

NETBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA (Regd.)



CONSTITUTION AND
BYE -LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

This Constitution supersedes and cancels all previous issues of the Constitution whether printed, type-written or in manuscript of Netball Federation of India.

ARTICLE – 1

TITLE

The Federation shall be called "Netball Federation of India" (here in after referred to as "The Federation")

ARTICLE – 2

REGISTERED OFFICE & JURISDICTION

The Registered Office of the Federation shall be at the Head Quarters of the Secretary General or as decided by the General Council of the Federation and the jurisdiction of the Federation shall extend to all the state and Union Territories of Republic of India.

ARTICLE – 3

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To promote and develop the game of Netball both for men and women in India.
2. To maintain General Control of the game of Netball in India. Particular reference to the rules and regulations.
3. To seek such International and National Affiliations which may be instrumental in the development of the game.



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4. To encourage the promotion of the state Organizations for development of the game and affiliation to the Federation.
5. To co-ordinate state activities in respect of Netball Game, in all ways, including conducting Inter-State Tournaments and the National Netball Championships for sub-juniors, juniors & seniors both for boys & girls.
6. To secure participation in international contests.
7. To hold such international championships as approved by the International Federation of Netball Associations.
8. To promote, control and if necessary, finance visits of foreign teams to India & Indian teams to foreign countries.
9. To take such steps, which may be conducive in general, to the fulfilment of the objectives of the 'Federation'.
10. To Organize National Championships in the country every year both for (Men, Women / Boys and Girls) in Senior, Juniors and Sub-Juniors, All India Tournaments and Inter Zone Championships.
11. Organize matches for charitable purposes.
12. To maintain library to communicate the material on the game to the affiliated units.
13. To conduct National Teams' coaching camps.
14. To conduct National umpire tests.
15. To publish literature on the game of Netball.
16. To conduct All India seminars.
17. To encourage and organize Championship in all types of formats i.e. Traditional Netball, Fast5 Netball, Beach Netball, Mixed Netball etc.

ARTICLE – 4

INTERPRETATION

- a. Govt. shall mean the Government of India.
- b. Federation - shall mean the Netball Federation of India of which these are the articles.
- c. Council – Shall mean the General Council of the Federation. Each affiliated State/UT, duly registered with the National Sports Board, shall be represented by two (2) members, and four (4) members shall be elected from among Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit, comprising two (2) male and two (2) female members.
- d. Committee shall mean the Executive Committee of the federation consisting of office bearers, Associate office bearers and members E.C.
- e. Standing sub-committee shall mean the sub-committee nominated by the

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- f. Game shall mean the game of Netball.
- g. Office bearers-shall include the (1) President, (1) Secretary General, and (1) Honorary Treasurer, of the Federation.
- h. Associate office bearers - shall include the Vice Presidents (4) and Joint Secretary (4) of the federation.
- i. Executive Committee Member – Members of the Executive Committee (4).
- j. Year -shall mean the period of 12 months from 1st April to 31st March.
- k. Umpire- shall mean one who has qualified himself to supervise matches through different tests and is duly registered with the Federation.
- l. State Association shall mean the affiliated State/UT Netball Association, The State/UT as defined by the Union Govt.
- m. Term of Office-bearers-shall mean a period of 3 years.
- n. Board: Means the National Sports Board established under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
- o. Sportsperson Of Outstanding Merit: Means an athlete designated under Schedule I of the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.
- p. TRIBUNAL: Means the National Sports Tribunal constituted under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the
- q. National Sports Governance Act, 2025.
- r. Election Panel: “National Sports Election Panel” means the National Sports Election Panel notified under section 16 of National Sports Governance Act 2025 to oversee the conduct of free and fair elections to the Executive Committee and the Athletes Committee of the National Sports Bodies.
- s. Board Recognition: Board recognition means recognition of a sports organization by the Board under National Sports Governance Act 2025.
- t. International Charters & Statutes: means the Olympic Charter and other Charters and Statutes of the international sports governing bodies and include any bye-laws, rules, regulations or constitution, by which the name called, as may be adopted, amended or issued by such bodies from time to time.
- u. International Federation: “International Federation” means— a federation recognized as such by the International Olympic Committee.



