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**SCHEDULE**

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## THE NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL ACT, 1974

ACT NO. LVII OF 1974

[30<sup>th</sup> July, 1974]

**An Act to provide for the constitution of a Council for the development and regulation of sports and co-ordination of sports activities in Bangladesh. \*^**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the constitution of a Council for the development and regulation of sports and co-ordination of sports activities in Bangladesh, and for matters connected therewith;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

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| Short title | 1. This Act may be called the <sup>1</sup> [National Sports Council] Act, 1974.  |
| Definitions | 2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><sup>2</sup>(a) ‘Council’ means the National Sports Council constituted under section 3;</li> <li>(b) ‘Chairman’, <sup>3</sup>‘Secretary’ and ‘Treasurer’ mean respectively the Chairman, <sup>4</sup>[Secretary] and Treasurer of the Council;</li> </ul> |

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\* Throughout this Act the word “Council” was substituted for the word “Board” by section 2 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Act, 1991 (Act No. VII of 1991).

^ Throughout this Act the word “Control” was omitted by section 2 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Act, 1991 (Act No. VII of 1991).

<sup>1</sup> The words “National Sports Council” were substituted for the words “Bangladesh Sports Council” by section 3 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>2</sup> Clauses (a) and (b) were substituted by section 4 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>3</sup> The word “Secretary” was substituted for the words “General Secretary” by section 2 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

<sup>4</sup> The word “Secretary” was substituted for the words “General Secretary” by section 2 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

- (c) “Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Council constituted under section 11;
- (d) “national sports organisation” means an organisation constituted on a national basis for controlling sports and recognised as such by the Council;
- (e) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under the Act;
- (f) “sports” means a game for recreation involving bodily exercise and includes such other games as the Government may, by notification in the *official Gazette*, declare to be sports for the purposes of this Act.

**3.** (1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the Government shall, by notification in the *official Gazette*, constitute, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, a Council to be called the <sup>1</sup>[National Sports Council] for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Constitution and incorporation of the Council

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, among others, to acquire, hold, manage and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

<sup>2</sup>**4.** (1) The Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

Composition of the Council

(a) the Chairman;

<sup>3</sup>[\* \* \*]

(c) one representative from the Ministry of <sup>4</sup>[Cultural Affairs and Sports] to be nominated by the Government;

<sup>1</sup> The words “National Sports Council” were substituted for the words “Bangladesh Sports Council” by section 5 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>2</sup> Sections 4 and 5 were substituted by section 6 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>3</sup> Clause (b) was omitted by section 3 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

<sup>4</sup> The words “Cultural Affairs and Sports” were substituted for the words and brackets “Education (Cultural Affairs and Sports Division)” by section 3 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

- (d) Presidents of the organisations specified in entries 1 to 22 in Part I of the Schedule, *ex-officio*;
- (e) one representative from each of the District Sports Associations referred to in entry 23 of Part I of the Schedule to be nominated by the respective Association;
- (f) President of the Olympic Association, *ex-officio*;
- (g) President of the Bangladesh Mahila Krira Unnayan-O-Niyantran Sangstha, *ex-officio*;
- (h) one representative from each of the organisations specified in Part III of the Schedule to be nominated by the President of that organisation;
- (i) one representative from each of the organisations specified in Part IV of the Schedule to be nominated by that organisation; and
- (j) two distinguished sportsmen to be nominated by the Government.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3), a member of the Council other than an *ex-officio* member, shall hold office for a period of four years.

(3) A person who is a member of the Council by virtue of nomination shall be liable to be recalled by the person or authority nominating him to be such member and, upon such recall, shall cease to be a member of the Council.

Chairman

**5.** The Minister, and, if there be no Minister, the Member of the President's Council of Advisors, in-charge of the Ministry of <sup>1</sup>[Cultural Affairs and Sports] or any other person to be nominated by the President shall be the Chairman of the Council and of the Executive Committee.]

