



# CONSTITUTION OF THE GUYANA BASKETBALL FEDERATION



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## ARTICLE 1: TITLE

### Title

1. The Federation shall be called the Guyana Basketball Federation (GBF) (hereinafter referred to as "the Federation".) It shall be independent bodies compose of the Associations of basketball in the ten regions of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

### Affiliation

2. The Federation shall be affiliated to the Federation International de Basketball Association (FIBA), the Guyana Olympic Association (GOA) and such other bodies as The Federation may from time to time determine.
3. The Federation shall maintain absolute political and religious neutrality and shall not sustain, any form of discrimination, racial, gender or otherwise.

### Registered Office

4. The Headquarters of the Federation shall be in Capital City, Georgetown at such place as may be determined by the Federation from time to time.
  - a. The mailing address shall be the office of the President or at such P.O. Box determined by the Federation from time to time.
  - b. The Federation shall determine the telephone number (s) and email address in use from time to time.

## ARTICLE 2: OBJECTS

1. The Objects of the Federation are:
  - a. To encourage the development and promotion of all facets of basketball in Guyana;
  - b. To regulate and control the conduct of Association basketball in Guyana;
  - c. To take all steps it may deem necessary in order to prevent the infringement of its Constitution as well as of the Regulations of FIBA and further to prevent the introduction of irregular methods or practices in the sport as well as the abuses these practices may bring about;
  - d. To prohibit and make sure there is no area of political, religious or racial discrimination, among its members;
  - e. To foster and promote Association basketball in every way it deems fit;
  - f. To widen the scope of Association basketball;
  - g. To settle any differences which may arise between and among members and between members and the Federation.

## ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

### Composition of the Federation

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1. The Federation shall consist of such affiliated Associations and properly constituted Bodies involved with the playing and / or administration or promotion of Association basketball and being otherwise qualified according to the Laws of the Game as defined by the FIBA Affiliates may admit to membership, properly constituted bodies within their area and provide for the proper management and control of such clubs and properly constituted bodies.

#### Membership Status

2. Membership may comprise:
  - a. Full Membership
  - b. Affiliated Associations
  - c. Associate Membership
  - d. Honorary Membership

#### ARTICLE 4: FULL MEMBERSHIP

##### Associations

1. Full Membership shall be given to the existing Associations and such other bodies as the General Council may determine from time to time.
2. All Associations affiliated to the Federation shall consist of properly constituted clubs or other properly constituted bodies, organized or set up for the playing or administration of Association basketball according to the Laws of the Game and Rules and Regulations of the Federation.
3. Provision must be made in the Constitution of members permitting appeals by its members to the Federation against decisions of the Member. There shall be no appeal against the decision of the Federation.

##### Associations Boundaries

4. The graphical boundaries/area of all Associations will be determined by the General Council each Association shall service a defined geographical area and shall neither extend nor alter such area without having obtained the consent of the General Council.

##### Constituted Bodies

5. Full memberships shall also be given to properly constituted bodies as well as, other properly constituted bodies as approved by the General Council from time to time.
6. All properly constituted bodies affiliated to the Federation shall consist of groups being involved in a definite aspect of the game of basketball at the National Level.

##### Membership Criteria

7. A member is affiliated on the following conditions:

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- a. That it subjects itself to the Constitution, Statutes, Regulations and decisions of FIBA, CBC and the Federation;
- b. That it submits to the General Secretary an up-to-date copy of its Constitution and thereafter gives immediate notification of any change to the said Constitution;
- c. That it pays:
  - i. an affiliation fee determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.
  - ii. an annual subscription fee of such amount as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time;
  - iii. the fees for the Federation Competition;
  - iv. levy fees as determined by the Executive Committee.

### Annual Subscription

8. The Annual Subscription must be paid on or before the last day of February of each year. However, the Executive Committee upon reasonable explanation being given by any Full Member for its failure to pay its subscription by the date specified, may in its discretion, extend the time to permit payment of the said subscription by the member. New members shall pay their initial annual subscription within seven (7) days of admission to membership.
9. A full member must submit annually to the General Secretary within one (1) month of its Annual General Meeting.
  - a. a report of its Annual General Meeting;
  - b. a copy of its Annual Audited Financial Statement and Balance Sheet;
  - c. a list of its Officers;
  - d. A list of its Managerial and Technical Staffs;
  - e. its official address or the name and address of the person responsible for conducting business on its behalf;
  - f. a list of its members
10. Notwithstanding the above, Full Membership is subject to review by the General Council from time to time.
11. The Executive Committee of the Federation is empowered to grant provisional membership, which shall be subjected to the next meeting of the General Council for ratification.

## ARTICLE 5: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Requirements

1. Associate Membership may be granted to a Club or other properly constituted body on application by its authorized representatives to the General Council on the following conditions;
  - a. that it subjects itself to the Constitutional Statues, Regulations and decisions of FIBA and the Federation;

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- b. that it submits to the General Secretary an up-to-date copy of its Constitution and thereafter gives immediate notification of any change or changes to the said Constitution; and
- c. that it pays:
  - i. an affiliation fee as may be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time;
  - ii. an annual subscription fee of such amount as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time;
  - iii. other fees for competitions, registration of players, coaches, and managers as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time.
2. Associate Member may apply to the Federation for Full Membership after serving a two (2) years probationary period. These Members should pay the required annual subscription during the period of probation to the Federation.

#### Annual Subscription

3. The Annual Subscription must be paid on or before the last day of February of each year. However, the Executive Committee upon reasonable explanation being given by any Full Member for its failure to pay its subscription by the date specified, may in its discretion, extend the time to permit payment of the said subscription by the member. New members shall pay their initial annual subscription within seven (7) days of admission to membership.

#### Requirements of Associate Member

4. An Associate Member must submit annually to the General Secretary, within six (6) weeks of its Annual General Meeting;
  - a. a report of its Annual General Meeting;
  - b. a copy of its Annual Audited Financial Statement and Balance Sheet (pertaining to basketball activities);
  - c. a list of Officers;
  - d. a list of its members;
  - e. a list of its Managerial/ Technical Staffs;
  - f. its official address or the name and address of the person responsible for conducting business on its behalf.

