CONSTITUTION OF

MADHYA PRADESH

CRICKET ASSOCIATION

INDORE

(A Society registered under M.P. Societies Registration Act, 1973 Registration No. 4751)

(As amended on 16th September 2018)

Clause No. & / or sub clause no.	
1	Where it is expedient to regulate, promote, supervise, control and organise cricket played within the jurisdiction of Madhya Pradesh it is hereby laid down as follows :
2	Short Title : This CONSTITUTION shall be called the constitution of Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association.
3	Commencement : It shall come into force immediately (i.e. with effect from 21st August 1960).
4	Jurisdiction : The jurisdiction of the Association shall extend over the State of Madhya Pradesh and over any other territory assigned to it by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
5	Headquarter : The headquarter of the Association shall be at Indore.
6	In this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires:
6 (a)	'Affiliation' in relation to a Divisional Association and institution means affiliated to the Association on payment of the prescribed fees and admitted as such;
6 (a.a)	'Administrator' shall mean and include present and former Office-bearer of the Association, past and present President and Secretary of the Institutional Member of the Association, a representative of the Institutional Member of the Association, and any person connected with the governance and management of the affairs of the Association or of its committees;

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6(b)	'Association' means the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association;
6(c)	'Board' means the Board of Control for Cricket in India;
6(d)	'Constitution' means the Constitution of the Association;
6 (e)	'Committee' means the Managing Committee of the Association;
6 (f)	'Divisional Association' means the Association of a Division as formed under clause 24;
6(g)	'General Body' means a body consisting of all the members;
6(h)	'Honorary Life Member' means a person who has been recognised as such under clause 10;
6(i)	'Member' means a person, an institution and a Divisional Association admitted to the membership of the Association under this constitution;
6(i.a)	'Match Official' means Umpires, Match Referees, Scorers, Match Observers, Anti Corruption Officials appointed by the Association or the Board for conduct of any match, or any person appointed for any other such roles as decided by Committee;
6 (j)	'Office-bearer' means the President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Joint Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. The term 'Hon.' is abbreviated form of 'Honorary';
6(k)	'Registrar' : Means Registrar of Firms & Societies of Madhya Pradesh
6(l)	'Representative Match' means a cricket match played by or on behalf of the Association and approved by the Committee;
6(m)	'Rules and Bye - laws' means the rules and bye-laws framed under this Constitution;
6(m.a)	(m.a): 'Sub-committee' means any sub-committee constituted for any specific purpose by the General Body or the Committee.
6(m.b)	(m.b) : 'Team Official' means Coaches, Managers , Physiotherapist, Nutritionist ,Trainers , Analyst, Counsellors and Medics appointed by the Association for a team, or any person appointed for any other such roles as decided by Committee.
6(n)	Deleted
6(o)	Year means a Financial year commencing from 1st April and ending on 31st March, unless specified otherwise in the Constitution.
7	Membership : The Membership of the Association shall be open to : (a) Institutional Member : Institutional teams playing Cricket, including Divisional Associations within the jurisdiction of the Association. (b) Life Members : i. Individual persons who are interested in the game of Cricket and its promotion and who qualify the provision 11 (A). ii. A player hailing from Madhya Pradesh who has been selected for Indian Team (Senior Men / Women) either for Test or One Day or T-20 matches shall automatically become Life Member of the Association after his / her retirement from all formats of the game,

	subject to the written intimation of this to the Association and upon fulfilling the eligibility criteria of the Membership of the Association as per clause 11 (A).
8	Fees for Institutional Membership : No cricket playing institution nor Divisional Association shall be admitted to the membership unless it pays such annual subscription as may be decided by the Committee from time to time. Present subscription is Rs. 250/-. Provided further that no such institution shall be admitted to the membership unless it is first affiliated with the Divisional Association and has participated in any tournament recognised by the Association or the Divisional Association. Explanations :- (i) The aforesaid condition shall not apply to any institution affiliated to the Association before 21-06-2008 (ii) If any Divisional Association is not conducting any tournament then the cricket club or institution applying for the membership must participate in some tournament suggested by the Committee.
9	Fees for Life Members : (a) Any individual person may become the Life Member of the Association on payment of such fees as may be decided by the Committee from time to time, provided that the fees shall not be less than Rs. 5000/- and statutory taxes if any. (Note : This clause shall not affect persons who were admitted as Life Members before 21.06.2008). (b) A person who applies for Life membership shall have to deposit the fees by a cheque of an amount as stated in (a) above along with the prescribed application form. (c) International players shall not pay any fee for membership under clause 7 (b) (ii).
10	Honorary Life Member : The Association may confer the Honorary Life Membership on any distinguished cricketer or other individual who has served the Association in any honorary capacity.

11	Qualification for Life Membership : (a) A person intending to be a Life Member of the Association must have attained the age of 25 years on the date of application. (b) Subject to clause 11 (a), not more than 6 persons shall be admitted as Members under clause 7 (b) (1) per year between 1st September and 31st August of subsequent year, out of which two persons shall be a male cricketer or umpire, one person shall be a female cricketer, and three persons shall be from the General category, subject to fulfilment of following conditions :- (i) The Male Cricketer should have played Ranji Trophy matches (i.e. more than one match) for Madhya Pradesh and should have officially retired from First Class Cricket, provided further that such player has applied for the membership one year after his retirement. (ii) The Umpire should have umpired in 50 or more multi-day matches conducted by the Board and should not be less than 35 years of age. (iii) The Female Cricketer should have played matches of National Championship for Madhya Pradesh and should have officially retired from National / First Class Cricket, provided further that such player has applied for the membership one year after her retirement. (iv) The other three Members will be from General Category out of persons who are actually involved in organising and promoting the game of cricket for at least three years. (v) If, for whatever reason, applicants from Male Cricketer/Umpire category are not admitted then all five persons shall be admitted from the General Category and vice-versa at the discretion of the Committee. (vi) If, for whatever reason, applicant under the Female Cricketer category is not admitted then this category shall remain vacant. (vii) The Committee will have the power to fill up the allotted quota of six Members or part thereof in subsequent one year if the same has/have not been filled in the corresponding year, subject to the provisions mentioned in rule 11 (a) & (b). The membership shall be confirmed subject to credit of the required admission fee within 30 days from the admission of the applicant to the membership by the Committee.
11	(c) Deleted
11	(d) In addition to the above, one out of the immediate family members of any deceased Life Member shall be entitled for Life Membership on application and on payment of the prevailing Membership fees. The term "Immediate Family Members" means the spouse,

