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**MALDIVES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
MALE', REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES**

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MALDIVES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

1. PREAMBLE

“We, the Maldives Olympic Committee, an organization belonging to the Olympic Movement, duly represented by the undersigned, hereby undertake to respect the provisions of the Olympic Charter and the World Anti-Doping Code and to abide by the decisions of the IOC.

We undertake, in accordance with our mission and role at national level, to participate in actions to promote peace and to promote women in sport. We also undertake to support and encourage the promotion of sports ethics, to fight against doping and to demonstrate a responsible concern for environmental issues.”

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This is the official rules and regulations that govern the operations and running of the Maldives Olympic Committee
- 2.2 Maldives Olympic Committee is an independent body formed under the Maldivian Constitution under the Law number 1/2003 (the law governing associations). Under the law Maldives Olympic Committee has the right to function under this constitution and obtain the necessary means within the laws of the state to fully function as an independent body.

3. NAME

The organisation shall be called the “MALDIVES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE”. The abbreviated name is being MOC.

4. ADDRESS

- 4.1 The registered address of the MOC is:
Maldives Olympic Committee
Second Floor
Youth and Sports Development Centre
Male'
Republic of Maldives
- 4.2 Unless otherwise agreed by the Executive Board, the place of business and meetings of the MOC shall be at the Office of the MOC.
- 4.3 The official contact numbers, e-mails and the web address of MOC are:

Tel: +960 334 6640
Fax: +960 334 6641
E-mail: info@nocmaldives.org
Web Address: www.nocmaldives.org

5. MISSION OF MOC

The mission of the MOC is to ensure that the Olympic Movement is developed, established, expanded and carried out in the Maldives in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

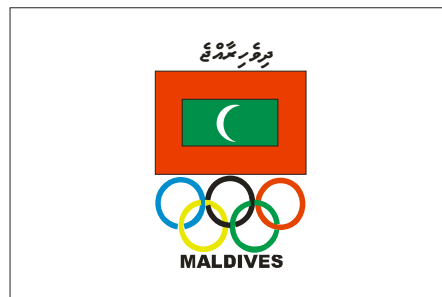
6. VISION OF MOC

It is the vision of the MOC to be an organisation that is recognised locally, regionally, continentally and globally as one which promotes and develops sports.

7. LOGO OF MOC



8. FLAG OF MOC



The flag, the emblem and the anthem adopted by the Maldives Olympic Committee for use in relation to its activities, including the Olympic Games, shall be subject to the approval of the IOC.

9. OFFICIAL COLOURS OF MOC

9.1 The official colours of the MOC are Red, Green and White.

10. MOTTO OF MOC

10.1 The Motto of MOC is:

“BETTER LIFE FOR THE ATHLETES THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF OLYMPISM”

11. OBJECTIVES OF THE MOC

The objectives of the MOC shall be:-

- 11.1 To encourage, promote, organise, control and safeguard Olympism in the Republic of Maldives. In addition, to promote the fundamental principles and values of Olympism in the Maldives, in particular, in the fields of sport and education, by promoting Olympic educational programmes in all levels of schools, sports and physical education institutions and universities, as well as by encouraging the creation of institutions dedicated to Olympic education, such as a National Olympic Academy, an Olympic Museum and other programmes, including cultural, related to the Olympic Movement
- 11.2 To ensure the observance of the Olympic Charter in the Maldives;
- 11.3 To promote the spirit of “Sport for All” and assist, encourage and facilitate the development of elite sports;
- 11.4 To conduct, facilitate and promote training programmes for the development of Sport Personnel;
- 11.5 To condemn and eradicate discrimination and racism from the arena of sport and penalise those who break the barrier;
- 11.6 To eradicate violence from the sport arena and sanction those who fail to adhere to this cause;
- 11.7 To adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code, thereby ensuring that the MOC’s anti-doping policies and rules, membership and-or funding requirements and results management procedures conform with the World Anti-Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for MOCs that are listed within the World Anti-Doping Code;
- 11.8 To assist the associations to promote their sport within the framework of the Olympic Charter;
- 11.9 To find ways to promote, develop and sustain the traditional sports of the country.

12. THE POWERS OF MOC

The powers of the MOC are exercised by the following organs. They are:

- 12.1 The General Assembly
- 12.2 The Executive Committee of MOC
- 12.3 The President

13. JURISDICTION OF MOC

- 13.1 To decide on sending teams to the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Continental Games, Regional Games, and International Multi-Sport Games.
- 13.2 The MOC is obliged to participate in the Games of the Olympiad by sending athletes. The MOC has the exclusive authority for the representation of Maldives at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronised by the IOC and shall constitute, organize and lead its respective delegations at such events and competitions. Moreover, the MOC is responsible for the behaviour of the members of its delegations
- 13.3 To decide on the venue of an International, Continental or Regional multi-sport event within the country, if so decided
- 13.4 To work with government and other organisation to achieve and fulfil MOC objective and goals in accordance with the Olympic Charter
- 13.5 To sustain and continue the independence of the MOC and not to deviate to any sort of pressure which violates the Olympic Charter
- 13.6 To accept and ratify the assistance provide by the government, local bodies and international organisation in accordance with Olympic Charter
- 13.7 To participate and be a member of organisations that are approved by the IOC
- 13.8 To participate and express views in relation to the host cities of the OG
- 13.9 If and when the opportunity is given to be actively involved in the IOC commissions
- 13.10 To practice in full, the powers given to MOC under the OC and the IOC

14. MEMBERS OF MOC

There shall be 7 (seven) types of membership in the MOC:-

- Honorary Presidents
- Honorary Members
- Special Members
- Full Members
- Associated Members
- Athlete Members
- Group Members

14.1 Honorary Presidents

- 14.1.1 Honorary Presidents are those who have served as the Olympic Committee Presidents for a long period with outstanding service, who by the recommendation of the Executive Board have been elected by the General Assembly.
- 14.1.2 Honorary Presidents can take part in the General Assembly as well as any ordinary meeting for the members
- 14.1.3 Honorary Presidents do not have the right to vote
- 14.1.4 Honorary Presidents are elected for life. However, the General Assembly has the right remove the membership.