#### Attendance at General Council

5. An Associate Member may be represented at meetings of the General Council but without voting rights.
6. An Associate Member may undertake foreign tour(s) and/ or host teams of the Federation, or teams of an Association outside the Republic of Guyana only with the prior approval of the Federation.
7. The Federation is free to invite players, coaches, managers and officers of an Associate Member for national duties at any level.

#### ARTICLE 6: HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

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## Membership Criteria

1. Honorary Membership may be elected at any Annual General Meeting (AGM) by a majority vote of members present and eligible to vote. Such Honorary Member shall be persons who have made outstanding contribution to the welfare of basketball generally, and to the Federation in particular.
2. Honorary member may attend and participate in meetings of the Federation but cannot vote at such meetings or hold office in the Federation.

## ARTICLE 7: RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

1. Each Member must ensure that its representative(s) appointed to attend meetings of the Federation exercise this function faithfully and such representative(s) must duly report to the Member the decisions taken by or at these meetings.

### Rights of Members Membership

2. Where a Member is an unincorporated body, no person associated with that Member shall have any rights to or in funds or any other property whatsoever of the Federation or any claim whatsoever against the Federation, its Committee, Officers or Members by mere virtue of his/her membership in the Member or the Member's Memberships in the Federation save such as may expressly be granted to such a Member, Coach, Trustee, Officer or other person by a resolution duly passed at a General Meetings of such members.

### Cessation of Rights

3. Where the subscription or any other payment or fee due or payable to the Federation from any member is in arrears 12 months or more, such Member shall cease to enjoy the rights and privileges of membership and shall have no right to or in the funds or other property of Federation or be entitled to bring any claim or action against the Federation, its Committee, Officers, or Members with respect to any matter arising out of or in any way connected with such membership or rights or privileges ensuring there from until such arrears are fully paid up.

### Termination of Terms of Office of Executives

4. Where Executives of an Association / Affiliate fail to discharge their responsibility and obligation or are guilty of gross misconduct and continue to do so despite warnings from the Federation, the Federation may after consultation with Members of the General Council of the defaulting Association / Affiliate terminate the life of the executive and institute an Interim Management Committee for a definite period to conduct the business of that Association / Affiliate.

## ARTICLE 8: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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The Executive Committee shall examine all applications for membership and make recommendations to the General Council regarding the acceptance, dependent or rejection of any application. Any candidate whose application has been rejected shall not be eligible to reapply until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such application.

## ARTICLE 9: ORGANIZATION

### Business of the Federation

1. The Business of the Federation shall be directed and administered by the following:
  - a. A General Council;
  - b. An Executive Committee;
  - c. Secretariat

## ARTICLE 10: GENERAL MEETING

1. The General Meeting shall be the legislative body of the Federation and as such the supreme authority.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

2. The AGM of the Federation shall be held in the month of February each year. If it is not possible to hold a Meeting in February, the date of the Meeting shall be fixed by the General Council to a date not later than the 30 April of the said year.

### Notice of AGM

3. The General Secretary shall give at least fourteen (14) clear days' notice in writing to all Officers, Members of the General Council, and other Members and in the daily news media informing them of the date, time and venue of such meeting. He / she shall at the same time provide such persons and Members with a printed abstract of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, the General Secretary's Annual Report, the Audited Financial Statements and Balance Sheet, the Agenda specifying the business to be transacted at the meeting and a list showing:
  - a. the Officers;
  - b. the Members of the General Council
  - c. all categories of Members of the Federation

### Nominations for Office

4. Nominations for office must reach the General Secretary fourteen (14) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which officers are to be elected. These must be made known to the Officers, Members of the General Council and Members affiliated to the Federation, at least seven (7) days before the date of the AGM at which officers are to be elected.

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5. If no nominations are received by the stipulated date for any office or if a person nominated for an office declines and there are no other nominations, the Meeting can decide by a simple majority vote to accept nominations at the Meeting.
6. All nominations must have a proposer and a seconder.
7. Full members of the Federation are entitled to make nominations.

#### Agenda for AGM

8. The Agenda of the AGM shall be as follows:
  - a. Prayer
  - b. Welcome and opening remarks
  - c. National Pledge
  - d. Roll Call
  - e. Confirmation of Minutes
  - f. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - g. Presentation of the General Secretary's Report
  - h. Presentation of the Financial Statement and Audited Balance Sheet for the year just ended.
  - i. Motions and Amendments
  - j. Elections of Officers (as necessary)
  - k. Any other Business: (that which will be dealt with under Any Other Business would have to be submitted within the prescribed time frame for receipt of such matters.)
9. Notice of any motion or resolution to be moved at the AGM must be submitted to the General Secretary on or before the fourteen (14) days preceding the date of the AGM.

#### Emergency Matters

10. The AGM may, in emergencies, deal with matters submitted after the above closing date, provided an absolute majority of the full membership of the Federation, which have not forfeited their right to vote for any reason at the time of the AGM is present and a majority of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes recorded thus decides.

#### Extraordinary Meeting

11. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the General Council wherever it deems necessary, or upon a special requisition made in writing by at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the full membership, stating specifically the business to be transacted. No business other than that specifically placed on the Agenda shall be discussed or debated at the Meeting.
12. The quorum for General Meetings shall be sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total of full membership entitled to vote.

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## Quorum

13. If a quorum is not present half an hour after the time appointed for a meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned after agreeing to a time, place and date of the next meeting, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present half an hour after the time appointed, the Members present shall form a quorum. The same principle shall apply to General Council Meetings.

## ARTICLE 11: COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS

### Attendance

1. Those eligible to attend include:
  - a. The executive;
  - b. Two delegates from each full member of the Federation;
  - c. One additional delegate from each properly constituted body as defined in clause 4.
  - d. One additional delegate from each Associate Member of the Federation;
  - e. Honorary Members; and
  - f. Such observers as may be agreed by the Executive Committee.
2. No delegate shall be allowed to represent more than one member.

