votes. (i) Applicants which in the opinion of the Central Council are not sufficiently matured or underdeveloped in tennis matters, or not engaged wholly and exclusively in promotion of tennis, and which do not satisfy conditions for "Affiliates" with voting rights, may be admitted as "Associate Affiliates without voting right." (ii) Any State Association/Union Territory which desires to become an Associate Affiliate shall apply to the Hon. Secretary General, with: (a) Registration Certificate; (b) List of Office-bearers; (c) List of affiliated District Tennis Associations/Clubs/Institutions/Members; (d) Minutes of last two AGMs; (e) Audited accounts for last two years; (f) Copy of Rules & Regulations conforming to AITA Regulations. (iii) An Associate Affiliate on fulfilment of the following criteria can apply for promotion as "Affiliate with voting rights": (a) At least two training centres with three courts each; (b) At least five AITA Registered Coaches; (c) Minimum of fifty AITA registered players; (d) Conducted at least four AITA/ITF tournaments in the preceding year. (iv) Any affiliate that does not fulfil the requirements in Rule 18(iii) in time will be treated as an Associate Affiliate without voting rights on the decision of the Executive Committee.	—	Section 8(6), Sports Act, 2025; Rule 17, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 [re Rule 18 opening]	In compliance, read with Rule 34(d) [new] — Section 8(6) of the Sports Act requires all affiliate units to register with the National Sports Board. Rule 17 of the SGR sets out the registration process. Rule 34(d) has been inserted to give effect to this requirement.

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(v) If more than one body in a State claims affiliation, the determination of which body is entitled to affiliation shall be exclusively within the power and jurisdiction of the Executive Committee of AITA.			
Rule 19 — Obligations of Organisations (a) Every organisation affiliated under Rule 18 shall pay an annual affiliation fee of Rs. 5000/- plus applicable taxes. (b) The annual contribution shall be payable in advance, on or before the 31st day of March, provided that the first annual contribution shall be payable within one month of the receipt of notice of affiliation. (c) Every affiliated organisation shall on or before 31st March in each year send to the Association a complete list of office bearers, councillors, names of affiliated clubs and district associations, minutes of the AGM and audited statements of accounts. (d) Notice of every subsequent addition to such list and of any withdrawal therefrom shall be sent to the Association by every such organisation. (e) Such other information as may be called for by the Association shall be provided within one month of the receipt of the communication.	—	Section 15(b), Sports Act, 2025 [re Rule 19(c)]	Rule 19(c) — In compliance — Section 15(b) requires AITA to ensure its voting members and affiliates comply with the provisions of the Sports Act and rules made thereunder, including governance obligations.
Rule 20 — Disaffiliation An organisation may be disaffiliated on the following grounds: (a) Nonpayment of annual subscription and other dues to AITA by 31st March every year. (b) For non-filing of membership returns as provided	—	Section 10, Sports Act, 2025 [re Rule 20(a)]	Rule 20(a) — In compliance — AITA's disaffiliation powers are internal governance measures. Section 10 of the Sports Act grants the National Sports

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in Rule 19(c). (c) For electing or keeping in its office as an office-bearer or Councillor or member of any of its sub-committees any person who is suspended by AITA or who has been convicted by a court of law. (d) For allowing any tennis event involving foreign players or exhibition matches or any other event requiring Government or AITA permission to be held on the courts of any of its affiliated clubs or institutions without prior approval of AITA. (e) Any affiliated unit which files legal case against AITA in contravention of Rule 7(n) shall stand automatically disaffiliated. (f) Non-submission of certificate approved by the Executive Committee of the affiliated unit stating that as long as a member unit is affiliated to AITA, it will follow and abide by the constitution of AITA. (g) For non-payment of Royalty or any other amount due to AITA.			Board separate powers to suspend or cancel Board recognition and registration of affiliate units.
Rule 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 has the authority to extend or vary the period).	Rule 21 — Disputes All unresolved disputes arising within the affiliated units of AITA or between affiliated units of AITA shall be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee by the affiliated units.	Section 4(1)(d), Sports Act, 2025; Rule 15, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 [re Rule 21(a)]	Rule 21(a) — Note: The reference to "AITA Arbitration Committee" should be read as "AITA Dispute Resolution Committee" as a consequential amendment to the substitution of Rule 6(c).

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Rule 22 — Re-Admission (a) The Central Council shall have the power to re-admit any organisation which stood disaffiliated, after it is satisfied that the disqualification has ceased to exist. (b) An organisation which has stood disqualified shall, on application being made, be normally entitled to re-admission on payment of all outstanding dues along with a minimum penalty of Rs. 50,000/-.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 23(a) — Voting (existing) An Affiliate will be required to have 2 representatives. Each representative of an Affiliate shall be entitled to a total of 1 vote at all meetings of the Central Council. [No reference to NSB registration as a condition of voting rights.]	23(a) [Substitute]: Every Affiliate registered with the National Sports Board will be required to have one representative each. Each representative shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Central Council and at elections.	Rule 10(3)(b), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Rule 10(3)(b) of the SGR ties affiliate voting rights in EC elections to registration with the National Sports Board. An unregistered affiliate may not vote until registration is complete.
Rule 23(aa) — No existing provision. Sportspersons of outstanding merit did not exist as a General Body category under the existing Rules.	23(aa) [New]: Each sportsperson of outstanding merit in the Central Council shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Central Council and at elections.	Rule 10(3)(a), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Rule 10(3)(a) of the SGR confers one individual vote on each sportsperson of outstanding merit in the General Body in EC elections. This also gives effect to the IOC Basic Universal Principles requiring meaningful athlete participation.
Rule 23(b) — No person representing an Associate	—	N/A	N/A

