

Bye laws and Constitution of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association

(Regn. No. 48/1960)

Hall No. 75, Sydenhams Road, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet, Chennai - 600 003

(Amended as on 7.3.2026)

1. The Name of the Society:

Tamil Nadu State Chess Association shall be shortly called as “TNSCA” formerly known as Madras State Chess Association. (Regn. No. 48 / 1960).

2. The Address of the Registered Society:

Hall No.75, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Periamet, Chennai 600 003.

3. The formation of the Society:

The Association was formed on 5th May,1960 and registered as a Society under Societies Registration act 1860 bearing Regn. No.48/1960 with the Registrar of Assurances, Madras - Chingleput. As per Section 53 of Act 27 of 1975, the Society is now regulated by the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act 1975.

4. The Society is within the Jurisdiction of Registrar of Society:

The Society is now functioning under the jurisdiction of the “Registrar of societies Chennai Central”. The Jurisdiction shall be as decided by “Registration Department, Government of Tamilnadu” from time to time.

5. The business hours of the Society:

Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. on all Working days except Sundays and Government holidays.

6. The objects of the Society:

The objects of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association shall be –

(a) To promote the game of Chess to inculcate a sense of discipline amongst the players, to increase their proficiency, to foster brotherhood among the players and to promote a chess culture.

(b) To maintain general control over the chess activities in Tamilnadu in accordance with this Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of the All India Chess Federation (AICF) in force from time to time.

(c) To promote formation of Organizations to promote the game of Chess within the jurisdiction of the Association.

(d) To act as the Apex Body of the affiliated Members of Tamil Nadu and to co-ordinate their activities and organize and cause to organize District, State, National, International Championships, Technical Conferences and Coaching Camps.

(e) To receive and spend funds to promote the game of Chess in accordance with the Bye Laws of the Association.

(f) To select the teams to represent Tamil Nadu State and to promote, control and if necessary, finance the visits by such teams, players and officials.

(g) To promote, control and if necessary, finance the visits of National and Foreign teams or coaches or individual players to Tamil Nadu.

(h) To prepare and maintain a State Rank List of players.

(i) To seek affiliation with All India Chess Federation, other State, National and International Organisations, if necessary; and

(j) To generally do such other acts and things as may be necessary or conducive for achieving the objects of the Association.

(k) The activities would be confined to the territory of State of Tamil Nadu/ India.

(l) The activities would be purely charitable in nature and not motivated for profit.

(m) The benefit of objects would be available to the general public irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex.

7. Definitions and Explanations:

(a) Association:

Shall mean the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association.

(b) Logo:

Logo of the Association is the symbolic sign of King bearing the abbreviation “*tnsca*” inside the concentric circle and Estd:1947 beneath the circle.

(c) Championship:

District, State, National and International Chess Championship for any category or Age Group recognized by TNSCA, AICF and FIDE.

(d) Chess

“Chess” means the game of chess, Rules of which are approved by the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

(e) Affiliated Members:

The affiliated members of TNSCA are the District Chess Associations functioning in the Districts of Tamilnadu duly recognized and Affiliated to TNSCA as per the Bye Laws.

(f) Honorary Members:

The Executive Council may, by a majority of two-thirds of those present at the concerned meeting, elect any person as an Honorary Member who is interested in the game and has rendered signal services to it and who shall attend the meeting at the invitation of TNSCA.

(g) Special Units

“Special Units” are those big institutions which are specially affiliated to the association who are not eligible to attend the meetings of TNSCA.

(h) Academies

Academies are those institutions which promote chess among its members and the public and have coaching programmes, who are not eligible to attend the meetings of TNSCA.

(i) Financial Year:

1st of April to 31st of March of succeeding year the period in which the accounts of the registered Society are maintained and Audited as required under the Bye laws.

(j) Office Bearers of TNSCA:

The Office Bearers of the Association shall mean,

- The President,
- The Vice Presidents,
- The Secretary,
- The Treasurer,
- The Joint Secretaries.

All these posts are honorary without any salary or honorarium.

(k). “Bye-Laws” shall mean the bye-laws of the Association for the time being in force.

(l) Tournament:

Any competition, recognized by TNSCA or its affiliated units or AICF or by FIDE, conducted by any affiliated Member on behalf of TNSCA.

(m) Committee:

“Committee” means the Executive Committee.

(n) Federation:

As far as the game of Chess in India is concerned, Federation shall mean All India Chess Federation.

(o) FIDE:

Federation International Des Echecs - The International Chess Federation / World Chess Federation.

(p) The General Body:

The General Body of Tamilnadu State Chess Association shall consist of Office Bearers of TNSCA and its affiliated District chess members.