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	son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter of the deceased Life Member. The Life Member has to nominate one of his immediate family members in writing for this category during his lifetime and submit the nomination to the Association. If the Life Member has not nominated his nominee during his lifetime, then after his/her death any one of his 'immediate family members' with the written consent of remaining adult 'immediate family members' can apply for membership within one year from the date of death of the Life Member. No application in this category will be entertained after one year from the date of the death of the Life Member. If the person so nominated has not attained the minimum age of 25 years at the time of the death of the Life Member or within one year thereof, as the case may be, he/she shall be enrolled for life membership upon attaining 25 years of age. A Life Member after the age of 65 years can transfer his/her Life Membership of MPCA to any one of his immediate family members.
11 (A)	Eligibility for admission under clause 7 (b) (i) and 7 (b) (ii) : A person : (a) Should be a citizen of India, (b) Should not have been declared to be of unsound mind, (c) Should not have been declared to be insolvent, (d) Should not have been convicted by a court of law for an offence involving moral turpitude. Any person who is a Life Member and has subsequently relinquished Indian Citizenship or has become of unsound mind or insolvent or convicted in any offence which come under (d) above shall be automatically disqualified from membership. (e) Against whom disciplinary action has been taken by the Committee, Association, Divisional Association or Board shall be debarred from applying for membership till such disability continues.
12	Procedure of applying for Membership : An individual person or an institution desiring to be a Member of the Association, shall apply in a prescribed form to the Hon. Secretary of the Association. (a) In case of individual persons, the prescribed form duly filled should be submitted alongwith a verification by the applicant to the effect that he is not otherwise disqualified from becoming the Member under any of the provisions of this constitution. Two Members of the Association should also recommend in the prescribed form that the applicant is duly qualified to become the Member of the Association.

	(b) The Hon. Secretary of the Association, after receiving the application, shall place it before the Scrutiny Committee once in a year before 31st August. The Scrutiny Committee, after scrutinizing the application, shall place it before the Committee with its recommendation. The Committee may either admit the said applicant to the membership or reject the application or keep the application in abeyance for one subsequent year. The Committee shall not be bound to give reasons for rejecting or keeping in abeyance the application. The Hon. Secretary shall communicate the decision of the Committee to the applicant as soon as practicable. (c) An Institution or the Association of newly formed Division shall apply for the membership of the association in writing to the Hon. Secretary of the Association. The Hon. Secretary of the Association, after receiving the application, shall place the same before the Scrutiny Committee who in turn after scrutinising the same will place it before the Committee for appropriate action. (d) International Player shall have to submit his / her application informing Hon. Secretary that he/she has retired from the game prior to the date of submission of application, alongwith a proof, and his/her name shall be added as a Life Member of the Association after completion of all formalities of membership.
13	Privileges of a Member : The Members, except the Honorary Life Members, shall have the right given under this Constitution and in particular they shall have the right to be present at the meetings of the Association, the right to vote, the right to seek election, and the right to express opinion on all matters in accordance with the rules and regulation, provided that no Life Member shall have any such right unless he/she was a Life Member for a continuous period of six months immediately preceding the meeting of the general body / special general body / extra ordinary general body as the case may be. The clubs and institutions shall exercise the privileges of membership through the representative "duly named on their behalf".
13 (A)	Loss of Membership : The membership will be lost in the following cases: (a) Death of the Member; (b) Insanity; (c) Default in payment of subscription for a period of two years; (d) Resignation; (e) Expulsion; (f) Conviction by a criminal court for offence involving moral turpitude; (g) Continuous non participation in any tournament recognised by the association or division by a Club/Institution for two years. (this is applicable only to Clubs and Institutions).

	It is clarified that if any retired first class / International cricketer, who has been admitted as a Life Member under such category, subsequently withdraws his / her retirement and resumes playing first class / international cricket then the Life Membership of the Association of such cricketer shall stand suspended up to the time he/she continues to play first class / International cricket.
14	Annual General Body Meeting of the Association : The Annual Meeting of the General Body of the Association shall be convened once in a year, preferably before the end of August. A notice of clear 21 days (from the date of despatch) of such meeting shall be given in writing to all eligible members through speed post, and through e-mail wherever practicable. The quorum for such meeting shall not be less than one third of the total membership. In the absence of the requisite quorum at the scheduled time, the meeting shall be adjourned for 15 minutes. The adjourned meeting shall be reconvened on the same day at the same venue. No quorum will be necessary for such adjourned meeting.
15	Business at the Annual Meeting : The Annual General Meeting shall transact the following business :
15 (a.a)	Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
15 (a)	Adoption of annual report;
15(b)	Consideration and approval of audited statements of accounts and the audit report;
15(c)	Sanctioning of the annual budget;
15 (d)	Election of Office-bearers and Members of the Committee in the year of election.
15(e)	Appointment of Auditors;
15(e.a)	Appointment of Ombudsmen cum Ethics Officer.
15(f)	Delete
15 (g)	Any other matter brought before it with the prior permission of the Chair.
16	Special General Body Meeting : A Special General Body Meeting shall be convened by the Hon. Secretary for the transaction of a specific business on - a. a directive by the President; or b. a resolution of the Committee; or c. a requisition signed by not less than twenty five percent Members of the Association. The agenda shall also include confirmation of the minutes of the previous Special General Body Meeting. No business other than for which the Special General Body Meeting is convened will be transacted at such Meeting.

