CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION OF SRI LANKA

CHANGE OF NAME AND LIMITATION TO ISSF DISCIPLINES

The National Rifle Association of Sri Lanka was formed by the amalgamation of the former "Ceylon Rifle Association" which was formerly called and known as the "Ceylon Volunteer Rifle Association" and the "Small Bore Rifle Association of Ceylon" which was formerly called and known as the "Association of Miniature Rifle Clubs of Ceylon", and its activities covered the Full Bore events of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain and the Small-bore Rifle events of the National small bore Rifle Association of Great Britain. In time, Practical Shooting (IPSC) and Metallic Silhouette Shooting (IMSSU) were included in its activities.

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) passed a resolution prohibiting its members from conducting or participating in Practical Shooting or Metallic Silhouette Shooting as they were not considered Sports in the Olympic tradition. Consequent to this directive of the ISSF, the events governed by the ISSF were separated from the NRA under the name of "National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka". All assets and liabilities pertaining to ISSF shooting disciplines from the National Rifle Association of Sri Lanka were transferred to the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka".

The National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka in the city of Colombo shall be the Controlling Body for the entire Island for the sport of Target Shooting with Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun in the events conducted and governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation and the Commonwealth Shooting Federation.

The National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka is a Member of the Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka, which in turn is a full member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

1. PRELIMINARY

In these presents, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith – "The Federation" means the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka.

"Month" means Calendar Month.

"Year" means Calendar Year.

The "Council" means the Council for the time being.

Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender.

"Member" means a Club or Organization affiliated to the Association.

The word "Club" or "Organization" means a Club or Organization the name of which is entered for the time being in the Register of Members kept in the office of the Federation.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives for which the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka are:-

2.1 To promote the general acquisition of shooting skills in the events recognized by the ISSF and with a view thereto, to adopt all such lawful measures as may seem expedient, and in particular:

2.2 To promote the establishment and maintenance of Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun clubs those are affiliated under the guidelines provided by this Constitution.

2.3 To train, appoint and register Coaches, Referees, Judges and other officials required to conduct ISSF events.

2.4 To offer, provide and contribute to prizes or awards for skill in shooting.

2.5 To affiliate with such Associations or Bodies National or International to advance the objects for which the Federation is established.

2.6 To foster and encourage competitive shooting under ISSF Rules with other countries and to participate in International competitions and to hold Annual National Championships and other shooting competitions and approve/assist affiliated clubs to organize & hold club competitions.

2.7 To convene and encourage the convention of conferences or meetings with a view to encouraging and promoting the objects of the Federation.

2.8 To publish and promote the publication or circulation of any books, pamphlets, periodicals and other printed matter connected with the promotion of the objects of the Federation.

2.9 To purchase or otherwise acquire any property real or personal and any rights, the acquisition of which may seem conducive to any of the objects of the Federation.

2.10 To borrow or raise money on such terms and on such securities as may seem expedient for the promotion, advancement and maintenance of the said Federation and its said objects.

2.11 To obtain money by subscription, contribution, donation bequest or otherwise and to accumulate funds so far as it may seem expedient.

2.12 To sell, exchange, lease, deal with or otherwise dispose of any of the property and rights for the time being of the Federation as may become necessary.

2.13 To make and issue Technical Rules or such other rules as may be considered necessary for the purpose of regulating shooting as a sport.

2.14 To award distinctions and prizes etc., at ISSF Meets conducted by the Federation and to make awards to those who have contributed to the development of ISSF shooting.

2.15 To respect and prevent any infringement of statutes, regulations and decisions of ISSF and to ensure that these are also respected by the Members.

2.16 To do all such lawful things as may be conducive to any of the above objects.

2.17 To develop and promote the sport of the ISSF shooting at every level in every part of Sri Lanka.

2.18 To improve ISSF shooting facilities to have international grading.

2.19 Assist the member clubs by mediating as an agent with relevant principles of Sport shooting equipment manufacturers with no profit motivation.

2.20 Prepare and publish year planer accordance with ISSF and other affiliated federations with the input of the Technical Committee.

2.21 Prepare and execute a national selection criterion as per the current standard, level and type of the international competitors with the intention of selecting most suitable athletes to represent the Country.

3. CONDUCT OF OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS

The Officials and Members of the National Shooting Sport Federation must observe the Statues, Regulations, Directives and Decisions of ISSF, including the ISSF Code of Ethics and the ISSF Anti-Doping Regulations. Furthermore, the Officials and Members of the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka accept to adhere to the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics as well as the World-Anti Doping Code administered by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 The Federation shall consist only of registered Clubs and other Organizations engaged in the sport of competitive target shooting of events governed by the ISSF. (In this context, wherever the word "Club" appears in the Constitution, it should be considered to include any other Organization duly registered with, and affiliated to, the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka.)

- 4.2 The Federation shall maintain a register of its affiliated clubs in the format required by the sports law.
- 4.3 The Federation shall maintain files for each member club containing:
 - 4.3.1 Minutes of General meetings
 - 4.3.2 Names and addresses of Office bearers
 - 4.3.4 Annual shooting program
 - 4.3.4 List of licensed Fire arms giving model, make and ownership

4.4 Initial shooting club affiliation and annual shooting club membership renewal.

4.4.1 Initial Shooting Club Affiliation

Be an organized body of Fifteen Members or more with an adopted Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the conduct of shooting. Those individual(s) who wishes to affiliate their shooting club shall submit a written request for approval to the National Shooting Sport Federation (NSSF) and provide the following information in the request:

4.4.2 The applicant(s) name, address, phone number and, electronic mail address and if applicable, facsimile number.

4.4.3 With the request for an affiliation must be accompanied following documentation.

4.4.3.1 Provide a certified copy of the club's constitution as agreed upon by the membership.

4.4.3.2 Provide a copy of the club's by-laws to be approved.

4.4.3.3 Details of Bank account in the name of the club.

4.4.3.4 A list of the members of the governing body of the shooting club, including their full name, address, date of birth and details of weapons licences held

4.4.3.5 Provide a list of all active members of the shooting club, including their full name, address, date of birth and details of weapons licences held

4.4.3.6 Evidence of commercial general liability insurance with coverage on an occurrence basis. (Optional)

4.4.3.7 Provide details of club office premises Location/address,official telephone number/Fax number.

4.4.3.8 Details of any affiliation with other organisations or associations.

4.4.3.9 Proposed shooting disciplines to be conducted by the club.

4.4.3.10 Provide details of place of practicing and other club activities.

4.4.3.11Details of any firing rights that have been arranged with another approved club or association for use on their approved shooting range.