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ARTICLE – 5

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the federation shall be open to: -

1. The Netball Associations of the states and the Union Territories of India having being complied with the provision of National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and its Rules.
2. Such other sports Organizations of All India status which are interested in Netball and are approved by the Federation.
3. Affiliated State- Netball Association. The State Netball Association shall have two representatives each in the General Council of the Federation on the basis of 'One State-Two Vote'. The representative of the State Netball Association must be a member of that State Netball Association which he is representing.
4. Right of Vote: two representatives from each affiliated unit.
5. NFI and all its affiliated units will follow all the govt. guidelines in all its elections. No office bearer of Netball Federation of India shall hold office simultaneously, in any other National Federation, excepting the Indian Olympic Association.
6. It's mandatory for all the affiliated state/UT units to be affiliated with the State Olympic Association.
7. All the affiliated bodies, at every level i.e. State and District, of Netball Federation of India shall comply with the prescribed guidelines/ directions of National Sports Development Code of India. In this regard, the affiliated units may be reviewed by the President or the Secretary General of NFI periodically, and necessary actions/ decision may be initiated against the units found inactive or inappropriate for fulfilling the objective of the development of the game of the Netball or NFI.
8. The Association shall be eligible for membership if it has not acted against the interests, rules, regulations, or decisions of the Federation and has not engaged in any unauthorized, illegal, or prejudicial activity relating to the sport of Netball.

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ARTICLE – 5 (A)

AGE AND TENURE OF THE OFFICE BEARERS

The Netball Federation of India shall follow the terms and conditions inherent in the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 as follows:

- I. The posts of the President, Secretary-General and Treasurer shall be called the Posts of the Office Bearers.
- II. The president of NFI can hold the office for a maximum period of 12 (twelve) years with or without break.
- III. Any individual elected as President, Secretary General, or Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Netball Federation of India shall hold office for a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms, whether served separately or in any combination thereof, in accordance with the National Sports Governance Rules, 2026. Thereafter, such individuals shall be eligible for re-election to the same posts or to the Executive Committee only after a mandatory cooling-off period of one (1) term, as prescribed under the said Rules.
- IV. Age Restriction: The age limits for office bearers of the Netball Federation of India shall be governed by the provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance Rules, 2026, issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. No individual shall be eligible to contest or continue in office beyond the prescribed age limit, as specified under the said Act and Rules, as amended from time to time, which shall be seventy-five (75) years in alignment with the International Charter.

ARTICLE – 5 (B)

1. ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION:

The Netball Federation of India shall comply with and adhere to all provisions and conditions prescribed under the Modern Election Guidelines of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance Rules, 2026, issued by the Ministry of Youth

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Affairs and Sports, Government of India, as amended from time to time.

2. SPORTSPERSON OF OUTSTANDING MERIT:

As provided under the National Sports Governance Rules, 2026, issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, four (4) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit, comprising two (2) male and two (2) female members, shall be elected or nominated in accordance with the prescribed Rules. The election or nomination shall be conducted strictly as per the procedure laid down therein, based on the Tier System (Tier 1 to Tier 10) specified under the said Rules.

3. GENDER EQUALITY:

The Netball Federation of India is committed to promoting gender equality in society as well as in sports and shall comply with the provisions of the National Sports Governance Rules, 2026. The Executive Committee shall consist of fifteen (15) members, out of which a minimum of 30% members shall be women, in accordance with the said Rules.

4. HOLDING OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE:

With regard to sanction for holding an elective office under rule 15(1)(c) of CCS Rules, 1964, the NFI shall comply the govt. guidelines i.e. " a government servant may be allowed to hold elective office in any body, whether incorporated or not, for period of two terms or for a period of 5 years, whichever is earlier, for which prior sanction would be required when a government servant contests an election in such body, as per existing rules_ " Further, the instructions by Do P & T in regard to the above will automatically be applicable on Netball Federation of India in the matter of Government Servants holding an elective posts.

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5. PREVENTION OF AGE FRAUD IN THE GAME OF NETBALL:

To prevent the age fraud in sports of Netball, the NFI shall comply the National Code Against Age Fraud. In view to eliminating age fraud in sports and ensuring fair play of Netball, a suitable action shall be taken against athletes found guilty of committing age fraud.

6. PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN IN NETBALL:

A committee for the purpose shall be formed on an annual basis for the redressal of the grievances for the prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women in Netball.

7. DOPING RULES:

- i. Netball Federation of India shall follow the rules as guided by International Federation of Netball and amendments, if any, made to such rules from time to time.
- ii. Netball Federation of India shall also follow the instructions form National Anti-Doping Agency, MYAS for domestic competitions/events.
- iii. Where Doping Offence has taken place, disciplinary action shall be processed for Hearing, Indelibility or Suspension stages.

