GLOBAL ASSOCIATION FOR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS - INDIA

Memorandum of Association And Rules and Regulations of Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts – India (GAMMAI)



Registered Office

No 101, Diamond Enclave Apartment, Jalakshmivilas Road, Chamrajapura, Mysore 570005



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CHAPTER A: MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Association shall be known as The GLOBAL ASSOCIATION FOR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS - INDIA (GAMMAI)

2. THE REGISTERED OFFICE:

The registered office of the GAMMAI shall be situated at **No 101**, **Diamond Enclave Apartment**, **Jalakshmivilas Road**, **Chamrajapura**, **Mysore 570005**.

The National Head Quarters shall be the situated in the city of residence of the incumbent National President.

3. OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- 3.1. To establish itself as a society / association, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and under any other applicable State laws, with the main objective being the development of Mixed Martial Arts.
- 3.2. To establish itself as a legally registered and recognized National Sports Federation [NSF] in the name and title of the Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts India [GAMMAI] and to carry on with the activities and objectives of the World Body, Global Association of Mixed Martial Arts (GAMMA) as their sole affiliate in India
- 3.3. To regulate and promote across India, the sport of Mixed Martial Arts, permitting those engaged in this dynamic sport to attain both intellectual and physical development. MMA is a complete combat sport, practised by men and women, sub juniors, juniors, youth and adults of all ages, using the various parts of the body to effectively accomplish various kicks, punches, blocks, throws takedowns, grabs, locks and submission techniques.
- 3.4. To regulate MMA competition events under GAMMA-India rules.
- 3.5. To function as the sole recognized National MMA body in India, recognized by and affiliated to GAMMA.
- 3.6. To affiliate and bring together MMA athletes, Associations, Sports Clubs, Organizations and academies across the States and Union Territories of India. The



purpose of the GAMMAI is to promote the combat sport of MMA and thus create an awareness of the traditions of this unique martial sport and to develop health, fitness, competitive spirit, courage, and confidence amongst all its practioners across India. GAMMAI aims to develop the spirit of friendly competition and cordial relationship between the States and Union Territories of India, through the practice of MMA in all its aspects.

- 3.7. To organize in India, Zonal, National, Continental and International MMA Championships, Meetings, Conferences, Seminars, Lectures, Referee and Judges Clinics on MMA and to select members to form Committees thereof, etc.
- 3.8. To deploy its members for training MMA athletes for International, Continental and National MMA Championships and for training and selection of National and State MMA Referees, Judges and Coaches etc., for establishing training camps all over the country. All appointments of State or Union Territory GAMMAI Representatives at any level, State or Union Territory MMA Referees, Judges, Coaches, Regional Officers etc., shall be made only by the GAMMAI.
- 3.9. To function as a recognized National Sports Federation and use the expression "India" or "Indian" or any equivalent expression in any other language in its title or in any athletic competition controlled by GAMMAI, as and when applicable.
- 3.10. To select and nominate athletes and coaches and other personnel for the National MMA team, which shall represent India in any international MMA event
- 3.11. To bid for and host, with/ without the prior approval of the Central or State Government, any officially recognised international MMA competition in India, subject to conditions, as may be specified in the approval;
- 3.12. To organize or conduct any MMA event, including annual national MMA championships; referee and coaching camps and discharge such other functions and duties for the development of MMA India, as may be required by GAMMA.
- 3.13. To resist and prevent all unethical practices in sports (including the elimination of doping, age fraud, sexual harassment of athletes and the violation of IOC Charter and its Code of Ethics).
- 3.14. To have an in-house grievance resolution mechanism for redressal of grievances relating to efficient functioning, election of Office Bearers, representative character of the general body, protection of interest of athletes, promotion of the sport, maintenance and audit of accounts, moving of no confidence resolutions and connected internal management matter.



- 3.15. To ensure that GAMMAI shall secure and shall maintain at all times, valid affiliation with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports [MYAS], Indian Olympic Association [IOA] and with GAMMA.
- 3.16. To ensure that the GAMMAI shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records, audited annually by a chartered accountant defined in clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.
- 3.17. To ensure that The GAMMAI will conduct annual National MMA Championships for Adults, Youth, Junior and Sub Junior age groups, for both male and female athletes.
- 3.18. To adopt, adhere to and to enforce the good governance practices as provided under the **National Sports Development Code of India 2011**, as and when applicable and as may be revised from time to time by the Govt. of India.
- 3.19. To adhere to the conditions which may be prescribed in consonance with the IOC and IOA Charter, IOC Code of Ethics and the charter of GAMMA, as and when applicable.
- 3.20. GAMMAI will also have the following additional objectives:
- a) To adopt , endorse and enforce the Constitution, General Rules and Technical Rules and Referee Rules of the **GAMMA** for all National and State level MMA championships and events and to ensure proper holding of such meetings, competitions, referee selections under the guidance of GAMMA. Prior permission from the GAMMAI has to be obtained for any State or Union Territory or Interstate or Inter Territory MMA tournaments, proposed to be conducted by affiliated members from any State or Union Territory in India.
- b) To affiliate itself to GAMMA and to enforce all rules and regulations and the Code of Ethics of International Olympic Committee [IOC], the Olympic Council of Asia [OCA], the Global Association of International Sports Federations [GAISF], the Sport Accord International Federations' Union, The International World Games Association, the Indian Olympic Association [IOA], the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Sports Authority of India [SAI] and the National Anti- Doping Agency [NADA] and the School Games Federation of India [SGFI], as well as other recognized National and International Sports Authorities, Sports Federations and Organizations, including the Commonwealth Games, the University Games authority and the World Games Authority.
- c) To constitute the GAMMAI Athletes Commission, in accordance with the corresponding section of the National Sports Development Code, as and when applicable.



- d) To endeavour to secure availability of indoor stadia, sports halls, sports equipment and other amenities for the benefit of MMA athletes across the Nation:
- e) To provide for a free, fair, expeditious and transparent in house mechanism within the GAMMAI for resolution of grievances of athletes, support personnel, and other entities associated with the sport of MMA.
- f) To perform its duties and discharge its functions as a public authority in accordance with the corresponding section of the National Sports Development Code, as and when applicable.
- g) To publish on the GAMMAI official website, mandatory details of the preceding years activities of the Association, as may be prescribed by the concerned National Authority.
- h) Only affiliated State or Union Territory members of the GAMMAI will be permitted to use the name and logo of the GAMMAI and take part with their team in the National, Continental and International MMA championships, seminars and other events
- i) To educate the general public of our Nation, on the value of amateurism in MMA sporting events and to guard and enforce the rules of amateurism.
- j) To guard and enforce rules of GAMMAI by co-operating and affiliating itself with National Olympic and National Sports Authorities, with other like-minded National Sports Federations, Sports Medicine & Sports Cultural Organizations and with MMA enthusiasts and patrons across the nation and across the world
- k) To ensure that the jurisdiction of the GAMMAI shall cover the entire Indian subcontinent and that on all legal matters, the City Civil Courts located in the city of the office of the President of the GAMMAI, shall have specific jurisdiction.
- I) To acknowledge that any member of the GAMMAI General Body aggrieved by any dispute or discrepancy in the internal management of the Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts India, may within sixty days of such dispute or discrepancy, refer the matter with respect to an application for grant of accreditation, to the Appellate Sports Tribunal, when applicable
- m) To do every act that may be necessary and expedient in the promotion of MMA, across India and to keep the MMA martial art movement completely independent, autonomous and entirely free from all political, religious and commercial influences.
- n) To encourage and assist in the organization of MMA sporting meets and events between Countries, States, Regions, Cities, Universities, Schools and other Institutions,



- o) To organize National MMA Championships in any city of any State or any Union Territory of India, once in every year or as often as possible, in close cooperation with the concerned GAMMAI affiliate and with the concerned the state sports authorities.
- p) To be solely responsible for managing the funds of the GAMMAI, and raise such funds by any means such as holding training certification, grading or lecture seminars, health camps etc., and to employ the funds of the MMA Association of India in such a manner as shall be deemed necessary in its best interest.
- q) To establish and maintain MMA training centres, hostels, gymnasia and health club facilities etc. and to offer these facilities to the members and to the public, irrespective of caste, creed or religion or gender.
- r) To ensure that the Profit of Income of the GAMMAI and the filing of returns thereof shall be as per the corresponding section of the State Societies Registration Act
- s) To ensure that the income of the GAMMAI from whatever means, shall be utilized solely for the realization of the objectives of the Association and that it shall not be distributed amongst the members of the GAMMAI.
- 2.21 The President and the Vice President of the GAMMAI are fully authorized by the members to correspond directly with the concerned Registrar of Firms and Societies



CHAPTER B: CONSTITUTION AND RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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2. THE REGISTERED OFFICE:

- 2.1. The registered office of the GAMMAI shall be situated at **No 101, Diamond Enclave Apartment, Jalakshmivilas Road, Chamrajapura, Mysore 570005**. The said office location may be changed to any other city in INDIA, as and when decided by the majority resolution of the Executive Board of the Association.
- 2.2. The National Headquarters of the GAMMAI shall be located in the city of residence of the incumbent President of the GAMMAI.
- 2.3. As and when required the GAMMAI may establish a Secretariat at Delhi, so as to facilitate its working and coordination with the IOA and the Government of India.