## ARTICLE 12: VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

### Voting Entitlement

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 12, Clause 3, the persons entitled to vote are:
  - a. the delegates referred to in Article 11.
2. In the event of a tie, if the person presiding is a person entitled to vote, he shall have an original and casting vote. If he is not entitled to vote, another vote will be taken.

### Voting and Elections

3. The persons entitled to vote upon the Election of Officers of the Federation shall be:
  - a. the delegates from each full member Association who are entitled to membership in the General Council;
  - b. two delegates from each properly constituted body with full membership in the Association.
4. In the event of a tie, another vote will be taken.
5. Voting on all matters shall be show of hands or roll call.
6. Voting by letters or proxy is not allowed
7. Voting during the election for officers whose posts become vacant shall be presided over by a Returning Officer appointed by the President whereupon all the designated offices shall be declared and be deemed to have become vacant.

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## Article 13: OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION

### Officers

1. The Elected Officers of the Federation all of whom are Honorary shall be:
  - a. a President
  - b. three Vice Presidents
  - c. a General Secretary
  - d. a Treasurer
  - e. an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
  - f. a Technical Director
  - g. three At-Large Members

### Term of Office

2. The abovementioned Officers shall be elected at the AGM and shall be installed on the completion of the Election. These Officers shall serve for a period of four (4) years.
  - a. Two Auditors or a Firm of qualified accountants shall also be appointed at the same Meeting. All outgoing Officers including the Technical Adviser shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

## Article 14: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS

### Duties of the President

1. The President.
  - a. The President is the Chief Coordinating Officer of the Federation.
  - b. The President shall preside at all General Meetings, General Council Meetings, and Executive Committee Meetings of the Federation. In absence of the President, the Vice President Operations shall preside at the abovementioned Meetings. If the Vice President of Operations is also absent, then Vice President of Discipline shall preside at the abovementioned Meetings. If the Vice President of Discipline is also absent, then Vice President of Public Relations will preside. In the absence of the President and the three Vice Presidents a Chairman shall be elected from among the persons present and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

### Duties of the Vice-Presidents

2. The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible for:
  - a. Technical Matters and Development, Competition and Tournaments
  - b. Disciplinary matters affecting the Federation

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- c. Public Relations and Marketing
3. At the first Executive Meeting after the AGM the President shall assign to each Vice President a specific area of responsibility.

#### Duties of the General Secretary

4. The General Secretary
  - a. The General Secretary shall be in charge of the General Secretariat;
  - b. The General Secretary shall keep such books as the General Council may direct. In one of these books, he/she shall record the business transacted at all General Council and Executive Committee Meeting of the Federation
  - c. The General Secretary shall also conduct the correspondence of the Federation
  - d. The General Secretary shall act as a link between the General Council the Executive Committee and all Committee of the Federation.

#### Duties of the Treasurer

5. The Treasurer
  - a. The Treasurer shall keep such books of account as the General Council may direct and shall record therein all financial transactions entered into by him/her. He/she shall demand and issue receipts for all monies paid and received by him/her in the name of the Federation. The books shall be open for inspection at any time by any member of the Federation after giving due notice of such request. Monies received should be paid into an approved bank account.
  - b. The Treasurer shall prepare and present to the General Meeting in February of each year a statement of Account and Balance Sheet of the Federation's business to the end of the Financial Year last ended. Such Account and Balance Sheet shall be examined and certified by the Auditors as herein provided.
  - c. The Treasurer shall prepare and present to the General Council each quarter a statement of income and Expenditure.

#### Duties of the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

5. The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
  - a. The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer shall keep such books as are entrusted to him/her by the General Secretary and Treasurer for recording the Minutes of all meetings and all Financial transactions entered into.
  - b. The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer shall generally do such things as are requested of him/her by the General Secretary and the Treasurer from time to time.
  - c. The Assistant Secretary / Treasurer shall assist or act in the absence of the General Secretary and Treasurer.

#### The Auditors

6. Auditing Functions

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- a. The Auditors shall audit the accounts of the Federation whenever the General Council may so direct but will do so at least once annually in respect of the year ended December 31st last. This annual audit shall be ready for presentation to the Annual General Meeting and in time to allow compliance with Article 10 clause 3.

## ARTICLE 15: THE GENERAL COUNCIL

### Composition of the General Council

1. The General Council shall comprise the officers of the Federation, two (2) members from each of the properly constituted bodies given full Membership of the Federation under Article 4.
2. All the Associations' delegates shall be elected to the General Council by their respective Associations. Associate and Honorary Members may attend meetings of the General Council but without a vote.

### Quorum of the Council

3. The quorum for General Council Meetings shall be two-thirds (2/3rds.) of the membership of the Council.

### Statutory Meetings

4. The General Council shall meet at least once per quarter on the second Sunday of the particular month in which the Meeting will be held, and if this day is found to be inconvenient the Executive Committee shall decide on an alternative day.

### Absenteeism

5. If an Officer or a Member of the General Council is absent in one calendar year from three (3) consecutive Meetings of the General Council without an excuse acceptable to the Council, he/she shall automatically forfeit his/her position on the council or the Affiliate as the case may be, shall elect another person to serve the remainder of the term.

### Filling of Vacancies

6. The General Council shall temporarily fill any vacancy that occurs among the Officers until the next Annual General Meeting at the latest when elections shall be held for the remainder of the term of Office. The General Council shall appoint from time to time, such other Committees as it considers necessary and in the interest of the performance of the functions of the Federation.
7. The General Council may delegate any of its powers to any Committee or sub-committee and may make such regulations for the management of the Federation and control of its competitions as from time to time may be necessary, provided always that these be not in conflict with any of these rules.

### Notice of Meetings (Ordinary Meetings)

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8. The General Secretary shall give seven (7) clear days' notice in writing to all members of the General Council of the date, time, and venue, of the General Council. He/she shall send with this notice, the Agenda and Minutes of the last meeting of the General Council.
9. All decisions of the General council shall be binding on all members of the Federation and shall so remain unless and until such decisions are rescinded or varied at a subsequent meeting by a two-thirds (2/3 rds.) majority vote of the members of the General Council present and voting or by a simple majority of members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

#### Determination of Boundaries

10. The General Council is empowered from time to time to determine the geographical boundaries and/or the spatial area of each full member as referred to in 4 sub-Clause 1.