**6.** [*Vice-Chairman.- Omitted by section 7 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (XXXV of 1976).*]

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<sup>1</sup> The words "Cultural Affairs and Sports" were substituted for the word "Education" by section 4 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

<sup>1</sup>[<sup>2</sup>7. (1) There shall be a Secretary of the Council who shall be appointed by the Government on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit. Secretary

(2) The Secretary shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as the Council or the Executive Committee may assign to him from time to time.]

8. There shall be a Treasurer of the Council who shall be nominated by the Government from amongst the members of the Council and shall perform such functions as may be prescribed. Treasurer

9. [*Office Secretary.- Omitted by section 6 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (LIII of 1978).*]

10. The functions of the Council shall be-

Functions of the Council

- (a) the development and regulation of sports and co-ordination of sports activities in Bangladesh;
- (b) the grant of recognition to the national sports organisations and the affiliation of other sports organisations;
- (c) the promotion and development of standards of national fitness as well as standards of competition comparable to international standards in sports;
- (d) the institution and execution of training and coaching schemes for international sports events;
- (e) the arrangement for participation of sports teams in sports events abroad;
- (f) making of grants to sports organisations for sports activities and also providing for such facilities as construction of stadia, swimming pools and gymnasia;
- (g) the maintenance and construction of such sports facilities as stadia, gymnasia, swimming pools, play grounds, training and coaching centres;

<sup>1</sup> Sections 7, 8 and 9 were substituted by section 8 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>2</sup> Section 7 was substituted by section 5 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

- (h) to provide for relief and assistance to needy and distinguished sportsmen after their retirement;
- (i) the adoption of measures to inculcate and ensure discipline in all sports organisations and among all sportsmen;
- (j) the publication of books, magazine, brochure and other literature on sports and sportsmen; and
- (k) doing of such other acts as are necessary for and conducive to carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Executive  
Committee

<sup>1</sup>[11. (1) There shall be an Executive Committee of the Council which shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) the Chairman, *ex-officio*;
- (b) a Vice-Chairman to be nominated by the Chairman;
- <sup>2</sup>[\* \* \*]
- (d) the Treasurer, *ex-officio*;
- (e) one representative from the Ministry of <sup>3</sup>[Cultural Affairs and Sports] to be nominated by the Government;
- (f) one representative from each of the organisations specified in entries 1 to 10 in Part I of the Schedule to be nominated by the President of that organisation;
- (g) one representative from the Army Sports Council or the Inter-Services Sports Council to be nominated by the Government;
- (h) one representative from the Inter-University Sports Council to be nominated by its President;
- (i) two distinguished persons in the field of sports to be nominated by the Government.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 11 was substituted by section 9 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>2</sup> Clause (c) was omitted by section 7 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

<sup>3</sup> The words "Cultural Affairs and Sports" were substituted for the words and brackets "Education (Cultural Affairs and Sports Division)" by section 7 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

(2) The Chairman <sup>1</sup>[and Secretary] of the Council shall respectively be the Chairman <sup>2</sup>[and Secretary] of the Executive Committee.

(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) a member of the Executive Committee, other than an *ex-officio* member, shall hold office for a period of four years.

(4) A person who is a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of nomination shall be liable to be recalled by the person or authority nominating him to be such member and, upon such recall, shall cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.]

**12.** (1) The administration of the Council shall vest in the Executive Committee which shall deal with any matter within the competence of the Council.

Functions of the  
Executive  
Committee

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the functions of the Executive Committee shall be-

- (a) to regulate the expenditure of the Council;
- (b) to appoint, with prior approval of the Government, officers and other employees of the Council on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
- (c) to establish coaching centres and encourage proper training of coaches, referees and sportsmen at all levels of sports;
- (d) to allocate funds, grants and subsidies to the national sports organisations and other sports organisations and to call for their audited accounts to probe into;
- (e) to approve the appointment of officials to accompany any sports team going abroad;

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<sup>1</sup> The words “and Secretary” were substituted for the comma and words “, General Secretary and Treasurer” by section 7 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

<sup>2</sup> The words “and Secretary” were substituted for the comma and words “, General Secretary and Treasurer” by section 7 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1978).