	Ten days notice will be necessary for a Special General Body Meeting and the quorum shall be the same as in the case of Annual General Body Meeting.
17	Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting : The Hon. Secretary shall convene an Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting to consider any amendment to the constitution either on directive of the President or if one fourth of the Members request the President in writing. Twenty one days notice shall be necessary for such meeting. An amendment to the constitution will be deemed to have been passed only if two-third of the Members present vote for it. The agenda shall also include confirmation of the minutes of the previous Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting.
17(A)	If any of the clauses of the Constitution are not clear or are not in accordance with the MP Societies Registration Act, the Registrar shall have power to amend the Constitution. On such a direction being received the Constitution shall stand amended.
18	Office-bearers :- (1) The following shall be the Office-bearers : (a) President (b) Vice President (c) Hon. Secretary (d) Hon. Treasurer (e) Hon. Joint Secretary
	(2) No person shall be **eligible to contest** the elections for the above posts if he/she (a) Is not a citizen of India; (b) Has attained the age of 70 years; (c) Is declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind; (d) Is a minister or government servant or holds a public office; (e) Holds any office or post in a sports or athletic Association or Federation apart from cricket; (f) Has been an Office-bearer of the Board for a cumulative period of nine years or of a state Association for cumulative period of nine years; or (g) Has been charged by a court of law for having committed any criminal offence, i.e. an order framing charges has been passed by a court of law having competent jurisdiction. It is clarified that the Association shall not have any provision for any post to be held for more than nine years i.e. an individual shall not be eligible to hold / contest a post of the office bearer or member of the Committee if he/she has completed a period of nine years either as an office bearer (any one post or in combination) or a member of the Committee or a combination of being an office bearer and a member of the committee.
18	(3) A person shall be disqualified **from being** an Office-bearer if he/she (a) Is not a citizen of India;

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	(b) Has attained the age of 70 years; (c) Is declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind; (d) Is a minister or government servant or holds a public office; (e) Holds any office or post in a sports or athletic Association or Federation apart from cricket; (f) Has been an Office-bearer of the Board for a cumulative period of nine years or of a state Association for cumulative period of nine years; or (g) Has been charged by a court of law for having committed any criminal offence, i.e. an order framing charges has been passed by a court of law having competent jurisdiction. It is clarified that the Association shall not have any provision for any post to be held for more than nine years i.e. an individual shall not be eligible to hold / contest a post of the office bearer or member of the Committee if he/she has completed a period of nine years either as an office bearer (any one post or in combination) or a member of the Committee or a combination of being an office bearer and a member of the committee.
18	(4) An Office-bearer or an elected Member of the Committee / Apex Council of Board who has held any post for two consecutive terms either in a State Association or in the Board (or a combination of both) shall not be eligible to contest any further election without completing a cooling off period of three years. During the cooling off period, such an Office-bearer or an elected Member of the Committee / Apex Council of Board shall not be a Member of the Governing Council or of any committee whatsoever of the Board or of a State Association.
19	(1) Committee : The Committee of the Association shall consist of the following . (a) President. (b) Vice President. (c) Hon. Secretary. (d) Hon. Treasurer. (e) Hon. Jt. Secretary. (f) Four Members elected from the affiliated - Institutions and /or clubs of which one shall be from affiliated schools. (g) Four Members to be elected from the Life Members. (h) Representative of each Divisional Association. (i) Two representatives of players (one male and one female) to be elected. (j) One Nominee of Accountant General of the State.

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	(2) No person shall be **eligible to contest** the elections for the posts covered under 19 (1) (f), (g), (i) if he/she (i) Is not a citizen of India; (ii) Has attained the age of 70 years; (iii) Is declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind; (iv) Is a minister or government servant or holds a public office; [(except for the nominee under 19 (1) (j)] (v) Holds any office or post in a sports or athletic Association or Federation apart from cricket; (vi) Has been an Office-bearer of the Board for a cumulative period of nine years or of a state Association for cumulative period of nine years; or (vii) Has been charged by a court of law for having committed any criminal offence, i.e. an order framing charges has been passed by a court of law having competent jurisdiction. It is clarified that the Association shall not have any provision for any post to be held for more than nine years i.e. an individual shall not be eligible to hold / contest a post of the office bearer or member of the Committee if he/she has completed a period of nine years either as an office bearer (any one post or in combination) or a member of the Committee or a combination of being an office bearer and a member of the committee.
19	(3) A person shall be disqualified **from being** a Member of the Committee for the posts covered under 19 (1) (a) to 19 (1) (i) if he or she (a) Is not a citizen of India; (b) Has attained the age of 70 years; (c) Is declared to be insolvent, or of unsound mind; (d) Is a minister or government servant or holds a public office;[except for the nominee under 19 (1) (j)] (e) Holds any office or post in a sports or athletic Association or Federation apart from cricket; (f) Has been an Office-bearer of the Board for a cumulative period of nine years or of a state Association for cumulative period of nine years; or (g) Has been charged by a court of law for having committed any criminal offence, i.e. an order framing charges has been passed by a court of law having competent jurisdiction. It is clarified that the Association shall not have any provision for any post to be held for more than nine years i.e. an individual shall not be eligible to hold / contest a post of the office bearer