### ARTICLE 16: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Composition of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Federation who were elected at the AGM at which elections were held.

#### Quorum

2. Fifty percent (50%) of the membership shall form a quorum at meetings of the Executive Committee.

#### Absenteeism

3. If a member of the Executive Committee is absent from three (3) consecutive meeting of the Executive Committee without excuse acceptable to the Executive Committee, he/she shall, automatically forfeit his/her position and the General Council shall elect another person to serve the remainder of the term.

#### Functions of the Executive Committee

4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for: -
  - a. The day-to-day activities of the Federation
  - b. Presenting reports of its activities to the regular quarterly meeting:
  - c. Determining of competition, the arrangements of fixtures for all competitions of the Federation
  - d. The budgeting and finance of the Federation
  - e. The appointment of sub-committees as it may deem necessary
  - f. The appointment of all paid staff
  - g. The appointment of a Public Relations Committee of not less than three (3) persons in which the Committee must include the President and General Secretary.

#### Power of the Executive Committee

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5. The Executive Committee shall be the Executive body of the Federation. It shall be empowered to take decisions on all matters, which are not exclusive to the General Meeting and/or the General Council with the exception of matters referred by the Constitution to other judicial bodies.

#### Meetings

6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per month.

#### Extraordinary Meetings

7. At the request of fifty percent (50%) of its membership, the President must convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee.

#### Appointment of Delegates

8. The Executive Committee shall appoint delegates to:
  - a. FIBA
  - b. CONCEBCABA – Confederation of Central America and Caribbean Basketball
  - c. CBC – Caribbean Basketball Confederation
  - d. GOA
  - e. Any other organization.

### ARTICLE 17: SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of the Federation under the direction of the General Secretary.

### ARTICLE 18: EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

#### Composition of Emergency Committee

1. An Emergency committee of four (4) members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from among its members to deal with all matters requiring immediate decisions between meetings of the Executive Committee.

#### Responsibility of Emergency Committee

2. The business of the Emergency Committee shall be conducted normally at specially convened meetings. However, if in exceptional circumstances the committee is unable to convene at a meeting, a decision may be reached by means of written or telephone communication, in which case the other members of the Executive Committee shall be notified immediately, of the decision taken.
3. All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be implemented immediately and ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

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4. If the President is unable to attend a meeting of the emergency Committee, a Vice President shall deputize. The President shall have the authority to appoint a substitute if one of the members of the Committee is not available or if the member is involved in the matter under consideration.

## ARTICLE 19: STANDING COMMITTEES

### Committees

1. Standing Committees shall be:
  - a. Players Status
  - b. Disciplinary
  - c. Appeals
  - d. Sports Medicine
  - e. Referees
  - f. Technical and Development
  - g. Competitions and Tournaments
  - h. Finance
  - i. Selection
  - j. Public Relations
  - k. Youth
  - l. Women
  - m. Courts
  
2. The Chairman and Members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed for a term of office of one (1) year.

### Date of Meetings

3. Each Chairman shall represent his Committee, see that its business is properly conducted, fix the date of the meetings in conjunction with the General Secretary and report to the Executive Committee on its work.

### Sub-Committees

4. Each Committee may after consultation with the General Secretary appoint such Sub-committees and ad hoc Committees for emergency cases as necessary.

### Ex-Officio Members

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5. The President and General Secretary are ex-officio members of all Standing Committees except the Disciplinary and Appeals Committees, and they may delegate their responsibilities to a Vice President or an Assistant Secretary as the case may be.

## ARTICLE 20: THE PLAYERS STATUS COMMITTEE

### Membership of Players Status Committee

1. The Players Status Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and three (3) other persons.

### Coaches

2. Coaches are classified as Players as far as the Constitution is concerned

### Functions of the Players Status Committee

3. The duties of the Players Committee shall be:
  - a. To examine general problems regarding registration and status of players
  - b. To advise the Executive Committee on the interpretation of the Regulations regarding the eligibility, status or transfer of players.
  - c. To ensure that the Regulations drawn up by FIBA regarding status of players are observed
  - d. To decide on the status of players for different competitions organized at local and international levels and to ensure that the conditions set out for participation in these competitions are met by all players involved: and
  - e. To investigate and decide upon disputed transfers submitted to the Federation.

## ARTICLE 21: THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

### Membership of Disciplinary Committee

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Vice-President as chairman, a Deputy Chairman and three (3) other persons.
2. The operations of the Disciplinary Committee shall be governed by the rules of Procedure as prescribed in Appendix A of these rules.
3. Its duties shall be:
  - a. To deal with all disciplinary cases or incidents brought to its attention.
  - b. To deal with infringements of FIBA instructions and regulations at games and competitions of the Federation.
  - c. To deal with appeals on disciplinary matters determined by the Affiliates
  - d. To take appropriate disciplinary action, in accordance with the list of disciplinary measures against Affiliates, clubs, officials, members, coaches, players or officials of the Associations who act in

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contravention of the rules and regulations of the Federation or in a manner which may be considered likely to bring the Association into disrepute.

#### Substitute Member

4. Should a member of the Disciplinary Committee be directly concerned in any matter before the Committee he/she shall not sit on the Committee during the hearing of the matter and a substitute will be appointed in his/her place by the President of the Federation.
5. The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final subject only to appeal to the Appeals Committee within forty-eight (48) hours. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to impose the penalties set out in Article 39 Clause 1.

### ARTICLE 22: THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

#### Membership of Appeals Committee

1. The Appeals Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two (2) other persons, none of whom shall be a person of the Disciplinary Committee. The Secretariat will provide secretarial assistance to the committee.
2. It shall hear appeals lodged against decisions of the Disciplinary Committee and Full and Associate Members.
3. Decisions of the Appeals Committee and the procedure to be followed shall be contained in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE 23: THE SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE

#### Membership of the Sports Medicine Committee

1. The Sports Medicine Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and the number of persons deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Doctor of Medicine, Physiotherapists and Trainers should be included among the members of the Committee.