3. ASSOCIATION YEAR AND OFFICE TIMINGS:

The Official year and the financial year of the GAMMAI shall be from 1st April to 31st March and the office timing of the Association shall be 9.00 AM TO 12.00 PM. and 3.00 PM to 6.00 PM Mondays to Fridays

4. MEMBERSHIP:

- 4.1. Membership shall be open to all recognized State or Union Territory MMA Associations across India, with each being represented in the GAMMAI General Body by two Authorized Representatives, irrespective of the nationality, gender, caste, religion and political beliefs of its members. Membership will be open to all residents of India over the age of eighteen years, irrespective of caste, gender, creed or religion and to any boards and /or institutions.
- 4.2. The following shall be the initial categories of membership and their respective subscriptions which may be subsequently amended by a resolution of the GAMMAI.



4.2.1. Patron – As resolved by the GAMMAI Executive Board

4.2.2. Member Admission Fee – Rs. 7,500.00

4.2.3. Life Member Admission Fee – Rs. 75,000.00

4.2.4. Annual Membership Renewal Fees- Rs. 5,000.00 or as may be resolved by GAMMAI Executive Board.

- 4.3 Only authorized representatives of full Member State and Union Territory associations have the right to vote and contest for posts in the Executive Board of the GAMMAI in the General Body Meeting.
- 4.4 GAMMAI Annual Membership Fee / Renewal Fee shall non- refundable and shall be paid by all affiliated members on or before 30th June of every year. Any GAMMAI member whose membership renewal fee remains unpaid, would be termed as a defaulter and shall not be entitled or be eligible to attend the meetings of the General Body, Executive Body or any other GAMMAI Committees nor shall such defaulter be permitted to participate in any GAMMAI authorized championships or event.
- 4.5 Defaulters will be served a written Membership Fee Demand Note, by the GAMMAI Treasurer, either by email or by speed post or by courier or registered post, demanding for payment of the outstanding annual renewal fee, along with the penalty fee of Rs.500/- per month, for ONE year of default. Defaulters will be entitled for restoration of rights and privileges only on payment of the annual renewal fee along with the applicable penalty fee.
- 4.6 If even after the serving of the Demand Note by the GAMMAI Treasurer, a State or Union Territory MMA Association that does not pay the renewal fee along with the penalty as prescribed on or before the last day of September of the same financial year, the GAMMAI Executive Body has the right to suspend such member and recommend to the General Body to disaffiliate the member from the GAMMAI rolls of membership The decision of the GAMMAI General Body will be final in this respect
- 4.7 Termination of membership: With respect to a member State or Union Territory Association, GAMMAI membership shall be considered as terminated and withdrawn:
 - **a.** Upon dissolution or declaration of insolvency of the said member.
 - **b.** Upon determination that said member no longer fulfils the requirements of the GAMMAI Constitution.
 - **c.** Upon expulsion of the said member from the GAMMAI, for violation of the GAMMAI / Constitution and/or the GAMMAI or IOC Code of Ethics, subject to a decision made by the General Body and after having given a reasonable opportunity to the member concerned to be heard. Such decision shall be made by a majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast by the voting members present.
 - **d.** Upon being disaffiliated or derecognized by the GAMMAI or by the concerned State Olympic Association, as the case may be;



- **e.** Upon the concerned State Registrar of Societies reporting gross irregularities in internal functioning of a State or Union Territory MMA Association
- **f.** Upon the concerned State Registrar of Societies or any competent authority under any State law under which the State or Union Territory Association was registered, removing the name of the State or Union territory Association from its register or cancelling the said registration.
- **g.** Upon determination that the Certificate of Registration of the State or Union Territory Association has been obtained by misrepresentation of material information or by fraudulent means;
- **h.** Upon determination that the said State or Union Territory Association has failed to hold elections for its executive body as provided in its memorandum of association or articles of association or bye-laws or has committed gross irregularities in the election procedures;
- i. Upon discovery that the said State or Union Territory Association has failed to publish its annual audited accounts or submit its annual returns to the authority concerned;
- j. Upon determination that the said State or Union Territory Association has misused or unauthorized diverted any State Government funds or GAMMAI funds or any other funds given to it in assistance;
- **k.** Upon determination that the said State or Union Territory has violated any section of the Sports Development Act as may be applicable in that State or Union Territory.
- I. Upon breach of the GAMMAI provisions on the payment of Membership Admission and Annual renewal fees
- **m.** Upon failure of the said member to adequately develop and promote MMA , due to the Associations inability to properly organise work in their Sate or Union Territory;
- **n.** Upon refusal of the said member to implement resolutions and directives of the GAMMAI;
- 4.8 With respect to natural persons or individuals within or affiliated to the GAMMAI, membership is considered as withdrawn or terminated:
 - **a.** Upon death, resignation or loss of mental capacity of the concerned person.
- b. Upon conviction of an offence which is of serious nature under the Indian Penal Code or Prevention of Corruption Act, the Office Bearer or EB member or Sub-Committee Member shall resign immediately and if not then they will be excluded and will not be allowed to contest in the elections of the Executive Board I / Office Bearers of the GAMMAI till three years after completion of the sentence and the case will then be referred to the GAMMAI Ethics Commission for further guidance.
 - **c.** When charges have been framed by any Court in India, in respect of an offence which is of serious nature under the Indian Penal Code / Prevention of Corruption Act, in which the punishment of imprisonment of more than 2 years is prescribed. In such cases the said Member will resign immediately and if not then they will be



provisionally suspended and will not be eligible to contest in the elections and the case will then be referred to the GAMMAI Ethics Commission for further guidance **d.** When the conduct or behaviour of any GAMMAI Member compromises the GAMMAI Code of Ethics and the GAMMAI Constitution be referred to the GAMMAI Ethics & Legal Commission for recommending necessary penal action / expulsion

e. Upon expulsion in case of violation of the GAMMAI Constitution or the GAMMAI or IOA Code of Ethics. The final decision shall be made by the Annual General Body Meeting after having given a reasonable opportunity to the member concerned to be heard. Such decision shall be made by a majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast by the voting members present.

5. AFFILIATED STATE & UNION TERRITORY ASSOCIATIONS:

- 5.1. All GAMMAI affiliated State and Union Territory MMA Associations shall autonomously manage all MMA activities in their respective State or Union Territory and the intervention of any other public or private or national or international authority in their internal affairs is to be resisted and is prohibited.
- 5.2. A State or Union Territory Association is eligible for apply to become a member of the GAMMAI, provided it qualifies as State or Union Territory, which is duly recognized by the Government of India
- 5.3. All member State or Union Territory Associations of the GAMMAI shall function as autonomous and Non-Profit, Amateur, Martial Sport / Combat Sport organizations, abiding by the Rules and Regulations of GAMMAI and by the rules and regulations of GAMMA and must be free of all professional involvement.
- 5.4. All State or Union Territory MMA Associations under GAMMAI must strive against and resist, both passive acceptance and active implementation of any form of discrimination based on the grounds of political beliefs, caste, colour, gender or religious beliefs.
- 5.5. The GAMMAI shall accredit and recognize and affiliate as its FULL member only one State or Union Territory MMA Association from each State or Union Territory in INDIA, subject to that MMA Association evidencing that it has a minimum of 50% of the District level Associations affiliated to it. [founder members are excluded from this condition]
- 5.6. Apart from the above minimum 50% DISTRICT affiliation precondition, in order to acquire full membership, all aspiring state or union territory GAMMAI members shall undergo a two-year trial period as Provisional Candidate Members and must demonstrate during this two year period that they:



- a. Have held at least one State / Union Territory MMA championship
- b. Have held one State / Union Territory MMA coaching seminar
- c. Have held one State / Union Territory MMA referee seminar
- d. Have participated in at least one National MMA championship
- e. Have complied in full will all statutory and legal requirements
- 5.7. The GAMMAI may grant to any applicant State or Union Territory Association lacking the full requisite qualifications or being otherwise non-eligible for full membership, recognition as a provisional "Candidate Member" subject to and depending on whether:
 - a. That Association is registered and active or yet to be active in that State or Union Territory
 - b. The Association does not have an adequate number of members and activities to become a full State or Union Territory Association in accordance with the criteria prescribed above for full GAMMAI membership
 - c. That Association has or has not complied with the regulations of the Registrar of Societies or Income Tax Authorities in their State or Union Territory
- 5.8. The provisional Candidate members may take part in all activities of the GAMMAI, but shall have no right to vote, or contest in any election nor have the right to propose or second any motion at any GAMMAI meeting.
- 5.9. Provisional Candidate members who do not meet the requisites for becoming full members as cited above, may be removed from the GAMMAI membership or be replaced by another, following the end of the two-year period for any justifiable reason, by a resolution to this effect passed by the GAMMAI Presidency or the Executive Board [EB] of the GAMMAI
- 5.10 Under exceptional circumstances, the GAMMAI Presidency / or EB has the authority to confer FULL membership rights to any Provisional Candidate State member, without the necessity of having fulfilled all the GAMMAI membership eligibility criteria at that juncture, subject to subsequent ratification at the following AGM and subject to it undertaking in writing, to evidence full compliance of all GAMMAI Membership requisites within a specified time bound period.
- 5.11 Under exceptional circumstances ,the GAMMAI Presidency / or EB has the authority to confer FULL permanent membership rights to any Board or Institution provided that such members are represented in the AGM as Associate Members by only ONE Representative with the right to vote . Full members, Associate members or Candidate Members of the GAMMAI may resign from their capacity as GAMMAI members by submitting a notice in writing to that effect, to the Secretary General of the Executive Board [EB] of the GAMMAI