(q) Memorandum:

Means the Memorandum of Association of the registered society as originally framed and as amended, from time to time, in pursuance of the provisions of this Act;

(r) Player:

The Chess player duly registered with the TNSCA.

(s) Patrons:

The General Body may elect any person who is interested in the game of chess and has rendered signal service to the game as patron of the TNSCA and who shall attend the meetings of TNSCA at the invitation of TNSCA.

(t) Special Resolution:

A Resolution passed by a majority of not less than three fourths of the members of the Society entitled to vote as or present at a General Meeting convened specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as a Special Resolution has been duly given.

u) Official of TNSCA :

Shall mean Coach, Trainer, Instructor, Manager, Arbiter or functionaries recognized by TNSCA.

8. Requirements to be complied with by the Member District Associations to continue Affiliation with TNSCA:

The Member District Association affiliated with TNSCA to continue the affiliation shall pay the Annual Subscription before 15th of April and with the fine of Rs.100/- before 30th of April.

The Member District Association shall hold their Annual General Body Meeting before 15th of May and holding the elections of Office Bearer, if it is required and submit the certified photo copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting, Audited Balance Sheet with Auditors Report, Annual Report, Annual Budget for the ensuing year, calendar of events, list of Office bearers and present condition, with the Secretary of the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association before 31st of May to establish that the Member District Association remain active.

The District Associations can have different categories of members. However, the Taluk Chess Associations alone shall have the right to vote. Each Taluk Chess Association may be permitted to send two delegates to all the General Body Meetings of the respective District Chess Association and allowed to vote. Where ever there are less numbers of Taluks (less than 3) the Municipality / Panyachat Chess Association shall replace them.

Minimum of 50% of the Taluk Associations should be affiliated with the District

Association. In case of District Associations where there are very few Taluks - Municipality / Panchayat Union Associations may be affiliated to the District Association.

For the Executive Committee Meeting one delegate from each district shall be allowed to attend and to vote.

For the General Body Meeting and Executive Committee apart from the district delegates the office bearers are entitled to vote. However, for the elections to the office bearers, only the two delegates may be allowed to vote.

9. Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall be the Executive Body of the Association and is vested with all powers to administer the Association.

(a) Composition :

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Office Bearers of TNSCA, one Representative nominated by the General Body or Executive Committee of the concerned Member Association, two players – Current TN State Champion (open) and current TN Women State Champion (Players shall be above 18 years of age, incase the current champion is less than 18, the players next in the rank will qualify to attend the meeting provided he/she shall be 18 years of age).

(b) Powers of the Executive Committee:

(i) To sanction expenditures up to Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five lakhs only) at a time.

(ii) To hear and decide the issues referred to it by the Office Bearers or Affiliated Members.

(iii) To grant provisional affiliation to new members dedicated for the development and promotion of Chess activities in any newly formed areas or newly formed Organizations exercising control over whole of Tamil Nadu and refer the same to the General Body in the next available meeting for its decision. **(iv)** To disaffiliate any Member of the TNSCA for the attributed misconduct defined in the Constitution or otherwise and refer the same to the General Body in the next available meeting for its decision.

(v) To constitute Sub Committees for any specific requirements.

(vi) To institute/discontinue/rename and enact Rules and Regulations for the Organization's smooth and successful conduct of various State Championships and Tournaments, Seminars, Technical Conferences, Coaching Camps and the Code of conduct of Players / of Organisers of Championships/Tournaments

(vii) To conduct or cause to conduct State, National and International Championship and other Chess related activities and to permit conduct of other Chess Tournaments/Events conducted by the affiliated members.

(viii) To levy capitation, registration, recognition and other like fees.

(ix) To fix salaries and other allowances to the secretarial staff of the Association.

(x) To fix Travelling and Other Allowances incurred by the Office Bearers of TNSCA in discharging their duties in the affairs of TNSCA.

(xi) To prescribe remuneration and Travelling and Other Expenses of Boarding and Lodging payable to Arbiters, Officials and Observers appointed to State Championships and State level tournaments.

(xii) To enquire into the misconduct attributed to the Affiliated Members and take necessary and appropriate decision.

(xiii) Entertain the Appeals preferred by the aggrieved members of the Affiliated State Units and the Secretarial Staff of TNSCA.

(xiv) To take disciplinary action against Officials and Players concerning the charges leveled. After receiving the findings of the proceedings in writing, appeal shall lie to the next General Body against such order of the Executive Committee.

(xv) To frame and or amend the code of conduct for Organisers of Tournaments, Players, Managers of Teams, Coaches, Instructors, Arbiters and other Officials.

(c) Meetings of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall meet four times a year or as often as necessary. On the requisition in writing by at least one fourth of the members of the Executive Committee or on the direction of the President, the Secretary shall convene the meeting of the Executive Committee.