ARTICLE – 6

COUNCIL

- I. The council shall be the supreme authority of the Federation at all its meetings. It shall elect the President and other members of the committee. It may delegate authority to the president to nominate other members of the committee. The President or in his absence one of the Vice President nominated by the President or one elected house, shall preside over/chair the meeting as chairperson proceeding to the business. The chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie only for AGM, ECM, SGM and any other meeting not for NFI election.

- II. The council shall meet any time and during Nationals at the venue to

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be fixed by the committee or the Secretary General with the consultation of the President. The Secretary General shall give 21 days' notice to all the members of the council and shall circulate along with the notice, a copy of the agenda of the meeting. The 21 days' notice shall mean 21 days from the date of posting.

- III. Special General Meeting of the council may also be called by the Secretary General for some specific purpose in consultation with the President. In case of special general meeting, The Secretary General shall give 7 days' notice to all the members of the council and shall circulate along with the notice, a copy of the agenda of the meeting. The 7 days' notice shall mean 7 days from the date of posting.
- IV. One third of the members on the Up-to-date list and entitled to vote shall constitute the quorum, to start the proceedings of the council, if the quorum is not formed within half an hour of the appointed time, the meeting 'shall be adjourned and it shall subsequently meet at the same venue and date after half an hour.
- V. The business of the council shall be to elect committee, and all the executive powers shall rest with the committee.

ARTICLE – 6 (A)

MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY:

- i. The meeting of Governing Body will be held as and when required by the Secretary General with the permission of the President.
- ii. A clear notice of ten days (10) of every such meeting will be given by the Secretary General to all the Executive Committee Members before the date of the meeting. However, the Governing Body may meet at shorter notice, whenever required, with the consent of at least fifty percent of its members.
- iii. The quorum of the meetings of the Governing Body shall be of the total members of Governing Body, Subject to a minimum of 5 Members.



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ARTICLE – 7

COMMITTEE- ITS POWERS AND DUTIES:

1. To admit the membership of the federation and associations applying for the same, in accordance with the rules of the Federation.
2. To appoint Sub-Committees.
3. To appoint auditors and fix their remuneration
4. To adopt the annual report of the committee.
5. To adopt the audited Statements of accounts.
6. To hold control and administer the funds and Properties of the Federation.
7. To make and amend the rules of the Federation as and when considered necessary.
8. To make Byelaws in accordance with the rules of the federation as and when considered necessary and instructed by Inter- national Federation of Netball Associations.
9. To delegate its powers to the President who might delegate the same to any Sub- Committee or an individual at his/her discretion.
10. To consider and decide matters not covered by the rules of the Federation.
11. To appoint a paid Assistant Secretary, if necessary.
12. To take such Steps as may be necessary or expedient to carry into effect the objects of the Federation.
13. To consider any resolution where notice is given in writing to the secretary by any member at least fifteen clear days before the date of meeting.
14. To transact any other business, permitted by the President.

ARTICLE – 8

COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Governing Body/Managing Committee/Executive Committee shall consist of the Following Office Bearers, Associate Office Bearers, and

Executive Committee as under: -

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SL No	DESIGNATION	NO. OF POST'S ELECTED
1	PRESIDENT	1
2	VICE PRESIDENT	4
3	SECRETARY GENERAL	1
4	TREASURER	1
5	JOINT SECRETARY	4
C	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	4

TOTAL STRENGTH: FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS

NOTE:

- i. Two (2) posts shall be reserved for Sportspersons of Outstanding merit as elected or nominated from the roster, One (1) of which shall be a women member.
- ii. Two (2) posts shall be reserved for representatives nominated by the Athlete Commission, One (1) of which shall be a women member.
- iii. A minimum of Four (4) members of the Executive Committee (EC) shall be reserved for women members.

POWERS & DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS

a. **President:**

He/she may be elected from amongst the members of the affiliated units or may be any person of high status and keenly interested in sports. He/she shall be the Chief Officer of the Federation and shall preside over all its meetings. He/she shall be empowered to call meetings of the Committee and Council if he/she so deems it proper and shall exercise powers as enumerated elsewhere in these articles.

b. **Vice President:**

He/she may be elected from amongst the members of the affiliated units or may be a male or female of high status and keenly interested in sports and in the absence of President, He/she will preside over the meeting. In the absence of President one of the Vice Presidents will act

as a President, as named by the President of the Committee and shall

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exercise all the powers of the President.