- 5.12 Honorary Membership of GAMMAI and Honorary Designations may be conferred on any eminent persons, for the purpose of promotion of MMA by the Presidency or EB of the GAMMAI, subject to subsequent ratification of the same by the GAMMAI General Body. Such Honorary conferees will NOT have the right to vote, propose or second any motions in GAMMAI EC or GAMMAI GB
- 5.13 Only ONE State / Union Territory MMA Association from each State / Union Territory in INDIA will be eligible to apply to become a Full / Associate / Candidate member of the GAMMAI. Furthermore, only a maximum of two authorized representatives from a full member State / Union Territory Association can be nominated and be eligible to contest in elections for posts in the GAMMAI Executive Body & Committees. Each full Member State / Union Territory is entitled to be represented by two representatives in the Annual General Body Meeting with each one having the right to vote
- 5.14 Until such a time that State / Union Territory Associations are formed and registered in each of the State / Union Territories of INDIA, the President on behalf of the Executive Board of GAMMAI can nominate or appoint a capable person or authority to represent the GAMMAI in that State / Union Territory.
- 5.15 Unless otherwise provided herein, only a maximum of two authorized representatives of GAMMAI affiliated full members in good standing and physically present at any GAMMAI Annual General Body Meeting will have the right to cast his/her vote. Proxies are NOT permissible,
- 5.16 The Register of the GAMMAI and all amendments there to, shall be open for inspection to all the members and also to Officers of the concerned Registrar of Societies.
- 5.17 Any member found to have violated any of the Articles / MOA / Rules or Regulations of the GAMMAI or the Charter of the IOC / IOA or GAMMAI Code of Ethics, can be after a due inquiry constituted by the GAMMAI Executive Board, be suspended or debarred from the GAMMAI for specified a period of time, the duration of which will depend on the nature and seriousness of the violation.
- 5.18 Such an errant member can however be expelled or debarred from the GAMMAI only by a resolution passed by 2/3 majority of the members of the AGM.
- 5.19 The Presidency and/or the Executive Board of the GAMMAI shall be the final and ultimate authority in all matters pertaining to Acceptance / Rejection of all applications for Membership of the GAMMAI from candidates across any State or Union Territory.



6. THE GENERAL BODY OF THE GAMMAI [GB]

- 6.1 The General Body of the GAMMAI is the absolute authority for the election of all Office Bearers and Executive Board Members. Executive Board members shall be elected from the members who form the General Body. The Annual General Body Meeting [AGM] shall be held ordinarily at least once in every financial year, at such place and time as determined by the GAMMAI Executive Board.
- 6.2 Membership in the General Body of the GAMMAI shall be in accordance with gender equality legislation, and shall ensure that the representation of any gender is not less than 30 % of the total membership of the GB.
- 6.3 Authority and functions of the General Body are as under:
 - a. To constitute and function as the ultimate authority within GAMMAI on any matter
 - b. To elect the President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Vice Presidents and all other members of the Executive Board, as well as to revoke their powers and authority, if need be;
 - c. To monitor the activities and to ratify the resolutions adopted by the GAMMAI Presidency, the Executive Board as well as other Committees and Commissions of the GAMMAI
 - d. To ratify the annual reports submitted by the GAMMAI President, Secretary General Treasurer and other GAMMAI officers and bodies:
 - e. To ratify and approve applications for membership and to remove /debar Full or Associate or Candidate or Honorary members from GAMMAI Membership
 - f. To approve the annual audited balance sheet and profit and loss statement of GAMMAI:
 - g. To approve and ratify the GAMMAI annual budget and annual expenditure.
 - h. To approve the GAMMAI annual programme and Calendar of Events;
 - i. To approve and ratify all matters and proposals concerning GAMMAI and the national development of MMA in India, as submitted by any State or Union Territory Association
 - j. To adopt and enforce the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of GAMMAI Constitution, as well as all its amendments thereof
 - k. To approve and ratify and adopt all amendments to the GAMMAI Constitution, Rules and Regulations;
 - I. To adopt resolutions on allegations or claims pertaining to the activities and orders of the President, Secretary General, Executive Board and other bodies and Commissions of the GAMMAI;
 - m. To adopt resolutions and rulings on all matters that do not directly fall under the jurisdiction of other bodies of GAMMAI hereunder;



- n. To ratify appointments of Auditors for the Association as resolved by the EB
- o. To take remedial or penal action against any State or Union Territory Member, found to have breached the Constitution or the General Rules or the Technical or Referee Rules of the GAMMAI or if it is determined that the election of any members to their State or Union Territory Executive Board was made by using procedures violating those stipulated in their State or Union Territory constitutions approved by GAMMAI.
- p. To ratify and approve the Amalgamation or Dissolution of the Association
- 6.4 The General Body shall comprise of:
 - a. Authorized Representatives of Full Members,
 - b. Members of the Executive Board,
 - c. Authorized Representatives of Associate Members,
 - d. Authorized Representatives of Provisional / Candidate Members,
 - e. Observers,
 - f. Special Invitees.
- 6.5 Only FULL Member State or Union Territory Members affiliated to the GAMMAI and in good standing have the right to vote and right to speak in the AGM.
- 6.6 The minimum requisite quorum for the Annual General Body Meeting [AGM] shall be 50% members of the Executive Board and 1/3 of the GAMMAI members with voting rights in good standing.
- 6.7 Representatives of full members are required to present written proof of their authorization to represent their State or Union Territory Association at the General Body Meeting signed by the Executive Board of their State or Union Territory Association, to the Secretary General of the GAMMAI before the commencement of the AGM.
- 6.8 Members represented in the GAMMAI General Body shall accord with gender equality to ensure that the representation of any gender is not less than 30%. of the total GAMMAI membership
- 6.9 The General Body Meeting shall be convened Once every year and preferably at the same venue as and in conjunction with the National MMA Championship. The Championships and AGMs as far as possible may rotate between the Member State or Union Territories and/or zonal regions therein.
- 6.10 In the event that a scheduled National MMA Championship is postponed, then accordingly the corresponding General Body Meeting may also be postponed until such time as the next National Championship is organized.



- 6.11 An **Extraordinary General Body Meeting** [EGM] of the GAMMAI may be convened by the Secretary General within 21 days of a request for the same made in writing citing the reasons either by:
 - **1.** The Presidency
 - 2. Or by a Majority of the Members of the Executive Board
 - **3.** Or By at least 50% of the full members.
- 6.12 The Secretary General acting under the guidance of the Executive Board shall prepare the Agenda for the sessions of the General Body Meeting. Should the Executive Board be absent or unable to act, the President shall provide the necessary guidance to the Secretary General on the same.
- 6.13 Any member State or Union Territory Association wishing to submit points or issues for inclusion in the agenda of a session of the General Body Meeting, should submit full details of the same to the Secretary General, at least 45 days prior to the scheduled date of the General Meeting.
- 6.14 A notice of the date and venue of the General Body Meeting as well as a copy of the agenda shall be dispatched by the Secretary General to all member State or Union Territory Associations, to the members of the Executive Board and to the concerned IOA and Government authorities [when applicable], as well as to all other concerned persons, either by registered letter, or by fax, email, telegram or by speed post or courier, at least 21 days prior to the scheduled date of said AGM.
- 6.15 The General Body Meeting shall elect members to posts in the Executive Board and shall approve any amendments to the GAMMAI Constitution, and to its Rules and Regulations. It reviews and ratifies the financial report and approves the annual report and annual budget. It shall consider recommendations from its committees and boards and shall raise questions if necessary. It shall review questions and decisions made by the Executive Board of GAMMAI as well as proposals made by Members and may ratify the same.
- 6.16 The General Body Meeting may, as a rule, examine only those items listed on the agenda, with the exception of any item in respect of which 2/3 of members present with voting rights, may additionally propose for discussion, but only with the permission of the chairman of the AGM.
- 6.17 The General Body Meeting shall be chaired by the President GAMMAI and in his/her absence by a Vice President chosen by ballot. Should the President and Vice Presidents be absent, the Meeting shall be chaired by any one of the members of the Executive Board chosen by ballot.
- 6.18 Elections shall be held during the AGM for posts of office bearers and Members of the GAMMAI Executive Board in accordance to the Annexure XXXVII