4.5 Once the National Federation receives this information (in full), shall the aforementioned request be tabled at a Council meeting and delegated for Technical Committee verification and recommendation.

4.7 The National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka shall reserve the right to accept or reject the application without giving reasons.

4.6 The Technical Committee will have a period of 30 days for verification and recommendation and shall table their recommendations at a Council meeting for review and approval.

4.8 The Federation shall not grant any voting rights to any of its affiliates until the lapse of a period of at least twelve months from the date of affiliation.

4.9 All affiliated clubs will be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting only if they have renewed their annual shooting club membership.

4.10 Every affiliated Club shall hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) before the end of March in each year.

4.11 Annual shooting club membership renewal.

4.11.1Every member club shall renew their membership annually and shall submit a request for renewal approval to the National Sport Federation (NSSF) and provide the following information in the request by the end of March each year. 4.11.2 Current certified list of all active members of the shooting club, including their full name, address, date of birth and details of weapons licences held.

4.11.3 Current certified list of the members of the governing body of the shooting club, including their full name, address, date of birth and details of weapons licences held.

4.11.4 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

4.11.5 Audited Statement of Accounts in respect of the last financial year.

4.11.6 Annual Subscriptions

4.11.7 Annual Report

4.12 No sooner the relevant information is received, the General Secretary of the Federation should hand it over to the Technical Committee for evaluation.

4.13 The Technical Committee will evaluate the performances of the member club from the documents/information received and recommend the suitability for renewal of membership to the Council for ratification.

4.14 If the audited accounts are found to have serious audit qualifications/observations and the annual report contains below average performance, The Technical Committee shall submit their observations and The Council can take a decision to temporarily suspend the member club(s) until the issue/s are cleared.

4.15 Contributions expected from the member clubs and relevant "BY LAWS"

4.15.1 All the member clubs must conduct club day activities once a month or once in three months :, OR -

4.15.2 Compulsory participation in NSSF Org competitions by own members :, OR -

4.15.3 Organising and conducting inter club activity or NSSF sanction event.

4.15.4 Any form of voluntary contribution to NSSF conducted events.

4.16 Submit following documents in triplicate on or before first week of April prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Federation for voting eligibility: -

- 4.16.1 A certified list of members
- 4.16.2 Names and addresses of office bearers
- 4.16.3 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- 4.16.4 Audited Statement of Accounts in respect of the last financial year.

4.17 The Council shall reserve the right to terminate the membership of any affiliated Club for conduct prejudicial to the objectives of the Federation. Such termination shall only be made after a full formal inquiry is held and passed by a two-thirds majority of those present at a meeting of the Council.

4.18 Any amendments made to the Constitution of an affiliated Club shall be subject to the approval of the NSSF.

4.19 Copies of any publication connected with the shooting sport published by a member Club shall be sent to the Federation.

5. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

All Member Clubs shall satisfy the following conditions: -

5.1 Pay an Annual Subscription each year. The amount of such subscription will be decided by the Council from time to time.

5.2 All Annual Subscriptions shall be due by the 1st of February in each year. A Club will cease to remain as a registered member if its subscription remains unpaid by 2nd April of that particular year.

6. ADMISSION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND RESIGNATION

6.1 Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfills the requirement for membership.

6.2 The Council of the National Shooting Sport Federation shall decide whether to suspend or expel a Member.

6.3 Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards the National Shooting Sport Federation or other Members of the National Shooting Sport Federation, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to the National Shooting Sport Federation.

6.4 Any member who is subjected to expulsion or voluntarily resignation should submit the following within 30 calendar days-

6.4.1 List of Members with contact details until the day of termination.

6.4.2 List of weapons owned by member club and what action is taken on them for safekeeping and conformity to statutory regulations.

6.4.3 Ammunition expenditure list of last two years and balance stock with what action taken on them for safekeeping and conformity to statutory regulations.

6.4.4 Final account balance sheet until the day of termination.

7. MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

7.1 The Members of the National Shooting Sport Federation have the following obligations.

7.1.1 To comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of ISSF and the National Shooting Sport Federation at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members

7.1.2 To take part in competitions and other sports activities organized by the National Shooting Sports Federation.

7.1.3 To pay their membership subscriptions.

7.1.4 To observe the principles of Loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior

7.1.5 To administer a register of members this shall regularly be updated.

7.1.6 Hold the Annual General Meetings as per the Constitution and submit proof of the same to the NSSF.

7.1.7 Submit Audited Annual accounts as per the provisions of this Constitution.

7.2 Violation of the above mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in this constitution and the Sports Law and its subsequent amendments.

8. SUSPENSION

8.1 The Council of the National Sport Shooting Federation is responsible for suspending a member.

8.2 The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously and repeatedly violates its obligations as a member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next council meeting, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime. A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Council Meeting. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.

8.3 A suspend Member shall lose its membership rights.

9. EXPULSION

9.1 The Council of the National Sport Shooting Federation may expel a Member if:

9.1.1 It seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of ISSF and/or the National Shooting Sport Federation.

9.1.2 It fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards the National Shooting Sport Federation.

9.2 The presence of an absolute majority (2/3) of Members entitled to vote at the Council Meeting is necessary for an expulsion to be valid.