The secretary shall convene the meeting of the Executive Committee giving 15 clear days Notice along with the Agenda of the Meeting to all the members of the Executive Committee.

The Affiliated members are entitled to place the subjects for the consideration of the Executive Committee and such subjects shall be sent to the Secretary well in time so that the same can be included in the Agenda of the Meeting.

(d) Quorum of the Meeting

The Quorum for the meeting of the Executive Committee shall be one fourth of its members. The members who could not attend the meeting can send their decisions by post or by fax duly signed by the Secretary. The casting of votes by post by the Members shall be taken into account for the purposes of quorum. If sufficient quorum is not there, the Meeting shall be adjourned. After an interval

of an hour the convened meeting shall be held again at the very same place. If even after such adjournment, there is no quorum, then those present at the meeting shall be reckoned to constitute the requisite quorum and the business in the Agenda shall be transacted.

If the requisitioned meeting lacks quorum, then it shall stand cancelled and the requisition will be treated as lapsed

The decisions of the Executive Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes. The affiliated members may vote by post or by proxy by authorization duly signed by the President and the Secretary produced in original or through Fax.

10. Members of the General Body:

The General Body of the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association shall consist of:

- (i) All Office bearers of the TNSCA.
 - (ii) Two Representatives nominated by the District Associations affiliated as Members of the TNSCA
 - (iii) Patrons and Honorary Members at the invitation of TNSCA.
 - (iv) **Current** Tamil Nadu State Open Chess Championship winner and Current Tamil Nadu State Women Chess Championship winner.
- Categories (iii) shall have no voting rights. (iv) shall have no voting rights in the election of the office bearers during the General Body.

11. Powers and duties of the General Body:

- (a) To elect the office-bearers of the Association;
- (b) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration;
- (c) To consider and approve the Annual Report;
- (d) To consider and approve the audited statement of accounts and the budget;
- (e) To acquire, hold, control, administer and dispose of the properties and funds of the Association.
- (f) make and amend the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Association as and when necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting provided further that for amending the Constitution the quorum of the General Body shall not be less than three-fourth of the strength of General Body;
- (g) To consider and decide any matter related to Chess.
- (h) To take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient for carrying out the objects of the Association.
- (i) To prescribe the Annual Subscription to be paid to the Association (Executive Committee)
- (j) To borrow funds when necessary for the purpose of the Association;

- (k) To frame Rules and Regulations for proper conduct of the functioning and administration of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and its Affiliated Members.
- (l) To grant affiliation to District Associations and Special Units.
- (m) To disaffiliate District Associations and Special Units from the Association.
- (n) To take disciplinary action against its members, the office bearers, officials and players recognized by the Association or of any recognized Members.
- (o) To exercise all or any of the powers of the Executive Committee and to amend or annul its decisions.

12. Annual Meeting of the General Body of TNSCA:

Annual General Body Meeting of the Association shall be held before 30th of June every year. The Gen. Secretary shall give notice of the above meeting with a copy of the Agenda at least 21 clear days before the meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting shall inter alia include appointment of Auditors, consideration of the Annual Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Budget estimates for the following year and other matters if any.

Only the Members who have paid their Annual Subscription between 1st and 15th of April or with a fine of Rs.100/- before 30th of April of that year are eligible to attend the Annual General Body Meeting of the TNSCA.

Such defaulted members who have not paid the Annual Subscription shall be temporarily disaffiliated and are not eligible for the rights and benefits of the Affiliated Members entitled to in the affairs and functioning of TNSCA. Such defaulted members are not eligible to attend the Annual General Body Meeting or participate in the election of Office Bearers.

The Secretary shall forward the Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting along with the Agenda of the Annual General Body Meeting to the Active Affiliated Members by R.P.A.D./Speed Post.

On receipt of the Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting, the Active Affiliated Members with voting rights shall forward the names of two representatives conferred with voting rights by the General Body or Executive Body nominated and in the case of Special Units by the competent Authority to represent the Member at the Annual General Body Meeting, at least 15 clear days before the date of the Annual General Body Meeting.

13. Special Meeting of the General Body:

A Special Meeting of the General Body may be called at any time by the Resolution of the Executive Committee or on the requisition in writing at least by

10 members of the Association or by the President to consider such matters mentioned in the Agenda. The Secretary shall give 14 clear days notice of such meetings to all members with a copy of the proposed agenda. The Special Meeting requisitioned by the Resolution of the Executive Committee or on requisition in writing by 10 members shall be called within 30 days of the receipt of the Resolution/Requisition/Direction of the President.