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Affiliate without voting rights shall have any right to vote on any matter in discussion before the Central Council, but such person may take part in discussions. Rule 23(c) — At any time, the President may request a vote by mail/virtual meeting on any question deemed of sufficient importance and urgency. Rule 23(d) — Lists of Affiliates with two votes and Associate Affiliates without voting rights (as enumerated in the rule).			
Rule 24 — Notice The Central Council or any affiliated organisation may bring forward any resolution or motion at the AGM provided the resolution/motion is seconded in writing by another affiliated organisation and due notice is given to the Hon. Secretary General on or before 30th April in each year.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 25 — Withdrawals An affiliated organisation desiring to withdraw from the Association must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary General prior to 1st March in any year.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 26 — Travelling and Halting Expenses The President, Senior Vice President, Hon. Secretary General, VP Sports, Hon. Joint Secretaries and the Hon. Treasurer, the members of the Executive Committee and members of the	26 [Substitute] — Travelling and Halting Expenses: The President, Hon. Secretary General, Hon. Joint Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer, the members of the Executive Committee and members of the various sub-committees shall be entitled to such	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — references to 'Senior Vice President' and 'VP Sports' removed from the list of persons entitled to travelling and

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various sub-committees shall be entitled to such travelling and halting allowances as may be approved by the Executive Committee.	travelling and halting allowances as may be approved by the Executive Committee.		halting allowances, those posts having been abolished under Rule 6(b).
Rule 27 — Sanction for Open Tournament Sanction to hold an open tournament, invitation or international tournament shall only be granted to affiliated organisations and to clubs affiliated to such organisations. No tournament shall be held in India without the permission of AITA.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 28 — Rules of the Game The rules of tennis as adopted and amended from time to time by the ITF and the Rules and Regulations of the Association for the time being in force shall be binding on all affiliated organisations, clubs and tournament committees in India.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 29 — Right of Appeal Any club or player or person aggrieved by a decision or ruling of the Governing Body of such affiliated organisation may appeal to AITA within a period of 30 days of the said decision.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 30(A) — (existing) Eligibility for Election to the Status of Office Bearers / Executive Committee Member If the contesting candidate happens to be a Govt employee, the nomination must be accompanied by a 'No Objection Certificate' from the employer	30(A) [Substitute] - Eligibility for Election to the Status of Executive Committee Member: (i) Every person seeking to contest election to any post in the Executive Committee shall— (a) be a citizen of India;	Section 4(2), Sports Act, 2025 Schedule I (General Eligibility	Section 4(2) of the Sports Act prescribes a comprehensive set of eligibility conditions for all EC members: Indian citizenship, age minimum of 25 years,

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indicating that they have no objection in filing nomination for the election to the post desired. [No eligibility criteria: no citizenship requirement, no minimum age, no proposal/seconding requirement, no soundness of mind requirement.]	(b) be not less than twenty-five years of age on the date of filing of the nomination; (c) satisfy the age eligibility conditions prescribed under Rule 11; (d) have the nomination proposed and seconded by voting members of the Central Council; and (e) not be of unsound mind. A government employee shall additionally file a No Objection Certificate from the employer.	Criteria), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	proposal and seconding by voting members, soundness of mind, age ceiling of 70 years, and Government servant's approval.
Rule 30(A) — (insertion) No existing provision.	30(A) [Insertion]: (ii) No person shall be eligible to contest election to the posts of President, Secretary General or Treasurer unless such person— (a) is a sportsperson of outstanding merit; or (b) has previously served at least one complete term as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association; or (c) has previously served at least one complete term as the President, Secretary General or Treasurer of an affiliate of the Association. A partial term served on account of filling a casual or permanent vacancy shall not count as a complete term for this purpose.	Section 4(2) Proviso, Sports Act, 2025	The Sports Act, 2025 requires candidates for the three most powerful posts to have either a direct sports background (as an SOM) or governance experience (previous term on the EC or as President/SG/Treasurer of an affiliate). This ensures that those at the apex of the federation have genuine sporting or governance credentials.
Rule 30(B) — (existing) Disabilities No one shall be eligible to become an office bearer,	30(B) [Substitute]: No person shall be eligible to hold any	Rule 11(1)–(2), Sports	Rule 11(1) of the SGR prescribes three

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Senior Vice President, Vice President Sports, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretary or Executive Committee member who— (a) Has been convicted for an act of moral turpitude... (b) Has been removed from any office for malfeasance (4-year bar)... (c) Has been declared as insolvent... (d) Has been suspended or debarred... (e) An office bearer shall not be an office bearer of any other NSF except IOA... [Absent: specific duration periods for insolvency and conviction; Ethics Committee ban as disqualification ground; dual governing body membership restriction; cross-NSB cooling-off.]	office or position as a member of the Central Council, Executive Committee or any sub-committee of the Association who— (a) has been declared insolvent, for the duration of such insolvency; (b) has been convicted by a court in India for any offence and sentenced to imprisonment; (c) is subject to a ban imposed by the Ethics Committee, for the duration of such ban; (d) has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude, excepting offences of a political nature; (e) has been removed from any office of the Association or of an Affiliate for malfeasance; (f) is under suspension or debarment by the Association, for the duration of such suspension; or (g) is subject to a finding of an Intractable Conflict of Interest by the Ethics Committee under Rule 30(C), for so long as that conflict subsists. In addition, a person shall also be disqualified if such person— (h) is a member of the governing body of any other National Sports Body other than the Indian Olympic Association; or (i) has not completed the cooling-off period of one full term after holding the post of President, Secretary General or Treasurer in any other National Sports Body.	Governance Rules, 2026	binding disqualification grounds with specific durations: insolvency, conviction with imprisonment, and a ban by the Ethics Committee. Rule 11(2) permits additional disqualifications in the Bye-Laws regarding cross-body membership and cooling-off. The scope is widened from 'Office Bearer or EC member' to cover all members of the Central Council and any sub-committee. A new ground (g) is added for an Intractable Conflict of Interest finding under Rule 30(C).