c. **Secretary General:**

The Honorary Secretary General shall be responsible for carrying out the orders and instructions of the Council/Committee and the President. He/she shall issue all circulars on behalf of the Federation keeping in confidence by the President. He/she shall see that the rules of the Federation and the IOA and AICS are observed by all members and their affiliated units. He/she shall be empowered to draw Rs.5000/- at a time without the prior permission of the President and afterwards he will get sanction from the president. He/she shall in no case draw money exceeding Rs, 5000/- unless the President has sanctioned the amount already drawn in anticipation of the President sanction. He shall carry on all correspondence of the Federation and give effect to all the resolutions of the Committee or the Council as the Executive Officer. He/ She shall issue notices of meetings and record minutes of the same and shall be responsible for the maintenance of the other records and registers as well as the custody of all papers of the Federation and for carrying out other duties that may be entrusted to him by the Federation from time to time. He/she shall issue show-cause notices and suspension orders for violation of rules of the Federation and all such action must be confirmed by the Committee or the council at its next meeting. The accounts of Federation shall be operated by the President, Secretary General and treasurer of the Federation.

d. **Treasurer:**

The treasurer shall collect and keep all amounts of the Federation with an approved bank and keep a record of the same. He/she will maintain accounts of all the funds and properties of the Federation and submit an audited statement of accounts at the annual meeting council.

e. **Joint Secretary:**

The Joint Secretary shall perform all such duties as may be assigned to

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him/her by the President. In the absence of the Secretary General or the Treasurer the Joint Secretary, authorized by the President will look after the duties of the Secretary General or the Treasurer.

f. **Liaison Officer:**

The President may appoint a paid Liaison Officer of the Federation on such terms and conditions as it may think fit. The appointment letter shall be signed by him/her. The Liaison Officer shall do all the correspondence of the Federation under the directions of the President and the Secretary General and maintain Office.

ARTICLE – 9

SUB-COMMITTEE:

1. The President shall constitute the following sub-committee:

- a. Technical Committee.
- b. Finance Committee.
- c. Selection Committee.
- d. Tournament Committee.
- e. Arbitration Committee
- f. Umpires Board.
- g. Coaching Committee.
- h. Discipline Committee.
- i. National Netball Development Committee.
- j. Athletes Commission
- k. Ethics Commission
- l. National Registration Committee
- m. Committee for International Affairs
- n. Internal Complaints Committee.
- o. Internal Disputes Committee
- p. Make in India Committee

All the Sub-Committees shall consist of Chairman, Convener and three members.

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2. The President/ Secretary General can constitute any committee as and when needed for smooth functioning of affairs of Netball in the country.

ARTICLE – 10

VOTING

Every question or the resolution in the general meeting of the Council/Committee/any other meeting shall be decided by the majority vote. In case of a tie, the President shall exercise casting vote for AGM, ECM, SGM and any other meeting not for NFI election. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.

ARTICLE – 11

AWARD OF THE COLORS

The Colors of the Federation shall consist of pocket badge' depicting the insignia as ap- proved by the Committee.

Eligible for the awards of colors shall be:

1. Players selected to represent the Nation in the International Competition.

Note: - The players and officials shall wear the pocket badge with the Netball' and the year below.

2. The members of the council will be formally authorized by President of the Federation to wear the official Color with the word "Netball Federation of India" and the of Year award below.

3. The members of the Council may wear a small badge.

Note: - The wearing of the Federation colors by the Council members shall entitle Them to free access to all the tournaments held within the Jurisdiction of the Federation.

The colors of the uniform shall be Royal Blue. The National Playi shall be subject to the approval of the A.I.C.S.



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ARTICLE – 12

MEMBERSHIP

Application for Membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary General of the Federation duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Unit seeking affiliation of the Federation and accompanied by a copy of its constitution and names and address of its office-bearers. The Secretary with the approval of the President may grant Provisional affiliation and then affiliation shall be confirmed by the executive committee /council.

It is mandatory for all the affiliated units to conduct term elections in free, fair and transparent manner as per Govt. guidelines and in due time (within 4 years) in the presence of the NFI observer and handover verified copies of all the records and documents to the NFI observer on the spot. If the NFI observer's report is found to be unsatisfactory or proper and complete documents of the election are not made available to the observer, the affiliation of the unit will be automatically suspended, and President/ Secretary General will appoint an ad-hoc committee to run the routine affairs in the state/UT in place of the affiliated unit till the case is sorted out. If the association fails to justify the authenticity of its elections within a month from the date of election, its affiliation shall stand withdrawn, and the federation may grant provisional affiliation to any other unit in the given territory and the same rules and procedures shall be applicable to the other unit as well.