#### Functions of Sports Medicine Committee

2. The duties of the Sports Medicine Committee shall be:
  - a. To act as an advisory board to the Executive Committee on every aspect of medicine, physiology and hygiene.
  - b. To organize seminars/workshops for all groups involved in the sport.
  - c. To develop and use scientific experience in the field of physiology, medical control, training theories, psychology and hygiene.
  - d. To draw up a medical guide for use by coaches, players and referees.
  - e. To prepare memoranda on diet and nourishment for players giving appropriate recommendations.

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- f. To prepare memoranda for trainers and coaches on the physical preparation of players.
- g. To prepare memoranda on general aspects of sports hygiene and in particular, the effects of certain substances on the body (alcohol, nicotine, medicant, doping, etc.)
- h. To issue instructions regarding medical facilities to be made available at National Games and tournaments.
- i. To investigate types of injuries suffered during basketball games and to issue recommendations for improved prevention of treatment of such injuries; and
- j. To be aware of the regulations on doping control drawn up by WADA, IOC or FIBA and to make checks to ensure that they are being observed.

## ARTICLE 24: THE REFEREES COMMITTEE

### Membership of Referees Committee

1. The referees Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two (2) other persons appointed by the General Council

### Duties of the Referees Committee

2. The duties of the Referees Committee shall be: -
  - a. To make decisions and useful explanations regarding the application of the laws of the game.
  - b. To complete a list of Referees and Table Officials qualified to supervise international games from among the nominations submitted by the Associations;
  - c. To establish as far as possible uniformity in methods of refereeing and implementation of the laws of the game.
  - d. To organize courses for Referees and Table Officials for those with responsibility for the education and the preparation of Referees and Table Officials.
  - e. To draw up evaluation standards for Referees to ensure that there is uniformity for the education and the preparation of referees.
  - f. To appoint on the advice of the Associations the Referees and Table Officials for games organized by the Federation or for any other games or tournaments, whenever requested to do so,
  - g. To establish a group of lecturers who from time to time and according to the exigencies will take part in courses and conferences organized by the Referees Committee;
  - h. To prepare and publish memoranda and to produce books, booklets, films, and other visual aids.
  - i. To ensure that each Full Member has a properly constituted Referees Committee and to ensure that these committee's' function satisfactory; and
  - j. Generally, to do all things to promote a harmonious relationship between the Federation, its members and the Committees.

## ARTICLE 25: THE TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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## Membership of Technical and Development Committee

1. The Technical and Development Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and the number of persons that may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

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## Functions of the Technical and Development Committee

2. The duties of the Technical and Development Committee shall be: -
  - a. To advance the training methods of basketball teams.
  - b. To take all possible measures to improve the qualification of coaches,
  - c. To take all possible measures to promote familiarization with the experience in teaching basketball
  - d. To organize national courses and conferences for instructors, trainers, coaches and administrators
  - e. To compile material on teaching and coaching techniques for players, trainers, coaches and referees,
  - f. To deal with all matters concerning the construction of installations and the availability of equipment to teach basketball
  - g. To be responsible for editing the technical section of official publications of the FIBA.
  - h. To recommend coaches, instructors or trainers to members and for national duty
  - i. To examine any problems regarding national pitches
  - j. To approve a list of qualified trainers and coaches in the Federation
  - k. To grade coaches: and
  - l. To do such technical and/or development matters which might be referred to from time to time.

## ARTICLE 26: THE COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

### Membership of Competition and Tournament Committee

1. The committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary of the Federation or their nominees together with the General Secretary of each Full Member or his/her nominee and such other person or groups as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

### Functions of the Competitions and Tournament Committee

2. The duties of the Competitions and tournament Committee shall be: -
  - a. To be responsible for the organization of all competitions and tournaments of the Federation in accordance with the Regulations governing each competition or tournament;
  - b. To propose to the Executive Committee amendments which it considers should be made to the regulations of Federation competitions and/or tournaments; and
  - c. To be responsible for the production and publication of an official report on each tournament or Competition of the Federation.
  - d. To examine and sanction tournament/competition of an inter and intra Association basis.

## ARTICLE 27: THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Membership of the Finance Committee

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1. The Finance Committee shall consist of a Chairman (Treasurer), a Deputy Chairman, the General Secretary and the number of persons as may be deemed necessary.

#### Functions of the Finance Committee

2. The duties of the Finance Committee shall be:
  - a. To assist in the Finance administration of the Federation;
  - b. To prepare the budget for the Executive Committee and to examine those of various standings and ad hoc committees and to submit them for approval to the Executive Committee: and
  - c. To supervise the financial accounts of the Committees and to raise funds for the daily operations of the Federation and the development of basketball.

### ARTICLE 28: THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

#### Membership of the Selection Committee

1. The Selection committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and the number of persons that may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

#### Functions of the Selection Committee

2. The duties of the Selection Committee shall be: -
  - a. The selection of national squads (senior and age group) for training
  - b. To organize and supervise screening programmes; and
  - c. To recommend after consultation with the respective coach(es), player(s) to join the National Squad(s).

### ARTICLE 29: THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

#### Membership of Public Relations Committee

1. The Public Relations Committee shall comprise at least of the President, the General Secretary and the Vice-President responsible for Public Relations.

#### Functions of the Public Relations Committee

2. The duties of the public Relations Committee shall be:
  - a. To advise the Executive Committee on matters involving public relations;
  - b. To develop proposals regarding the Federation's publications and if need be, to assist in their conception and preparation;
  - c. To prepare and to carry out the accreditation procedure for medical representatives and to supervise the organization of the media at tournaments.

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## ARTICLE 30: YOUTH COMMITTEE

### Membership of the Youth Committee

1. The Youth Committee shall comprise a Chairman, and the number of persons that may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee:

### Functions of the Youth Committee

2. The duties of the Youth Committee shall be: -
  - a. To co-ordinate youth competitions at National Levels
  - b. To plan for FIBA's Youth Competitions in conjunction with the Associations.
  - c. To submit to the Executive, proposals for amendments it considers should be made to the Rules and Regulations of Youth Competitions.
  - d. To collate reports of each youth competition organized under the aegis of the Federation.