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Rule 30(C) — No existing provision.	30(C) [New] — Conflict of Interest: 30(C).1 For the purposes of this Rule, a Conflict of Interest arises when the personal, financial or professional interests of an individual associated with AITA, conflict, or may reasonably be perceived to conflict, with that individual's duties and obligations to AITA. A Conflict of Interest may take any of the following forms:— (a) Contractual Interest: When AITA or an Affiliate enters into contractual arrangements with entities in which the individual concerned, or his or her relative, partner or close associate, has an interest, including cases where such involvement may compromise, or be perceived to compromise, the individual's discharge of duties. (b) Incompatible Roles: When the individual holds two separate posts or positions under AITA, the functions of which would require the one to be subordinate to the other or place them in opposition. (c) 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 AITA or to the sport, or give rise to a perception that the integrity of the sport stands compromised.	Rule 15, Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Section 12, Sports Act, 2025	Rule 15 of the SGR requires every NSF to have a standing Ethics Committee responsible for ethical compliance, including conflicts of interest. Section 12 of the Sports Act, 2025 mandates transparency and accountability in the governance of NSFs. The AITA Constitution has no existing provision on conflict of interest — this Rule introduces a comprehensive framework covering disclosure obligations, third-party complaints, suo motu jurisdiction of the Ethics Committee, and a Tractable/Intractable classification mechanism with a mandatory election between AITA office and the conflicting interest. An Intractable finding triggers disqualification

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	(d) Prior Relationship: When the individual has a commercial engagement, past or present, with a vendor, service provider, commercial partner, broadcast partner or sponsor who is being, or is to be, engaged by or on behalf of AITA or an Affiliate. (e) Position of Influence: When the individual occupies a post calling for decisions of governance, management or selection to be made, and a relative, friend or close associate is within the zone of consideration or subject to such decision-making. This includes cases where the individual holds any stake, voting rights or power to influence decisions of any tournament organiser, ranking event or other body operating under the auspices of AITA. 2. Within fifteen days of assuming any office or position under AITA, whether on the Central Council, the Executive Committee, any sub-committee, or as an office bearer, every individual shall disclose in writing to the Ethics Committee any existing or potential event that may constitute a Conflict of Interest. Such disclosure shall be published on the website of AITA. Failure to make complete disclosure, or any partial or total suppression thereof, shall render the individual liable to disciplinary action, which may include removal from office without benefits. A declaration under this clause does not give rise to a		under Rule 30(B)(g). This follows the approach adopted by the All India Football Federation (Article 73, AIFF Constitution).

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	presumption that a conflict in fact exists; it is made for purposes of information and transparency. 3. Any person may make a complaint to the Ethics Committee alleging a Conflict of Interest on the part of any individual holding any office or position under AITA. Every such complaint shall be— (a) made in writing and signed by the complainant; and (b) accompanied by particulars sufficient to identify the nature and basis of the alleged conflict. The Ethics Committee may also, on its own motion (<i>suo motu</i>), take cognizance of any matter that may constitute a Conflict of Interest on the part of any individual holding any office or position under AITA. The Ethics Committee may dismiss, with reasons, any complaint that is frivolous, vexatious or not supported by any particulars. Subject thereto, whether acting on a complaint or in a <i>suo motu</i> nature, the Ethics Committee shall inquire into the matter and take such action, as issued in writing, as it considers appropriate under Rule 30(C)(5). All complaints, <i>suo motu</i> proceedings and the proceedings thereunder shall be treated as confidential pending the conclusion of the inquiry. 4. The Ethics Committee shall classify a		

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	Conflict of Interest as either Tractable or Intractable:— (a) A Tractable conflict is one capable of resolution through recusal of the individual concerned and/or full disclosure of the interest involved. (b) An Intractable conflict is one that cannot be resolved through disclosure and recusal alone. Where the Ethics Committee determines that a conflict is Intractable, the individual concerned shall be required to elect, within such period as the Ethics Committee may specify, between— (i) relinquishing the office or position held under AITA; or (ii) divesting, disassociating from, or terminating the interest, engagement, position or association that gives rise to the conflict—whether held in any other entity, organisation, association, affiliate, company or otherwise. Failure to make such election, or failure to give effect to the election made, within the period so specified shall render the individual liable to removal from office under AITA. A finding of an Intractable Conflict of Interest shall constitute a ground of disqualification under Rule 30(B)(g) for so long as the conflict subsists. 5. No individual shall simultaneously hold more than one of the following posts or positions, except where expressly permitted under these Rules:—		

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	(i) Member of the Central Council, Executive Committee or any sub-committee; (ii) Member of the Ethics Committee; (iii) Auditor of AITA; (iv) Service provider to AITA (legal, financial or otherwise); or (v) Party to a contractual engagement with AITA (including broadcast partner, commercial partner, sponsor, contractor or otherwise). 6. Every individual holding office on the date these Rules come into force shall make the disclosure required under Rule 30(C)(3) within ninety days of that date.		
Rule 31 — Interpretation Except where otherwise stated, every reference in these rules to the masculine includes the feminine gender.	—	N/A	N/A
Rule 32 — Obligations of Players (a) Registration — It is compulsory for players of all categories to register with AITA. A player must at all times accept the authority of the Association. Various obligations relating to tournaments, conduct, media, advertising and stakes apply. (b) Junior players who have not attained their 14th birthday shall not compete in professional events. (c) Any sportsperson and/or support personnel aggrieved by any decision or action of an International Sports Association/Federation imposing any penalty or punishment may raise that	—	Section 13, Sports Act, 2025 [re Rule 32(a)]	Rule 32(a) — In compliance — Section 13 of the Sports Act requires every NSB to establish an internal grievance redressal mechanism for athletes. Rule 32 sets out player obligations and registration requirements, which are consistent with this. AITA should ensure its

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dispute before CAS and/or ICAS.			Safe Sports Policy under Section 13(2) is separately maintained.
PART III — REGULATIONS			
Regulation 33 — Executive Committee (a) All affairs of the association shall be conducted by the Executive Committee and it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to see that the general provisions of the constitution and the Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Association are complied with by all the members. (b) The Executive Committee shall have supervisory powers over all tournaments conducted under the auspices of AITA. (c) Executive Committee shall, from time to time, frame rules for the conduct of tournaments. (d) The Executive Committee shall have exclusive power to add alter, amend, delete and modify any of the Rules of the tournament from time to time and the same are binding don all the participants from the date Executive Committee has given effect to come in force. (e) The Executive Committee shall have general charge of the funds of the association. (f) The Executive Committee shall hear and decide all questions submitted to it by the members. An appeal therefrom may be filed with the Central Council by any member who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Executive Committee. (g) Each member of the Executive Committee must be a member of an affiliated organisation, affiliated directly or indirectly to AITA.	—	N/A	N/A