14.2 Honorary Members

- 14.2.1 Honorary Members are those who have served the Olympic Committee for more than 10 (ten) years as an Executive Committee Member, who by the recommendation of the Executive Board have been elected by the General Assembly.
- 14.2.2 Honorary Members can take part in the General Assembly as well as any ordinary meeting for the members
- 14.2.3 Honorary Members do not have the right to vote
- 14.2.4 Honorary Members are elected for life. However, the General Assembly has the right remove the membership.

14.3 Special Members

- 14.3.1 Special Members are those who have not been members of the Olympic Committee, but who have extended outstanding service to the committee, who by the recommendation of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly.
- 14.3.2 Special Members can take part in the General Assembly as well as any ordinary meeting for the members
- 14.3.3 Special Members do not have the right to vote
- 14.3.4 Special Members are elected for life. However, the General Assembly has the right remove the membership.

14.4 Full Members

- 14.4.1 There are two different groups of members in this category. They are:
 - 14.4.1.1 The IOC member(s) in the Maldives, if any. Such members shall have the right to vote in the general assemblies of the MOC and shall be ex officio member(s) of the Executive Committee of the MOC with voting right. Furthermore they do not have to pay any membership fee for their membership
 - 14.4.1.2 National Sports Federations or Associations who are duly affiliated to their respective International Federations, including in particular all National Federations or Associations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games. In addition, such National Federations or Associations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games shall constitute the voting majority of the NOC.
- 14.4.2 Full Members can take part in the General Assembly as well as any ordinary meeting for the members.
- 14.4.3 Full Members have the right to vote. In addition they have the right to nominate candidates to the executive board and the commissions of the Olympic committee during the election
- 14.4.4 National Federations or associations who wish to become full members of the Olympic Committee have to pay an annual fee of MRF 500/- (five hundred) per year. Those who do not pay the fee do not have the right to vote.

- 14.4.5 Those federations or associations who do not pay their annual fees for 3 (three) years consecutively will have their membership removed. A renewal fee of MRF 1000/- (one thousand) has to be paid for those who wish to re-instate their membership after being cancelled.
 - 14.4.6 Full Membership for requested bodies can only be officially approved by the General Assembly.
 - 14.4.7 Full Membership is given for life. However, the General Assembly has the right remove the membership.
- 14.5 Associated Members
- 14.5.1 Those who are not eligible for full membership can be awarded an Associated Membership.
 - 14.5.2 Associated Members can take part in the General Assembly as well as any ordinary meeting for the members. However they do not have the right to vote or the opportunity to nominate candidates to the Executive Board or the Commissions of the Olympic Committee for elections.
 - 14.5.3 Those who wish to become an Associated Member have to pay an annual fee of MRF 200/- (two hundred) per year.
 - 14.5.4 Associated Members, who fail to pay their dues for 2 (two) years running, will have their membership removed. A renewal fee of MRF 500/- (five hundred) has to be paid for those who wish to re-instate their membership after being cancelled.
 - 14.5.5 Associated Membership can be officially given by the General Assembly.
 - 14.5.6 Associated Members are elected for life. However, the General Assembly has the right remove the membership.
- 14.6 Athlete Members
- 14.6.1 Athlete Members are those active athletes or retired athletes having taken part in the Olympic Games; however, the latter must retire from their posts at the latest by the end of the third Olympiad after the last Olympic Games in which they took part.
 - 14.6.2 Athlete Members are represented at the General Assembly by a male and a female member who have one vote and may have the opportunity to nominate themselves or candidates to the Executive Board or the Commissions of the Olympic Committee for elections.
 - 14.6.3 Athlete Members do not have to pay an annual fee to become and Athlete Member
 - 14.6.4 Athlete Members are elected for a given period. Hence, once the period is over these members should resign from their post.
 - 14.6.5 Athlete Membership can be officially cancelled at any time by the General Assembly or even an Ordinary General Meeting.
- 14.7 Group Members
- 14.7.1 Group Members are those bodies, either public or private who are serving the sport sector, who wish to become a member of the Olympic Movement, has officially applied for it and has been officially approved by the General Assembly.
 - 14.7.2 Group Members can take part in the General Assembly as well as any ordinary meeting for the members. However they do not have the right

- to vote or the opportunity to nominate candidates to the Executive Board or the Commissions of the Olympic Committee for elections.
- 14.7.3 Those who wish to become a Group Member have to pay an annual fee of MRF 300/- (three hundred) per year.
- 14.7.4 Group Members, who fail to pay their dues for 2 (two) years running, will have their membership removed. A renewal fee of MRF 500/- (five hundred) has to be paid for those who wish to re-instate their membership after being cancelled.
- 14.7.5 Group Members are elected for life or to the time period of existence of the body. However, the General Assembly or Ordinary General Meeting has the right to cancel their membership at anytime.
- 14.8 The Government or other public authorities shall not appoint or designate any member of the MOC or any member to the Executive Board of the MOC. However, members of the MOC may decide, at its discretion, to elect as members representatives of such authorities.

15. HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF MOC

- 15.1 Apart from Honorary Presidents, Honorary members and Special Members, others who wish to become a member of MOC have to fill a membership form and sent to the MOC with an official letter. The letter should indicate that once membership is granted that they will abide with all rules and regulations of the MOC and should accompany with all relevant documents needed to become the member category they want.
- 15.2 Honorary Presidents, Honorary Members and Special Membership are granted to those recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the General Assembly.
- 15.3 Those who apply for full membership should be a national body that is responsible to develop and promote a specific sport within the country. They should be duly affiliated to their respective International Federations recognised by the IOC.
- 15.4 Those who apply for full membership should have an official recognition by the National Sport Council or the relevant authority stating that they are the official body responsible to develop and promote the specific sport at the national level. The body should also be an active body which currently holds annual tournaments and have in their annual program, programs to develop athletes, coaches and officials. MOC will not grant membership to more than one association in a given sport.

16. MEMBER REGISTRY

- 16.1 Under this constitution, a full membership registry should be maintained. Such a registry should have the following information:
- Members Name and the address of their Registry
 - Date of Membership
 - Type of Membership
 - Membership State

17. MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION AND RESIGNATION

- 17.1 Members who wish to cancel his/her membership shall write in writing and with the approval of the Executive Board shall be granted the cancellation. Those who apply to cancel their membership, before approving the application, the Executive Board has the right to present the member for a hearing and shall decide whether the matter should be referred to a General Meeting. In addition these members shall complete all outstanding issues with MOC.
- 17.2 Members who fail to pay their annual fees shall have their membership cancelled.
- 17.3 Members who fail to exist due to other laws and regulations will lose their membership.
- 17.4 If a member violates any rule or regulation of the MOC, the Executive Board has the right to annul the membership of such person or party. The information of such members will be presented in the next General Meeting.
- 17.5 If a member receives a sanction from a court of law, the Executive Board has the right to annul the membership of such person or party. The information of such members will be presented in the next General Meeting.

18. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 18.1 Candidates representing a full member who has reached the age of 18 (eighteen) can become a member of the Executive Committee
- 18.2 The Executive Committee comprises of the President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, 9 (nine) members and the IOC Member(s) in Maldives, if any. Apart from the IOC Member(s) in Maldives, if any, the other 13 (thirteen) members are elected from full members.
- 18.3 At least two out of the 4 (four) posts, President, Vice President Secretary General and Treasurer should be elected from members of Olympic Sports Organisations.
- 18.4 The 9 (nine) members are elected as follows. Two from Olympic Team Sports, Three from Olympic Individual Sports, Two from Non Olympic Sports and Two Female Members. If two female members cannot be elected, then with the approval of the General Assembly, the posts can be filled by male members.
- 18.5 The voting majority of the Executive Committee shall always consist of the votes cast by the national federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games or their representatives.
- 18.6 The 13 (thirteen) members of the Executive Board shall represent 13 (thirteen) different sports. No member is allowed to be represented on the executive board more than once.
- 18.7 The 7 (seven) members are elected based on the sport. Hence, voting will be done for the sport not for the person. On the Executive Board, the elected sport will be represented by the person nominated by the respective Association who should be a member of their Executive Committee. This nominated person is for the term unless he/she resigns.
- 18.8 If the nominated person of an elected sport resigns before the tenure, the vacant post on the executive board has to be re-elected by the sport and nominated to

MOC Executive Board. The tenure for this person will be for the end of the current term.

- 18.9 The 9 (nine) members are elected on rotational basis. Hence, in the next election, 5 (five) out of the 9 (nine) members should be new members. If such a situation cannot be achieved, then with the approval of the General Assembly the combination can be changed.

19. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 19.1 All members on the Executive Board are those elected at a General Assembly by a secret ballot. The person who wins the most number of votes among the competing candidates will be elected to the post. If one candidate is running for a post, then no vote is necessary.
- 19.2 The period of the Executive Board is 4 (four) years from the date of election.
- 19.3 Members of the Executive Committee who have completed their term in office have the right to be nominated for the next election. However, those members whose membership have been removed for any reason cannot be nominated for election until a period of 3 (three) years has passed since the date of removal or an official term has passed in between.
- 19.4 A member of the Executive Committee will lose his/her membership if any one of the following circumstances has been faced by the member. They are:
- 19.4.1 A sentence has been passed by any court of Law
 - 19.4.2 Changes the sport or resigns from his post at the association
 - 19.4.3 Does not attend 5 Executive Committee meetings in succession without prior permission of the President or without sending regrets.
 - 19.4.4 Falls sick to the extent that he cannot perform the duties of an executive committee member
 - 19.4.5 Reach the age of 80
 - 19.4.6 Goes insane

20. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 20.1 To re-elect the Executive Committee before the term end and inform the Registrar of the new Executive Board within 30 (thirty) days of election.
- 20.2 To prepare and act upon the resolutions passed in the Annual General Assembly or General Assembly or the Executive Committee meetings.
- 20.3 To prepare and pass the annual budget of MOC and maintain proper records of funds received and spent, including those items purchased or rented and those facilities or others under the MOC including any loan or other debt.
- 20.4 Work extensively to achieve the goals and objectives of the MOC and determine a plan of action to achieve these goals and objectives
- 20.5 To provide assistance and advice to sport associations in order to improve the works they do to develop their sport.
- 20.6 To implement the mandate of the MOC
- 20.7 Prepare the annual budget and pass it at the Annual General Assembly
- 20.8 To prepare and conduct elections for those positions vacant by resignation or by the end of a term.
- 20.9 To monitor the works of the Commissions within the MOC and elect and appoint members to these commissions whenever necessary. In addition assist

- the commissions to implement their resolutions in accordance with MOC guidelines
- 20.10 Prepare the Annual Budget Report and pass it by the Annual General Assembly and send the report to the Registrar for information purposes within 30 (thirty) days of the meeting.
 - 20.11 Prepare the Annual Activity Report and pass it by the Annual General Assembly and send the report to the Registrar for information purposes within 30 (thirty) days of the meeting.
 - 20.12 To monitor and ensure that monthly reports are prepared accordingly.
 - 20.13 To appoint members to execute the works of MOC and form commissions whenever necessary and modify the works or the mandate of existing commissions as the need may arise
 - 20.14 Formulate rules and regulations to strengthen the works of the MOC and whenever necessary modify existing rules and regulations when required.

21. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

21.1 President

- 21.1.1 To assist the Executive Committee of MOC to ensure smooth operation
- 21.1.2 To participate in local and international meetings to represent the MOC
- 21.1.3 To ensure that resolutions passed by the IOC and OCA are implemented by the MOC executive board and other relevant bodies.
- 21.1.4 Participate in MOC Executive Board Meetings and chair it.
- 21.1.5 Work to strengthen the ties between MOC and IOC, OCA, and other international bodies.
- 21.1.6 To work on getting international assistance from relevant bodies and implement them within the MOC
- 21.1.7 To participate in the Annual General Assembly and General Assemblies and chair them

21.2 Vice President

- 21.2.1 To assist the Executive Committee of MOC to ensure smooth operation
- 21.2.2 To participate in local and international meetings to represent the MOC
- 21.2.3 To ensure that resolutions passed by the IOC and OCA are implemented by the MOC executive board and other relevant bodies.
- 21.2.4 Participate in MOC Executive Board Meetings, General Assemblies, Annual General Assembly and other informal meetings
- 21.2.5 Work to strengthen the ties between MOC and IOC, OCA, and other international bodies.
- 21.2.6 To work on getting international assistance from relevant bodies and implement them within the MOC
- 21.2.7 To deputise for the President in his absence.

21.3 Secretary General

- 21.3.1 To oversee all administrative work of the MOC
- 21.3.2 To assist the treasurer in maintaining the expenditure reports.
- 21.3.3 To assist the treasurer in preparing the budget
- 21.3.4 To assist the treasurer in obtaining funds from international bodies
- 21.3.5 To organise all executive committee meetings and maintain the minutes of the meeting
- 21.3.6 To organise the Annual General Assembly and General Assemblies and maintain the minutes of these meetings
- 21.3.7 To implement the resolutions of the MOC Executive Board
- 21.3.8 To monitor and supervise the works of the administrative staff of MOC
- 21.3.9 To respond to all letters and e-mails received to MOC, in coordination with the respective members whenever necessary
- 21.3.10 To ensure that all works pertaining to the requirements of international bodies are done on time
- 21.3.11 To participate in international forums where MOC has to be represented
- 21.3.12 To provide assistance to members of MOC and assist to promote sport
- 21.3.13 To implement the resolutions passed by the IOC and OCA.
- 21.3.14 If unable to attend a forum where MOC has to be represented, to nominate another person with the advice of the EB.
- 21.3.15 To prepare the Annual Report
- 21.3.16 To prepare and send all reports required by international bodies.

21.4 Treasurer

- 21.4.1 To maintain and administer all accounts of the MOC
- 21.4.2 To maintain proper records of all expenditures, revenues and other financial exchanges of MOC, prepare all relevant reports and send them to the respective bodies, either local or international.
- 21.4.3 To prepare the annual budget of MOC and maintain budget balance
- 21.4.4 To ensure that all international grants and aids are obtained within the given time period and maintain their proper records
- 21.4.5 To administer all financial issues related to international transactions
- 21.4.6 With the advice of the Secretary General to provide financial assistance to all those members who are eligible to it.
- 21.4.7 To ensure that all members pay their annual fees and maintain their records

21.5 Members

- 21.5.1 To assist and advice the executive committee on matters of general administration of MOC
- 21.5.2 To be present at all executive committee meetings.
- 21.5.3 Take leadership in implementing the activities of the MOC
- 21.5.4 To assist in implementing the resolutions of the executive committee
- 21.5.5 To ensure that individual designations are done accordingly and the required reports prepared and presented on time.

22. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 22.1 A meeting of the executive committee should be held at least once a month. If for any reason the scheduled meeting cannot be held, it should be held before the next monthly meeting.
- 22.2 With the request of an executive committee member, a meeting of the executive committee can be convened.
- 22.3 The Executive Committee meeting is chaired by the President. If the President is absent or is incapable of it, the meeting will be chaired by the Vice President. If the Vice President is absent or is incapable of it, the meeting will be chaired by the Secretary General. If none of them is present, an Executive Committee Meeting cannot be held.
- 22.4 Members of the Executive Committee should be given 1 (one) day notice in writing about the meeting. This written invitation should include the date, time, place and the agenda of the meeting.
- 22.5 An Executive Committee meeting can be held if 6 (six) members are present. These 6 (six) members shall comprise of the President or the Vice President, 4 (four) members from association representatives, and the Secretary General. If the meeting has to be convened in the absence of the Secretary General, it shall be done with prior consent from the Secretary General.
- 22.6 In all Executive Committee meetings, minutes of the last meeting shall be passed. The presentation of the minutes and procedure is the responsibility of the Secretary General. In the absence of the Secretary General, the duty shall be undertaken by a member from the executive committee appointed by the President.
- 22.7 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee. If an amendment is required, it should be sent to the Secretary General in writing, indicating the amendment and the proposed change. Amendments put forward by members shall be communicated to other members by the Secretary General.
- 22.8 All proposals that are brought forward to the Executive Committee shall be decided upon 50% (fifty percent) plus 1 (one) vote of the present members. If there is a tie in voting, the chair has the right for the deciding vote. Generally voting will be done by raising hands. However, if the President feels a secret ballot is required he can order it to be carried out.

23. COMMISSIONS

- 23.1 In order to facilitate, expand and strengthen the works of MOC the following commissions can be formed. In addition to these commissions, the Executive Committee reserves the right to form new commissions as they are required.

23.2 Ethics Commission

- 23.2.1 The commission comprises of 5 (five) members. These five members are appointed by the Executive Committee, one being a member of the elected Executive Committee.
- 23.2.2 The term of this commission is 2 (two) years. Members can serve more than one term in the commission.

- 23.2.3 The commission is chaired by the Executive Committee Member in the commission.
- 23.2.4 The mandate of this commission is to determine the code of conduct for the members of MOC and monitor if these members abide by the code of conduct. In addition the commission should also ensure that all members abide by the Olympic Charter. It is also the duty of the commission to investigate and act upon complaints and request regarding member's deviation from the code of conduct or the Olympic Charter. Such investigation should follow recommendations of actions to the Executive Committee.

23.3 Commission for Olympic Sports

- 23.3.1 The commission comprises of 5 (five) members. These five members are appointed by the Executive Committee, one being a member of the elected Executive Committee.
- 23.3.2 These members should be from an executive board member of an Olympic Sport Association.
- 23.3.3 The term of this commission is 2 (two) years. Members can serve more than one term in the commission.
- 23.3.4 The commission is chaired by the Executive Committee Member in the commission.
- 23.3.5 The mandate of this commission is to find ways to develop and promote those Olympic Sports which are practiced within the country and recommend them to the Executive Committee. It is also the duty of the commission to ensure that those sports which represent Maldives in international games do prepare properly for the games and act on sport associations who do not work to develop or promote the sport within the country.

23.4 Commission for Non-Olympic Sports

- 23.4.1 The commission comprises of 5 (five) members. These five members are appointed by the Executive Committee, one being a member of the elected Executive Committee.
- 23.4.2 These members should from an executive board member of a Non-Olympic Sport Association.
- 23.4.3 The term of this commission is 2 (two) years. Members can serve more than one term in the commission.
- 23.4.4 The commission is chaired by the Executive Committee Member in the commission.
- 23.4.5 The mandate of this commission is to find ways to develop and promote those Non-Olympic Sports which are practiced within the country and recommend them to the Executive Committee. It is also the duty of the commission to ensure that those sports which represent Maldives in international games do prepare properly for the games and act on sport associations who do not work to develop or promote the sport within the country. Furthermore, the commission should also, where ever possible, lobby to include any of the probable sports in Regional Games, Continental Games or Olympic Games.

23.5 Commission for Anti-Doping in Sports

- 23.5.1 The commission comprises of 5 (five) members. These five members are appointed by the Executive Committee, one being a member of the elected Executive Committee.
- 23.5.2 Two of these members should come from a medical background.
- 23.5.3 The term of this commission is 2 (two) years. Members can serve more than one term in the commission.
- 23.5.4 The commission is chaired by the Executive Committee Member in the commission.
- 23.5.5 The mandate of this commission is to ensure that all member associations follow and act on the WADA code, and propose sanctions on those who fail to comply with the WADA Code. Furthermore, the commission should also conduct programs to increase awareness of anti-doping among athletes, officials and sport administrators. The commission should when necessary conduct training programs in anti-doping and work to prevent an event of anti-doping rules violation within the sport in Maldives.
- 23.5.6 The commission should also produce the anti-doping rules and establish a mechanism for doping tests for athletes.

23.6 Commission for Culture

- 23.6.1 The commission comprises of 5 (five) members. These five members are appointed by the Executive Committee, one being a member of the elected Executive Committee.
- 23.6.2 The term of this commission is 2 (two) years. Members can serve more than one term in the commission.
- 23.6.3 The commission is chaired by the Executive Committee Member in the commission.
- 23.6.4 The mandate of this commission is to promote cultural sports of the Maldives and propose to the Executive Committee ways to develop and promote these sports. Furthermore, the commission should also, study and find if these cultural sports can be included in any games.