- (f) to recognise national sports organisations and to issue such directives as may be deemed necessary in the interest of promotion of sports;
- (g) to consider and approve the affiliation of a national sports organisation to international sports association, federations and the like; and
- (h) to execute all decisions of the Council.

Meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee

**13.** (1) The meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee shall be held at such times and at such places as may be prescribed by rules:

Provided that until rules are made in this behalf such meetings shall be convened by the Chairman.

(2) Twenty-one members, in the case of a meeting of the Council, and seven members, in the case of a meeting of the Executive Committee, shall constitute a quorum.

(3) A decision at a meeting of the Council and of the Executive Committee shall be taken by a majority of votes of the members present and voting, but the person presiding shall not vote except when there is an equality of votes, in which case he shall exercise a casting vote.

<sup>1</sup>[(4) The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Council and, in his absence, the members of the Council present shall elect a Chairman from amongst them to preside over that meeting.

(4A) The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee, and in the absence of both of them, the members of the Executive Committee present shall elect a Chairman from amongst them to preside over that meeting.]

(5) No proceeding or decision of the Council or the Executive Committee shall be invalid by reason of the existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Council or the Executive Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Sub-sections (4) and (4A) were substituted for former sub-section (4) by section 10 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

**14.** Where, upon the report of the Executive Committee that a member of the Council is guilty of such misconduct as renders him unfit to continue as such member, the Council, after giving the member an opportunity of being heard, passes a resolution declaring that the report is correct, the person to whom the resolution relates shall cease to be a member of the Council on the date such resolution is passed:

Misconduct of a member of the Council

Provided that no such report shall be made by the Executive Committee without giving the member concerned an opportunity of showing cause against such report.

**15.** (1) There shall be a fund to be called the <sup>1</sup>[National Sports Council Fund] to which shall be credited all receipts of the Council including:-

Fund of the Council

- (a) grants from the Government;
- (b) membership fees;
- (c) donations in cash or kind;
- (d) sale proceeds from tickets, or any fee or other payment realised, for entry into any sports event arranged by the Council.

(2) The <sup>2</sup>[National Sports Council Fund] shall be applied to meet all such expenditure, including payment of salaries of the officers and employees of the Council, as is necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act, and shall be administered in such manner as may be prescribed by rules and, until such rules are made, in such manner as the Executive Committee, with the approval of the Chairman, direct.

**16.** (1) The Council shall submit to the Government, in such form before such day in each financial year as the Government may direct, a statement in triplicate to be called the annual budget statement for the next succeeding financial year

Annual Statement

<sup>1</sup> The words "National Sports Council Fund" were substituted for the words "Sports Council Fund" by section 11 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>2</sup> The words "National Sports Council Fund" were substituted for the words "Sports Council Fund" by section 11 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

showing the estimated expenditure and sums which are likely to be required from the Government during that financial year.

(2) After examination of the statement submitted to it under sub-section (1), the Government shall return the statement, with or without modification, indicating the amount which the Council may expect from the Government as grants during the financial year to which the statement relates; and the Council shall accordingly modify the budget.

Accounts and  
Audit

**17.** (1) The Council shall maintain proper accounts, prepare annual statement of accounts and present the accounts for audit, in such form as may be prescribed.

(2) The accounts of the Council shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of Bangladesh or any officer authorised by him every year in such manner as the Comptroller and Auditor-General may think fit.

Reports and  
returns

**18.** (1) The Council shall furnish to the Government such reports, returns and statements as the Government may, from time to time, require.

(2) The Council shall, as soon as possible after the end of every financial year, furnish to the Government a statement of accounts audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General together with an annual report on the condition of its affairs for that year.

(3) Copies of audited account and annual report received by the Government shall be published in the *official Gazette* and laid before Parliament.

Power to issue  
directions

**19.** The Government may, from time to time issue directions to the Council to take such measures as it may consider necessary for the efficient management of the affairs of the Council and the Council shall comply with such directions.