ARTICLE – 12 (A)

DISAFFILIATION:

- i. In the wide public interest, application of any such State Ass shall not be considered for the recognition or renewal against which serious irregularities have been detected like unauthorized misuse of the name of Netball Federation of India, International Netball

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- any association affiliated with NFI.
- ii. In case of any inappropriate misconduct on the part of the association, its annual recognition will not be renewed.
 - iii. If any association doesn't comply with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance Rules, 2026 or violates any terms and conditions of recognition of Netball Federation of India or any government guidelines or any provisions of their own constitution, it will be disaffiliated.
 - iv. If any scheduled inquiry confirms serious irregularities regarding the functioning of the Association, it will be disaffiliated
 - v. An Association may be disaffiliated if it acts against the interests, rules, regulations, or decisions of the Federation or engages in any unauthorized, illegal, or prejudicial activity relating to the sport of Netball.

ARTICLE – 13

REMOVAL:

A member unit whose conduct is deemed to be inimical or detrimental to the welfare of the Federation may be removed from membership by the affirmative vote of two-third of those present at the relevant meeting of the council. All members of the Committee shall continue normally for full term, a member of the Committee except the President, if he/she is elected by the Council, shall be liable to be removed by a simple majority of the total members of the Council. A nominated member by the President can be removed under his/her own authority.

ARTICLE – 14

RIGHT OF APPEAL:

- a. There shall be a right of appeal against any decision on any matter whatsoever of the Executive Committee to the Council. Any such appeal against a decision of the Executive Committee shall be heard at a meeting of the Council before an Appeal Committee of five persons.

Such Appeal Committee shall be appointed by the Council from the

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persons present at the Council Meeting and who are not members of the same member association as the appellant or members of the Executive Committee. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be deemed to be the decision of the Council and shall be final.

- b. All Appeals shall be conducted in a fair and impartial manner, having regard to the principles of natural justice. All interested parties shall be entitled to be heard or to make written submissions, to cross-examine any witness called and to be represented by legal counsel. The appellant shall open the appeal and call such evidence as he/she or it shall think fit. The Executive Committee shall then call such evidence as it thinks fit and the appellant shall then have the right of reply. The decision of a simple majority of the persons hearing the appeal shall be a sufficient decision.
- c. Any notice of appeal to the Council against the decision of the Executive Committee shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary General not less than three calendar months before the Council meeting at which such appeal is to be heard, accompanied by a fee of Rs. 100/- which shall be forfeited should the appeal be deemed to be frivolous.
- d. Pending the decision on any appeal, all penalties imposed shall be operative unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.
- e. The Federation will in no way be responsible for any expenses incurred by the applicant or the defendant.

ARTICLE – 15

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR:

1. Any matters not provided for in this Constitution shall be decided by the Council or in between conferences by the Executive Committee subject to ratification by Council.
2. In case a difference of opinion arises, which cannot be resolved by the parties concerned, the Council shall be the sole authority to interpret the rules and regulations of the Federation Between conferences these powers shall be vested in the Executive Committee whose decisions shall be ratified by Council.

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3. No act, matter or thing done by the Council, Executive Committee, or Sub-Committee or person acting under the powers delegated to them by the Council or Executive Committee shall be deemed to be invalidated by reason only of an inadvertent irregularity in appointment.

ARTICLE – 16

RULES & REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS BINDING:

1. The constitution and bye laws of the Federation for the time being in force, the Code of Rules as adopted and amended from time to time by the Federation and the decision of the Council or between conferences, the Executive Committee, subject to ratification by Council shall be binding on all member Associations.
2. All the decisions and functions will be covered by the Right to Information Act.

ARTICLE – 17

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS AND BYE-LAWS

Any amendment to the constitution and/ or Bye-Laws of the Federation can be made at the Annual or Special meeting of the General Assembly if supported by two-thirds of the representative's present and voting. All proposed amendments must be presented to the Secretary General at least a week before the meeting and forwarded by him to every member.

ARTICLE – 18

Every member of the Council and other Officers shall be indemnified by the Federation against all costs and losses for which he/she may become liable by reason of any act or thing done by his/her in the discharge of any duty performed for and with the authority of the Council.



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BYE-LAWS

1. AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING

A copy of the agenda shall be sent to each member of the Executive Committee and two (2) copies to each Member Association, which shall supply a copy for each delegate, deputy and observer to Council.

2. CONFERENCE REPORT

The report issued after each conference shall contain: -

- a. The constitution of the federation.
- b. Names & addresses of the officers of the Federation.
- c. A list of Associations holding membership, together with the names and addresses of their President, Secretary, Treasurer, Liaison Officer & NFI National/International Coordinator
- d. A report of the conference.
- e. The Executive Committee's report.
- f. The Honorary Treasurer's Report and Statement of Account.
- g. The report of Member Associations.
- h. Sub-Committee Reports.
- i. Report and results of the tournament
- j. Any other matter considered to be of interest to members.