23.7 Media Commission

- 23.7.1 The commission comprises of 5 (five) members. These five members are appointed by the Executive Committee, one being a member of the elected Executive Committee.
- 23.7.2 Two of these members should have a journalism or equivalent background.
- 23.7.3 The term of this commission is 2 (two) years. Members can serve more than one term in the commission.
- 23.7.4 The commission is chaired by the Executive Committee Member in the commission.
- 23.7.5 The mandate of this commission is to ensure that the activities of the Olympic Committee are channelled to the public through the media. Furthermore, the commission should also publish the newsletter,

maintain and update the website and use similar means to reach and inform the members, partners, sponsors and the public about the activities of the Olympic Committee.

23.8 Athletes Commission

- 23.8.1 The commission comprises of 5 (five) members. Four of these five members are elected by the athletes of National Sports Associations affiliated to their International Federations, while the other is a member of the elected Executive Committee.
- 23.8.2 Two of these members should be of opposite sex and should be athletes who have participated in the Olympic Games and represents two different sports.
- 23.8.3 These 4 (four) athletes are elected by a general vote among the athletes representing their national federation at National Level and should represent four different sports.
- 23.8.4 Apart from these members, members of IOC Athlete's Commission and members of Athlete's Commission of Regional and Continental Associations of Maldives are ex-officio members of this commission, and they have the right to vote at meetings of the commission.
- 23.8.5 The term of this commission is 2 (two) years. Members can serve more than one term in the commission.
- 23.8.6 The commission is chaired by the Executive Committee Member in the commission.
- 23.8.7 The mandate of this commission is to ensure that the interests of the athletes are catered for and that their voice is heard among the movement and contact is maintained with the IOC Athlete's Commission.

23.9 Additional Commissions

- 23.9.1 In order to develop and expand the activities of the OC, the Executive Committee has the right form new commissions. Information about such newly formed commissions should be conveyed to the members in a common meeting.
- 23.9.2 Depending on the situation of the Olympic Committee, the Executive Committee has the right to form new committees or cancel existing committees or even change the composition of the committees.
- 23.9.3 The Executive Committee has the right to re-name the commission as may deem necessary depending on the works of the commission.
- 23.9.4 All commissions will function under the direct supervision of the Executive Committee.

24. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 24.1 General Assembly is a meeting held among the members of the Olympic Committee. The General Assembly is the most powerful wing of the Olympic

- Committee. A resolution of the General Assembly is final. A change to a resolution of the General Assembly can only be brought by another General Assembly.
- 24.2 The voting majority of the General Assembly (whether annual, ordinary or extraordinary) shall always consist of the votes cast by the national federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games or their representatives. In addition, when dealing specifically with questions relating to the Olympic Games, only the votes cast by the national federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games will be counted.
- 24.3 A minimum of one General Assembly must be held each year. In addition, the President has the right to call for a General Assembly. Furthermore, when 2/3 (two-third) of the members wish to call for a General Assembly, it can be done when the application is sent in writing.
- 24.4 The General Assembly has the right to decide on the following:
- 24.4.1 To modify the Constitution and vote to act on it.
 - 24.4.2 Elect members to the Executive Committee
 - 24.4.3 To elect or select other members of the Olympic Committee
 - 24.4.4 To pass the annual report and annual expenditure report of the Committee
 - 24.4.5 To assign the Auditor's for the Committee
 - 24.4.6 To grant membership to those who have applied
 - 24.4.7 To null membership of members when called for
 - 24.4.8 To make decisions on matters where the power has been granted by laws or the constitution
- 24.5 The quorum of a General Assembly is 50% (fifty percent) of members plus 1 (one) member. All decisions at the GA will be decided on vote, where the final decision is based on majority vote. Where the constitution does not explicitly indicate that a secret ballot should be taken, all voting will be done by raising hand. However, if the Chair seems it is necessary for a secret ballot or if 2/3 (two-third) of the members vote to take a secret ballot then the matter will be settled by a secret ballot.
- 24.6 In the event of there being no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to the following week at a place and time to be announced and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum the business could be conducted but they shall have no power to alter, amend, or make additions to any of the provisions in this Constitution.
- 24.7 In all elections for position within the committee a secret ballot will be taken.
- 24.8 Members eligible to vote will have only 1 (one) vote. Abstentions and void votes will not be counted as valid votes. Votes shall not be casted by proxy during the session. If a tie is reached during the voting, the Chair has the deciding vote, except in case of electing members to executive board. In such a case, a second round of voting has to be done.
- 24.9 The General Assembly can assign some of its powers to the Executive Committee by a General Assembly.
- 24.10 A written notice to all members should be circulated or a public announcement should be made 7 (seven) days prior to the date of General Assembly. This notice or the announcement shall have the date, time, place and the agenda of the meeting.