	or member of the Committee if he/she has completed a period of nine years either as an office bearer (any one post or in combination) or a member of the Committee or a combination of being an office bearer and a member of the committee.
19	(4) An Office-bearer or an elected Member of the Committee / apex council of the Board who has held any post for two consecutive terms either in a state association or in the Board (or a combination of both) shall not be eligible to contest any further election without completing a cooling off period of three years. During the cooling off period, such an Office-bearer or an elected Member of the Committee /Apex Council of Board shall not be a Member of the Governing Council or of any committee whatsoever of the Board or of a state association.
19	(5) The Committee may form any sub-committee which in its opinion is essential for better functioning of the Association. The scope of work and powers of any sub-committee shall be decided by the Committee.
20	Tenure and eligibility of the Office-bearer, Members of the Committee and sub-committee : 1. The term for all post of office-bearer and the Committee, sub-committee shall be 3 years. All Office-bearers and elected Members of the Committee shall hold office for 3 years and may be eligible for re-election for another term immediately after the first term, but shall not be eligible to hold any such post for the third consecutive term. Any Office-bearers or elected Members of the Committee shall not be eligible to be Office-bearer or elected Members of the Committee for more than two terms consecutively. Such Office-bearer or the Member of the Committee will have to undergo a cooling off period of 3 years before being eligible for another term of 3 years. 2. Deleted 3. Ordinarily the term shall be from 1st September of a particular year and continue for 3 years till 31st August of that particular third year. In case the new Office-bearers, the Committee, and sub-committee is not constituted before 1st September then the Office-bearers, the Committee, and all sub-committees shall continue to hold office till such time as the new Committee is constituted. 4. Any individual who is disqualified from being an Office-bearer and/or Member of the Committee shall also be disqualified from being representative / nominee or Member of any committee /council.
21	1. Election of the Offices Bearers and Members of the Committee : (a) All the Office-bearers and Members of the Committee shall be elected by the General Body in its annual meeting after every 3 years.

(b) Election shall be held as prescribed in 21(2) below.

(c) The Committee shall appoint an electoral officer who shall be a former member of the Election Commission of Central or State, or a former Chief Electoral Officer of the State. Such appointment shall be done at least one month prior to the elections.

(d) The electoral officer shall oversee and supervise the entire election process for Office-bearer & Members of the Committee, which shall include all nominations and candidature being subject to his scrutiny in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(e) In case of any dispute or objection as to candidate's disqualification, eligibility to vote, or the admission or rejection of a vote in these elections, the electoral officer shall decide the same and such decision shall be final and conclusive.

2. Procedure for Election :-

The following shall be the procedure for election :

(i) The election schedule shall be appended to the Notice for Annual General Body Meeting in which elections are to be held.

(ii) The Hon. Secretary shall display a list of eligible Members who can participate in the election (i.e. list of eligible voters) on the date of issue of election schedule on the notice board of the Associations' office.

(iii) The electoral officer shall be appointed by the Committee, who shall be responsible for the conduct of election. Electoral Officer may take help of any Member who is not contesting the elections or the staff of the Association for conducting the election.

(iv) Any Member who wishes to contest for any post (Office-bearer or Member of the Committee) will have to fill the prescribed form duly signed by him and proposed by a Member and seconded by another Member, and submit it to the Electoral Officer in person either by himself or by his proposer / seconder, not later than two days before the scheduled date of election.

(v) Scrutiny of the nomination papers shall be done by the Electoral Officer and shall be ordinarily held at 10:00 AM on the next day of the last day of the filing of nomination papers. Candidate or his proposer or seconder may remain present during such scrutiny.

(vi) A list of candidates whose nomination papers have been found valid shall be displayed on the notice board of the Association office at 2:00 PM on the same day.

(vii) Candidate who wishes to withdraw his/her nomination can do so by an application in writing to the Electoral Officer up to 6:00 PM on the same day.

(viii) After the scheduled time for withdrawal of nomination has expired and if the number of candidates are equal to the number of posts then the Electoral Officer shall declare such

	candidate as elected on the same day. (ix) If number of candidates is more than the number of posts, then Electoral Officer shall display their names and the posts, on the notice board of Association office on the same day. (x) The voting, if required, shall be held on the day of Annual General Body Meeting as per agenda of the election. (xi) Voting shall be by secret ballot only. (xii) There shall not be proxy voting for Life Members. Authorised representative of an Institutional member shall not be treated as a 'proxy'. (xiii) The Counting shall take place immediately after the voting, and the result shall be declared by the Electoral Officer immediately after the counting is completed.
22	Deleted
23	(A) Any vacancy in the post of Office bearer, Members of the Committee, or a sub-committee shall be filled up for the remaining period as under : (a) In the case of an office bearer or elected member of the Committee, by elections at a Special General Body meeting of the Association convened by the Secretary for that purpose within 60 days. (b) In case of a nominated member of the Committee, in the same manner as prescribed for the appointment of the respective nominee. (c) In case of the sub-committee, by the Committee (B) Any vacancy in the Committee or a sub-committee shall not invalidate the proceedings of the Committee or the sub-committee. (C) A person representing an Institutional Member who is elected as an Office-bearer of the Association ceases to be the representative of that Institutional Member. The said Institutional Member shall depute any other person to be its representative for attending the meetings of the Association or Committee, subject to the clause/s related to the eligibility for being a member of the Committee.
24	Formation of Division : There shall be Divisional Association corresponding to the Revenue Divisions recognised by the Government of Madhya Pradesh from time to time. (A) Jurisdiction of a Division will be corresponding to the revenue Districts recognized by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. However looking to the convenience of any cricketing activity of a District, the jurisdiction of the District can be shifted to another Division with the permission of the Committee.