10.OFFICE BEARERS

- 10.1 The office bearers of the Federation shall consist of:
 - 10.1.1 A President
 - 10.1.2 Four Vice Presidents Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and National Coaching
 - 10.1.3 General Secretary
 - 10.1.4 Treasurer
 - 10.1.5 Assistant Treasurer
 - 10.1.6 Four Assistant Secretaries, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and National Coaching
 - 10.1.7 Chairman Technical Committee
 - 10.1.8 Secretary Technical Committee
 - 10.1.9 Chairman Judges Committee
 - 10.1.10 Secretary Judges Committee
 - 10.1.11 An Auditor
 - 10.1.12 A Legal Adviser

Note: The last two appointments need not be members of an affiliated Club.

10.2 Statement of principle:

10.2.1 Every person elected to a position in any NSSF body serves solely in the interest of, and is responsible to the Federation. In performing his responsibilities, they must ensure that all provisions of the Constitution, General Regulations and other rules of the NSSF will therefore be given priority in all decisions.

10.2.2 All persons elected or appointed to the NSSF serve on an honorary basis and without salary.

10.2.3 By accepting election or appointment everyone agrees to devote the time necessary to accomplish the duties required by their position.

10.3 **Patron**

His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka shall be invited to be the patron.

11. ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE

Eligibility to hold office in the Association shall be governed by the National Association of Sports Regulation No 2 of 1974, regulation No 1 of 2016 and Regulation no 1 of 2017 or any addition or amendment thereto which date thereof are as follows and which are to be read and construed as part of thereof.

11.1 The NSSF shall elect a Committee consisting of such numbers of office bearers as set out in their Constitution including following:-

11.1.1 The President and Vice Presidents;

11.1.2 The General Secretary and the Assistant Secretary;

11.1.3 The Treasurer who shall – Be an Account Manager or Account Clerk with minimum of One (01) year service at license, licensed Commercial Bank or Licensed Specialized Bank, Under the provisions of Banking Act, No 30 of 1988 or licensed Finance Company, under the Finance Business Act, No 42 of 2011, or Registered Finance leasing company under the provisions of Finance leasing Act, No 56 of 2000, or Established company, under companies Act, No 7 of 2007.

11.1.4 An Assistant Treasurer who shall be a person having experience of at least one year in the field of financial management.

- 11.2 Every office bearer of the Committee shall-
 - 11.2.1 be elected at an Annual General Meeting;
 - 11.2.2 hold office for a period not exceeding four years and be eligible for re-election, for one more term:Provided an office bearer shall be eligible for re-election unless removed on disciplinary grounds by the Disciplinary Committee.

11.3 Any vacancy occurring in the office of President, General Secretary or Treasurer may be filled at a Special General Meeting. Any other vacancy may be filled at a Committee meeting subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting.

11.4 A person shall be disqualified from being elected or otherwise to hold or continue to hold any paid or unpaid office or to hold any paid or unpaid post or to be a member of a Committee or Sub Committee of any National Association of Sports or to be nominee of an affiliated club or organization in a National Association of Sports, if:-

11.4.1 he is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind;

11.4.2 he is or has been adjudged by a competent court to be an insolvent;

11.4.3 he is or has been convicted in a court of law for any offence and imprisoned for a term not less than six months within past four years;

11.4.4 he has been convicted of an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term not less than six months, either by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a military tribunal;

11.4.5 he has been found guilty for any offence under section 34 of the Sports Law;

11.4.6 he has held office in the Committee or Sub Committee of a National Association of Sports previously and has been found guilty of a financial misdemeanor, malpractice, corrupt practice, breach of discipline or any such offence by a Committee with competent jurisdiction appointed by such National Association of Sports, after due inquiry and such findings makes him unsuitable to hold office;

11.4.7 he has been an office bearer of the Committee of any National Association of Sports in respect of which, a notice has been issued under section 32 of the Sports Law for violation of the provisions of the section 32 of the Sports Law;

11.4.8 he has during the two year period prior to the submission of nomination, functioned as professional journalist attached to any media organization as a paid employee or as a freelance journalist in electronic or print media or who is an owner or beneficial owner or co-owner or a major shareholder of a media organization;

11.4.9 he is a parent or sibling of a competitor in that particular Sports in National Pool or National team;

11.4.10 he has during the two One year period prior to the submission of nominations, functioned as a Professional Coach of sports of that National Association of Sports;

11.4.11 he is an agent or manager of a Sports personnel;

11.4.12 he is not, or ceases to be a citizen of Sri Lanka;

11.4.13 he has, during four one years prior to the submission of nominations, been engaged in selling or supplying sports goods, sports gear or any item or equipment relating to such Sport to such National Association of Sports or involved in providing sports related training program (school) or involved in providing sports related services for a fee;

11.4.14 he is directly or indirectly involved in carrying out the business of gaming, betting or wagering;

11.4.15 he is public officer employed in or posted to, the Ministry of Sports;

11.4.16 he is either serving a ban, suspension or prohibition imposed by the decision making body of such National Association of Sports or a competent body established by such National Association of Sports or by the International Sports Organization to which is affiliated or a period of two years have not lapsed after serving such ban, suspension or prohibition on the date of submission of nominations;

11.4.17 he has during the four years prior to the submission of nominations had been serving a punishment imposed on him by an Anti-Doping or an Anti-Corruption Tribunal of such National Association of Sports or the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency or of the International Sports Organization or Federation to which it is affiliated or World AntiDoping Agency, for doping, corruption, betting and misuse of inside information; or he has been subjected to a ban, suspension or prohibition imposed by such National Association of Sports or International organization or the World Anti – Doping Agency;

11.4.18 he has completed the age of seventy years at the time of the nomination;

11.4.19 he being a person who represented the country in an international sports event with the approval or concurrence of the Ministry of Sports for an activity related to sports and had not returned to Sri Lanka;

11.4.20 is or becomes a Member of Parliament, any Provincial Council or of any Local Authority:

Provided however, such person who had represented Sri Lanka or an affiliated club or organization in the sport promoted by that Association or has participated as an individual in such sport in any major tournament, meet or competition registered, conducted or approved by the Ministry of Sports or by a National Association of Sports and in possession of a certificate issued to the above effect shall not be disqualified;

11.4.21 he is being a member of election Committee of such National Association of Sports;

11.4.22 he being a person who has held the post of President, Secretary or a Treasurer of a National Association of Sports, which has failed or neglected to submit due Audited Financial Statement within the stipulated time period.