<sup>1</sup>[20. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, or in any agreement, contract, memorandum or articles of association or any other legal instrument, an organisation specified in any of the entries 1 to 22 in Part I of the Schedule <sup>2</sup>[and organization affiliated, time to time, by the Council] shall have a President as its head <sup>3</sup>[who shall be elected according to prescribed rules or, as the case may be, nominated by the Government] and any provision to the contrary in the constitution or the memorandum or articles of association of such organisation shall stand modified and have effect accordingly.

Power of the Government with regard to certain organisations

**20A.** Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, or in any agreement, contract, memorandum or articles of association or any other legal instrument, the Council shall have power-

Power of the Council to dissolve the executive committees of certain organisations, etc.

- (a) to frame model constitution for all or any of the organisations affiliated to it;
- (b) to dissolve the executive committee, by whatever name called, of an organisation affiliated to it, if in its opinion, the executive committee does not act properly or acts in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the organisation and to appoint an *ad-hoc* executive committee in its place;
- (c) to dissolve all such executive committees, by whatever name called, of the organisations specified in entries 1 to 22 in Part I of the Schedule as were constituted prior to a date to be specified in this behalf by the Government;
- (d) to set up a Divisional Sports Association at the Headquarters of each Division.]

<sup>1</sup> Sections 20 and 20A were substituted for former section 20 by section 12 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

<sup>2</sup> The words and commas “and organization affiliated, time to time, by the Council” were inserted by section 2 of the National Sports Council (Amendment) Act, 2011 (Act No. II of 2011).

<sup>3</sup> The words and commas “who shall be elected according to prescribed rules or, as the case may be, nominated by the Government” were substituted for the words “who shall be appointed by the Government” by section 2 of the National Sports Council (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XII of 2003).

Transfer of  
assets, etc.

**21.** Upon the constitution of the Council:-

- (a) all property, movable and immovable <sup>1</sup>[ \* \* \* ] and all rights, liabilities and obligations of the Committee appointed under Government resolution No. SVI/67-Edn. dated the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1972 shall be those of the Council; and
- (b) all employees of that Committee <sup>2</sup>[\* \* \*] shall be deemed to be the employees of the Council.

Power to make  
rules

**22.** The Council may frame rules to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Repeal

**23.** The Sports (Development and Control) Ordinance, 1962 (XVI of 1962), is hereby repealed.

**SCHEDULE**

<sup>3</sup>[Part I

1. The Bangladesh Football Federation.
2. The Bangladesh Hockey Federation.
3. The Bangladesh Swimming Federation.
4. The Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation.
5. The Bangladesh Badminton Federation.
6. The Bangladesh Basket Ball Federation.
7. The Bangladesh Gymnastics Federation.
8. The Bangladesh Rifle Shooting Federation.
9. The Bangladesh Volley Ball Federation.
10. The Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation.
11. The Bangladesh Body Building Federation.
12. The Bangladesh Boxing Federation.

<sup>1</sup> The words “except the Dacca Stadia” were omitted by section 2 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. LXXI of 1976).

<sup>2</sup> The words “except those of the Dacca Stadia” were omitted by section 2 of the National Sports Control Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. LXXI of 1976).

<sup>3</sup> Part I was substituted by section 14 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (Ordinance No. XXXV of 1976).

13. The Bangladesh Chess Federation.
14. The Bangladesh Cycling Federation.
15. The Bangladesh Judo Federation.
16. The Bangladesh Lawn Tennis Federation.
17. The Bangladesh Rowing Federation.
18. The Bangladesh Weight Lifting Federation.
19. The Bangladesh Wrestling Federation.
20. The Council of for Cricket in Bangladesh.
21. The Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation.
22. The Bangladesh Deaf Sports Federation.
23. The District Sports Association of a district recognised by the Council to be representative sports association of that district.]

*[PART II -Omitted by section 14 of the Bangladesh Sports Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (XXXV of 1976).]*

### **PART III**

1. The Army Sports Council.
2. The Air Force Sports Council.
3. The Naval Sports Council.
4. The Police Sports Council.
5. The Railway Sports Council.

### **PART IV**

1. The Inter- Board Sports Council.
  2. The Inter-University Sports Council.
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