14. Elections of Office Bearers of TNSCA:

The General Body of TNSCA shall by a majority of votes elect the President, 6 Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Joint Secretaries for a term of 3 years. The President need not belong to any District Association/Special Unit. The President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer shall be eligible to contest if they attain the age between 70 and 75, and file their nomination, provided that such person shall not be more than 70 years of age on the last date of nomination for election and serve the full term.

15. Mode of Elections of Office Bearers:

(a) Filing of Nominations:

Nominations to the posts of office bearers of the Association should be sent by the affiliated members so as to reach the General Secretary 14 days before the Annual General Body Meeting.

(b) Scrutiny of Nominations:

The President and Secretary shall nominate the Returning Officer. The Secretary along with the nominated Returning Officer shall scrutinize the Nominations sent by the Members for the posts of Office Bearers in the ensuing elections, immediately on the closure of receipt of the Nominations and finalise the list of candidates contesting in the elections for the various posts of Office Bearers and communicate the List of Candidates to all eligible Member Associations at least by giving 7 clear days before the date of elections.

(c) The conduct of Election:

The named Returning Officer nominated by the President shall conduct the polling of votes in the elections.

The existing office bearers and the two players (one each from The Tamil Nadu State Championship open & women) shall have no voting rights in the Election of Office Bearers. Only the two Representatives named by each of the Member Associations alone are eligible to cast their votes. The voting shall be by secret ballots. Immediately after the casting of votes, the polled votes will be counted and results will be announced. In the event of tie the President shall exercise his casting votes and the results shall be declared.

16. Urgent Meeting of the General Body:

In the event of any emergency, the President at his discretion may convene an Urgent Meeting of the General Body of TNSCA by giving notice prescribing a period even shorter than the one prescribed for the Special Meeting.

17. Amendments to the Constitution and Bye Laws:

The amendment to the Constitution and the Bye Laws of the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association in relation to the Objects of the Society and to carry on its administration shall be made by Special Resolution.

On the suggestion of the Executive Committee or by one fourth of the members, the Secretary shall convene the Special Meeting of the General Body to consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bye Laws and such Resolutions on being passed by majority of not less than three fourth of members present at the Special Meeting.

The adopted amendment to the Constitution or the Bye Laws shall be registered with the jurisdictional Registrar of Societies and on such registration the amendment shall take effect from the date of passing of the amendment by the Special General Body Meeting.

18. Finance of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association:

All moneys received by the Association from whatever source shall form the Association Fund. The Association Fund shall be under the control of the General Body and shall be spent as provided under this Constitution and as per the decisions of General Body.

The revenue of the Association will include;

- (i)** Membership/Subscription Fees paid by the affiliated Member District Associations and Special Units.
- (ii)** Players' Entry fee for Championships and Tournaments.
- (iii)** Recognition fee to be paid by the Organisers of District/State/ International Tournaments.
- (iv)** Recognition fee for Championships/Tournaments.
- (v)** Fee for conducting/organizing International Tournaments/Seminars/Coaching camps/Refresher Courses.
- (vi)** Fee for award of titles/certificates.
- (vii)** Players, Arbiters, Organisers, Trainers (Coaches) Registration fee.
- (viii)** Fees received for services rendered or rights granted by Association.
- (ix)** Other Contributions

(x) Such other receipts as may be incidental or mandatory to the above.

19. Deposit and disbursement of the funds of the Tamil Nadu State Chess

Association:

a) All the moneys given to the Association at its Secretariat shall be received by the Secretary and duly brought into the accounts of TNSCA issuing proper receipts. The General Body or the Executive Committee shall decide such Bank or Banks in which the funds of the TNSCA has to be deposited. On such decision of the General Body or the Executive Committee the Secretary and the Treasurer shall open the Account or Accounts in the name of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association and such Account or Accounts of the TNSCA shall be operated by **any** of the two following office bearers of TNSCA: the General Secretary, Treasurer and one of the Vice Presidents. All payments made in the name of the Association cheques shall be signed by any of the two following office bearers of TNSCA: the General Secretary, Treasurer and one of the Vice Presidents. All receipts and disbursements made by the Secretary and the Treasurer on behalf of TNSCA during the interregnum period of the preceded and convened Meeting shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for its guidance and approval.

b) The funds of the Institution would be utilized only towards the objects and no portion of it would be distributed in any manner to the trustees or persons defined in Section 13 (1) (c) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

20. Powers and duties of the Office Bearers:

(a) President:

The President shall preside over the meetings of the General Body, Executive Committee, and of any Committee of which he is a member and in case of equality of votes, he shall have a casting vote.

If, in the opinion of the President, any emergency has arisen in the affairs of TNSCA which requires immediate action should be taken, he may take such action deemed necessary and report the same to the next Meeting of the Executive Committee or General Body.