11.4.23 he is a member of the Armed forces who has been denied of granting Commission;

11.4.24 he is convicted for the offence of money laundering under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, No. 5 of 2006"

11.4.25 Other than the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, he has not participated or represented Sri Lanka in that respective Sports in a major tournament, meet or competition registered, promoted, conducted or approved by that Association, in more than two occasions for a team sport or more than one occasion for an individual event or sport.

11.5 Every office bearer of the Committee of the National Association of Sports who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in any procurement shall disclose the nature of his interest on an annual basis.

11.6 A person holding a post of the President or the Secretary or the Treasurer of an Association, such person shall be eligible to hold a post in any of the other Association other than the post of the President or the Secretary or the Treasurer.

12. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

12.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held before the last day in May in each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Council. Every notice convening an Annual General Meeting shall specify the date, time and place of such Meeting.

12.2 Nominations of all elected positions should be proposed by the President or Secretary of an affiliated Club and seconded by the President, Secretary of another affiliated club.

12.3 The quorum at an Annual General Meeting is empowered to appoint an Auditor and Legal Adviser.

12.4 All nominations as office bearers and council members of the Federation with Bio Data shall be handed over or posted to reach the General Secretary at least twenty five (25) days before the date fixed of the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be circulated among member clubs at least Fourteen Days (14) before the Annual General Meeting.

13. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13.1 At least 40 days notice with list of members entitled to vote and Annual Report in respect of the preceding financial year will be given in writing for an Annual General Meeting.Such notice will be sent by Registered Post to the Auditor and all Members. Also such notice will specify the number of votes each affiliated Club is entitled to exercise. The non-receipt of any such notice by any member entitled to receive the same will not invalidate the proceedings of the Meeting.

13.2 All nominations as office bearers with Bio Data and council members of the Federation shall be handed over or posted to reach the General Secretary at least twenty five (25) days before the date fixed of the Annual General Meeting.

13.3 The nominations received will be opened in the presence of the Election Committee (appointed by the National Federation) by the General Secretary.

13.4 The Election Committee shall check the nominee's suitability as per laid down instructions and hand over the accepted nomination to General Secretary.

13.5 Such nominations with certified copy of the Audited Accounts, certified by the Auditor general department shall be circulated among member clubs at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting.

13.6 The affiliated clubs shall submit names nominated for voting twenty six (26) days before the Annual General Meeting.

13.7 All Resolutions to be considered at an Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the General Secretary at least Twenty (21) clear days before the date of such Meeting. Only registered member Clubs may submit Resolutions for consideration at an Annual General Meeting. All resolutions must be circulated among member clubs Fourteen(14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting Meeting

14. QUORUM FOR AGM

The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be 35% of the members eligible to vote and shall be by secret ballot.

15. PROCEEDINGS AT AGM

The business of an Annual General Meeting shall be: -

15.1 To receive and consider the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st December of the previous year.

15.2 To receive and consider the Report of the Council.

15.3 Ratification of council members appointed by the Council as per Paragraph 11(3).

15.4 The Election committee will conduct the election of office bearers and shall be responsible for counting votes and announcing the results.

15.5 New Office Bearers of the Federation shall thereafter take chair.

15.6 The resolutions circulated among member clubs shall then be taken up for consideration.

15.7 Adjournment of the proceedings.

15.8 The AGM agenda shall include the following mandatory items:

- 15.8.2 Reading the notice convening the meeting.
- 15.8.3 Confirmation of the minutes of the last AGM
- 15.8.4 Consideration of the Annual Report of the General Secretary
- 15.8.5 Consideration of the statement of accounts for the past year.
- 15.8.6 Ratification of council members appointed by the council.
- 15.8.7 Election of Office Bearers
- 15.8.8 Tabling of resolutions

16. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

16.1 A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever directed by the Council or at the written and signed request of two or more Member Clubs of the Federation within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of receipt of such requisition. Such requisition shall state the particular object of any business to be transacted at such Meeting. Fourteen clear days' notice shall be given to the Members.

16.2 25% of those eligible to vote will constitute a quorum and any voting shall be by secret ballot.

17. REPRESENTATION & VOTING AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

17.1 Representation & Eligibility

All Office Bearers of the Federation and all registered members of affiliated Clubs may attend Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings. Each Member Club other than member Clubs in their first year of affiliation shall nominate in writing (3) three (Two nominated members + Club representative) of its members present at the Meeting for purposes of voting. (Such nominations shall be submitted to the General Secretary 26 days prior to the commencement of the Meeting)

17.2 All members of the Council as laid down in Article 09. 1. shall have a vote except the Auditor, Legal Adviser and non-voting members.

17.3 Two nominated club members + Club representative as nominated in sub- Para 17.1. above shall have a vote each. They should be club/association members who have actively participated in NSSF competitions during the last calendar year.

17.4 All affiliated clubs including Army, Navy, Air Force and Police become eligible to vote only if they have:

- 17.4.1 Held the respective Club AGM and submitted the Minutes
- 17.4.2 Submitted a certified list of Members
- 17.4.3 Submitted Names and Addresses of Office Bearers.
- 17.4.4 Submitted the Audited statement of Accounts of the financial year.
- 17.4.5 Paid their Annual Subscription.
- 17.4.6 Submitted their Annual Report

17.5 None of those mentioned in paragraphs 17.2 and 17.3 above may vote more than once.

17.6 All voting shall be by Secret Ballot.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

18.1 The Council is responsible for amending the Constitution.

18.2 Any proposal for amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretary by a Member or by the Executive Committee.