## ARTICLE 31: COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Membership of the Women's Basketball Committee

1. The Committee for Women's Basketball shall comprise a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and the number of persons that may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee

### Functions of the Committee for Women's Basketball

2. The duties of the Committee for Women's Basketball shall be:
  - a. To co-ordinate Women's basketball at National Level.
  - b. To propose to the Executive Committee, any measures deemed necessary to promote the development of Women's basketball.
  - c. To liaise with necessary organizations/institutions in the organization of women's basketball at the national level, from time to time.
  - d. To collate reports of each Women's Competition organized under the aegis of the Federation.

## ARTICLE 32: PLAYING COURTS COMMITTEE

### Membership of the Playing Courts Committee

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1. The Courts Committee shall comprise a Chairman and the number of persons that may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

#### Functions of the Playing Courts Committee

2. The duties of the Courts Committee shall be: -
  - a. To identify areas to be developed into playing courts
  - b. To prepare and co-ordinate the maintenance of courts
  - c. To inspect and ensure that all courts used for Association basketball meet FIBA's requirements
  - d. To carry out such projects as directed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

#### ARTICLE 33: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

##### Registration

1. Players shall be registered with the Federation through its Full Members.

##### Players Status

2. Players may be registered as Amateur or Non-amateur. The terms amateur and non-amateur shall have the same application as that given by FIBA from time to time.

##### Period of Registration

3. The duration of the registration of a player, coach or official is from February 1st in one year to February 28th of the following year or to such date as when he ceases to be a member of the club with which he is registered.

##### Cancellation of Registration

4. The Executive Committee shall have the power to cancel the registration of a player at any time upon application of the player or of his Club or Association.
5. the signing of a second registration before the Executive Committee declares the current registration invalid, is an offence.
6. a player registered with the Federation shall play only for the Association with which he is registered.
7. No player who is under the age of sixteen (16) years and who remains on the roll-call of a recognized school shall enter into a contract of employment with a club in membership with an affiliate of the Federation, but he may register as an Associate Schoolboy Player.
8. All players registered with the Federation who may have contracts of employment or letters of employment between the player and a club shall ensure that the contract specifies that all emoluments due to the player shall be paid to the individual concerned directly under the disciplinary control of the club and the Federation. No payment in respect of transfer or registration shall be made to an agent.

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## ARTICLE 34: AMATEUR PLAYERS

### Remuneration of Amateur Player

1. A Club engaging an amateur player in any capacity for which he receives remuneration must report the fact to the Federation and satisfy the Federation that the player is not receiving payment or other consideration for his service.

### Submission of Statement of Expenses

2. Amateur players receiving any payment must give a written receipt for same stating particulars of expenses, and Club Secretaries must provide such receipts to the Federation at any time if required to do so,

### Player Expenses

3. An amateur player may have paid for him or have refunded to him:
  - a. His actual expenses for travel, necessary maintenance and hotel charges;
  - b. In special cases authorized by the Federation, expenses for equipment, physical preparation and insurance against accidents during play and while traveling; and
  - c. A sum equal to that amount which the player shall actually have lost in wages.
4. Extravagant and unnecessary expenses must not be paid by a Club and every amateur player must give the Secretary for his Club a detailed statement of expenses incurred, with a receipt for the sum paid to him. It is the duty of the club's Secretary to ask for such statement and receipt and to keep same for production at any time, if required.

### Loss of Status

No payment of gift of any kind, beyond that permitted by Article 33 Clause 3 shall be made to an amateur player or on behalf of a Club and any payment or gift made in breach of this rule shall automatically involve the player in loss of his amateur status and render both him and his club liable to punishment. Such a breach shall be treated as misconduct under these rules.

## ARTICLE 35: NON-AMATEUR PLAYERS

1. No payment in respect of the encouragement or transfer of a player shall be made to an agent.

### Registration

2. Every non-amateur player shall be registered on a form to be supplied by the Affiliate. Each form, after all particulars have been supplied, including the date of signature, must be signed by the non-amateur



(his signature being attested to and returned to the Secretary of the Affiliate within five (5) days of such signature, accompanied by a copy of the agreement entered into between the Club and the Player).

### Renewal of Agreement

3. In the event an agreement between a Club and a Player containing an option to renew such agreement exercisable by the Club, the Club must, before the last day of the playing season in which the option is exercisable, notify the Association as to whether or not the option is being exercised and if so, the period of renewal.
4. A non-amateur player who has been registered as such with an Affiliate shall not be allowed to play until this rule has been compiled with and the club registering the player shall have received an official firm from the Federation.

### ARTICLE 36: TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

1. The employment of agents or intermediaries in the transfer of players is strictly forbidden.

### Transfer Certificate

2. An amateur or non-amateur player who is registered with a club in membership with an Affiliate of the Federation cannot qualify to be registered for a Club of another Affiliate or Association, unless the latter has received a transfer certificate issued by the Association.

### Refusal of Transfer

3. The Federation may refuse to issue the transfer Certificate if:
  - a. The player who wishes to be transferred has not fulfilled his contractual commitment of the club he is leaving.
  - b. The new Club with which the player wishes to conclude a contract refuses to include a clause permitting the release of the player whenever called upon by the Federation to play for the National Team (Senior or Age group;) and
  - c. A disagreement exists on the transfer of the player between the club and the player wishes to join in the other Affiliate and the club the player wishes to leave of the Affiliate.

### Players Transfer Procedure

4. Every Player wishing to play as an amateur or non-amateur in any competition organized or recognized by an Association which is affiliated to the Federation shall be registered with that Association.
5. Players may only be registered to play with a single Association during one or two registered periods per year (January and August) with a limit of one transfer of registered player in the same season in a period of twelve (12) months.
6. Associations will only be allowed to register players from another Association after receipt of a certificate of transfer of registration from the other Association and the approval by the Federation. This

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procedure will also apply to inter club transfers, which must be approved by the Association prior to the Federation's approval.

