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## **BYELAWS FOR THE ATHLETES COMMITTEE / ATHLETES COMMITTEE BYELAWS OF THE FENCING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

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### **1. SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 These Byelaws are called the 'Athletes Committee Byelaws' in short and shall govern the conduct of the Athletes Committee of the Fencing Association of India.
- 1.2 In these Byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires,
  - 1.2.1 'Athletes Committee' shall mean the Athletes Committee of the Fencing Association of India.
  - 1.2.2 'Executive Committee' shall mean the Executive Committee of the Fencing Association of India.
  - 1.2.3 'FAI' / 'Society' shall mean the Fencing Association of India.
  - 1.2.4 'Rules' shall mean the Rules and Regulations of the Fencing Association of India.
  - 1.2.5 'State/ Union Territory Associations' shall mean the State/ Union Territory Associations affiliated with the FAI.

### **2. ATHLETES COMMITTEE**

- 2.1 The mission of the Athletes Committee is to represent the involvement of athletes/ fencers in the administration of FAI.
- 2.2 Athletes Committee shall be composed of total 5 athletes; four retired athletes (2 men and 2 women) and one active athlete appointed by the President and Secretary-General and ratified by the Executive Committee.
  - 2.2.1 The retired athletes must have represented India in official competitions of the FIE, and the active athlete must be participating in the National Championships of FAI.
  - 2.2.2 Athletes must be 16 years of age or above at the time of appointment.

- 2.2.3 Athletes must not have been sanctioned for a doping / disciplinary offence.
- 2.2.4 There shall be no more than one person representing a State/ Union Territory Association in the Athletes Committee.
- 2.3 The term of appointment shall be four years and no person can be a member of the Athlete's Committee for more than one term.
- 2.4 The members of the Athletes Committee shall elect a Chairperson from among themselves. FAI shall facilitate such an election in the first meeting of the newly appointed Athletes Committee. It is preferable that the Chairperson is a retired athlete.
- 2.5 The Chairperson and members of the Athletes Committee shall be subject to the provisions of this Byelaws and other general conditions of service, as may be prescribed.
- 2.6 The Chairperson and members of the Athletes Committee may, by a letter in writing, addressed to the Secretary-General of FAI, resign office and the resignation shall take effect on the day the resignation is accepted by the Secretary-General.
- 2.7 The FAI shall remove any member of the Athletes Committee, if he/she:
  - 2.7.1 Abuse their position or violate ethical conduct and his/her continuance in the position is detrimental to public interest;
  - 2.7.2 Is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence that involves moral turpitude; or
  - 2.7.3 Is physically or mentally incapable.

Provided that a member shall not be removed without giving him/ her a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
- 2.8 The vacancy shall be filled, at the earliest, by the appointment of FAI, and the person so appointed shall hold the position only so long as a member in whose place he/she is appointed would have held the position in case the vacancy had not occurred.
- 2.9 Appointment to the Athletes Committee shall be honorary service, without any fee. The expenses for attending meeting(s) shall be reimbursed by the FAI.

### **3. MEETINGS**

- 3.1 Meetings of the Athletes Committee shall be held at least once in six months. The meeting may be held online if meeting in person is not possible.
- 3.2 The notice period for the meeting shall be 2 clear days and the quorum is 3.
- 3.3 As per sub-clause 2.1.3 of the Rules, Chairperson or a representative elected from among the Athletes Committee shall be a member of the General Council with voting rights.
- 3.4 The Chairperson of the Athletes Committee will make a presentation regarding the work of the Committee at the Annual General Council meeting of FAI.