18.3 Any proposal for amendment to the Constitution can be submit as Resolution to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting as per article 13.7.

18.4 For a vote on an amendment to the Constitution to be valid, an absolute majority (50%) of the members eligible to vote must be present.

18.5 A proposal for an amendment to the Constitution shall be adopted only if two-thirds of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

18.6 New Rules or amendments to Rules can be affected only at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

19. COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

19.1 There shall be a council to be called and known as the Council of the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka which shall consist of the following:

19.1.1	The President
19.1.2	Four Vice Presidents
19.1.3	General Secretary
19.1.4	Four Assistant Secretaries
19.1.5	Treasurer
19.1.6	Assistant Treasurer
10 1 7	Chairman Tashnisal Commit

19.1.7 Chairman Technical Committee

- 19.1.8 Secretary Technical Committee
- 19.1.9 Chairman Judges Committee
- 19.1.10 Secretary Judges Committee
- 19.1.11 One nominated representative from each affiliated Club
- 19.1.12 Auditor
- 19.1.13 Legal Adviser
- 19.1.14 Two representatives from the Schools Association of who have no voting rights.

19.2 There shall be an Executive Committee to be called and known as the Ex -Co of the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka which shall consist of the following:

19.2.1	The President
19.2.2	Four Vice Presidents
19.2.3	General Secretary
19.2.4	Treasurer
19.2.5	Chairman Technical Committee
19.2.6	Chairman Judges Committee

20. COUNCIL MEETINGS

20.1 Council Meetings shall be held at least once a month on a Pre-determined day of the month (e.g.: 1st Tuesday of each month) In the event this day happens to be a public holiday the meeting shall be shifted to the following working day. (e.g.: Wednesday or Thursday as the case may be)

20.2 A notice convening the meeting shall be sent 10 days prior to the date of the meeting with the minutes and corrections of the previous meeting.

20.3 Any Council member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings without valid reasons will be deemed to have resigned or vacated office and the Council may appoint another in his place.

20.4 The President shall chair all Council Meetings. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents may chair the meeting to ensure uninterrupted activity of the Federation.

21.FUNCTIONS & POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

21.1 The entire business and management of the Federation and the direction of its activities shall be vested in the Council which may delegate to sub-committees such functions as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

21.2 The Council shall have power to appoint an Administrative Secretary to perform administrative functions of the Federation which cannot be so performed by the General Secretary. He shall be paid such remuneration as decided by the Council. He shall not be a member of the Council or an Office Bearer. He shall have no voting rights in his capacity of Administrative Secretary.

21.3 The Council shall have power to make such rules and regulations as are considered necessary.

21.4 The Council shall inter alia control the finances of the Federation, direct the subcommittees in all matters regarding and concerning shooting and prepare and submit to the Annual General Meeting a Report of the activities of the Federation and an Audited Statement of Accounts as at the end of the previous financial year.

21.5 All decisions of the Council in the exercise of its functions and powers shall be deemed to be final.

21.6 The Council shall have power at its discretion to revise the rates of subscription, entry fees and other fees.

21.7 The Council shall have power at its discretion for suspension or expulsion of Members.

22. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

22.1 The Council shall be entitled to take disciplinary action against any affiliated Club/Organization or any individual member thereof.

22.2 The decision whether to take disciplinary action shall be the prerogative of the Council. The majority of the members of the Council are entitled to decide whether the recommendations of the subcommittee should be implemented and/or what other action should be taken.

22.3 In the event of any such member Club/Association or its member being dissatisfied with the findings of the inquiry, aggrieved party has the Right of Appeal within 14 days of the decision and may request the Council to forward all connected papers to the Minister of Sports for his decision.

22.4 Such Appeal will be accompanied by a cash deposit of Rupees Fifty Thousand (50,000/=) and shall be sent to the Secretary of the National Shooting Sport Federation. In the event the Appeal is upheld, by the Minister of Sports, the cash deposit will be refunded.

22.5 The aggrieved party will remain suspended from all activities of Shooting Sports, until the final decision is arrived at.

22.6 The Council shall be appoint a disciplinary subcommittee for inquiry into allegations/complains/incidents following the statutory regulations for holding inquiries as detailed in the Labour Law of Sri Lanka. The findings of this Committee shall be submitted to the Council with their recommendations for review and action as necessary with a majority of its members approval.

22.7 DISCIPLINARY SUB COMMITTEE

The Disciplinary Sub Committee will comprise of three (3) persons Appointed by the Council, one of whom shall act as Chairman.

22.7.1 The Disciplinary Sub Committee, before any action is taken against the Members, the Clubs / Association concern, shall be required to 'Show Cause' in writing as to why Disciplinary Action should not be taken in respect to matters specified, therein.

22.7.2 The Disciplinary Sub Committee if in the opinion of the explanation so tendered is not acceptable shall, inquire fully into all cases of Allegations of Misconduct/ Indiscipline.

22.7.3 The Disciplinary Sub Committee prior to the inquiry or at any stage of the inquiry may amend the charges having regard to the circumstances of the case and issue a fresh show cause letter and re initiate the inquiry.

22.7.4 The Disciplinary Sub Committee, at the conclusion of the inquiry will submit their findings to the Council for review and action as necessary.

22.7.5 The Disciplinary Sub Committee, may also hear and inquire into such other matters as the Federation, may from time to time refer to them for inquiry.

22.7.6 The Disciplinary Sub Committee may consult 'International Shooting Sport Federation', 'Asian Shooting Sport Federation' for advice and assistance connected with an inquiry and also seek Legal Counsel, if so necessary.