7. Only a player who is currently registered with an Association to play for one of its Clubs shall be allowed to play in competitions organized by that Association or on its behalf. Eligibility to play shall only be granted by an Association to a player who fulfills one of the following conditions.
  - a. If the player in question has never previously been registered with a Club belonging to an Association.
  - b. If the player in question has been transferred from one Club to another within the Association concerned in accordance with the Association's regulations.
  - c. If the player in question: -
  - d. Has transferred from a Club in one Association to another in a different Association
  - e. Holds an International registration Transfer certificate which was recommended by the Association and issued by the Federation.
8. All guest Players must obtain the prior approval of their Clubs and the Federation before being allowed to take part in Competitions.

## ARTICLE 37: PENALTY FOR PLAYING UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

### Unregistered Players

1. A member shall incur such penalty as the General Council may decide if it permits the playing of an unregistered player or the use of a coach not registered with such member" at any time, or of a player who has previously registered and played for another club in the same season and has not obtained permission as in Article 36 Clause 5.
2. All players who are unregistered by February 18<sup>th</sup> and wish to play competitive basketball, may at the decision of the Executive Committee or a Committee appointed for the purpose, be registered at any time thereafter, provided however, that no player will be eligible to play in any game until the expiration of two (2) days after his registration. Similar provisions apply for Managerial and Technical Staffs.

## ARTICLE 38: RESTRICTION

### Fees for Competition

1. The playing of games arranged by private individuals or firms for the purpose of profit is strictly forbidden. Should an Affiliate organize any match other than its normal competition where revenue is collected, the Federation shall be entitled to Ten percent (10%) of the gross gate receipts, or a sum agreed between both parties.

### Misconduct of a Player called for National Duty

2. Any player selected on a National Team with a view of undergoing a period of training for selection to play in a game either within or without this country and arranged by and under direct or indirect control

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of this Federation and without good and sufficient cause, refuses to comply with the request of the Executive Committee and/or Technical Staff, may be adjudged by the Executive Committee to have been guilty of misconduct and shall be dealt with as the Executive Committee may determine.

## ARTICLE 39: RESPONSIBILITY OF AFFILIATES

### Responsibility for Players and Officials

1. Every Affiliate shall be responsible to the Council for the actions of its players, officials and spectators, and members are required to take all reasonable precaution necessary to prevent assaults on players and officials during or at the conclusion of games. Clubs shall also be held responsible for any misconduct or ungentlemanly conduct of their coaches and other staff

### Misconduct

2. Affiliate or Club shall be guilty of misconduct if it fails to satisfy the General Council or a Committee appointed by it that it has taken all reasonable precautions to prevent disorderly behaviour of any kind or the threatening and/or assaulting of officials and players before, during and after games. Affiliates are also required to prevent betting and the use of objectionable language.

## ARTICLE 40: OBSERVANCE OF RULES

Players, Officials, Coaches and Spectators are allowed to participate in Association basketball only on condition that they observe the Rules, Regulations and By-Laws of the Association, and every Member is required to observe and reinforce such Rules, regulations, By-Laws and may remove such persons from any Basketball Court and use such force as may be necessary for the purpose of effecting such removal.

## ARTICLE 41: PENALTIES

### Disciplinary Matters

1. The Disciplinary measures of the Federation, which may be enforced, are
  - a. To caution
  - b. To censure
  - c. To fine
  - d. To suspend with or without fine
  - e. To suspend from all or any Basketball activity
  - f. To suspend a player, coach, or other official, or expel from membership of the Association.

### Violation of rules and Regulations

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2. These disciplinary penalties may be imposed on any Member, Coach, Official, Club, Player or Person, who has violated the Rules, Regulations, By-Laws or Standing Orders of the Federation; who has failed in their duties to the Federation; or who in the opinion of the General Council, or the Disciplinary Committee or the Executive Committee is guilty of misconduct. The General Council shall have authority to impose fines, which in its judgment will serve as preventative and remedial measures.

## ARTICLE 42: PROTESTS

1. A Protest is an objection taken on the court of play and referred to the referee at the time by the Manager, Coach or /captain of a team, to some measure which is considered to be contrary to established Laws, Rules, and Regulations and which the member is forced to submit to voluntarily. A note to the effect should be making on the match card by the Referee.

### Lodging of Protests

2. All protests must be lodged in writing and within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident with the General Secretary or the Secretary of the Affiliate where the match is played. Such protests must be accompanied by the designated fee, which fee shall be refunded in the event the protest is upheld. Protests shall be dealt with by Affiliates or the Disciplinary Committee and appeals arising there from will be dealt with as approved by the Federation.

## ARTICLE 43: APPEALS

### Appeals

1. Appeals against the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee and Affiliated Organizations may be made to the Federation.

### Requirements for Appeals

2. Every appeal under this article must be made within two (2) days of the relevant decision and be accompanied by a deposit of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) and shall not be withdrawn except by leave of the General Council.

### Payment for Expenses of an Appeal

3. After hearing an appeal, the decision of the Disciplinary Committee or an affiliated organization may be upheld or reversed and the Committee hearing the appeal shall determine who must bear the expenses of the appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be binding on the parties concerned.

## ARTICLE 44: DISPUTES

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## Referral to the Courts of Law

1. Executives, Affiliates, Clubs or Club Members shall not be permitted to refer disputes with the Federation Members to a Court of law and they shall agree to submit each of such disputes to an arbitration tribunal appointed as referred to at Article 43 Clause 2 of these Rules.

## Arbitration

2. All differences of whatsoever nature, arising out of, or in connection with the Constitution of any rules, regulations or By-Laws made, by, or any act, omission, or decision of the Federation or any of its Officers, Trustees, committees, Coaches, or members and any person associated with Members, not otherwise settled in accordance with the provision of this Constitution, shall be referred to the decision of an arbitrator to be appointed in writing by the parties in difference, or two (2) arbitrators, one to be appointed in writing by each of the parties, or in case the arbitrators do not agree, then the decision of an Umpire appointed by the arbitrators, immediately after they are themselves appointed and before entering upon the difference. The Umpire shall sit with the arbitrators and preside at these meetings.