- [Model Election Guidelines] of the National Sports Development Code. All such votes in the General Body Meeting shall be cast by secret ballot only. Authorization of eligibility to vote shall be issued only to full Members with voting rights, by the Secretary General. Full Member State or Union Territory Associations shall be represented by 2 members with each having the rights to cast their individual vote.
- 6.19 The Chairman of the General Body Meeting has the right to a casting vote in the case of a ballot tie.
- 6.20 Unless so provided otherwise herein, Members of the Executive Board **other than the President,** shall have no voting rights **unless** they represent a Full Member State or Union Territory Association and present to the Secretary General, written proof of their authority signed by the Executive Board of their State or Union Territory MMA Association, prior to the commencement of the General Meeting.
- 6.21 As soon as maybe before / after the issuance of the Notice of any AGM, wherein elections of office bearers and members of the Executive Board are to be conducted, the President of GAMMAI, shall nominate a person as the Returning **Officer** for the conduct of the elections in accordance to the Annexure XXXVII [Model Election Guidelines of the National Sports Development code]. Nomination of Candidates for elections as office bearers or members of the Executive Board of GAMMAI shall be made in accordance to clause no. 06 of Annexure XXXVII to the Returning Officer. Such Nominations must be submitted, no later than 45 days prior to the scheduled date of the GAMMAI General Body Meeting.
- 6.22 Candidature for posts the Executive Board other than the President must be supported by a special document issued by the Presidency of the State or Union Territory Association of the candidate, which attests the position that the candidate is contesting for. The Sate or Union Territory Association must also be of good standing and must be a Full Member of the GAMMAI.
- 6.23 To be eligible to contest as a member of the GAMMAI Executive Board , a member must evidence that he/she :
 - 1. Be a permanent resident of the said State or Union Territory represented.

 However the Presidential candidate need only be a permanent resident of India and may necessarily reside in the any GAMMAI member state or union territory
 - 2. Be in full possession of his / her civil rights and mental capacity.
 - 3. Undertakes in writing that if in the event of conviction for an offence which is of serious nature under the Indian Penal Code / Prevention of Corruption Act, the said Executive Body Member / Office Bearer , shall resign immediately and if not then they will be excluded and will not be allowed to contest in the elections of the Executive Body of the GAMMAI till three years after completion of the sentence



and the case will then be referred to the GAMMAI Ethics Commission for further guidance.

- 6.24 Candidate Members for ALL the posts in the EB and Commissions of the GAMMAI should not have had any charges framed against him/her under section 228 of the Criminal Procedure Code for any offence involving a punishment for more than three years;
- 6.25 Unless provided otherwise herein, he/she shall not exceed the age of sixty six years at the time of first contesting the election and should not hold office after attaining the age of seventy years;
- 6.26 He/she shall obtain previous sanction from the Government of India, if the said candidate is a Government servant and he /she be allowed to hold office for a maximum period of four years;
- 6.27 He/she should not have served as an Office Bearer in the Executive Body of the GAMMAI for more than two consecutive terms of office each term not exceeding four years: Provided that an Office Bearer, who has held the office as such for two consecutive terms, (each term not exceeding four years), shall be eligible to hold such office after a period of four years from the date on which he completed the second term: Provided further that this clause shall not apply to any election for the office of the President of GAMMAI.
- 6.28 The President of the GAMMAI shall not be eligible to re-contest for the post of President on completion of twelve years or three terms of office of four years each in that office with or without any break;
- 6.29 An Office Bearer shall be debarred from holding the office in the GAMMAI immediately upon his conviction by a court of law and sentence for a period of two or more years of imprisonment for a period of six years from the date of conviction or for a period of six years after completion of sentence whichever is later.
- 6.30 Unless provided otherwise by the Minister of Sports, a Minister (whether as a Cabinet Minister or Minister of State or Deputy Minister) in the Ministry or Department of Sports in the Central Government and any other official of the Department of Sports in the Central Government or any official of the Sports Authority of India **shall not be eligible to contest** for any elective post in the GAMMAI until the expiry of five years from the date of relinquishing the charge as such Minister or retirement or relinquishing of charge by the officials, as the case may be.
- 6.31 An Office Bearer of the GAMMAI Executive Board (as defined herein) shall not be eligible to concurrently hold the post of an Office Bearer in any other IOA recognized or Govt. recognized National Sports Federation, except the National Olympic Committee



where the term served in the GAMMAI shall not be included in the computation of limitation of tenure;

6.32 An Office Bearer of the GAMMAI who has completed one term shall not be eligible to contest for the post of an Office Bearer in another National Sports Federation unless a period of four years has elapsed from the date he vacated his office.

7. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GAMMAI [EB]:

- 7.1. The Executive Board [EB] of GAMMAI shall consist of THIRTEEN Members duly elected to these posts by the General Body. More EB members and more EB designations may be added / amended, as and when required for whatsoever reason, the majority resolution of the Presidency or Executive Board and ratified subsequently by the General Body.
 - a) The National President
 - b) The Senior Vice President
 - c) The Vice President [VP North Zone]
 - d) The Vice President [VP East Zone]
 - e) The Vice President [VP West Zone]
 - f) The Vice President [VP South Zone]
 - g) The Secretary General
 - h) The Treasurer
 - i) The Joint Secretary
 - i) The Athletes Commission Representative [Male]
 - k) The Athlete Commission Representative [Female]
 - I) Executive Board Member
 - m) Executive Board Member
- 7.2 As and when applicable, the elected posts of the GAMMAI President, Secretary General and Treasurer ONLY shall be deemed as the **Office Bearers of the GAMMAI**, as defined by the Indian Olympic Association or as stipulated in the National Sports Development Code of India
- 7.3 The term of office of the elected EB Members and the Members of all the other Committees of the GAMMAI shall initially be for a period of **FOUR years** or till the next elections are held or as may be resolved by the Executive Board and duly ratified by the General Body. Any interim vacancies in the EB, that may arise due to resignations, death etc., shall remain vacant until so filled by eligible candidates duly elected at the subsequent Annual General Body Meeting or Electoral Congress.
- 7.4 The election of members into the Executive Body of the GAMMAI shall be conducted in a fair and transparent manner at least once in every four years, in



accordance with the Annexure XXXVII [Model code of Election] of the National Sports Development Code.

- 7.5 As and when applicable, eminent MMA athletes as nominated by the Athletes Commission shall be included in the decision making process of the Executive Body and the commissions of the GAMMAI.
- 7.6 The minimum strength and representation of MMA athletes in the GAMMAI Executive Board [all of whom shall have the same membership and voting rights as all other members of the Executive Board] shall not be less than twenty-five % of the Board Members who are elected by the General Body. Provided if through the electoral process a total strength of the athletes does not constitute twenty five % of the executive body, the Athlete Commission shall nominate the additional eminent athlete members, to the Executive Board, so as to comply with the minimum twenty five % quota.
- 7.7 Provided further that the said athletes proposed through the General Body of the GAMMAI, who have participated in any Olympics, Asian Games, World Cup/Championship, Commonwealth Games or at least three national championships conducted by the GAMMAI shall be counted towards the twenty five % representation of the athletes.
- 7.8 <u>Tenure of Posts</u> Unless otherwise provided herein, all Members of Executive Board of the GAMMAI shall be elected for a term not exceeding four (4) years and they may be eligible for re-election as below:
 - 1. All Members of Executive Board shall be elected on obtaining simple majority votes of the eligible full members of the GAMMAI present for voting at the election.
 - 2. 'Term' shall normally mean a period of 4 years.
 - 3. "Cooling Off Period' shall mean a period six months less than the Term
 - 4. No member shall hold a post of Executive Body Member, upon attaining seventy **years** of age. All Executive Body and Sub Committee Members must retire from his/her post of office immediately upon on attaining the **age of seventy years**:
 - 5. Provided however that in the event of an Office Bearer / EB Member also holding a post in the Executive Board or Commission or Committee or Council of the MMA International Federation, or the MMA Asian Union, or the MMA South Asian Union, the age limit may be extended for the duration of the term as the holder of a post in the International Federation if his/ her continuance in the International Body is conditional upon his being an Office Bearer in the GAMMAI, as the case may be;
 - 6. No member shall hold one or more Executive Board or Sub-Committee post for more than 5 consecutive terms or 20 years, whichever is less.
 - 7. No Member shall hold the post of post of National President of GAMMAI for more than three consecutive terms or twelve years, whichever is less.