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h) The Executive Committee shall meet as and when the work so requires. At a Central Place (where all members could easily assemble) in order to dispose off urgent business of the Association. i) The time and the place for such meetings shall be fixed by the President and a notice shall be issued by the Honorary Secretary General to each member of the Executive Committee at least 15 days before the date fixed for such meeting. The agenda for the meeting shall also be circulated along with the notice of the meeting. (j) The Executive Committee may also arrive at decisions on points referred to them by circulation. All matters circulated must be voted on within 15 days from the date of dispatch. (k) The Executive Committee shall have authority to appoint sub-committees not provided for in the Rules. (l) A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary General within one month of receipt of a requisition in writing from three members of the Executive Committee. (m) The Executive Committee shall take decisions regarding the Davis Cup, foreign tours and international matches or competitions. (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 organisations. (o) No business other than the formal adjournment of the meeting shall be transacted unless a quorum is present. (p) All business of a meeting shall be decided by a bare majority of the votes properly recorded. In case of equality of votes, the President or the			

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Chairman shall have a casting vote. (q) All matters discussed by the Executive Committee or any Sub-committee in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential. (r) The Executive Committee shall always have the powers to ratify any action or decision taken by the Office Bearers/sub-committees.			
Regulation 34(a) —Rules for the Affiliates / Associated Affiliates Every State Association Affiliate must have its own Rules & Regulations, which are in conformity with the Rules & Regulations of AITA. Reg. 34(b) — Every Affiliate/Associate Affiliate must get AITA approval prior to any amendment to their Constitution. Reg. 34(c) — An AITA Observer will be appointed for election of Office Bearers of the Affiliate/Associate Affiliate. The expenses for the AITA Observer will be borne by AITA.	—	N/A	N/A
Regulation 34(d) — No existing provision.	34(d) [New]: Every affiliate and associate affiliate of the Association shall register with the National Sports Board in accordance with Rule 17 of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026. The Association shall facilitate such registration. Failure to register within ninety days of the commencement of these amended Rules shall result in suspension of the voting rights of that affiliate until registration is completed. Every affiliate shall also	Rule 10(3)(b), Sports Governance Rules, 2026 Rule 17, Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Rule 17 of the SGR requires every NSB to facilitate affiliate registration with the National Sports Board. Rule 10(3)(b) ties affiliate voting rights to NSB registration. This new provision gives effect to both requirements.

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	ensure that its sub-affiliate units are similarly registered.		
Regulation 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 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. (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 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. (7) All matters discussed by the Council in a meeting shall be treated as private and confidential. Matters of public interest may be communicated by the Hon. Secretary General to the press subject to the approval of the Chairman.	—	N/A	N/A
Regulation 36 — Alterations to the MOA or Rules and Regulations	—	N/A	N/A

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The MOA and Rules of AITA shall be altered, modified, rescinded or added to by special resolution passed by 2/3rd of the members in a general meeting called for the purpose. Any alteration must be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a minimum of 2 Affiliates.			
Regulation 37 — Annual List of Governing Body Members Once in every year a list of the office bearers and members of the Governing Body (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.	—	N/A	N/A
Regulation 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 the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961.	—	Section 23, Sports Act, 2025	Note: Section 23 of the Sports Act bars civil court jurisdiction over matters on which the National Sports Tribunal is empowered to determine. This regulation should be read subject to the Sports Act's jurisdictional provisions.
Regulation 39 — Dissolution of the Organisation Subject to the provisions of Sections 24 & 27 of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, the society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by 3/4th members of the society at a general meeting.	—	N/A	N/A

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Regulation 40 — Application of the Act All the provisions under all the Sections of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as applicable to Societies registered in West Bengal shall apply to the society.	—	N/A	N/A
Regulation 41 — Essential Certificate Certification by three members of the Governing Body that the above is a true copy of the Rules & Regulations of the society.	—	N/A	N/A
ANNEXURE I — ELECTION BYE-LAWS			
1(1) — These Bye-laws shall be called the "Election Bye-Laws" and shall govern the conduct of Election of Office Bearers and Members of Executive Committee of All India Tennis Association.	—	N/A	N/A
1(2) — Definitions: (a) "clause" and "sub-clause" mean the clause and sub-clause of these Bye-laws; (b) "Executive Committee Members" means members of Executive Committee of AITA; (c) "AITA" means All India Tennis Association; (d) "Post" includes the office of President, Senior Vice President, Secretary General, VP Sports, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries and Member of Executive Committee; (e) "Rule" means the rule of Rules and Regulations of AITA.	1(2) [Substitute — Definitions]: (a) 'clause' and 'sub-clause' mean the clause and sub-clause of these Bye-laws; (b) 'Executive Committee Members' means members of Executive Committee of AITA; (c) 'AITA' means All India Tennis Association; (d) 'Post' includes the office of President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries and Member of Executive Committee; (e) 'Rule' means the rule of Rules and Regulations of AITA.	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — 'Senior Vice President' and 'VP Sports' removed from the definition of 'Post', those posts having been abolished under Rule 6(b) [Substitute].

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2 — (existing) Prescribes the following EC composition: 1. President — 1 2. Senior Vice President — 1 3. Vice Presidents — 8 4. Secretary General — 1 5. Treasurer — 1 6. Joint Secretaries — 4 7. Executive Committee Members (elected) — 10 [Total: 26 posts]	Clause 2 [Substitute]: The composition of the Executive Committee shall be as provided in Rule 6(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Association.	Section 4(1)(b), Sports Act, 2025	The existing clause prescribes a 25-member Executive Committee in direct conflict with the statutory 15-member cap under Section 4(1)(b) of the Sports Act. Cross-referencing Rule 6(b) of the Rules and Regulations ensures that the Bye-Laws automatically reflect any amendment to the EC composition rule, without requiring parallel amendments.
3(1) — Office Bearers and Members of Executive Committee of AITA shall be elected by secret ballot. There shall be no provision for proxy voting.	—	Schedule II, Clause 3(ii), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 3(ii) of the SGR requires elections to always be by secret ballot.
3(2) — Election shall be held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Bye-Laws, from amongst the representatives of the Affiliates with voting rights.	—	Schedule II, Clause 3(i), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 3(i) of the SGR provides that elections shall generally take place at the Annual General Meeting.
3(3) — No existing provision.	3(3) [New]: All elections conducted under these Bye-Laws shall comply with Schedule II of the	Rule 9, Sports Governance	Rule 9 through reference to Schedule II of the SGR