3. SUBSCRIPTION FROM AFFILIATED UNITS

1. Affiliation fee as. Rs.10,000/- once in life.

2. Annual subscription Rs. 2,500/-

3. Registration Fees for players

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| a. NFI Registration / Renewal within due date | Rs.200/- per year |
| b. State / UT Unit Registration / Renewal | Rs.200/- Rs per year |
| c. District Registration /Renewal | Rs.100/-Rs per year |

The annual subscription shall become due on the 1st of April of every year. No affiliated unit shall be entitled to attend any of the *Vsingh*

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meetings of the Federation, if it is not up to date in payment, shall lose its membership and shall be affiliated on request. If any unit fails to take part in any one of the three National Championships in a year (Sub-Junior /Junior/Senior), it shall lose its membership provided that the President in genuine case may permit the continuation of affiliation of the defaulting unit. Further, it is compulsory for every affiliated state/UT unit to organize state championships (Sub-Junior/Junior/Senior) every year with compulsory participation from 50% districts in the state and it is also compulsory for district championships (Sub-Junior /Junior/Senior) to have been held every year in at least 50% districts of the state. In case the above conditions are not met with, the affiliation of the unit will stand cancelled. However, the President in genuine case may permit the continuation of affiliation of the defaulting unit. Presence of NFI observers is mandatory in all the activities at state/UT level.

4. ESTABLISHMENT:

Secretary General in consultation with the President shall have full and final authority for making appointments in this regard on the basis and conditions he may deem proper. With the permission of the President, he/she shall also have full authority to negotiate and finalize issues regarding accommodation and ancillary requirements of the Establishment or granting funds for air travel/ train fare/ DA/ lodging expenses etc. to the personnel assigned any special duties related to administrative or developmental activities associated with Netball. All such decisions, however, will be subject to the approval of Executive Council.

5. ACCOUNTS:

1. The accounts of the Federation shall be opened in any of reliable banks of the country. Any two of the President, Secretary General & Treasurer will operate it jointly with the Treasurer a must.
2. The income of the Federation shall be deposited in the bank. Money for expenditure shall be withdrawn by cheque.
3. The accounts of the Federation shall be maintained properly and audited annually by a registered Chartered Accountant/Accountants.

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6. EXPENDITURE: -

President shall have full powers to incur expenditure on the affairs of the Federation. Save otherwise provided in these articles no member of the Committee or Council shall incur any expenditure without prior authority from the President.

7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF SPORTSPERSON OF OUTSTANDING MERIT

The General eligibility criteria for sportspersons of outstanding merit is that a player must satisfy the following:

- a. The retired player should be a citizen of India;
- b. The retired player should be of sound mind;
- c. The retired player should not be the age of less than twenty-five year
- d. The retired player must be retired from active sports and should have not participated in any competitive sport event which leads to selection to represent any district, State or India for at least one year prior to date of application.
- e. The retired player should not have participated in any fraudulent or unauthorized tournament, events during his tenure in sports and should not be engaged in activities which are against the interest or development of Netball.
- f. Preference shall be given to retired players who have played only Netball while considering applications under the category of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit

Apart from meeting the general eligibility criteria, Player shall be considered eligible only if they fall within the prescribed tier system which is based on the level and distinction of sporting achievements as defined under Schedule I of National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026.

8. NATIONAL COACH

National Coach shall be nominated by the President and the Secretary General.

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9. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

A. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. National Championship will be conducted both for Men and Women (Sub-Junior/ Junior/ Senior) every year and will be represented by one men team and one women team of each affiliated unit.
- b. Any affiliated unit may be allotted National Championships by the Committee/ Council.
- c. All affiliated units are entitled to take part in National Championships provided they are not in arrears. Temporary members may be given special permission by the President or the Secretary General of the Federation.
- d. If any unit fails to take part in any National Championship (Sub-junior/Junior/Senior), it shall cease to be the unit of the Federation until and unless it is re-affiliated or granted relaxation by the President considering the genuinely of the case.
- e. Entry forms for Nationals shall be sent to the organizers within a fixed period along with the annual subscription fees and the entry fees (Rs.1000/- for each team). The entry shall be cancelled if amount due is not paid in time.
- f. The organizers of selection trials/ championships/ coaching clinic/umpire tests will be entitled to collect fees from participants as per the following norms:

1. Entry Fees	
a. Entry fees National Level tournament (one state)	Rs. 1000/-
à. Entry fees State Level tournament (one District)	Rs. 500/-
c. Entry fees District Level tournament (one team)	Rs. 250/-
2. Fees for Umpire Test / Coaching Clinic conducted ày NFI	Rs. 500/-
3. Selection Trials / Coaching Camp Registration Fees for players	
a. For International Level tournament ày NFI	Rs. 2000/-
à. For National Level tournament ày State / UT	Rs. 1000/-
c. For State Level tournament ày District	Rs. 500/-
d. For District level tournaments ày Taluk / Institution	Rs. 200/-

- g. Any activity detrimental to the interest of the Federation by any unit/player/ team/ official shall lead to disqualification of the player/team/ official or/ & disaffiliation of the unit.

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- h. Only registered players with the federation can play in the championships organized under the NFI banner anywhere in India at any level. Annual renewal will be due by April 1st every year. In case, the registration is not renewed by April 30, registration shall stand suspended.
- i. President exercises discretionary powers to relax any of the condition's mentioned above in any genuine case.

B. PLAYERS REGISTRATION

- a. It is mandatory for all the players to get registered to Netball Federation India to participate in any of the championship organized under the NFI banner across India.
- b. Registration of players will be starting from 1st April and will be closed on 30th April. In case of unavoidable circumstances, the due date can be extended with the permission of the President.
- c. Registration fees for the players is mentioned in the Bye Laws Point No. 3.
- d. If any player wants to represent any state other than his native state, it is mandatory to get the NOC from the concerned State Association to represent any other State which he / she is willing to represent.
- e. A player shall be eligible for registration with the Federation if he/she complies with the Constitution, rules, regulations, and decisions of the Federation and has not participated in any unauthorized or illegal Netball event or engaged in any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the sport of Netball

C. FINANCES:

1. Cost to be borne by participants:

Travelling expenses of the team of affiliated unit from _____ to the venue shall be met by the players or units themselves. They shall be provided single fare double journey railway concession voucher when available with the Federation.

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2. Cost to be borne by Organizers:

- I. Free boarding and lodging for Players and Team officials as per the team requirement, one day before the Nationals and one day after the Nationals.
- II. Cost of boarding and lodging for the members of the federation.
- III. The other officials of various sub-Committees deputed for duty at the Nationals shall be paid single second-class railway fare for journey to and fro, First-class railway fare to and fro with free boarding lodging shall be provided to President and Secretary General of the Federation.
- IV. The decision related to TA/DA, Officiating Fee, local conveyance, if applicable, of the technical officials, umpires, committee members etc. shall be decided by the Tournament committee, discussing with organizing committee.
- V. Observer may be sent by the Federation to see the progress for Nationals one to two weeks before the meet, at the cost of organizers.
- VI. The Organizers shall meet the cost of first aid, or any other medicine prescribed by the doctors for an injured player.
- VII. Local conveyance from the stay of players and officials to the place of venue of the matches shall be met by organizers.
- VIII. Prize- The first three teams (Players and Team officials) shall be awarded the following medals; both for Men and Women Teams; Federation's President and Secretary General Honor the players by the below mentioned medals: -

First Place National Championship Gold Medal
Second Place.....Silver Medal
Third Place Bronze Medal

Souvenir badges, Souvenir Certificates, and Merit-Certificates shall also be awarded for the participants.

D. ORGANIZATION:

General Directions:

- I. Dates shall be fixed by the Organizers with the approval of Federation.
- II. The Organizers shall fix the venues and hour of play.
- III. National Championship matches shall be played according to the rules



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of World Netball. However, in case of the unforeseen circumstances, if any, the Technical Committee of the event shall have power to execute the event with change in rules as per situation.

- IV. The Technical Committee shall be over all in-charge of the smooth running of the Nationals.
- V. The Chairman Board of Umpires shall appoint the panel of the umpires and remain on duty throughout the meet.
- VI. The Balls shall be provided by the organizers duly checked and approved by the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
- VII. Umpire's clinics and tests shall be held one day before the Nationals Championship or as a when it is required during the session for 3 days, participating fee for aspiring umpires being Rs. 500/- each. To be eligible for umpire ship in national championship, one must have qualified the umpire test conducted by NFI.
- VIII. Coaching clinics / Workshop shall be held one day before the nationals or as a when it is required during the session for 3 days, participating fee for aspiring coaches being Rs. 500/-each. To be eligible for being appointed a coach in national championship, one must have successfully attended the coaching clinic conducted by NFI.
- IX. The Chairman Technical Committee and the Umpires shall reach the venue two days before the Nationals for all the arrangements.
- X. Chairman, Technical Committee shall take the charge of ground, balls, score sheet, flags, lime, whistle, card boards, pencils, fixtures and other accessories.
- XI. The Chairman Technical Committee shall be answerable for any flaw to the Federation.
- XII. Teams leaving the Nationals before finals shall forfeit their right to get certificates or other prizes.
- XIII. In case of a tie or cancellation of a match due to some specific situation, the technical committee will be fully authorized to develop, modify and implement any criterion or formula to decide the ranking and position of the teams in the championship as per the demand of the situation.
- XIV. The Following format of the Netball event will be organized:

I	Traditional Netball (for all categories)	7+5 = 12 Players	5 Officials
II	Fast5 Netball (For all Categories)	5+5= 10 Players	5 Officials
III	Mixed Netball (For all Categories)	7+5 = 12 Players	5 Officials
IV	Beach Netball (For all Categories)	5+5= 10 Players	5 Officials



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Note:

- a. Categories refers to Sub Junior, Junior and Senior
(Boys & Girls / Men & Women)
- b. Team Officials:- Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Physio and
Primary Care Person

E. COST TO BE BORNE BY THE FEDERATION:

The Federation shall consider subsidizing the expenses on the Nationals to the organizers as soon as it starts getting grants in aid from the Union Ministry of Youth Affair & Sports.

F. PARTICIPATING AFFILIATED UNIT:

- I. These will help the organizers to maintain discipline in all respects.
- II. These will provide two sets of dresses of distinctly different Colors with bibs (Playing Position) as per World Netball rules.
- III. Any misconduct or misbehaviour on the part of any player/official on/ off the field with the players/officials/spectators shall lead to immediate disqualification of the player/official of the unit.
- IV. On receipt of any written complaint against any player/unit, immediately on the spot enquiry shall be conducted by the Federation and appropriate disciplinary action taken.
- V. Only bona-fide residents and registered players of state/regional units shall represent their units. Registration of such players who are not bona-fide residents of that state but want to shift to the other state for representing that state in Nationals should be duly informed well in time before the Nationals and Federation Infringement shall lead to disqualification of the team.
- VI. The President/ Secretary General will be given full power in amending/ changing the rules when it is needed for the functioning of affairs of Netball in the country.

G. PROTEST:

- I. **Protest shall not be entertained against**
 - a. Fixture of National Championship matches.

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- b. Appointment of Umpires.
 - c. Decisions taken by Umpires in accordance with the laws of the game.
- II. Protest facts other than those mentioned above shall be entertained if made in writing within one hour after the incident to the Chairman TC. A fee of Rs. 500/- must be paid at the same time.

H. JURY:

Jury shall consist of President and Secretary General of the Federation and 5 other members to be nominated by the President before the start of the Championship. The verdict of the Jury shall be final and binding on all concerned. A written appeal against a decision taken by the TC. may be filed with the Jury within six hours of the announcement of decision by the Technical Committee. No fee shall be chargeable.

10. RESOLUTION, AMENDMENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS:

- a) Each motion shall be proposed and seconded at the meeting before being discussed.
- b) Motion and amendments shall be moved by a delegate, a deputy or by the Secretary General on behalf of the Executive Committee.
- c) No motion other than those on the agenda shall be taken unless urgency be voted by two-thirds of those present and voting such a motion shall be prescribed to the Chairman in writing together with the names of the proposer and seconder.
- d) A motion or amendment may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder and of the meeting. This shall be signified without debate.
- e) When a motion is under discussion a member of the council may rise to a point of order and such point of order shall be immediately decided by the Chairman.
- f) The Constitution and Bye-Laws can be amended only by a motion appearing on the agenda but this shall not preclude further amendments to such motions from the floor of the meeting.
- g) Any delegate or deputy may move without debate, that the motion now be put, and if the motion is seconded and carried by a majority vote the motion or amendment before the meeting shall be put at once.

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that the meeting do now proceed with the next business, and this motion shall be dealt with before any other. This motion can only be made when a substantive motion is before the meeting and cannot be moved upon an amendment.

- i) A motion to rescind a Resolution passed at a previous Council Meeting must be circulated on the agenda and carried by two-thirds of those present and voting.
- j) On the general business, members shall vote by show of hands. Any one delegate may call for a secret ballot. Tellers shall be named to count the votes.
- k) The voting of all motions decided by a ballot shall be recorded.

II. RULES AND REGULATION OF THE GAME:

The Federation and the affiliated units shall follow the same rules and regulations of the game as laid by the International Netball Federation.

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