22.8 SANCTIONS

The Disciplinary Sub Committee shall have the following Sanctions available,

22.8.1 To recommend to Expel or suspend any Member / Club / Association from the National Shooting Sport Federation.

22.8.2 To recommend to caution, reprimand and warn any act of misconduct / harassment and misbehaviour by any Member / Club / Association.

22.8.3 To recommend imposing such other punishment, restrictions or other terms, as it consider appropriate, in the circumstances.

22.8.4 To recommend the cancellation of the Judges / Referees License of any License holder, who commits an act or acts, that has the potential to bring the Shooting Sport, the National Shooting Sport Federation and the International Shooting Sport Federation into disrepute.

23.PRESIDENT

23.1 Objectives-

Successful leadership and direction of the NSSF ensuring a balanced promotion of all sections activities and development.

23.2 Principal Duties and Responsibilities-

23.2.1 Convenes and presides over meetings according to the Constitution.

23.2.2 Supervises the execution of decisions and activities of NSSF.

23.2.3 Supervises the execution of the terms of reference of the Office Bearers of the NSSF and ensures clear accountability and financial and management audit trails.

23.2.4 Gives rational reasons and adjudicates or give rulings in consultation with the majority of the Council on any disputes or issues that need to be resolved.

- 23.2.5 Ensures the proper observance of the Constitution, General Regulations and other rules.
- 23.2.6 To coordinate the provision of resources and funding with the funding agencies.

23.2.7 Ensures that the NSSF obligations to Ministry of Sports, affiliated clubs, Organizing Committees and International or National Sport Organizations are fulfilled.

23.2.8 Represents the NSSF in legal matters in conjunction with the General Secretary

23.2.9 Acts on behalf of, or represents, the NSSF, as circumstances require.

23.2.10 Acts in urgent cases on matters not provided for in the Constitution. Such actions, however, require subsequent covering approval by the Council.

24. VICE-PRESIDENTS

24.1 Support and assist the President in leading and directing the Principal Duties and Responsibilities of the NSSF.

24.2 As delegated by the President, convene and preside at NSSF meetings in the President's absence or at his request.

24.3 Act on behalf of the President in his absence or on his request.

24.5 Carry out duties assigned by the Council or Executive Committee or as requested by the President.

24.6 Perform special assignments or assist and supervise specific parts of NSSF activities on a permanent basis on request of the Executive Committee or the President.

24.7 Defining short and long term objectives for their assigned areas (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Coaching) that are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Bound and obtaining the agreement of the Council for the stated objectives.

24.8 Identifying available resources – detailed listing of Normal, Junior and Youth Shooters by name and Shooting Body with material resources available to each, and ranked according to performance within the past 12 months.

24.9 Identifying existing standards of performance – of each individual and analysing the gap between desired level of scores for each event and current level of performance to justify demands on available resources and requests for additional resources in material, coaching and finances for participation in international competitions.

24.10 Identifying available material resources – Guns, ammunition, equipment, accessories, target systems, range facilities, etc.

24.11 Zero based Planning & Budgeting – for achievement of the stated objectives.

24.12 Justifying the Case for requested financial allocations.

24.13 Assisting the President and General Secretary to canvass the necessary funding from the resource providing agencies.

24.14 Developing and executing a detailed action plan based on the budget.

24.15 Planning, coordinating and executing as relevant all Affiliated Club Meets, NSSF Organised Open Meets and National Championships as per the NSSF Calendar for each year in respect of each of their shooting disciplines. The Vice Presidents for Rifle, Pistol and Shot Gun will obviously be jointly responsible for their events which by nature of the sport will be held concurrently.

24.16 Reporting to the Council at each meeting preferably using Microsoft Power Point presentations, on the milestones achieved up to the time of the meeting and progress expected by the next scheduled Council meeting.

25.GENERAL SECRETARY

Objective - To Operate the Office for efficient conduct of all NSSF business. Principal Duties and Responsibilities

25.1 Represents the NSSF in legal matters together with the President.

25.2 Represents the President at his request.

25.3 Performs duties defined in description of Office operations.

25.4 Coordinates all activities of the President, Vice presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer and Committees.

25.5 Assists the President in the obtaining of resources.

25.6 To table at Council meetings all correspondence and hard copies of emails received by the NSSF.

25.7 To communicate decisions of the President or the Council to the relevant institutions or individuals in writing by memorandum, letter or e mail as appropriate.

25.8 To accurately minute the proceedings of all official meetings and to distribute the minutes to all relevant officials and sports entities.

25.9 To maintain a complete hard copy record of all communications to and from the NSSF.

25.10 Full authority over all NSSF employees.

25.11Keeping safe custody of Records Ledger

26. TREASURER

26.1 To prepare a monthly balance sheet and to report in point form summary on month end cash and bank balances, debtors list, creditors list, stock items & values, balance sheet entries in dispute and other financial issues at each Council Meeting.

26.2 To have custody of the NSSF Property Inventory and ensure recording of all changes promptly and with supporting documentation on file.

26.3 To have in place written down procedures for all financial activities of the NSSF and ensure strict compliance for absolute levels of checks and balances, transparency and audit trail.

26.4 To prepare the final accounts and balance sheet at the end of each financial year and coordinate the submission of the audited accounts to the Council of the NSSF as per the time lines.

26.5 Shall responsible to forward the statement of accounts of the Federation for the end of each financial year to Auditor General's Department as per the specified timeline.

26.6 Shall be responsible to have an internal audit on property and all fixed assets of the NSSF at the end of each financial year.

27. MEMBERS OF THE SUB COMMITTEES

Objectives - Assistance, support and advice to the Administrative Council and the Executive Committee in all matters assigned to them.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

27.1 All Sub Committees of the NSSF shall deal with all matters within their field of interest as an advisory body and shall be responsible for the technical and other activities assigned to them by the Constitution or the Administrative Council and the Executive Committee.