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	National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026. In the event of any inconsistency between these Bye-Laws and Schedule II of the SGR, Schedule II shall prevail.	Rules, 2026; Schedule II, Sports Governance Rules, 2026	prescribes mandatory election procedures, timelines and standards for all National Sports Bodies. Rule 15 of the SGR requires the Bye-Laws to include provisions concerning the constitution, operation and procedures of the Athletes Committee, which are addressed in new Clause 13. A general compliance clause ensures that the Bye-Laws are read consistently with Schedule II.
4(1) — (existing) Each Permanent Member State/Union Territory duly affiliated by AITA as its Permanent Member (Affiliate) shall have two votes at the elections of the Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members.	4(1) [Substitute]: Each Permanent Member State/Union Territory duly affiliated by AITA as its Permanent Member (Affiliate) and registered with the National Sports Board in accordance with Rule 34(d) of the Rules and Regulations of the Association shall have one vote at the elections of the Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members, provided that the right of any Affiliate to exercise such vote shall be conditional upon its registration with the National Sports Board remaining	Rule 10(3)(b), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Rule 10(3)(b) of the SGR ties affiliate voting rights in EC elections to registration with the National Sports Board. The provision is also aligned with Rule 23(a) of the Rules and Regulations, which confers one vote per affiliate representative. An unregistered affiliate may not vote until

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	valid at the time of voting.		registration is complete.
4(1A) — No existing provision.	4(1A) [New]: Each sportsperson of outstanding merit ('SOM') on the Central Council roster shall be entitled to one vote at the elections of the Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members.	Rule 10(3)(a), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	Rule 10(3)(a) of the SGR confers one individual vote on each SOM in the Central Council in EC elections. This gives effect to the IOC Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance requiring athlete participation in governance.
4(2) — For the purposes of sub-clause (1), each Permanent Member State/Union Territory (Affiliate) shall be represented by two members authorised by the President or Secretary General/Secretary. In case of conflict, the person authorised by the President shall be deemed the duly authorised person.	—	N/A	N/A
4(3) — Each Affiliate/Associate Affiliate shall intimate the name(s) of their representative(s) to the Association as prescribed in the Notice.	—	N/A	N/A
4(4) — The Association shall prepare the list of authorised representatives of Affiliates/Associate Affiliates and circulate a copy of the list by display on the website of AITA.	—	Schedule II, Clause 5(i), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 5(i) of the SGR requires the call for elections to contain the final electoral roll released by the Electoral Officer.
4(5) — The Association shall also furnish a duly authenticated copy of the list to the Returning	—	N/A	N/A

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Officer as soon as may be after his appointment.			
5 — (existing) Returning Officer: As soon as may be before/after the issue of the Notice for the Annual General Meeting, the President of AITA shall nominate a person as Returning Officer for conduct of Election of Office Bearers, Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries, and Members of Executive Committee of AITA.	Clause 5 [Substitute] — Electoral Officer: As soon as may be before the issue of the Notice for the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint a person as Electoral Officer from the National Sports Election Panel, for conduct of elections to all Elected Posts in the Executive Committee and to the Athletes Committee, in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-Laws and Schedule II of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026. For the purposes of these Bye-Laws, all references to 'Returning Officer' shall be read as references to 'Electoral Officer'.	Rule 9, Sports Governance Rules, 2026; Section 16, Sports Act, 2025	Rule 9 of the SGR requires the Electoral Officer to be appointed from the National Sports Election Panel by the Executive Committee (not the President, and not the Central Council). Appointment by the President creates a conflict of interest. The substitution aligns the Bye-Laws with Rule 9(2) of the SGR while also extending the Electoral Officer's mandate to cover Athletes Committee elections. The deeming clause avoids the need to amend every subsequent reference to 'Returning Officer' across the Bye-Laws.
6(1) — The nomination of a candidate for election as Office Bearer, Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents, Joint Secretaries, or Member of the Executive Committee shall be made in prescribed form.	6(1) [Substitute]: The nomination of a candidate for election as Office Bearer, Vice President, Joint Secretary or Member of the Executive Committee shall be made in prescribed form.	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — reference to 'Senior Vice President' removed from the list of posts for which nominations may be

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			filed, that post having been abolished under Rule 6(b) [Substitute].
6(2) — The nomination of a candidate shall be proposed by one of the representatives of Affiliates with voting rights in the Electoral College list, and also seconded by one such representative.	—	Schedule II, Clause 6(i), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 6(i) of the SGR requires nominations to be proposed and seconded by persons on the electoral roll.
6(3) — Each candidate shall be entitled to be nominated by not more than 2 (two) nomination papers.	—	N/A	N/A
6(4) — Each Nomination Paper shall be delivered personally or through authorised representative to the Returning Officer at the prescribed time.	—	Schedule II, Clause 6(ii), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 6(ii) of the SGR requires every nomination form to be delivered to the Electoral Officer in person by the candidate himself within the deadline specified.
6(5) — (existing) No person shall be eligible to nominate more than one candidate for the post of President, one candidate for the post of Hon. Secretary General, eight candidates for the post of Vice Presidents, four candidates for the post of Joint Secretaries and ten candidates for the post of Executive Committee	6(5) [Substitute]: No person shall be eligible to nominate more than one candidate for the post of President, one candidate for the post of Secretary General and one candidate for the post of Treasurer, and such number of candidates as corresponds to the number of seats to be filled for each	Section 4(1)(b), Sports Act, 2025	Section 4(1)(b), Sports Act, 2025 is referenced as it talks about the composition of the Executive Committee and the nominee requirements are

Present Rule (AITA Rules and Regulations, 2020)	Proposed Rule	Reference to the Sports Act and Rules	Compliance Status /Rationale for Suggested Amendment
Members, either as proposer or seconder.	Elected Post, either as proposer or seconder. If a person nominates more than one candidate for the same Elected Post, only the first valid nomination shall be accepted.		aligned with that. The existing limits in the current AITA Rules (eight VPs, four Joint Secretaries, ten EC Members) directly reflect the old 25-member EC composition which is superseded by the 15-member statutory cap. Connecting the limit to the number of seats to be filled makes the provision self-adjusting and consistent with the reconstituted EC.
6(6) — No person shall be permitted to withdraw his/her name as proposer/seconder, once the nomination paper subscribed by him/her has been delivered to Returning Officer.	—	Schedule II, Clause 6(iv), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 6(iv) of the SGR prohibits withdrawal as proposer or seconder once the nomination form has been delivered to the Electoral Officer.
6(7) — The Returning Officer, in the prescribed time, shall prepare a list of all nominations received by him, post wise, and publish the same in a conspicuous place in the office of the Association.	—	Schedule II, Clause 5(i), SGR; Form 3, Schedule II, SGR	In compliance — Schedule II requires the Electoral Officer to prepare and publish a list of all nominations received.