- 24.11 It is the responsibility of the Executive Committee organising and conducting the General Assembly.
- 24.12 The General Assembly is chaired by the President. However, if the President is absent or incapable of then the Assembly will be chaired by the Vice President. If the Vice President is absent or incapable of then the Assembly will be chaired by the Secretary General. If none of them is present, then the General Assembly cannot be held.
- 24.13 Any resolution that is passed from the General Assembly comes into effect immediately, on the condition that the resolution has no binding to the law, or a process of implementation is passed by the General Assembly.
- 24.14 A item which has not been earlier included in the Agenda of the General Assembly can only be tabled if 50% (fifty percent) of the members present vote for it or the request is granted by the chair.
- 24.15 The minutes of the General Assembly has to be written and maintained. This is the responsibility of the Secretary General. If the Secretary General is not present, then the works is undertaken by the person designated by the chair.
- 24.16 The minutes of the General Assembly shall be circulated to all members.
- 24.17 In an emergency if a decision has to be made, where a General Assembly cannot be convened, then voting can be done via e-mail or fax. However, any such decision shall be clearly explained to the members in the next General Assembly.
- 24.18 If an issue is raised about the General Assembly, which is not outlined in the constitution, then a decision on the issue will be made by the President.
- 24.19 Only members affiliated to the Olympic Committee can attend to the General Assembly. These members have the right send 3 (three) candidates to the Assembly. However, they will have only 1 (one) vote.

25. ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AGA)

- 25.1 The annual General Assembly shall be held in January in each year.
- 25.2 The Annual General Assembly can coincide with a General Assembly.
- 25.3 A written notice to all members should be circulated or a public announcement should be made no less than 7 (seven) days prior to the date of Annual General Assembly. This notice or the announcement shall have the date, time, place and the agenda of the meeting.
- 25.4 The quorum of Annual General Assembly is 50% (fifty percent) of members plus 1 (one) member. All decisions at the AGA will be decided on vote, where the final decision is based on majority vote. Where the constitution does not explicitly indicate that a secret ballot should be taken, all voting will be done by raising hand. However, if the Chair seems it is necessary for a secret ballot or if 2/3 (two-third) of the members vote to take a secret ballot then the matter will be settled by a secret ballot.
- 25.5 In the event of there being no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to the following week at a place and time to be announced and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum the business could be conducted but they shall have no power to alter, amend, or make additions to any of the provisions in this Constitution.
- 25.6 In all elections for position within the committee a secret ballot will be taken.

- 25.7 In the Annual General Assembly the Annual Report and the Annual Expenditure report should be presented and passed. In addition the proposed budget for the next year should also be approved by the Assembly.
- 25.8 It is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to organise and conduct the Annual General Assembly.
- 25.9 The Annual General Assembly is chaired by the President. However, if the President is absent or incapable of then the Assembly will be chaired by the Vice President. If the Vice President is absent or incapable of then the Assembly will be chaired by the Secretary General. If none of them is present, then the Annual General Assembly cannot be held.
- 25.10 An item which has not been earlier included in the Agenda of the Annual General Assembly can only be tabled if 50% (fifty percent) of the members present vote for it or the request is granted by the chair.
- 25.11 The minutes of the Annual General Assembly has to be written and maintained. This is the responsibility of the Secretary General. If the Secretary General is not present, then the works is undertaken by the person designated by the chair.
- 25.12 The minutes of the Annual General Assembly shall be circulated to all members.
- 25.13 If an issue is raised about the Annual General Assembly, which is not outlined in the constitution, then a decision on the issue will be made by the Chair.
- 25.14 Only members affiliated to the Olympic Committee can attend to the General Assembly. These members have the right send 3 (three) candidates to the Assembly. However, they will have only 1 (one) vote.

26. EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY (EOGA)

- 26.1 All extra-ordinary general assembly's shall be called by the Secretary General upon the signed petition of half the members with voting right or by the decision of the Executive Committee
- 26.2 Such meeting shall be held within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of petition reaching the Secretary General. Notice specifying the time, date, place and agenda of the proposed meeting must be given to all members 3 days prior to commencement.

Articles 24 and 25 will apply to all extra-ordinary General Assemblies.

27. THE LANGUAGE

- 27.1 All correspondences of the Olympic Committee shall be done in Dhivehi (local language) and English. If any discrepancies arise in translation, the English meaning will prevail.

28. ACCEPTING NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 28.1 To be recognised by the MOC and accepted as a member of MOC, a national federation must exercise a specific, real and on-going sports activity, be affiliated to an IF recognised by the IOC and be governed and comply in all aspects with both the Olympic Charter and the rules of its IF. These associations

should also fully comply with the MOC constitution and also accept the WADA Code for anti-doping in sport. Furthermore, these associations should be an independent body which is administered free from any political, religious or ethnic groups.

29. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- 29.1 To develop and administer their constitution to govern the sport in line with the Olympic Spirit and in accordance with the rules of their respective International Federations.
- 29.2 To promote their sport throughout the country
- 29.3 To implement and promote the constitution of the Olympic Committee
- 29.4 To provide technical assistance to those associations who develop and promote their sport nationally
- 29.5 To provide technical assistance to organise and conduct Olympic Solidarity courses in Maldives
- 29.6 To recommend amendments to the activities of NOC and the constitution within the given guideline

30. ASSETS AND FINANCES OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

- 30.1 The following methods can be utilised to raise funds for the activities of the Olympic Committee.
 - 30.1.1 The Executive Committee has the right to raise funds for the daily administration works of the Committee. Furthermore EC also has the right to determine from whom they will raise the funds and how much it will be.
 - 30.1.2 Funds can be raised by mortgaging an asset of the Committee. However, before such a loan can be finalised it has to be approved by the General Assembly.
 - 30.1.3 If the Committee wishes to raise a loan which constitutes to an amount higher than the total finances and assets of the committee, then it has to be first approved by the Executive Committee and then passed in the General Assembly.
 - 30.1.4 Neither the Executive Committee nor the General Assembly has the right use personal finances or assets of a member to raise a loan or pay debts of the committee.
 - 30.1.5 Contributions from donors, Sponsorship and aid from International Agencies, assistance from International Olympic Committee and the Olympic Council of Asia and those bodies under these two bodies plus the funds provided by the Government of Maldives can be used for the activities of the Olympic Committee

31. ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 31.1 A commercial account has to be opened in a commercial bank approved by the Executive Committee. Furthermore, only the President, the Vice President,

Secretary General and the Treasurer have the right to sign on cheque on behalf of MOC.