27.2 All members of the Sub Committees act and vote as independent members and not as representatives of the NSSF. As and when necessary to co-opt individuals outside the NSSF for the purpose of unbiased assessment, expert advice and guidance and advice observations on any other matter.

27.3 Each Chairman must designate his substitute in the event of his absence for each meeting.

28. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF SUB COMMITTEES

28.1 The sub-committees shall carry out and implement the directions of the Council in all matters pertaining to the Federation.

28.2 The sub-committees for shooting competitions shall arrange and conduct shooting as directed by the Council.

28.3 The sub-committees are empowered for any reason such as the requirements of discipline, violations of rules and such conduct which in the opinion of the sub-committee is improper, to deal with any member in accordance with the rules and conditions applicable for the conduct of shooting and its decisions shall be final and binding on such members.

28.4 The sub-committee so appointed shall be responsible for the entire conduct of shooting in accordance with the rules and conditions prescribed thereto.

29. SELECTION COMMITTEES

29.1 All Selection and Ranking Committees shall be nominated by the Council and submitted to the Ministry of Sports for ratification.

29.2 No member of a Selection or Ranking Committee of the Federation shall be eligible for selection to any team. The Captain of the team may be co-opted to the Committee to select the other members of the team.

29.3 No person engaged in coaching an affiliated Club or the National Pool shall serve in any Selection or Ranking Committee.

29.4 A nominee of the Ministry of Sports may join in the deliberations of the Selection and Ranking Committee but not have a vote.

30. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

30.1 The Federation will have a Technical Committee comprising of persons who have been actively involved in the Shooting Sport as National Shooters, Coaches or Administrators. They shall advise the Federation with regard to the Technical Development of the sport and approve the game development plan and the tournament structure.

30.2 The Technical Committee composed of a Chairman, Secretary and up to three other members, who will coordinate rules for different shooting events, verify and approve National and Sri Lanka Records from time to time and advise the Council on all matters. The Chairman and Secretary shall be members of the Council.

30.3 Conduct periodical checks as an when ordered by the council on sporting weapons licence through NSSF and balance stock of ammunition obtained through the NSSF.

30.4 Preparing selection criteria and updating National pools.

30.5 Assisting the General secretary to update the Records ledger.

30.6 Evaluation of Annual reports submitted by affiliated member clubs.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities

30.7 Evaluation of applications to renewal, transfer or import fire arms and, air guns and submitting written reports to the President of the NSSF.

30.8 Valuation of quotation summaries and the process adopted for all purchases of Material and equipment with NSSF funds for values of individual items exceeding Rs.10, 000/- and submitting written reports to the President of the NSSF.

30.9 Review and approval of selection of Shooters for all training pools, National pools, etc. with the exception of the functions of the Selection Committee and submitting written reports to the President of the NSSF.

30.10 Assist General Secretary to Prepare the Annual activity calendar.

30.11 Executing assignments issued to the Committee by the President of the NSSF relevant to the scope of the Technical Committee.

31. CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

31.1 Club representatives are nominated by shooting bodies to the NSSF Council as observers to report to the Clubs on the activities of the NSSF, to contribute relevant information to the Council for decision making processes of the Council and to represent the respective club on any issues that need to be resolved.

31.2 The club representative to the NSSF to be nominated in writing under the signature of the President or the Secretary of the club concerned.

31.3 Any issues raised by the club representative concerning that particular club or one of its member must be in writing and submitted to be tabled at the council meeting of the NSSF.

32. JUDGES COMMITTEE

The Federation will have a Judges Committee comprising of persons qualified as Judges by the ISSF or NSSF and composed of a Chairman and Secretary.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities

32.1 Shall maintain competition attendance register of Judges and referees.

32.2 Shall maintain logbooks pertaining to Judges and referees with regard to participation/nomination locally and internationally.

32.3 Submit nominations for International competitions, when requested through the National federation as per the agreed written down marking system Policy.

32.4 Shall be responsible to provide Judges and referees to conduct the Local shooting competitions successfully.

32.5 Shall responsible for renewing the licenses of Judges.

32.6 Shall responsible for training and producing of new Judges and referees to the National Federation.

32.7 Shall be responsible to educate and train Judges and referees on change of rules, new trends and other information.

32.8 Shall responsible to hold periodical meetings with judges and referees.

32.9 Shall responsible for testing of Athletes equipment prior to International Competitions when requested.

32.10 Shall responsible for conducting periodical refresher courses for all the local judges and referees.

33. FINANCE

33.1 The Council shall cause true accounts to be kept of all monies received and expended by the Federation.

33.2 The Treasurer shall not incur any expenditure unless approved and minute by the Council, at a Council Meeting.

33.3 The funds of the Federation shall be deposited in a Bank approved by the Council.

33.4 Cheques drawn on the funds of the Federation shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other who shall be the President or a Vice President.

33.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of true and accurate records of all financial transactions of the Federation.

33.6 The Council is empowered to invest any monies of the Federation in Government Securities, Savings Banks or other such institutions of the State or in Government approved Trust investments.

33.7 The Council is empowered to loan or grant sums of money to an Affiliated Club or a member thereof subject to approval by the Council at a monthly Council Meeting if the purpose is specific to the development of shooting.

33.8 All membership, entrance fees, donations and all other monies received by the Federation shall be received and accounted for by the Treasurer.

33.9 The Treasurer shall submit to the Council a statement of income and expenditure at the first Council Meeting held after any tournament or Meet of the Federation.

33.10 The Financial year of the Federation shall be a twelve-month period from 1st January to 31st December of that year.

33.11 In the event of any audit observation or qualification that occurs during the previous financial year, the responsibility of clearing and settling of said observation lies with officials of the same year within three months of receipt of the report which will be sent to all of them by the Council in office.

34. INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

34.1 The council shall approve and ratified the assign independent auditors by Ministry of sports with recommendations of Auditor General Department (03) three months before for each financial year ending 31st December.