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7(1) — On the prescribed date and time, the Returning Officer shall scrutinise each nomination paper, one by one, received by him, and determine its validity or otherwise.	—	Schedule II, Clause 7(i), Sports Governance Rules, 2026	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 7(i) of the SGR requires the Electoral Officer to scrutinise each nomination form and determine its validity.
7(2) — After scrutiny, each candidate or one of his/her authorised representatives shall have the right to be present and raise any objection in relation to nomination of a candidate.	—	Schedule II, Clause 7(ii), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 7(ii) requires candidates or their authorised representatives to have the right to be present and raise objections.
7(3) — As soon as may be after the scrutiny of all nomination papers has been completed, the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of validly nominated candidates in the prescribed form.	—	Schedule II, Clause 7(iii), SGR; Form 4, Schedule II, SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 7(iii) requires the Electoral Officer to prepare a list of validly nominated candidates in accordance with Form 4.
8(1) — Each candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature, during the prescribed period.	—	Schedule II, Clause 7(iv), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 7(iv) of the SGR entitles candidates whose nominations have been found valid to withdraw their candidature.

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8(2)–(4) — Notice of withdrawal shall be submitted by the candidate himself or through authorised representative in writing. Notice of withdrawal shall be final and shall not be allowed to be cancelled. The Returning Officer shall accept the notice if satisfied as to its genuineness.	—	N/A	N/A
8(5) — As soon as may be after the prescribed date and time, the Returning Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates and display on the Association website.	—	Schedule II, Clause 7(vi), SGR; Form 6, Schedule II, SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 7(vi) requires the Electoral Officer to prepare the final list of contesting candidates in accordance with Form 6.
8(6) — The names of the contesting candidates shall be arranged, for each post, in alphabetical order according to English alphabets.	—	Schedule II, Clause 7(viii), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 7(viii) requires ballot paper candidate names to be arranged in alphabetical order.
9(1) — Where the number of contesting candidates for any post is equal to the number of posts to be filled, all such contesting candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected unopposed, and it shall not be necessary to take a poll.	—	Schedule II, Clause 10(i), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 10(i) of the SGR provides for deemed election where candidates equal posts to be filled.
9(2) — Where the number of contesting candidates for any post is more than the number of posts to be filled, a poll shall be taken by secret ballot for those posts remaining unfilled.	—	Schedule II, Clause 10(ii), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 10(ii) requires a poll by secret ballot where candidates exceed

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			posts to be filled.
9(3) — The ballot papers for posts remaining unfilled shall be in prescribed form to be made individually for each post.	—	Form 7, Schedule II, SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Form 7 prescribes the form of ballot papers.
10(1) — The Poll for the Posts Remaining Unfilled shall be taken post-wise, during the AGM.	—	Schedule II, Clause 10, SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 10 of the SGR governs polling procedure.
10(2) — Each contesting candidate can nominate one person to be present at the Poll (Polling Station).	—	Schedule II, Clause 11(ii), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 11(ii) of the SGR allows each candidate to nominate one authorised representative at the counting.
10(3) — At the Poll, each authorised representative of Member States/Union Territories shall be entitled to cast one vote for each post where only one seat is to be filled, and as many votes as are the number of seats to be filled for any post where more than one seat is to be filled.	—	Schedule II, Clause 10(iii), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 10(iii) governs the number of votes each member may cast.
10(4)–(5) — In case any voter casts votes for more than the permitted candidates, his/her vote for that post shall be invalid. Each voter shall give his/her signature on the authenticated copy of the Electoral College list before being supplied a ballot paper.	—	Schedule II, Clause 10(v), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 10(v) requires voters to sign the electoral roll before receiving a ballot paper.
10(6)–(8) — The voter shall record his/her vote on	—	Schedule II,	In compliance —

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the ballot paper in secrecy in a voting compartment. The voter shall record the vote by placing a tick mark against the name of the candidate. The tick mark shall be placed only by means of an article specifically provided for the purpose by the Returning Officer.		Clauses 10(viii)–(ix), SGR	Schedule II governs the manner of recording votes.
10(9) — The ballot paper marked by a voter shall be deposited by him/her in a ballot box specially prepared and sealed by the Returning Officer.	—	Schedule II, Clause 10(x), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 10(x) governs the ballot box.
10(10)–(11) — The Returning Officer shall close the poll at the appointed hour. After all voters present at closing hour have voted, the Returning Officer shall close the ballot box.	—	Schedule II, Clause 10(xi), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 10(xi) governs poll closure.
10(12) — Polling will be done in the following order: (i) President; (ii) Senior Vice President; (iii) Vice Presidents; (iv) Secretary General; (v) Treasurer; (vi) Joint-Secretary; (vii) Executive Committee Members.	10(12) [Substitute]: Polling will be done in the following order: (i) President; (ii) Vice Presidents; (iii) Secretary General; (iv) Treasurer; (v) Joint Secretaries; (vi) Executive Committee Members.	Rule 6(b) [Substitute] (consequential)	Consequential amendment — 'Senior Vice President' removed from the polling order, that post having been abolished under Rule 6(b) [Substitute].
11(1) — The Returning Officer shall take up the counting of votes as soon as may be after the polling for any post is complete.	—	Schedule II, Clause 11(i), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 11(i) of the SGR requires the Electoral Officer to count votes as soon as may be after the polling process is complete.
11(2) — Each contesting candidate can nominate	—	Schedule II,	In compliance —