	(B) Model Constitution for the Divisional Association : The Association may frame a model constitution in consultation with all Divisional Association and which shall be adopted by each Divisional Association. The Divisional Association shall not make any change in the model constitution unless the same has been approved by the Committee. (C) The Association shall have the powers to give any direction to the affiliated Divisional Association which is required for the betterment of cricket and proper functioning of the Divisional Association. Repeated non-compliance of the directions by the Divisional Association may result in any appropriate action to be decided by the Committee.
25	Headquarter of each Division : The headquarter of each Divisional Association shall as far as possible be the same as the revenue headquarter of the Division, provided that the Committee looking to the interest of any Division may recognise any other headquarter.
26	Deleted
27 (A)	Deleted
27 (B)	Ad hoc body for the Division : If any Divisional Cricket Association is not formed or is not functioning properly and efficiently as per its constitutional provisions and its action are detrimental to the promotion of the Game, the Committee may disaffiliate the present body and may appoint an ad hoc body to act as Divisional Cricket Association with all powers of the Divisional Cricket Association, or may take such steps as it considers fit. The ad hoc body shall continue to act till new body is elected. Such elections to be held best within 6 months unless the prevailing circumstances necessitate to delay the election thereafter. However such de-affiliation shall not take place until the Divisional Association has been given ample opportunity to represent its point of view regarding issues raised by the Association.
28	Powers and duties of the Committee : In addition to any other power vested in the Committee under this Constitution the Committee shall have power :
28 (a)	To do all that is necessary and expedient to regulate, promote, control and organise the game within its jurisdiction;
28 (b)	To conduct and participate in tournaments in India and abroad subject to provision no. 30 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) of the Rules & regulations of the Board;
28 (c)	To take disciplinary measures against any player or member or representative of a Division/Institution member where found necessary for keeping up the good spirit to the game;
28 (d)	To frame rules & regulations for the conduct of its activities and to modify them;
28 (e)	To pass the audited accounts submitted by the Hon. Treasurer;
28 (f)	To frame, add, alter, amend bye - laws which shall not conflict with the rules of the Association;

28 (g)	To have full powers of the interpretation of the rules and bye-laws;
28 (h)	To organise or recognise any tournament held by it or any other body;
28 (i)	To have control over all tournaments recognised or organised by it;
28 (j)	To call the Annual General Body Meeting, Special General body Meeting or Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting of the Association;
28 (k)	To hear cases of protest, misconduct or breach of the rules of the Association or the breach of any rule or bye-law of the Committee;
28 (l)	To take disciplinary action against the players representing any club or an institution affiliated to the Association or against the affiliated club or institution;
28 (m)	To deal with the cases of arrears of annual-subscriptions;
28 (n)	To arrange the representative matches played by or on behalf of the Association;
28 (o)	To raise funds for the Association and invest them in any Scheduled Bank or otherwise;
28 (p)	To nominate a representative of the Association on the Board and other bodies who shall not be replaced frequently;
28 (q)	Deleted
28 (r)	To raise loans as and when necessary with or without security.
28 (s)	To organise benefit or exhibition match or matches for a cricketer or an office - bearer or member of the Association.
28 (t)	To do other acts in furtherance of the objects of the Association;
28 (u)	To appoint as many office staff as and when required and to decide about their salary and all other related matters. The Committee may delegate this power to Hon. Secretary.
28 (v)	To frame the rules for the financial powers of the Office bearers and the Committee and the rules for the procurement procedure for goods and services.
29	Duties of the Committee : 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee :- (a) to maintain a panel of umpires; (b) to organise atleast one tournament in a year on a Divisional basis; (c) to give aid and assistance as far as possible to Divisional Associations; (d) to consider any grievances, complaints of the affiliated clubs, institutions, Divisional Associations, players or appoint an arbitrator to decide disputes' (e) to deal with the applications for membership of the Association; (f) to organise schools cricket XI and send a representatives of schools XI in All India Schools and other junior Tournaments; (g) Deleted (h) The Office Bearers shall nominate the following committees within 15 days of the election

of the Association -

(i) A 'Cricket Committee' comprising of three former cricketers who have played atleast 10 First Class matches. The 'Cricket Committee' shall

1) Be responsible for appointment of coaches for state teams and other coaching requirements, evaluation of coaches and coaching programmes, appointment of other team officials, and evaluation of state teams.

2) Nominate the Selection Committees, as under, comprising of 5 persons, out of which one shall be a Chairperson, to select teams for representing Association for various tournaments.

(a) Selection committee to select boy's U-14, boy's U-16 and boy's U-19 teams.

(b) Selection committee to select Men's' Senior (open) and boy's U-23 teams.

(c) Selection committee to select girl's U-16, and girl's U-19 teams.

(d) Selection committee to select Women's Senior (Open) and girl's U-23 teams

Provided that :

(i) Members of selection committee mentioned in (b) and (d) above should have played for state teams for Men (at least 1 First Class match) / Women (at least 1 match) respectively. For others selection committees the person should have played at least MP age group (U-19 or U-23 teams) or Vizzy Trophy Team or any divisional team (Senior Men/Senior Women) in Inter Divisional tournament for at least 5 years. Selector should have officially retired from cricket at least one year before such nomination.

(ii) No Office-bearer of the Divisional Associations shall be Member of any selection committee of the Association.