(b) Vice Presidents:

In the absence of the President for any Meeting, the Vice President nominated by the President shall preside over such Meetings.

(c) Secretary:

He shall be the Secretary to the General Body, the Executive Committee and all other Committees of the Association and will issue Notices of the meetings of General Body, Executive Committee and the other Committees and record the

Minutes of these Meetings. He shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and custody of the above Minutes of the General Body, Executive Committee and the other Committees duly recorded in the Minute Books kept for the said purposes. He shall carry out all resolutions and decisions of the General Body, Executive Committee and the other Committees.

He shall exercise all such powers conferred on him by the General Body and Executive Committee and shall be in charge of the day to day administration of the Association assisted by the Secretariat of TNSCA.

All subscriptions, donations, Grant in Aid, other like payments and amounts sent to the Secretariat of the Association shall be received under proper Receipts and all disbursements made on behalf of the Association shall be under proper Vouchers.

He will be in charge of all correspondence received and sent on behalf of the Association and maintain proper records of the same.

The Secretary shall be empowered to incur contingent expenditure of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Only) at a time.

He shall be competent to submit proposals to the State Governments in respect of District, State and International Tournaments and also appoint Officials for such Tournaments.

The Secretary along with Treasurer will be responsible for the Funds of the Associations and for preparation of the Annual Budget, Annual Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures and place the same for the consideration of Executive Committee and for the approval of General Body in the Annual General Body Meeting.

After the conclusion of the Annual General Body Meeting, the Secretary shall before 30th of September file the Statutory Returns stipulated under Section 16 (3) of the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act;

(i) an authenticated copy of such Receipts and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Report.

(ii) a statement of the names, addresses and occupations of the persons who, at the expiry of the financial year, were members of the registered society; and

(iii) a declaration to the effect that the society has been carrying on business or has been in operation during the financial year.

With the Registrar of Societies under whose jurisdiction the Association is functioning.

The Secretarial staff will function under the administrative control of the Secretary. He will be competent to appoint such secretarial staff and take disciplinary action including termination of their services and report the same to the Executive Committee.

(d) Treasurer:

The Treasurer along with Secretary shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the Association and advise the General Body as regards its financial policy.

The treasurer shall along with Secretary submit to the General Body at its annual meeting a statement of receipts and expenditure, the balance sheet audited, and the budget for the ensuing year as approved by the Executive Committee.

(e) Joint Secretaries:

Joint Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in discharging of his duties and carry out the work of the Association as may be assigned to them by the Executive Committee.

21. Legal Course:

(i) The Association shall sue and or be sued only in the name of the Gen. Secretary of the Association.

(ii) Any Suits/Legal actions against the Association shall be instituted only in the Courts at Chennai, where the Registered Office of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association is situated or at the place where the Secretariat of the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association is functioning.

22. Misconduct on the part of Members / Special Members /Office Bearers/Officials:

The following acts will be construed as Misconduct on the part of the Members/ the Office Bearers / the Officials.

(i) Any act against the aims and objects of the Association and detrimental to the interests of TNSCA.

(ii) Fraud, Cheating, embezzlement, theft, willful damage to or dishonesty in connection with Association's property, funds or records.

(iii) Willful disobedience of the directives of the Executive Committee or the General Body or the Competent Office Bearers of TNSCA.

(iv) Willful breach of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Orders of the Association.

(v) Non-payment of the fees and other dues to the Association.

(vi) Not holding Annual General Body Meetings for two years in row.

(vii) Offers or attempts to offer or receiving or attempts to receive any consideration in kind, cash or otherwise to influence the results of games, tournaments, elections or any chess events of the Association.

(viii) Failure to perform the functions and duties in an impartial and responsible manner.

(ix) Failure to comply with normally accepted standards and Chess etiquette.

23. Expulsion/Suspension:

(a) If an Office Bearer, affiliated unit or its Office Bearers or a player or an individual directly or indirectly connected with the Association refuses to comply with the provisions of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations or is guilty of such conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is likely to affect the character or stability or interest of the Association, such person or affiliated Unit or its Office Bearers shall be liable for expulsion or suspension for such periods as the Executive Committee may fix by a Resolution adopted by not less than two-thirds of the Members of the Committee present at such Meeting. The Secretary shall cause Notice to the Organisation /Individual calling for their explanation and they shall be placed for the consideration of the Executive Committee. Any refusal to accept the Notice by the party shall be treated as Notice having been served.

(b) In the event of dissolution or defunct Association or Pursuant to expulsion or Suspension under 23.(a) or pursuant to action taken under section 9 & 11, the Executive Committee shall appoint an "Ad Hoc" Committee consisting of 5 members in place of the District Association, to run the affairs of the Association, until fresh elections are held under TNSCA's supervision, so that the interest of Chess players are protected.