## Fees for Arbitrators

3. The designated shall be deposited with the General Secretary for any such matter by the party or each of the parties requesting same, within fourteen (14) days after the decision of the appeal.
4. The making of an award shall be a condition precedent to any right of action whether seeking a declaration, injunction or any other order or determination against or liability or the Federation.
5. All members agree that where the rules of the federation are exhausted and dissatisfaction still obtains, the matter in dispute shall within thirty (30) days be referred to CBC or FIBA. There shall be no appeal against the decision of the Arbitration.

## ARTICLE 45: LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

### Forfeiture of Membership

1. A Member may forfeit its membership with the Federation;
  - a. For non-payment of dues, subscriptions with the Federation;
  - b. For infringement of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations, By-Laws and Standing Orders of the Federation.
  - c. For taking the Federation to a National Court of Law for settlement of and dispute or disputes which arise in the administration of Federation Basketball.
  - d. By ceasing to fulfill the obligations of membership.
  - e. Where in the opinion of the General Council, the behaviour of an Affiliate and/or its members have not been in the best interest of the Federation and Association basketball and that it would be in the Federation's best interest to terminate the Members Membership and



- f. For not playing in competitions during the season without giving a reason or reasons satisfactory to the General Council.

#### Expulsion of Member

2. The expulsion a member for any of the above reasons must be by a decree from the General Council. In the case of Clause (1) expulsion for non-payment of dues and subscriptions shall be automatic, unless the General council in its discretion extends the date for payment. In respect of the non-payment of other debts, the resolution shall require a simple majority of those members present and entitled to vote, in respect of Clause (11) expulsion shall be automatic. In respect of Clauses (ii), (V) and (vi), the resolution must receive the approval of two thirds (2/3 rds.) of the members present and voting.

#### ARTICLE 46: SUBMISSION OF RECORDS, DOCUMENTS

At the hearing of any matter, the General Council, the Disciplinary Committee, the Executive Committee, or an Appeals Committee shall have power to call upon any member, official or player to produce any books, letters, documents or other evidence it considers necessary to assist in its deliberations.

#### ARTICLE 47: INDEMNITY

##### Liability of Officers

Should an Officer or Committee Member of the Federation be sued or charged in a court of law or incur cost, expenses or other liabilities as a result of such suit or charge for an action authorized by the Federation, the officer or member is entitled to be indemnified by the Federation provided such officer / member was considered to be acting reasonable in carrying out his/her functions.

#### ARTICLE 48: TELEVISION AND RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

1. The Federation and its members own the exclusive rights to the broadcasts and transmissions of games coming under their jurisdiction via any audio-visual and sound broadcasting media whatsoever, whether live, deferred or excerpts.
2. The Executive Committee of the Federation shall decide on the use of the rights in accordance with the existing statues and regulation of FIBA.
3. The procedure for authorizing the transmission shall be the procedure issued by the Federation.

#### ARTICLE 49: AMENDMENTS

The Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting summoned for that purpose shall have power to amend any of the Rules and bylaws of the Federation provided always not less than two-thirds





(2/3rds) of those present and voting support such amendment. Notice of proposed amendments shall be given as provided for under Article 10 Clause 9 and Article 10 Clause 11.

## ARTICLE 50: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

### Decision of the General Council

1. All matters whether of procedure, line of appeal or otherwise whatsoever not provided for under these Rules, shall be dealt with and settled by or in the manner and by the persons appointed by the General Council. When the Council settles a matter, such decision shall be final and binding as to facts and shall be challengeable in a court of law as to questions of law only subject to Article 43 hereof
2. In any other case where these rules are silent the rules of FIBA will apply.

## ARTICLE 51: PRIVILEGE

### Confidentiality of Matters of General Council

In discussions, statements of members, evidence of witnesses and other matters within and before the General Council and Committees shall be deemed privileged and confidential and the Council shall have the power to censure or suspend any member proven guilty of a breach of this Rule.

## ARTICLE 52: BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### Power of the General Council

The General Council shall have the power to make such By-laws and Regulations deemed necessary to provide for matters arising from, or to implement these Rules provided that, any such By-Laws or Regulations do not alter, supersede or conflict with these Rules. Members, Officers and other persons on the General Council of the Federation shall be deemed to have knowledge of and be bound by the said By-Laws and Regulation if the same shall have been circulated in the Minutes of the General Council, the production of which shall constitute at all times undisputed proof of the validity of such By-Laws or Regulations.

## ARTICLE 53: INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Authority for Rules, By-Laws and Regulation

1. The General Council of the Federation is the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and of the By-Laws and Regulations made hereunder, and the decision of the General Council upon any matter affecting the Federation, shall be final and binding.

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2. In the event of a question arising on a point on which these Rules and Regulations are silent, the matter shall be decided by the General Council in its absolute discretion.

## ARTICLE 54: DISSOLUTION

### Dissolution of the Federation

In the event that the Federation is dissolved, its funds shall not be distributed, but shall be utilized for the purchase of the Guyana Bonds in the names of three (3) Trustees to be appointed for this purpose by the General Council until such time as the Federation is reestablished. In the event that the Federation is not reestablished within five (5) years, the Bonds are to be donated and/ or assigned to a sporting organization or other charitable and or educational bodies in accordance with the determination of the Trustees.

## ARTICLE 55: TENURE OF OFFICE

### Term of Office

1. A person shall retain his membership or shall hold office as the case may be until the date appointed for a General Election, save when such Office becomes vacant as provided for under these Rules.

### Vacation of Office

2. A committee member or the holder of any office to which the election or appointment is made, shall automatically vacate his seat or office on ceasing to enjoy the confidence of, or on being suspended or expelled by the Federation.
3. Such person upon suspension or expulsion shall immediately surrender all books, papers, documents and other effects of the Federation entrusted to his/her office to the Executive in the presence of two (2) persons, one of which must be the President or a Vice President.

## ARTICLE 56: ADOPTION

1. These statutes were ordered an Annual General Meeting of the Guyana Basketball Federation on Sunday, January 29th, 2023, at the Guyana Olympic Association, 'Olympic House' - Block 'XXX', Liliendaal, East Coast Demerara, Guyana, and have been received, reviewed and adopted on Sunday, January 29th, 2023.
2. These statutes can be amended from time to time at Annual General Meetings and this statute replaces the old one of 2006 and come into immediate effect.



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