(iii) Any person whose son/daughter/spouse/any blood relative is an aspirant for selection in any team of the Association shall not be a member of any selection committee.

(ii) The office bearers shall form Umpires Committee comprising of three persons, out of which one will be Chairperson, to post umpires for domestic matches, conduct umpiring examination and to take all decision regarding matter connected with umpiring. The present officiating umpire cannot be a member of this sub-committee.

(iii) The office bearers shall form any other sub-committee as decided by the Committee.

(iv) Deleted

2. The Committee shall exercise its rights and control over the Divisional Associations, and

	over its subordinate bodies through the Divisional Association.
30	Deleted
31	Meeting of the Committee : The Committee shall meet as often as necessary and in any case twice in a year. The President or the Hon. Secretary with the consent of the President or on a requisition signed by one forth members of the Committee shall call a Special Meeting, for which a notice period of 5 days shall be given. The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be one-third of the members of the Committee. If no quorum is formed the meeting may be adjourned for fifteen minutes. No quorum shall be necessary for an adjourned meeting. A notice of 10 days shall be given for the meeting of the Committee.
32	Duties & Powers of the Office bearers : President : In addition to any other power vested in the President under the constitution, the President shall have the power to preside over the Annual General Body Meeting or Special General Body Meeting or Extra Ordinary General Body Meeting of the Association or meeting of the Committee and shall exercise all the powers of the general supervision and control. In the absence of President the Vice President shall exercise any or all of his powers. The President shall have the powers to take whatever action is necessary in an emergency, which ordinarily shall be within the powers of the Committee, provided that all such actions are reported to the Committee within 10 days of the emergency. The President shall be the sole judge of the emergency. The President shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.
33	Vice President: He / She shall exercise such powers as are assigned by the President and may preside over the General Body or other meetings of the Association or the Committee in absence of the President.
34	Delete
35	Hon. Secretary : The Hon. Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out the functions of the Committee. He will perform such duties as the President may direct him to do. He will be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall carry out the decisions of the Committee or other sub-committees. He shall conduct, correspond on behalf of the Association, keep the minutes of the meetings, maintain an inventory of the properties of Association, and shall also maintain the proceedings book of all the General Body, Committee and sub-Committee meetings, a list of the properties of the Association, inward and outward register of correspondence, dak-book, voucher book, complaint book, any other documents as the Hon. Secretary deems necessary or as may be directed by the Committee.
36	Honorary Treasurer : The Hon. Treasurer shall be in charge of the funds of the Association. He shall maintain all accounts, receive all money, issue receipts on behalf of the Association, pay all bills duly certified by the Hon. Secretary when not in excess of the amount budgeted for, operate

	an account jointly with the Hon. Secretary in a bank authorized by the Committee. Deleted Opening and operating bank accounts : The Hon. Treasurer shall open accounts of all types in one or more scheduled commercial bank approved by the Committee/Finance committee and shall operate such accounts jointly with the Hon. Secretary. In case of leave of absence of either or both for any reason whatsoever the said account shall be operated jointly by either of the Hon. Treasurer or Vice President as one signatory, and Hon. Secretary or Hon. Joint Secretary as the other signatory. The specific names shall be communicated to the bank concerned, along with their duly certified specimen signatures, by the Hon. Secretary.
37	Honorary Joint Secretary : The Hon. Joint Secretary shall assist the Hon. Secretary and do such duties as may be determined by the Committee and shall have the same powers, duties and responsibilities as those of the Hon. Secretary. In case of the leave of absence of the Hon. Secretary the Hon. Joint Secretary shall perform the duties of the Hon. Secretary.
38	Annual Subscription : Annual subscription must be paid before 31st March.
38 A	Dues : (a) All dues by a player or a member payable under Resolution or decision of the Committee or General Body shall be paid by a member or player within a month of notice given by the Secretary / Treasurer. A member failing to submit the accounts with the dues shall not been entitled to vote, contest any election nor shall be eligible to hold any office of office-bearer. The Association shall be entitled to recover the amount in any legal manner or adjust it in any way. On recovery of dues the member shall be entitled to his previous rights and privileges. This does not apply to any Division or Association affiliated with the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association.
39	Bye-laws, Rule etc. : Any rule, bye-laws or regulation of the Association, the Committee or Divisional Association which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, shall be null and void. All the bye-laws rules, etc. shall be as far as possible be printed and circulated to the members.
39 A	Principles of Transparency and Conflict of Interest as per the chapter eight of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the Board. (1) Transparency :

(i) The Constitution of the Association, rules and regulations and all other resolutions, orders and memoranda of the Association (including the Committee and the General Body) shall be freely available to the general public at a reasonable price. The same shall also be available on the website of the Association.

(ii) The composition of the various sub-committees (including the Committee), their reports of work done, financial outlay and expenditure shall be uploaded on the website of the Association on a quarterly basis at distinct links dedicated to each committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Management to ensure that this is done.

(iii) All payments and expenditures made by the Association which is in excess of Rs. Ten Lakh shall be enumerated and uploaded on the website.

(iv) All proceedings and conclusions of the ombudsman cum ethics officer and the electoral officer shall be uploaded on the website of the Association annually.

(v) The audited accounts, balance sheet, profit and loss accounts and annual reports shall be uploaded on the website of the Association annually.

(vi) The financial and compliance reports of the auditor shall be uploaded on the website of the Association annually.

(vii) All notices on or behalf of the Association including tenders for goods and services, for contractual arrangements and the like shall be promptly uploaded on the website of the Association.