(c) Suo Moto action:

Under extra-ordinary circumstances, where a disciplinary action is necessary to protect the objects of the constitution and Bye laws of TNSCA, the Gen. Secretary/ Executive Committee shall Suo Moto take action (the action attracting Section 23(a)), against any player, official, academy etc., to suspend from all chess activities, debar, impose penalties etc., with the reasons being put in writing. However, the matter shall be placed in the next Executive Committee /AGM for a final decision.

(d) Pursuant to action under section 23.(b) the Executive Committee may take steps to form a new District Association to safe guard the interest of the game and players.

24. Vacancies:

The vacancies of Office Bearers that may arise by resignation, death or otherwise shall be filled by the President and such nominated person shall hold the office till the next General Body Meeting. The next General Body Meeting can either continue the arrangement or elect a person among the General Body to the vacant office for the remaining period of the full term. In case of vacancy of the President, the Executive Committee / General Body shall fill the vacancy (could be anybody and not necessarily from Executive Committee / General Body) for the remainder of the term.

25. Dissolution :

(a) Dissolution of the Association shall take place in accordance with the provisions of Tamilnadu Societies Registration act 1975.

(b) In case of winding up / dissolution of the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association, the net funds would be transferred to Institutions having similar objects and enjoying exemption u/s 11 & 80 G of the IT Act, 1961.

26. Disputes:

In all disputes, the decision of the Association shall be final and binding on all concerned.

27. Rules and Regulations:

All Rules and Regulations framed for relevant purposes or on any matters and adopted by the Executive Committee and the General Body shall have the same force as this Constitution.

28. Conclusion:

Any matter not directly covered by this Constitution shall be decided by the General Body/ Executive Committee on the basis of the provisions in this Constitution most nearly applicable in accordance with the general terms and spirit of this.

ANNEXURE

Invoking the power vested under Bye Law 27 of the Constitution of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association on the following Rules and Regulations are framed:

I. Code of Conduct for the Organisers of Championship/Tournaments;

The following will be construed as misconduct on the part of the Organisers of Championships/Tournaments:

(a) Withholding of prizes, whether in cash or in kind, announced for Championships of the Federation / Association or Open Tournaments recognized by the Association.

(b) Not providing requisite facilities as determined by the Association to the participants in any championship/Tournaments conducted by the host Association or Organisers or recognized Open Tournaments.

(c) Non-payments of the share of entry fees, fee from prize money and other dues to the Association / Federation.

(d) Mismanagement or manipulations in the conduct of Championships/Tournaments held on behalf of the Association.

(e) Willful disregard or disobedience of the provisions contained in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Association.

(f) Fraud, Cheating, embezzlement, theft, willful damage to or dishonesty in connection with Association's property, funds and records.

(g) Offers or attempts to offer or receiving or attempts to receive any consideration in kind, cash or otherwise to influence the results of games, tournaments, elections or any chess events of the Association.

(h) Failure to perform the functions and duties in an impartial and responsible manner.

(i) Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of behaviour and chess etiquette.

(j) Failure to send the results together with the report of tournaments /Championships within a week after the conclusion of the same.

(k) Any other act which is against the aim and objects of the Association and detrimental to its interests.

II. Code of conduct for the players:

(a) All qualified players if they want, they can participate in the State Chess Championships.

(b) All Players selected to the State Team for National Tournaments shall attend the Coaching Camp/Camps if any conducted by the Association prior to the relevant event unless exempted by the Gen. Secretary.

(c) Player shall desist from indulging in any act detrimental to the interests of Association nor shall they spearhead any movement against the Association.

They shall not also pass any derogatory remarks in public or to the press about the Association.

(d) Players, either in their personal capacity or in the capacity as a player or the captain of a team, shall not make any public announcements without the approval of the competent authority.

(e) Players shall desist from harming other players, their property or that of the organizers and the Association and shall not resort to disorderly behaviour or any subversive act or any act of indiscipline during chess events and functions.

(f) Players shall not make abusive or derogatory language against anybody during the course of a competition, nor shall they make any unjustified accusations against anybody.

(g) Players shall cooperate with the organizers of tournaments, in all matters and strictly abide by the Rules and Regulation of Tournaments.

(h) Players shall conduct themselves with dignity and be dressed decently at all chess events and functions.

(i) Players who want to go out of India to participate in tournaments shall take prior permission from TNSCA by writing to the Gen. Secretary.

(j) Players shall not fraudulently participate in events.

(k) Players should not smoke or be drunk in the tournament hall during the course of chess events and functions.