- 8. No Member shall hold the post of Secretary General or Treasurer for more than two consecutive terms or eight years, whichever is less, but can contest for the post of president after completion of two terms without a cooling off period.
- 9. Two terms shall be treated as consecutive with the gap between them is less than the cooling off period.
- 10. Members who have already completed 5 consecutive terms in any of the Office Bearer as defined herein without a cooling off period will have to take a break of one cooling off period before being eligible to contest for any Office Bearer post.
- 11.A member after completing the maximum number of consecutive terms permissible as above shall be eligible for election to Office Bearer posts only after a cooling off period.
- 12. Secretary General or Treasurer will be eligible after a cooling off period to contest for their or each other's post after completing two terms.
- 7.9 Each and every Executive Board member of the GAMMAI shall be individually and jointly accountable to the National President of the GAMMAI, and shall be subject to an **Annual Performance Review,** wherein they must evidence their efficient execution of his/her assigned EB responsibility and designated duties. He/she may be subject to penal action. Suspension and/or dismissal from the EB by the majority vote of the EB / AGM, in the unlikely event of determination of any breach of the GAMMAI rules & regulations or for dereliction or negligence of duty or for indulging in or partaking in any anti-GAMMAI activities, or for prolonged or continued inactivity or absence from meetings.
- 7.10 Any GAMMAI Executive Body Member or GAMMAI Commission / Sub Committee member, found have absented himself/herself from THREE consecutive GAMMAI Executive Body Meetings, without prior notice with valid and acceptable reason, would be summarily considered to have voluntarily resigned from his/her post of elected office.
- 7.11 The members of the Executive Board must have meetings at least two times a year as well as on the occasion of GAMMAI General Body meetings. The Executive Board may be convened by the President at any time as he/she may deem fit or as requested by the majority of the members of the Executive Board. The Executive Board must ratify all decisions concerning GAMMAI that were made directly by the Presidency, under any emergency circumstances.
- 7.12 In the event that any elected EB member or GAMMAI Commission member faces charges that have been framed by any Court in India, in respect of an offence which is of serious nature under the Indian Penal Code or Prevention of Corruption Act, in which the punishment of imprisonment of more than 2 years is prescribed, then the said Member / Office Bearer/ Member of the Executive Body of the GAMMAI must mandatorily and immediately resign from office and if not then he/she will be



provisionally suspended and will not be eligible to contest in the elections and the case will then be referred to the GAMMAI Ethics & Legal Commission for further action.

- 7.13 Any member of GAMMAI whose conduct / behaviour compromises or wilfully violates the GAMMAI Code of Ethics and the GAMMAI or the GAMMA Constitution shall be referred to the GAMMAI Ethics & Legal Commission for further action. Any other allegation of unethical conduct shall be referred to the Ethics & Legal Commission within 2 weeks, who will forward its findings within 60 days to the Executive Board for a decision. In case the finding is against any Office Bearer or Member of the Executive Board, then he/she will need to recuse from that Executive Board meeting.
- 7.14 The Executive Board shall not include more than two representatives from each State or Union Territory MMA Association. The National President of GAMMAI shall be exempt from such precondition.
- 7.15 At the expiry of a term of office, any elected member of the Executive Board shall be automatically eligible for re-election to the same office.
- 7.16 The members of GAMMAI Executive Board must not derive any personal financial or commercial profit directly or indirectly from the MMA business world. This clause however does not apply to professional managers / consultants / MMA coaches / MMA Referees and MMA instructors etc., who may be retained with remuneration and nominated or inducted as EB members by the majority decision of the Presidency or by the Executive Board, subject to ratification at the Subsequent AGM.
- 7.17 As far as possible both genders must be represented in the GAMMAI Executive Board and GAMMAI Commissions.
- 7.19 GAMMAI may induct Honorary Members, whose title is awarded at the GAMMAI General Body Meeting are inducted based on proposals received from any State or Union Territory Member Association or on recommendation of the GAMMAI Executive Body. Such members may be individuals, companies, associations or other public organizations that have made a specific contribution to the development of MMA in India or have provided special services to the GAMMAI,
- 7.20 GAMMAI may induct Associate Members (Boards, Institutions, Organizations and individuals) that provide practical assistance in the promotion of MMA in India. Such induction may be ratified by the GAMMAI General Body based on the recommendations of the corresponding State or Union Territory MMA Associations or of the GAMMAI Executive Board or by GAMMAI Presidency.
- 8. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



- 8.1 The NATIONAL PRESIDENT of GAMMAI shall be an established and renowned national or international sports federation management expert or a renowned National or State Official or Dignitary or a National Patron of the Sport and he/she shall function as the Chief Executive Officer [CEO] of the Association.
- 8.2 The National President will direct the Executive Board Members of GAMMAI and will represent GAMMAI within the Nation and globally whenever needed.
- 8.3 The National President shall advise GAMMAI Executive Board on GAMMA guidelines developmental polices and strategies and issues
- 8.4 He/she shall be responsible for representing the interests of the GAMMAI Presidency globally and shall represent the GAMMAI within the Executive Boards / Commissions of the GAMMA and all pertinent International or Continental Sports Governing authorities.
- 8.5 The National President shall with full legal authority of GAMMAI General Body, and with the assistance of the GAMMAI Secretary General, represent the GAMMAI in all GAMMA Congresses / AGM / Conferences and Seminars and he/she shall hold the absolute mandate and authority of the GAMMAI Executive Board and General Body, with the right speak and right to vote on behalf of the GAMMAI, ensuring its best interest at all times.
- 8.6 The President shall represent the interests and rights of the world bodies GAMMA and all other world bodies within India and within the GAMMAI and shall uphold and enforce the constitution and rules and regulations and the code of ethics of GAMMA and shall monitor and govern the compliance of the same by all affiliated GAMMAI state and Union Territory members
- 8.7 The National President has the authority, responsibility and duty to uphold the rights, the integrity and the global image of GAMMAI and that of the Nation, on a global platform.
- 8.8 The President has the authority and duty to protect the interests, participation rights and welfare of all MMA athletes of the Nation and represent their interests to the GAMMA Executive Boards, and other international sports authorities, so as to secure adequate technical training, manpower and training materials and fiscal support to set up and maintain a world class MMA training infrastructure within the nation for the benefit of GAMMAI Members.
- 8.9 The President and the Secretary General of GAMMAI shall be ex-officio Members of GAMMAI Commissions and shall govern and monitor the National Team Selection Commission, so as to ensure in the interests of the Nation, that eligible and highly skilled national MMA athletes, secure the right and opportunity to



participate in all international GAMMA approved events, as well as in all IOC events, OCA events [Asian Games, Asian Indoor Martial Arts Games, Asian Beach Games and Youth Games, Children of Asia Games] South Asian Games, Sport Accord Combat Games, Police Games, University Games, School Games, World Games and any other Internationally recognized Martial art/Combat Sport event, as and when may be applicable.

- 8.10. The National President shall uphold and enforce the Constitution and Rules and Regulations and the Code of ethics of the GAMMAI and shall monitor the compliance of the same by all affiliated GAMMAI state and Union Territory members.
- 8.11 The President, in due consultation with the Zonal Vice Presidents and other EB Members, shall be responsible for the formulation and monitoring the successful implementation of all approved plans and policies for the promotion and propagation of MMA within the States and Union Territories of the Nation.
- 8.12 He/she with the assistance of the EB members shall be responsible to expedite and secure the official recognition of the GAMMAI as a National Sports Federation duly recognized by the Indian Olympic Association [IOA] the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Sports Authority of India and from The School Games Authority and the University Games Authority as well as from all other relevant National Sports Governing Bodies.
- 8.13 He/she shall ensure and monitor compliance of the GAMMAI to the guidelines of the National Anti-Doping Agency [NADA] Guidelines as well as compliance to the IOA Code of Ethics, and the National Sports Development Code of India [As and when applicable].
- 8.14The President shall be responsible for supervising the overall functioning of the GAMMAI and has the duty to secure and ensure adequate funding for the GAMMAI Annual Budget and for day to day operations from Government and Corporate and/or Private funding and sponsorships, so as to fulfil GAMMAI Annual Budget and the GAMMAI national MMA Development plan.
- 8.15 The National President is responsible for the monitoring of the day-to- day activities of GAMMAI, for the guiding the EB Members, for sanctioning of GAMMAI funds, and for hiring of national administrative personnel.
- 8.16 The President of the GAMMAI has the mandated authority:
 - 1. To nominate candidates to General Body for the position of Secretary General and Vice Presidents from among the Executive Board members;