(viii) The website of the Association shall have dedicated links to all the stadia in the state which host international matches, along with their complete seating capacity, pricing and transparent booking procedures for all tournaments whether International, domestic or IPL. All sponsors and other free allotments shall also be disclosed, in no event being more than 10% of the entire seating capacity in any particular category.

(2) Conflict of interest :

A. A conflict of interest may take any of the following forms as far as any individual associated with the Association is concerned :

(i) Direct or indirect interest : When the Association, an Institutional Member of the Association, the IPL or a franchisee enter into contractual arrangements with entities in which the individual concerned or his/her relative, partner or close associate has an interest. This is to include cases where family members, partners or close associates are

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in positions that may, or may be seen to compromise an individual's participation, performance and discharge of roles.

(ii) Roles Compromised : When the individual holds two separate or distinct post or position under the Board, the Association, an Institutional Member of the Association, the IPL or the franchisee, the functions of which would require the one to be beholden to the other, or in opposition thereof.

(iii) Commercial conflicts : When the individual enters into endorsement contracts or other professional engagements with third parties, the discharge of which would compromise the individual's primary obligation to the game or allow for a perception that the purity of the game stands compromised.

(iv) Prior relationship : When the individual has a direct or indirect independent commercial engagement with the vendor or service provider in the past, which is now to be engaged by or on behalf of the Board, the Association, an Institutional Member of the Association, the IPL or the franchisee.

(v) Position of influence: When the individual occupies a post that calls for decisions of governance, management or selection to be made, and where a friend, relative or close affiliate is in the zone of consideration or subject to such decision – making, control or management. Also when the individual hold any stake, voting rights or power to influence the decisions of the Franchisee/clubs/teams that participates in the commercial leagues under the Board or the Association.

B. Within a period of 15 days of taking any office under the Association, every individual shall disclose in writing to the Committee any existing or potential event that may be deemed to cause a conflict of interest, and the same shall be uploaded on the website of the Association. The failure to issue such a complete disclosure or any partial or total suppression thereof would render the individual open to disciplinary action which may include termination and removal from such office / post / role without benefits. It is clarified that a declaration does not lead to a presumption that in fact a questionable situation exists, but is merely for information and transparency.

C. A conflict of interest may be either tractable or intractable :

(i) Tractable conflicts are those that are resolvable or permissible or excusable through recusal of the individual concerned and/or with full disclosure of the interest involved.

(ii) Intractable conflicts are those that cannot be resolved through disclosure and recusal, and would necessitate the removal of the individual from a post or position occupied so

that the conflict can cease to exist.

D. It is clarified that no individual may occupy more than one of the following posts at a single point of time except where prescribed under this Constitution:

(i) Player (current)

(ii) Selector/Member of cricket committee/sub-committee

(iii) Team official

(iv) Commentator

(v) Match official

(vi) Administrator/Office-bearer

(vii) Electoral officer

(viii) Ombudsman and ethics officer

(ix) Auditor

(x) Any person who is in governance, management or employment of a franchisee.

(xi) Member of a standing committee

(xii) CEO and managers

(xiii) Office-bearer of an Institutional Member

(xiv) Service provider (legal, finance, etc.)

(xv) Contractual entity (broadcast, security, contactor, etc.)

(xvi) Owner of a cricket academy

As far as incumbents are concerned every disclosure mandated above may be made within 90 days of the effective date.

3. The ombudsman cum ethics officer

(i) The Association shall appoint an independent ombudsman cum ethics officer at the annual general body meeting.

(ii) The terms of reference for the ombudsman cum ethics officer shall be framed by the Committee and include regulations regarding the discipline and conduct of the players, match officials, team officials, administrators, members, and other associated with the Association.

(iii) Ombudsman cum ethics officer shall be a retired Judge of High Court so appointed by the Association after obtaining his/her consent and on terms as determined by the Association in keeping with the dignity and stature of the office.

(iv) The term of an ombudsman cum ethics officer shall be one year subject to a maximum of three terms in office.

	(v) Any instance of conflict of interest may be taken cognizance by the said officer : (a) Suo Motu; (b) By way of a complaint in writing to the official postal or email address of the Association; Or (c) On a reference by the Committee; (vi) After considering the relevant factors and following the principles of natural justice, the officer may do any of the following: (a) Declare the conflict as tractable and direct that: (1) The person declare the conflict of interest; Or (2) The interest that causes the conflict be relinquished; or (3) The person recuses from discharging the obligation or duty so vested in him or her. (b) Declare the conflict as intractable and direct that: (1) The person be suspended or removed from his or her post; and (2) Any suitable monetary or other penalty will be imposed; and (3) The person be barred for a specified period or for life from involvement with the game of cricket. The ombudsman cum ethics officer is wholly empowered to also direct any additional measures or restitution as is deemed fit in the circumstances.
40	Interpretation of Constitution : The President shall have the right to interpret the provisions of this Constitution. In case there arises any dispute regarding the interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution the interpretation given by the Registrar will be final and binding on all the members.
41	Miscellaneous : Affiliated Clubs, Institutions or Divisional Association shall not participate in any tournament which is not organised or recongnised by the Association without the previous permission of the Committee.
42	Player not to participate in the Tournament etc. : No player who is or has been representing the Association shall play in any competition, tournament, or contests which are not organised or recognised by the Association, Divisional Association, the Board or any other Association affiliated to the Board. This does not apply to contests or competitions which are in the nature of friendly matches.
43	Penalty for contravention of the Constitution of the Association : Affiliated Clubs, Institutions, Divisional Associations, or players of such Clubs, Institutions, or Divisional Association as also any player representing the Association who contravenes the provisions of the constitution, Rules and bye-laws framed thereunder may be dealt with in such manner as the Committee may deem fit.
44	Divisional Association etc. to uphold the traditions etc. : Every Divisional Association, a member,