(l) During coaching camps, players shall strictly follow the Rules and Regulations of the Association and the instructions of the Coach and also do their best to take advantage of the Coaching Camps.

(m) Players shall remit the entry fees for tournaments as specified in the regulations and shall not bargain or argue at the venue of the tournament. **(n)** Date of Birth certificates registered within one year of the birth of the child alone will be recognized and allowed to participate in age group championships by the TNSCA/AICF and all affiliated members of TNSCA.

(o) Players shall present themselves for Medical Test to determine their age at any time when called upon to do so by All India Chess Federation or its affiliates.

All players who have been found over aged will not be allowed to participate in any age related tournaments after they serve their punishment. However, those who agree to the results of the medical test and submit the original Date of Birth to the satisfaction of the AICF, will be allowed to play in their age group after serving their suspension.

(p) Players shall not speak (or indicate anything by sign) to anybody other than the arbiters of that tournament, during the course of a game.

- (q) Players shall be present for the opening and closing ceremonies of championships/tournaments.
- (r) Players shall not leave the venue of championships/tournaments without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- (s) Players shall not withdraw from tournaments without valid reasons and without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- (t) Fraud, cheating, embezzlement, theft, willful damage to or dishonesty in connection with Association's property, funds or records.
- (u) Offers or attempts to offer or receiving or attempts to receive any consideration in kind, cash or otherwise to influence the results of games, tournaments, election or any chess events of the Association.
- (v) Failure to comply with normally accepted standards and Chess etiquette.
- (w) Any other act which is against the aim and objects of the Association and detrimental to its interests.
- (x) Players desirous of participating in the official National Championships should have participated in the corresponding year's respective State Championships. The entry of the players for the respective National Championships should be forwarded through the TNSCA. However, the Association shall have the right to accept or reject any such requests.
- (y) Players shall strictly abide by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Orders/Instructions of the Association in force from time to time and also abide by the instructions of the Arbiters and TNSCA Office Bearers.
- (z) No player shall participate in any tournament not authorised by All India Chess Federation or by its affiliate members and Tamil Nadu State Chess Association or District Associations and units affiliated to them. The above violation shall attract disciplinary proceedings including cash penalties apart from debarring from participating in any tournaments in future.
- (z)(i) Government of India has ruled that only players with Foreign passport (including holders of PIO and OCI papers) cannot play under India banner. Hence it was resolved that the same will apply while participating in National Championship, State and District Championships which are official selection tournaments which lead to representing India.

III. Organisation of State Championship/Tournaments:

Conditions for organizing chess events:

- (a) A bid for organizing a chess event shall be made in the prescribed format along with the required fees, detailed estimate and budget.

(b) Only TNSCA/AICF registered arbiters shall be allowed to officiate in all State/ National level tournaments. For all the State/National level and FIDE rated chess tournaments, TNSCA alone will nominate the Chief Arbiter and the Deputy Chief Arbiters.

(c) An Arbiter officiating in a State Tournament as Chief Arbiter / Deputy Chief Arbiter shall be eligible for an honorarium as decided by the Association from time to time.

(d) In cases where any grant is received by the organizers through the Association audited statement of accounts shall be submitted to the Association within a week of the conclusion of the event.

(e) The President or the Gen. Secretary shall have the right to demand advance deposit of the prize fund or bank guarantee for a like amount before granting the tournaments/chess events.

(f) Invitation containing all essential details such as venue, date, time, schedule, eligibility, seeding criteria, entry fee, prize money, system of play, other rules and regulations, accommodation, and other information necessarily required by the participating units and players shall be issued at least sixty days before the commencement of the tournament.

(g) Events shall be conducted in accordance with TNSCA , AICF and FIDE rules.

Tamil Nadu State Championships:

(i) Pairing shall be done in Swiss Manager software in all the State Championships.

(ii) FIDE Laws of Chess shall be followed.

(iii) FIDE tie-break regulations will be followed.

(iv) Championships will be played on 9 rounds irrespective of the number of entries.

(v) But State Team and Senior Championship will be played on 7 rounds irrespective of the number of entries.

(h) Protests against the decisions of Arbiters shall be filed with the prescribed protest fee within one hour of the occurrence of the incident which has caused the protest.

(i) For State Chess Championships and FIDE Rated events an Appeals Committee of five members plus two reserves, will be nominated by the State Chess Association / organizers selected from different Districts. No member of the committee shall vote on a dispute in which a player from his own unit is involved and that in such cases the reserve member(s) shall take his/their place in the committee for the time being.

(j) Players registered with TNSCA alone will be eligible to participate in the Championships.

(k) State Championships:

Subject to the age restrictions the following criteria shall be applied for the selection and seeding of players to the State Championships/Tournaments.