- 2. To establish commissions and working groups, and delegate part of presidential powers to them;
- 3. To authorise members of the Executive Board, other committees and working groups to sign documents on behalf of the GAMMAI (grant the right of sole or joint signature for certain documents);
- 4. To sanction in due consultation with the Treasurer, reimbursement from the GAMMAI treasury any expenses of members of the Executive Board and other GAMMAI Committees, incurred legitimately in connection with representing the interests of the GAMMAI globally or nationally or in connection with payment of Membership or Afflation fees to National or International Sports Governing bodies to which GAMMAI seeks affiliation, establishing State representative offices, staging events, organising tours, and other expenses incurred in the interests of the GAMMAI or GAMMA. All such expenses must be justified and certified jointly by Presidency
- 5. To sanction in due consultation with the Treasurer, disbursal of funds from the GAMMAI Treasury to the Zonal Vice Presidents of GAMMAI, so as to assist the regional development and promotion of MMA, as and when deemed necessary.
- 6. To convene a Meeting of the Presidency to resolve any urgent or emergency issues
- 7. To judiciously sign JOINTLY with the Secretary General, all documents entailing any legal and financial liability for the GAMMAI or for its members or its officials, regardless of its ramifications, whether internal within the nation or external on an international level,
- 8. To appoint a Returning Officer for the election of the Office Bearers and Members of the GAMMAI Executive Board.
- 8.17 Should the position of the National President become vacant for a prolonged duration, for any reason, the duties of the President shall be performed by the Senior Vice-President of the GAMMAI. In cases when the Senior Vice-President is unable to perform the duties of the President for any reason, the Executive Board of GAMMAI shall authorise one of the Vice Presidents to perform the duties of the GAMMAI President pro tempore, and presidential elections shall be held at the next GB meeting.
- 8.18 In case there being an equal number of votes in the Executive Board voting, the President shall have the casting vote.
- 8.19 The VICE-PRESIDENTS shall assist President. The Senior Vice President shall substitute for the President, whenever he/she is unable to perform his/her duties. Each Zonal Vice President of GAMMAI shall be accountable directly to the National President, for the promotion propagation and development of MMA in their assigned Region or Zone [as specifically assigned by the GAMMAI presidency]. In cases where any one Vice-President is unable to perform his/her duties, any other VICE PRESIDENT shall take additional responsibility and perform those duties.



- 8.20. In cases where the Vice-Presidents are able to perform their duties, one of the Executive Members will be appointed to chair the Executive Board by the members present.
- 8.21. The Presidency of GAMMAI will assign the specific States and/or Union Territories that come under the purvey of each Zonal Vice President and may create additional Zonal regions and/or posts of additional Zonal vice-Presidencies as and when required.
- 8.22. The SECRETARY GENERAL is the Chief Operating Officer of GAMMAI and undertakes responsibility for its day to day administration of the GAMMAI and he/she is responsible for the normal day to day correspondence with all GAMMAI Representatives of State or Union Territory Associations and third parties.
- 8.23. The Secretary General assists the National President and shall be responsible for ensuring that the GAMMAI complies to all legal and statutory regulations as prescribed and as pertaining to a National Sports Federation in India.
- 8.24. Upon the request of the Secretary General, the President shall appoint a Special Secretary without the right to vote probably residing at the same city as the Secretary General. He/she shall attend to the work of the Secretary General in his/her absence.
- 8.25. The Secretary General is responsible for enforcing and monitoring compliance of the GAMMAI Constitution, and implementing resolutions as per minutes of the meetings of the GAMMAI General Body and the GAMMAI Executive Body, as well as for implementing the resolutions made by the GAMMAI Presidency. He/she shall monitor the performance of financial obligations of the State and Union Territory MMA Associations who are members of GAMMAI;
- 8.26. He/she accepts and scrutinises and conveys to the EB all applications for GAMMAI membership and registers the same;
- 8.27. He / she Maintains and updates records of All GAMMAI members;
- 8.28. He / She is the official custodian of all GAMMAI documents and records including the register of the minutes of all EB meetings and GB meetings
- 8.29. He/she ensures that the proclamations and agenda of all GAMMAI General Body Meetings and all GAMMAI Executive Body meetings are sent out in a timely manner;



- 8.30. The JOINT SECRETARY shall assist the Secretary General in the execution of his/her duties and shall undertake additional responsibilities as may be delegated by the GAMMAI Presidency.
- 8.31. The TREASURER is the Chief Financial Officer [CFO] of the Association. He/she shall be responsible for the day to day governance of all monetary transactions of the GAMMAI and ensuring financial discipline and accountability of all the EB members.
- 8.32. He/she shall also be responsible for formulating and implementing the GAMMAI Annual budget as approved by the GB and shall maintain and update the corresponding books of accounts of GAMMAI. It is mandatory that all disbursements from the GAMMAI Treasury/ Bank Accounts are verified and scrutinized by the GAMMAI Treasurer and sanctioned by the National President.
- 8.33. The EXECUTIVE MEMBERS of GAMMAI, as and when inducted shall assist the Vice Presidents & the Secretary General in the execution of their duties and shall substitute for a Vice President in case of need. Recognized national MMA athletes, nominated by the GAMMAI Athletes Commission shall also be represented in the EB as ATHLETE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES [Male and Female] with the right to vote.

9. THE GAMMAI PRESIDENCY

- 9.1. The GAMMAI Presidency ordinarily comprises of the National President, The Secretary General and the Treasurer, and may also include other members as and when deemed necessary. It is to be convened by the Secretary General upon the President's request.
- 9.2. In cases of any urgency or emergency, the Presidency has the right to convene and make the appropriate decisions, but these decisions will be binding on the Executive Board and must be ratified at the subsequent GAMMAI General Body Meeting.
- 9.3. All documents jointly entailing any legal and financial liability for the GAMMAI or its members or its officials regardless of its ramifications whether internal within the nation or external on an international level shall be judiciously executed only with the National President and the Secretary General of the GAMMAI.
- 9.4. The Presidency has the right to initiate interim penal action against any elected EB member, including suspension and referral to the GAMMAI Disciplinary & Legal Commission and Ethics Commission for recommending action to the GB for dismissal from post. Such action can be initiated only in the event that the said errant EB member is found to grossly negligent or lacking in the execution of his assigned duties or found to



have wilfully violated the Rules and Regulation or the Constitution of GAMMAI or the GAMMAI Code of Ethics.

- 9.5. The National President has at his discretion, the personal authority to voluntarily relinquish his elected position as President of the GAMMAI (in the interest of furthering the goals of MMA development in India), and hand over his elected authority and designation, to any renowned high ranking National or State Official or Dignitary or to a recognized National Patron of MMA, subject to subsequent ratification of this handover by the General Body.
- 9.6. Provided further however that the said National President shall nonetheless continue to be a Member of the Executive Board of GAMMAI and a member of the GAMMAI Presidency, till the end of his elected tenure He/she shall then, however bear a new title and new designation of the Director General of the GAMMAI, he/she may or may not also be considered as an Office Bearer of the GAMMAI, as defined in herein.as resolved by the Presidency or by the EB and ratified by the General Body.

10. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- 10.1. The Executive Board is responsible for the day-to-day management of the GAMMAI
- 10.2. The Executive Board has all the powers required to regulate technical and financial issues associated with the activities of GAMMAI. The Executive Board manages the activities of the GAMMAI and among other things, its duties include:
- 1. Preparation of all supporting materials/ documentation required to adopt resolutions at General Body Meetings; submission of the aforementioned materials to the AGM for consideration:
- implementation of the resolutions adopted by the AGM
- taking all measures required to achieve GAMMAI objectives;
- 4. Implementing the directives of the Presidency and monitoring the of the activities of the Finance Commission and all other Sub Commissions so as to ensure the proper performance of duties by the aforementioned persons in accordance with the law and GAMMAI Constitution.
- 5. ensuring compliance with the provisions, the rules and the regulations of GAMMA;
- 6. preparation of provisions and amendments (if necessary) to the Constitution and the rules and regulations of GAMMAI;



- 7. Framing bye-laws in amplification of the provisions of these GAMMAI Constitution articles. Such bye-laws come into force immediately but may be amended or rejected by two third majority in the subsequent General Body meeting.
- acceptance and scrutiny of applications of candidates for election to the Executive Board
- 9. submission of information to the GB on incoming and outgoing EB members of GAMMAI;
- 10.submission of draft budgets and reports on the financial activities of GAMMAI for the preceding period to the GAMMAI General Body
- 11.consideration and approval of applications from candidates bidding to hosting National and Other MMA events in India
- 12. consideration of expulsion of members and suspension of the GAMMAI membership;
- 13.early termination and suspension of the powers GAMMAI Executive Board members; acceptance of reports and documents from State & Union Territory GAMMAI Members subject to ratification by the at the AGM, the EB can appoint an auditor to audit the GAMMAI annual accounts
- 14. Formulation of the annual budget for the ensuing year to be placed in the general body for its discussion and approval.
- 15.appointment of any special sub committees to consider specific matters or to organize any State events for the Association.
- 16. Nomination and appointment of Patrons for the Association and to nominate and appoint a Prominent Individual as the Hon. Members of the Association Both Patrons and Honorary Members of GAMMAI will not have any voting rights in the Association.
- 17. Initiation of appropriate action penal or otherwise against any affiliated member or individual to protect interest and integrity of the GAMMAI as well as the rules and Regulations and Constitution of the GAMMAI as well as that of GAMMA.

11. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

11.0 At least 50% of EB members must be present to form a quorum. In an Executive Board Meeting. If no quorum is present in the meeting can be adjourned and then reinstated after a time at the discretion of the President.