	and a player shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and for upholding the rules, and traditions of the Association. Any infringement of this rule may be dealt with in such manner as the Committee may deem fit.
45	MISCONDUCT AND PROCEDURE TO DEAL WITH (i) The Committee shall have the power to frame bye-laws regarding the discipline and conduct of the players, match officials, team officials, administrators, Members, and other associated with the Association and shall have the power to amend the same from time to time. (ii) All cases of indiscipline and misconduct by the players, match officials, team officials, administrators, Members, and other associated with the Association shall be reported with full particulars to the ombudsman cum ethics officer for enquiry within forty-eight hours. (iii) The decision of the ombudsman cum ethics officer shall be final and binding and shall come into force forthwith on being pronounced and delivered.
46	Patrons and Patron-in-Chief: Association may receive donations, grants and aids from any individual. The Association may recognise any person as Patron, and recognise one of them as Patron-in-Chief.
47	Member, Player not to comment etc. : No office-bearer, member of the Association or the Divisional Association, or the Player representing or intending to represent the Association in any competition tournament or match, shall publicly comment, discuss, talk, speak, or publish article or act in manner which may bring the Association in disrepute. An infringement of this rule will entail the forfeiture of the membership of such member and in case of player his right of being selected for any tournament or match.
48	Notice of Meeting : A notice in writing of any meeting of either the Association, the Committee or Sub-Committee may be served either in person or by post. A notice to any audit person belonging to the family of the member or notice to the servant or agent will be deemed to be sufficient notice within the meaning of this clause. Wherever practicable, notices shall also be served by way of electronic mail to the official e-mail addresses as furnished to the Association. Any notice sent via post or e-mail shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the same was sent, and it shall be sufficient to prove either that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and posted or that the email was sent to the correct e-mail address.
48 A	Accidental omission or delay in giving Notice of Meeting : Accidental omission or delay in giving notice of meeting of Annual General Body or Special General Body or Extra Ordinary General Body or Committee or any other Committee or Sub-committee, to any Member entitled there to, or the non-receipt thereof by him / her shall not invalidate the proceedings of such meetings.

49	Notice by Registered Post etc. : Notice may be sent either by registered post or under a certificate of posting or by speed post or by personal delivery.
50	Decision by the majority and secret ballot : Except as otherwise provided all the decisions will be taken by simple majority and if demanded by a secret ballot.
51	Resolution by circulation : Any decision of the Committee may be taken by circulation of the proposal provided that the majority of the members of the Committee have approved in favour of the proposal. The decision taken by circulation shall be placed before the next meeting of the Committee.
52	Trust : The moveable, immoveable properties or the funds of the Association shall vest in the Trustees, if approved by the General Body which may appoint such number of Trustees not exceeding five. Out of these Trustees, three shall be permanent Trustees and two shall be nominated by the Trust every year. The Trustees shall nominate its own Chairman and Secretary. On the formation of a Trust, the properties moveable / immoveable or other funds as may be directed to be invested in Trust, shall be held by the Trustees in trust for the Association, subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Trust Deed. The property once vested in the Trustees shall not be divested.
53	Dissolution : In case it is deemed necessary to dissolve this Association it may be dissolved by 3/5 members of the Association who shall have expressed a wish for such dissolution by their votes delivered in person at a general meeting convened for the purpose. After the dissolution of the Association if there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be sold or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given to some other Association, having similar objects, to be determined by the votes of not less than 3/5 of the members present at the time of dissolution of the Association.
54	Submission of Documents : The Association will submit documents as stipulated under the MP Societies Registrikaran Act within the prescribed period to the Registrar.
55	Settlement of Disputes : The Registrar or any other Officer authorised by him shall investigate the affairs of the Association in case of any dispute and shall have full powers to settle disputes or give decision which will be binding on all parties for compliance. It shall be the duty of all the office-bearers and officers of the Association to produce all books and papers relating to the Association.
56	Power of Registrar to call meeting : If default is made in holding meetings of General body or Committee in accordance with the registered constitution of the Association or when it becomes otherwise necessary in the opinion of the Registrar, the Registrar shall have power to call or direct the calling of General Meeting or Committee meeting of the Association and give ancillary or consequential directions as he may consider necessary for conducting meeting.
56 A	Indemnity – Every Member of the Association, every Office-bearer / other official or staff, or a

	Member of a Committee or Sub-committee for the time being of the Association and every Trustee thereof shall be indemnified out of the Association's fund against all losses and expenses incurred in the discharge of his /her duties, except those which have occurred through his / her own wilful act or chargeable only for so much moneys or properties as he / she shall himself / herself actually receive for or in the discharge of the business of the Association and each one shall be answerable only for his / her own act, neglects or default and not for those of any other person.
56 B	Suit by or against the Association : The Association shall sue or be sued in the name of the Hon. Secretary
57	Repeal and Savings : The Madhya Bharat Cricket Constitution as applied to Madhya Bharat as in force immediately before this Constitution comes into force and the rules made thereunder is hereby repealed. - Provided that : (a) the persons admitted to the membership, clubs and institutions affiliated to the said Association, the office-bearers, the members, representative elected or nominated by or in the Committee or any sub-committee shall continue to hold the same post or status until superseded, elected, nominated under this Constitution; (b) any property or right acquired, any privilege accrued or any liability or obligation incurred, shall not be affected; (c) any agreement or appointment made, any action or decision taken shall be deemed to have been taken under this Constitution.

Please note : In this Constitution wherever the context so requires, the use of the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

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