34.2 If required the council shall also have the discretion to appoint Independent auditors for a period of two years to audit the accounts in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Council

35. COMPETITIONS

35.1 The following types of pre planed competitions are conducted during the calendar year within Sri Lanka and shall include in the year calendar.

NSSF organized and conducted official completions

- 35.1.1 The National Shooting Sport Federation National Championships. Rifle/Pistol/Shot gun.
- 35.1.2 The National Shooting Sport Federation Open Championships. Rifle/Pistol/Shot gun.
- 35.1.3 The National Shooting Sport Federation Open Air Gun Championship.

35.1.4 The National Shooting Sport Federation Youth and Junior Air Gun Championship.

35.2 Sanctioned inter club Competitions, Organized and conducted by member clubs, under the supervision of NSSF Judges Committee.

35.3 Approved Club competitions.

35.4 The council of the National Shooting Sport Federation shall have the authority to recognize competitions under Para 35.1 and 35.2 as trials for selecting the National Pool or selection for International Competitions.

36. CONTACTS

The National Shooting Sport Federation shall not hold competitions or make sporting contacts with Associations that are not members of ISSF without the approval of ISSF.

37 TROPHIES

37.1 All prizes or trophies donated or purchased shall be the property of the Federation.

37.2 A Property Book of all property together with photographic records of trophies of the Federation shall be maintained by the Treasurer and tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

37.3 All trophies and property of the Federation shall be insured against loss or damage. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to do so.

37.4 The winners of trophies before receiving the same shall acknowledge receipt in the Property Book through their Club and shall be responsible for their safety and maintenance during the period such trophies are in their custody. Any damage during this period to the trophy will be charged to the respective Club.

37.5 All Challenge Trophies awarded to winners shall be returned to the Treasurer immediately after the Prize giving unless their Clubs undertake responsibility for the safety thereof. However, all Challenge Trophies shall be returned to the Treasurer before the end of the Financial Year.

37.6 The names of winners shall be engraved on the trophies by the Federation only and not by individuals or Clubs. Any violation of this shall be considered as damage to the trophy and any damage will be charged to the respective Club.

37.8 The Council shall arrange for the safe custody of all trophies and property of the Federation.

37.9 Every Office Bearer or Council member of the Federation who ceases to hold office will within 7 days, handover any property of the Federation in his possession to the Treasurer of the Federation.

38. AFFILIATION TO INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

The Federation may as necessary affiliate itself with the International Shooting Sport Federation, The Asian Shooting Confederation, The Commonwealth Shooting Federation and the South Asian Shooting Confederation, as determined by the Council, but not limited to these Organizations.

39. AWARD OF BADGES OF MERIT

The Ex-Co shall have its discretion awarding badges of merit to individual Officials /Athletes as eligible by virtue of their performances.

40. SRI LANKA COLOURS

40.1 The Council shall have the right to award Sri Lanka Colours to those who represent Sri Lanka by virtue of their performances.

40.2 The General Secretary of NSSF shall issue a letter of authority to wear the crest on the receipt of council approval.

41. ADOPTION OF FLAG, COLOURS, CREST ETC.

41.1 The Federation shall adopt such suitable Flag, Colours, Crest and forms of Dress Badges and souvenirs as the Council may decide upon as appropriate.

41.2 Every member Club shall have its own flag, a sample of which shall be in the custody of the Federation.

42. RECORDS

The General Secretary is responsible for maintaining and safe custody of Records ledger and to maintain all records in the Ledger and is responsible to publish updated ratified records by 1st January each year. The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall assist in this function.

43. NATIONAL RECORDS & MERITOROUS PERFORMANCES

43.1 The Council shall have the power to proclaim from time to time meritorious performances and declare National Records and National Championship Records for such events as the Council may determine from time and to make all necessary arrangements in regard to the announcement or recording of the same.

43.2 The Records of NSSF will be divided into two and shall called Sri Lanka Records and National Championship Records (Abbreviated as SLR = Sri Lanka Record, NCR = National championship Record). All the records are subject to ratification by the Council with the recommendation of Technical committee for that record and until a record is ratified, it is regarded as "Pending Record= PR".

44. DISSOLUTION

44.1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of the National Shooting Sport Federation requires a majority of two-thirds of all of the members of the National Shooting Sport Federation, which must be obtained at a Council Meeting specially convened for the purpose.

44.2 If the National Shooting Sport Federation is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to Ministry of Sports.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

45.1 Council shall disregard any written or digital communication exchanged in the form of letters, emails with NSSF which does not contain,

- 45.1.1 Personalized message to the recipient.
- 45.1.2 Senders name or signature with additional details.
- 45.1.3 Reference number and date of originating.
- 45.1.4 Details of address for reply.

45.2 No member shall communicate with other organizations or individuals in behalf of the NSSF unless authorised by the Council in writing.

45.3 No member shall communicate with news agencies or provide statements in behalf of NSSF unless authorised by the council in writing.

46. ELECTION COMMITTEE

46.1 Council is empowered to appoint an Election Committee three (3) months before the election of Annual General Meeting.

46.2 Council shall appoint members to Election Committee other than voting members or candidates.

46.3 Election Committee shall comprise with odd number more than one.

47. PARTICIPATION OF OBSERVERS

47.1 Council shall invite any member does not have voting rights as observers during Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting.

47.2 Nominated representative of Director General of Sports Development, Ministry of Sports shall be the Independent observer during Annual General Meeting.

48. ENFORCEMENT

The above "Constitution of the National Shooting Sport Federation of Sri Lanka" incorporates the requirements of the International Shooting Sports Federation and the Sports Law No.25 of 1973 and Regulations and its Amendments. This Constitution was approved at the Annual General meeting of the National Shooting Sport Federation unanimously on 03rd January 2020 in Colombo, Sri Lanka and replaces the constitution adopted at the SGM of the National Shooting Sport Federation on 3rd January 2017.