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one authorised representative who shall be entitled to be present at the place of counting of votes.		Clause 11(ii), SGR	Schedule II, Clause 11(ii) governs representation at counting.
11(3) — Each ballot paper on which a vote has been recorded in accordance with sub-clauses (3) to (8) of clause (10) shall be treated as one vote for the candidate for whom it has been validly marked.	—	Schedule II, Clause 11(iii), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 11(iii) governs validity of ballot papers.
11(4) — Ballot papers which have been marked in violation of the specified provisions shall be rejected by the Returning Officer.	—	Schedule II, Clause 11(iv), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 11(iv) sets out grounds for rejection of ballot papers.
11(5) — The votes validly cast for each of the contesting candidates shall be counted post-wise and recorded in descending order.	—	Schedule II, Clause 11(vi), SGR; Form 8, Schedule II, SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 11(vi) and Form 8 govern counting and recording of votes.
11(6) — The Returning Officer shall ascertain the result of counting and the candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes equal to the number of seats to be filled shall be deemed to have been duly elected.	—	Schedule II, Clause 11(vii), SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 11(vii) governs the ascertainment of results.
12 — Declaration of Results The names of contesting candidates who shall be deemed to have been elected shall be declared as having been duly elected to their respective posts by the Returning Officer at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).	—	Schedule II, Clause 12, SGR; Form 9, Schedule II, SGR	In compliance — Schedule II, Clause 12 and Form 9 govern the declaration of results, including publication on the official website within 24 hours.

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13 — No existing provision.	Clause 13 [New] — Elections to the Athletes Committee: The Electoral Officer shall conduct elections to the Athletes Committee of the Association simultaneously with elections to the Executive Committee. The eligibility criteria, procedure and timelines for elections to the Athletes Committee shall be as specified in the Bye-Laws of the Association and in Schedule II of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.	Rule 9(2), Sports Governance Rules, 2026; Section 4(1)(e), Sports Act, 2025	Rule 9(2) of the SGR requires the Electoral Officer to conduct Athletes Committee elections simultaneously with EC elections. Section 4(1)(e) of the Sports Act requires an Athletes Committee with elected members. No provision currently exists in the Bye-Laws for conducting these elections.
14 — No existing provision.	Clause 14 [New] — Election Disputes: In line with the Sports Governance Act, 2025, and the Sports Governance Rules, 2026, any candidate or voting member aggrieved by the conduct or result of an election held under these Bye-Laws may, within thirty days of the declaration of results, file a petition before the National Sports Tribunal. No petition shall be maintainable after the expiry of the said period of thirty days.	Schedule II, Clause 13(iv), Sports Governance Rules, 2026; Section 17, Sports Act, 2025	Schedule II, Clause 13(iv) of the SGR prescribes a 30-day window for election petitions to the appropriate tribunal under the specified conditions. The exclusive petition clause prevents collateral challenges to election results outside this window.

ANNEXURE II — INTERNAL COMMITTEE BYE-LAWS

1. Scope: 1.1 The Association shall constitute an Independent Body for the purpose of receiving,	Section 4, Sexual	Section 4 of the POSH Act mandates every
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reviewing, examining, and facilitating redressal of complaints relating to sexual harassment, misconduct, inappropriate behaviour, and allied safeguarding concerns arising within or in relation to the Association and its affiliates. 1.2 Such body shall function as the Internal Committee mandated by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.	Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Rules, 2013	employer with ten or more employees to constitute an Internal Committee at each office or administrative unit for receiving and inquiring into complaints of sexual harassment. AITA's nationwide footprint — spanning offices, tournaments, training camps, and affiliated state associations — brings it fully within the scope of this obligation. Clause 1.2 ensures that the Committee's statutory character is expressly stated in the Bye-Laws.
2. Constitution of the Committee: The Independent Body (hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee') constituted under the All India Tennis Association Rules shall function as an internal independent redressal mechanism of the Association and shall not replace, dilute, restrict, or otherwise affect the jurisdiction, powers, or authority of the Local Committee constituted under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, or any other authority established under applicable law.	Section 4, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 Section 6, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013	The Committee constituted under these Bye-Laws operates as the Association's Internal Committee within the meaning of the POSH Act. Clause 2 makes clear that its constitution does not oust or limit the jurisdiction of the Local Committee under Section 6 of the POSH Act, which has competence over establishments without an Internal Committee.

		The independence of the body is expressly stated to ensure impartiality of proceedings and insulate the Committee from internal pressures.
3. Composition of the Committee: 3.1 The Committee shall comprise individuals of integrity, independence, and professional standing and may include persons from diverse fields including law, sports administration, sportspersons of outstanding merit, governance, or social service. 3.2 The composition of the Committee shall ordinarily include: (a) An Independent woman Chairperson/Presiding Officer, drawn from among retired Judges, advocates, former judicial officers, or distinguished professionals possessing experience in adjudicatory, governance, or ethics-related matters; (b) Two members drawn from among sportspersons of outstanding merit and those involved in sports governance, of whom one must mandatorily be a woman; (c) At least one external independent member possessing experience in matters relating to sexual harassment, women's rights, or child welfare. 3.3 At least one-half of the total members of the Committee shall be women. 3.4 The Affiliates must constitute separate Committees. All Affiliates shall mandatorily submit the details of the constitution of their Internal Committees to the All India Tennis Association every calendar year.	Section 4(1)–(2), Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 Rule 4, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Rules, 2013	Section 4(1)–(2) of the POSH Act and Rule 4 of the POSH Rules prescribe the mandatory composition of an Internal Committee, requiring: (a) a senior-level woman employee as Presiding Officer; (b) at least two members committed to the cause of women or with relevant experience in social work or law; and (c) at least one external member from an NGO or association committed to women's welfare. Clause 3.2 adapts these requirements to the institutional context of a national sports federation, providing for a woman Chairperson with adjudicatory experience, sports-sector members with gender balance, and an external expert in sexual harassment or

		child welfare. The 50% women requirement in Clause 3.3 reflects the Act's objective of ensuring a gender-sensitive adjudicatory body. Clause 3.4 imposes a transparency obligation, requiring affiliate state associations to report annually on their own Committee constitutions.
4. Tenure and Vacancy: 4.1 The tenure of the members of the Committee shall be in accordance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. 4.2 Any vacancy arising due to resignation, recusal, incapacity, expiry of tenure, or any other circumstance shall be filled through fresh nomination by the Association for the remainder of the tenure or for such further period as may be determined, within thirty (30) days from the date of occurrence of such vacancy. 4.3 A member of the Committee may be removed in accordance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder.	Section 4(3), Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013	Section 4(3) of the POSH Act fixes the term of the Internal Committee at not more than three years from the date of nomination. Clause 4.1 incorporates this statutory tenure by reference to ensure automatic alignment with any legislative amendment. The 30-day window in Clause 4.2 for filling vacancies ensures that the Committee remains constitutionally competent at all times, as a reduction below the minimum prescribed composition could invalidate ongoing or pending inquiries.
5. Conflict of Interest:		Having a provision