- 31.2 The Executive committee has the right to spend on activities of the MOC and pay the salaries of the staff from the funds gathered in all aspects.

32. ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

- 32.1 The Finance calendar for the committee starts at 1st January and ends at 31st December each year.
- 32.2 The committee shall each year prepare the annual finance report. This report which is passed by the General Assembly should indicate the membership fees received, revenues, expenditures, loans and any other such item should be presented
- 32.3 All finance reports that has been passed shall be maintained at the committee so those members who wish to access them can have access to it.
- 32.4 Each year an independent auditor must be used to audit the committee.
- 32.5 An internal audit has to be done annually
- 32.6 The assets and funds of the committee is not something that can be distributed among the executive committee members or the overseer. Furthermore, none of the above mentioned parties can claim any funds or assets of the committee.

33. ANNUAL REPORT

- 33.1 Before the end of January each year the Annual Report has to be prepared and passed at the Annual General Assembly
- 33.2 The report which is passed at the Annual General Assembly shall have all activities of the committee including international participation and an outline of how the activities were conducted.

34. INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA

- 34.1 Information to the media about any activity of the Committee shall be given by the President or a person nominated by him. This person shall be member of the Executive Committee.
- 34.2 In addition, depending on the situation, any member of the Executive Committee has the right to provide information to the media. However, if such information provided is false or the committee or its member's faces prosecution based on that information the sole responsibility is of the member who provided the information. The committee will take no responsibility in such a situation. Moreover, if such an act is detrimental to the committee legal action will be taken against the member.

35. PROHIBITION

- 35.1 The funds of the MOC shall not be used to pay the fine of members who have been convicted in court of law.

- 35.2 The MOC shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the MOC or its office bearers, commissions or members.
- 35.3 The MOC shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds/or premises to be used for political purposes.
- 35.4 Members of the MOC should not do anything that violates the National Laws, the Olympic Charter, and the Constitution of the MOC.
- 35.5 Members of the MOC should not accept anything which constitutes to a bribe. If such a case is proven, the Executive Committee has the right to expel the member from MOC membership. In addition the Committee reserve the right to send the case to a court of law.
- 35.6 The members of MOC, except for professional sports administrators, shall not accept any compensation or bonus of any kind in consideration for their services or for the performance of their duties. They may be reimbursed for their travelling, accommodation and other justified expenses incurred in the carrying out of their functions.

36. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 36.1 The Constitution of the Maldives Olympic Committee shall, at all times, comply with the Olympic Charter to which it must refer expressly. If there is any doubt as to the signification or interpretation of the Constitution of the Maldives Olympic Committee, or if there is a contradiction between such Constitution and the Olympic Charter, the latter takes precedence.
- 36.2 Any subsequent change or amendment to the Constitution of the Maldives Olympic Committee must also be submitted to the IOC for approval
- 36.3 No alteration or addition to this Constitution shall be made except by 2/3 (two-third) majority of the members present at a General Assembly. Notice in writing specifying the proposed amendments must be forwarded to all members 10 (ten) days prior to the commencement of such a proposed general meeting.
- 36.4 A proposed amendment to the constitution should be first send in writing to the committee and approved by the Executive Board before being proposed at a General Assembly.
- 36.5 Article 36.3 shall not apply to cases where amendments are made necessary by changes to the Olympic Charter, the Constitution of Olympic Council of Asia, WADA Code, or any other International Organisation to which the committee is affiliated. However, these changes shall be presented in the next General Assembly.
- 36.6 All amendments made in a General Assembly must be implemented.
- 36.7 The Executive Committee has the right to make rules and regulations within the guidelines of the constitution to improve, expand and increase efficiency of the works of the Olympic Committee.

37. DISPUTES RESOLUTION

- 37.1 Disputes Resolutions will be undertaken by the Arbitration Commission of the MOC. Any decision made by the Arbitration Commission of the MOC may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The time-limit for appeal is 21 (twenty-one) days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.

- 37.2 A specific bye-law to the MOC Constitution will be drafted accordingly in order to further precise the authority, composition, operations etc of the Arbitration Commission of MOC.

38. DISSOLUTION

- 38.1 The MOC shall not be dissolved except with the consent of not less than 2/3 (two-third) of the total membership eligible to vote expressed in person or by proxy at a General Assembly convened for that purpose, where the prior resolution has been passed by the Executive Committee.
- 38.2 In the event the General Assembly votes to dissolve the Olympic Committee in the manner provided in Article 38.1, action should be taken in line with Article 31 (b) of National Law 1/2003 (Laws to Register NGOs) and Article 34-39 of the Rules and Regulations governing National NGOs.
- 38.3 In the event that the Olympic Committee is dissolved, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Olympic Committee shall be fully discharged and the residuary fund will be donated to such charitable organisations as may be decided by that General Assembly.
- 38.4 Notice of the dissolution shall be given to the competent government authority within 7 (seven) days after the General Assembly.

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