(i) Top 4 of the previous State Championships are to be seeded to the category State Championship.

(ii) Champion of the previous State Championship is to be seeded to the one step higher State Championship.

(iii) Each District Association / Special Unit Members of the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association shall be entitled to send 4 entries to State Open, State Women, State Junior and State Junior girls Championships. For State Sub Junior and Sub Junior Girls Championships four entries will be allowed for District Associations only. For all other State Championships two entries are allowed for District associations only.

Provided that this will be in addition to the seeded players, if any Association / Special Units fails to send full quota, the vacancies so caused shall not be filled.

(iv) Extra seeding will be given to the District which produces Top three medals winners in the last respective age group State Championships in the ratio 3 : 2 : 1. And these nominations from the District Associations shall be given only from the Rank list of their respective District championships with proof and not to anybody else.

(v) The host (if it is a TNSCA recognized unit) is entitled to field two additional players in State Open, Women, Under-19 Open & Girls and Under 15 Open & Girls Championships. In all other State Championships only one additional player will be allowed.

(vi) Any player who pays the prescribed Special entry fee may be considered for participation with recommendation of the respective District Association.

(vii) The Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Chess Association can nominate one player.

(viii) Any current National Champion in any category is to be seeded to All State championships subject to age stipulation.

(ix) Any current National No.2 and 3 are to be seeded to the same category State Championship subject to age stipulation.

(x) Any current World Champion in any category is to be seeded to All State Championships.

(xi) Any current World No.2 and 3 are to be seeded to the same + one step higher State championships.

(xii) Any Current Asian Champion is to be seeded to the same plus one step higher state championship.

- (xiii) Any Current Asian No.2 and 3 are to be seeded to the same category.
- (xiv) Any current State Champion is to be seeded to all lower categories State Championships subject to the restriction regarding age.
- (xv) All GMs & IMs are seeded to all open (boys) State Championships subject to age stipulation.
- (xvi) WGMs & WIMs are seeded to all State Chess Championships, subject to age stipulation.
- (xvii) Only Indian Nationals are eligible to participate.

IV. Code of Conduct for All Arbiters:

1. Arbiters shall register with the Tamil Nadu State Chess Association through their respective District Associations by paying the Annual Registration Fee as prescribed by TNSCA financial regulation from time to time to be considered for appointment as arbiter in any tournament.
2. Arbiters shall be unbiased in tournaments and they shall exhibit no nepotism or favouritism in delivering decisions.
3. Arbiters have to be thorough with Laws of Chess, Rating, Pairing and Title Regulations and other related topics.
4. Arbiters have to abide by the rules and regulations of Tamil Nadu State Chess Association /All India Chess Federation and FIDE.
5. Arbiters shall obtain prior permission from Tamil Nadu State Chess Association (through their District associations) to serve tournaments in other States.
6. An arbiter who wants to serve in tournaments held in Districts other than his own, has to get prior permission from his District association to do so.
7. Only qualified arbiters shall serve as arbiters in tournaments. For state championships International/ FIDE Arbiters shall be appointed as Chief Arbiter. For other State level tournaments IA/FA/Senior Arbiters shall be appointed as Chief Arbiter. For District level tournaments, at least State Arbiters shall be appointed as Chief Arbiter. For rating tournaments, the chief arbiter shall be at least a FIDE arbiter.
8. Arbiters shall be in proper attire in tournaments. If uniform T shirt/waist coat/blazer is provided by organisers, they shall wear it. Otherwise, they have to wear half or full shirt or coat with full pants, and an easily identifiable badge. Neck Tie is preferable.
9. Wearing shoes is a must in all tournaments and championships.
10. An arbiter must arrive at the tournament hall well in advance.
11. An arbiter shall not leave the playing venue during games, without permission from the chief arbiter.

12. At the end of a round in a tournament, the arbiters have to leave the venue, only after informing the chief arbiter.
13. Arbiters shall not use mobile phones in the playing area on any account.
14. They shall maintain silence in the tournament hall and they shall avoid speaking with other arbiters in the playing hall.
15. They are expected to be thorough in handling chess clocks.
16. During time pressure period in a tournament, all the arbiters have to be alert and to be on their toes.
17. If any problem on or off the board during a round has been solved by an arbiter, it must be brought to the knowledge of the chief arbiter.
18. Abusing players, especially children, in tournaments must be avoided.
19. Behaviour of arbiters on and off the tournaments shall not bring disrepute to the game of chess.
20. Any arbiter not following the above Rules, shall attract disciplinary proceedings. Further, the Arbiters will also fall under the ambit of the provisions of the Bye laws and the Constitution of TNSCA, while dealing with matters concerning discipline.