5.1 Any member having a direct or indirect conflict of interest in relation to any complaint or proceeding shall disclose the same and recuse themselves from the matter at the time of receipt of the complaint and are mandatorily bound to maintain confidentiality under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. 5.2 Where such recusal results in a vacancy or affects the composition required for the proceedings, the Association shall appoint an alternate member within thirty (30) days from the date of occurrence of such vacancy.	Section 16, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013	regarding the conflict of interest of members on the IC ensures fairness in proceedings. Section 16 imposes a mandatory obligation of confidentiality on all members in respect of all proceedings and their contents.
6. Honorarium and Expenses: 6.1 The members of the Committee shall be entitled to honorarium, sitting fees, reimbursement of travel expenses, boarding, lodging, and other incidental expenses for participation in the proceedings and functioning of the Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder, as amended from time to time, and in accordance with the financial rules and administrative guidelines of the Association. 6.2 The quantum and manner of payment of such honorarium and reimbursements shall be determined by the Association from time to time.	Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Rules, 2013	The POSH Rules entitles the external member of the Internal Committee to allowances as prescribed. Clause 6 extends this entitlement to all members of the Committee and vests authority in the Association to determine the quantum. Providing for remuneration is important both as a matter of statutory compliance and to attract qualified independent members, ensuring that the Committee's functioning is not impaired by resource constraints.
7. Jurisdiction and Scope: 7.1 The jurisdiction of the Committee shall extend to complaints and incidents arising in connection with the activities, operations, programmes, games, camps, tournaments, competitions, travel, accommodation arrangements, meetings, virtual interactions, and official engagements of the Association, whether conducted within or outside India.	Section 2(o), Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace	Section 2(o) of the POSH Act defines 'workplace' broadly to include any place visited by a person in

7.2 For the purposes of these Bye-Laws, 'workplace' shall include Association offices and sub-locations, stadiums, academies, training centres, gyms, camps, tournaments, competitions, meetings, virtual platforms, transportation, accommodation arrangements, domestic and international tours, transit locations, and any place visited by a person arising out of or during the course of engagement with the Association. 7.3 Notwithstanding anything contained in the rules of any affiliate organisation, this Committee shall have jurisdiction to conduct inquiries relating to complaints arising from incidents of sexual harassment in other states and Union Territories. 7.4 Notwithstanding anything contained in the rules of any affiliate organisation, the Committee may also take up complaints where there is a reasonable apprehension of retaliation or possibility of conflict at the State-level Committee. 7.5 In the case referred to in Clause 7.4, the complainant shall mandatorily submit the reason for filing the complaint at the central level in writing.	(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013	connection with employment, including a transportation provided by the employer. Clauses 7.1–7.2 extend this definition to the operational context of a national sports federation — tournaments, camps, digital platforms, and international travel — ensuring that no environment within which AITA's activities occur falls outside the Committee's jurisdiction. Clauses 7.3–7.4 address the distinctive governance structure of a federated sports body: where a complainant faces risk of retaliation or conflict of interest at the state-level Committee, access to the national-level Committee is preserved. Clause 7.5 introduces a written-reasons requirement to prevent forum shopping.
8. Conduct of Proceedings: 8.1 The Committee shall have the authority to conduct proceedings physically, virtually, or in hybrid mode, taking into consideration confidentiality, safety, convenience of parties, tournament schedules, travel obligations, and administrative exigencies. Any meeting recordings shall be made on official devices in accordance with the Digital Personal Data	Section 11, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace	Section 11 of the POSH Act governs the inquiry procedure and requires it to be conducted in accordance with the

Protection Act, 2023. 8.2 All proceedings before the Committee shall be conducted in a fair, impartial and confidential manner consistent with the principles of natural justice, safeguarding obligations, and the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder.	(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 Section 16, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023	principles of natural justice. Section 16 imposes strict confidentiality obligations on the contents of complaints and all proceedings. Clause 8.1 recognises the operational reality of a national sports federation (whose members may be on tour, at tournaments, or in geographically dispersed locations) and permits virtual or hybrid hearings, subject to confidentiality and data-protection obligations under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. Clause 8.2 embeds the twin requirements of natural justice and confidentiality as the governing standards for all proceedings.
9. Complaints Involving Minors: 9.1 Where a complaint involves a minor athlete or any person below the age prescribed under applicable law, the Association and the Committee shall ensure compliance with all applicable child protection and safeguarding laws, protocols, and reporting obligations, in addition to these Bye-Laws. Explanation: For the purposes of these Bye-Laws: the term ‘minor’ shall be interpreted as ‘child’ in the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 referring to a child below 18 years of age. 9.2 The Association and the Committee shall ensure compliance with the provisions of the	Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012	While the POSH Act principally protects women at the workplace, the POCSO Act, 2012 governs sexual offences against persons below the age of 18. Given AITA's extensive engagement with junior athletes (in

Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, and all applicable child safeguarding laws.		academies, tournaments, national training programmes, and residential camps) this Clause addresses the critical intersection between the two statutes. Section 19 of POCSO imposes a mandatory reporting obligation on any person, including an institution, who has knowledge of a sexual offence against a child; failure to report is penalised under Section 21. Clause 9 ensures that the Committee and the Association remain alive to these obligations and that all applicable child-protection protocols are activated whenever a minor is involved.
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