- 11.1 The Executive Board shall meet at least TWICE a year ,or as often as deemed fit for the business of the Association, for which ordinarily 21 days prior notice shall be given to every member of Board and to the relevant GAMMAI Commissions and committee in advance by email / speed post / courier . Every member shall have one vote. All matters shall be decided either by voting or by ordinary raising of hands. In case of a tie/equal votes the President shall have the additional casting vote.
- 11.2 Resolutions of the GAMMAI Presidency or of the GAMMAI Executive Board and by the GAMMAI AGM / EGM made vide on line video conference by Zoom messenger, Skype, WhatsApp, Google Meet etc. are permissible and shall be considered valid, subject to quorum and record of the same or written records of the same being maintained and subject to ratification by the General Body.

12. GAMMAI COMMISSIONS [SUB-COMMITTEES]

- 12.1 GAMMAI Commissions shall be formed as and when required, so as to cater to the work of GAMMAI or as required by the appropriate authority, as per the recommendation of the Presidency or the GAMMAI Executive Board, based also on written suggestions and nominations received from the GAMMAI member Associations.
- 12.2 The activities of these Commissions are directed by the GAMMAI Presidency and/or by the Executive Board in accordance with resolutions of the General Body, so as to preserve the integrity, values and traditions of MMA as a universal and Olympic Martial Art & Combat Sport.
- 12.3 Unless provided otherwise herein, the GAMMAI Commissions shall consist of a qualified Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary and two Executive Directors, appointed by the Executive Board of GAMMAI on the basis of their relevant abilities, track record and merit. In case the Commission Chairman resigns, his/her responsibilities are transmitted to the Vice Chairman until the next General Body meeting.
- 12.4 The National President and the Secretary General of GAMMAI shall also be an ex officio member of all relevant GAMMAI Committees.
- 12.5 As per IOA / GAMMA Guidelines the GAMMAI shall initially constitute Sub Committees or Commissions below:
 - a) Technical Commission [Referees & Coaches Commission]
 - b) Finance Commission
 - c) Ethics & Legal Commission
 - d) Athletes Commission



- e) Women's Commission
- f) Media & Publicity Commission
- g) Arbitration & Disciplinary Commission
- h) Medical and Anti-Doping Commission
- i) MMA Disciplines Commission
- j) National Grading Commission
- k) Para MMA Commission [Differently Abled Commission]
- I) National Team Selection Committee

13. ATHLETES COMMISSION

- 13.0 As and when applicable, GAMMAI shall in compliance to the National Sports Development Code, constitute the GAMMAI Athletes Commission, consisting of members and to perform the duties and discharge its functions as defined under the Act.
- 13.1 Composition of the GAMMAI Athletes Commission for shall consist of elected members:
 - 1. At least 7 members, so as to ensure that every discipline of MMA, as the case may be, is represented in the said Athletes Commission;
 - 2. Preference will be given National Athletes who have taken part in any GAMMA recognized International or Asian Championships or to athletes who have been placed in the top 10 ranking in any GAMMAI Senior National MMA Championships .
- 13.2 Minimum percentage of participation to Women will be as per guidelines of the IOC quota for Women in its Athletes Commission. Provided further that when the number of athletes qualifying in a sport is less than seven then all such athletes shall constitute the Athletes Commission.
- 13.3 The GAMMAI Athletes Commission all be elected as follows:
 - 1. Election shall be held at the same year as the election of the GAMMAI Executive Body, with the same tenure as of the Office Bearer of the GAMMAI
 - 2. Every Athlete taking part in Senior Nationals of the GAMMAI in that year shall be eligible to vote Athletes Commission. Each athlete will have one vote.
 - 3. Provided that in the event the senior Nationals are not being conducted regularly, athletes who have taken part in the international competition shall be eligible to vote.
- 13.4 All elected members to the GAMMAI Athletes Commission will elect one of their members as the Chairperson for the said tenure.
 - 1. The Chairperson of the Athletes Commission will be nominated as an Executive Member on the Executive Board of the GAMMAI



- 2. The Chairperson of the Athletes Commission shall further appoint an athlete to the Executive Board of the gender other than the Committee chairperson.
- 3. The Chairperson of the Athletes Commission will appoint Athletes of the Commission in committees/sub-committees of GAMMAI, wherever possible unless stated otherwise in the constitution of the GAMMAI.
- 13.5 Athletes Commission will advise the GAMMAI Executive Board on the need of the athletes as regards to:
 - 1. Sport Development;
 - 2. Training and competition schedules;
 - 3. Resolution grievances;
 - 4. Selection and Technical Criteria;
 - 5. Logistical and administration support; and
 - 6. Support for Athletes beyond his/her competitive sports career.

14. PREVENTION OF AGE FRAUD: PREVENT WRONG DISCLOSURE OF AGE BY AN ATHLETE

- 14.1. The Central Government may prescribe rules, for prevention of wrong disclosure of age by an athlete, guardian, coach, trainer or other support personnel.
- 14.2. It shall be the responsibility of the GAMMAI Executive Board and Sub Committees to prevent wrong disclosure of age by an athlete of the national core group and the GAMMAI shall be facilitated in this regard by the Sports Authority of India.

15.ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 15.0 In compliance with the GAMMA Constitution, member State and Union Territory MMA Associations affiliated to the GAMMAI, may participate ONLY in events and competitions organised by affiliated units the GAMMAI
- 15.1 State and Union Territory MMA Associations and their athletes, referees and coaches wishing to have sporting ties with organisations who are not GAMMAI members or whose membership in GAMMAI is suspended, may do so ONLY with the prior written sanction of the GAMMAI Presidency or EB. Appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken against any member State or Union Territory MMA Association and / or athletes that violate this regulation.
- 15.2 All international MMA competitions as well as Continental Championships and World Cups that may be held in India must adhere to prevalent the rules and Regulations of the GAMMAI. All GAMMA approved competitions in India must be held in strict accordance with the GAMMA Regulations applicable.



- 15.3 Only athletes who are citizens of India, with a high level of training who have been recommended by the relevant State or Union Territory MMA Association and who are residents of the corresponding state or union territory will permitted to take part in any GAMMAI approved National, Continental or International GAMMA recognized competitions.
- 15.4 Provided however that under extraordinary circumstances, the GAMMAI Executive Board / Presidency has the authority to adopt a resolution on permitting certain athletes [not fulfilling the conditions herein ,other than citizenship] to take part in international GAMMA competitions.
- 15.5 State and Union Territory MMA Associations are responsible for organising their own internal MMA competitions, camps and seminars.

16. WOMEN' S COMMISSION : PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- 16.0 It shall be the duty of the GAMMAI EB to prevent sexual harassment in sports, and as such the GAMMAI shall constitute a **Women's Commission**, which along with the GAMMAI **Legal Commission** and **Disciplinary Commission** shall adopt measures, as under:
 - 1. Notify, publish and circulate, guidelines for the safety and well-being of all involved in Sports;
 - 2. Establish appropriate systems to ensure healthy relationship between coach and athletes:
 - 3. Provide for sufficient number of women members in the coaching and support staff for every woman athlete or team of women athletes;
 - 4. Provide appropriate conditions for women in respect of work, leisure, health and hygiene;
 - 5. Provide reasonable assistance to the adversely affected athlete, where sexual harassment occurs as a result of an act or omission by any third party and initiate appropriate legal action against such third party;
 - 6. To ensure resolution of all sexual harassment complaints, in a time bound manner so as to comply with the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court or the mandate of any other enactment:
 - 7. Provided that, to prevent the possibility of any undue pressure or influence from within the organisation, the **GAMMAI Women's Commission** shall have an independent member either from a non-governmental organisation or other body/person, as the case may be, who is familiar with the issues of sexual harassment.

17. <u>ARBITRATION COMMISSION: DISPUTE RESOULTION FOR STATE OR</u> UNION TERRITORY ASSOCIATIONS



- 17.0 It is mandatory that all unresolved disputes raised by any member / association of GAMMAI must be settled by the **Arbitration & Disciplinary Commission** of the GAMMAI and if still unresolved may be referred to National Sports Arbitration Tribunal and all GAMMAI Members shall voluntarily surrender their right of seeking redress in any Court of Law.
- 17.1 As a general rule, before any important resolution or a measure such as mentioned above affecting a State or Union Territory Association, the GAMMAI will first inform, consult and co-ordinate with the Indian Olympic Association or the National Sports Arbitration Tribunal. The IOA and the National Appellate Sports Tribunal must nonetheless respect the autonomy of the GAMMAI as an independent legal entity.
- 17.2 All matters in relation to breach of ethics shall be referred to the Ethics and Legal Commission of the GAMMAI as per the regulations of the **Ethics and Legal Commission**.

18. DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION AND SANCTIONS

- 18.0 In case of violation of the GAMMAI / GAMMA or IOC Charter and /or the Code of Ethics, the errant member Association or their representatives and the members of its Executive Board are liable to be referred to the GAMMAI Ethics and Legal Commission in conjunction with the GAMMAI Arbitration and Disciplinary Commission, whose task it would be to recommend action as under:
 - 1. Issuance of a Caution Notice / Show Cause notice by the GAMMAI Executive Board
 - 2. Issuance of a Warning Notice by the GAMMAI Executive Board
 - 3. Suspension for a specified period of time by the EB or by the General Body.
 - 4. Expulsion from the GAMMAI by the General Body. The final decision for expulsion shall be made by the General Meeting and after having given a reasonable opportunity to the member concerned to be heard. Such decision shall be made by a majority vote of the full members present:

Note:

- 1. No penalty shall be imposed before the member at fault has been heard at the interrogation specially conducted for this purpose.
- 2. Should an affiliate member fail to present itself through its accredited office-bearer at the interrogation, it shall be considered as having been interrogated.
- 3. As a general rule, except in special circumstances duly appreciated, suspension shall be applied as a temporary measure.
- 4. Disciplinary sanction, such as suspension or expulsion, will not be taken unless supported by two thirds of the General Body Members present and voting.



19. APPEAL AGAINST ARBITRATION

- 19.1 Any decision taken by GAMMAI is subject to appeal before the GAMMAI **Disciplinary and Arbitration Commission** of the GAMMAI within 21 days after the receipt of decision.
- 19.2 All Associations / members affiliated to the GAMMAI shall commit themselves to refer their unresolved sports-related disputes for settlement through the process of arbitration with GAMMAI Arbitration Commission which would be the highest internal authority for the resolution of sports-related disputes within the GAMMAI.
- 19.3 Any appeal against a decision made by any GAMMAI Arbitration Commission may be submitted to GAMMAI which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sport-related Arbitration through the National Appellate Sports Tribunal.
- 19.4 Such appeal shall be submitted within 21 days after the receipt of the decision from the Arbitration Commission, failing which the decision given by the GAMMAI Arbitration Commission shall be final and binding. Under no circumstances, the time limit of 21 days shall be extended.

20. <u>ETHICS COMMISSION: UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE:</u>

- 20.0 If during any Olympics Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, South Asian Games, National Games, State Games or in any other International competitions, any incidence of unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of any GAMMAI member sportsman/sportswoman, official or coach, which includes instances of assault . verbal or physical abuse, making undesirable gestures, abusing the decision of the Judges/Referees and provoking the opponents or spectators, etc., in a word, committing any act not in keeping with the propriety of sports and the integrity of the Nation and State, and or laws, social norms of the host nation, shall be liable for stringent penal action as follows:
- i. Disqualification for the duration of the event of that category of competition;
- ii. Disqualification for the entire duration of the competition;
- iii. Prohibition from participation in ALL competitions for a fixed period of time.



21. MEDICAL COMMISSION: ANTI-DOPING

- 21.1 In compliance with GAMMA and NADA regulations, any use of substances designed to artificially enhance an athlete's performance is prohibited. In this regard, the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulation of the GAMMA, along with the rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency and the World Anti-Doping Code, shall apply.
- 21.2 Neither any participants in competitions held under the auspices of GAMMAI and GAMMA, nor its officials or officers may interfere with the collection of samples for doping control.
- 21.3 The resolution to impose sanctions against athletes, officials or state or union territory associations that violate anti-doping regulations is adopted in accordance with the National Anti-Doping Agency [NADA] Regulations, the World Anti-Doping Code and the rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency [WADA].

22.FINANCE: BANK ACCOUNTS:

- 22.1 The GAMMAI Treasurer shall receive and keep proper account of the funds and assets of the Association. All monies of the GAMMAI shall be deposited in a recognized bank, approved by the Executive Board and such account or accounts shall be operated as under:
 - a. By the National President singly or jointly with the Treasurer Or
 - b. By the National President singly or jointly with the Secretary General
- 22.2 All financial disbursals must be sanctioned by the National President
- 22.3 The fiscal year of the Association shall be from 1st April to 31st March.
- 22.4 The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements of the GAMMAI shall be duly audited annually by a recognized firm of chartered accountants and returns filed with the Income Tax Authorities & with the Registrar of Societies as per the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act
- 22.5 Profit of Income and filing returns thereof shall be as per as per the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act



23. ACCOUNTS CLAUSE:

Proper accounts of the Association shall be maintained regularly. The accounts shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant every year. Accounts shall be closed by 31st of March every year. Copy of the Balance Sheet and the list of Committee members shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies as per as per the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act

24.INVESTMENT / FINANCE CLAUSE :

- 24.1 The funds of the GAMMAI shall be spent only towards the attainment of the objects of the Association and no portion there of shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any of its members through any means. All payments due to GAMMAI must be made in favour of the Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts India, by online transfer or by DD or account payee cheque or by direct cash remittance to the GAMMAI Bank account
- 24.2 GAMMAI funds shall mean the funds of GAMMAI Annual Budget secured by various sources or dues, in particular as below:
- a) Membership admission dues;
- b) Annual membership renewal dues;
- c) Various contributions and donations:
- d) gains from selling rights to coverage of sporting events organised by GAMMAI with prior approval of GAMMA by broadcasting images and/or sounds from the event by any means and/or technologies, by recording of the broadcast and/or photos of the event, as well the placing advertisement;
- f) various licensing dues;
- g) dues from participation fees in various events;
- h) fines;
- i) investments, other funds and gains;
- j) gifts and bequest values;
- k) dues for the right to various benefits;
- I) dues for permission to use GAMMAI emblems for advertising purposes;
- m) profit from potential investments, resources, shares, etc.
- 24.3 The amount of the GAMMAI annual membership dues and renewal fees for the State and Union Territory members is as resolved by the GAMMAI Executive board and ratified by the General Body
- 24.4 All contributions, duties, dues and fines are the property of GAMMAI and are non-refundable, except in cases of gross errors.



- 24.5 GAMMAI is bound by its obligations. The performance of the aforementioned obligations is secured by the assets of the GAMMAI.
- 24.6 The funds of the GAMMAI shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of as per the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act

25. AMENDMENT CLAUSE:

- 25.0 Alteration or amendments to the Memorandum of Association shall be made only as per as per the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act.
- 25.1 Change of Name or change of Rules & Regulations of the Association shall be made only as per the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act
- 25.2 Regarding amalgamation of Association, the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act, shall be followed.
- 25.3 No amendments to the Memorandum of Association Rules and Regulations shall be repugnant to the provisions of the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act.
- 25.4 Every amendment in the memorandum of association or articles of association or rules of the GAMMAI shall be passed by resolution of the General Body and before coming into force it shall be registered and recorded in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a State law under which the GAMMAI is registered

26. DISSOLUTION CLAUSE:

- 26.0 The dissolution of the Association, if it arises, shall be as per the corresponding section of the State Registration of Societies Act
- 26.1 In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Association, the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstance by distributed among the members of the Association but the same shall be transferred to another Association whose objects are similar to those of this Association and which if applicable enjoys recognition under Section 80(g) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.

27. DURATION:

The Association so formed shall be permanent and irrevocable.



28. APPLICABILITY OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

- 28.0 The Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts India [GAMMAI], as a National Sports Federation is deemed to be a public authority except in respect to certain matters as defined in clause (h) of section 2 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the GAMMAI must perform its duties and discharge its functions as such under that Act., as and when applicable.
- 28.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in the RTI Act 2005, the GAMMAI shall NOT be deemed to be a public authority in respect of the following matters, namely:
 - (a) selection, appointment or exclusion of any athlete, coach, trainer or physiotherapist for participation in any MMA competition;
 - (b) quality of performance of an athlete at any MMA competitions;
 - (c) injuries suffered by an athlete;
 - (d) medical health and fitness of an athlete;
 - (e) the whereabouts of an athlete;
 - (f) test results and information that are treated as confidential under the National Anti- Doping Agency Code
 - (g) Information including commercial confidence, trade secrets or intellectual property, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of a third party.

29.OFFICIAL LOGO / AWARD OF THE ASSOCIATION COLORS

- 29.0 The Official logo of the GAMMAI shall be an outer ring bordered in black laurel, with the words Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts India, inscribed in it in Black, with GAMMAI written in tricolour.
- 29.1 The Logo of the GAMMAI as described herein shall remain the sole intellectual property and trademark of the GAMMAI and unless already provided otherwise, can be used by others only with the prior written approval of the GAMMAI Presidency.





- 29.2 GAMMAI approved National MMA Athletes / Officials / Referees and Coaches may be awarded the GAMMAI colours and shall be permitted to wear the above Logo as a BADGE or Crest on their Athletic Uniforms or on their Official Blazer Pockets.
- 29.3 GAMMAI EC members and GAMMAI authorized Officials may be awarded the GAMMAI colours and shall be permitted to wear the above Logo as a small metal badge or Lapel Pin
- 29.4 The Presidency of the GAMMAI is the sole authority for the awarding of GAMMAI colours to all eligible parties.
- 29.5 Wearing of the GAMMAI colours by any OFFICIAL along with the requites Identity card shall entitle him/her, hinder less access to all Official events held within the Jurisdiction of the GAMMAI

30. OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE GAMMAI

- 30.0 The Official website of the GAMMAI shall be www.gammai.org
- 30.1 The Website Administration shall fall under the purview and strict supervision of the GAMMAI Presidency
- 30.2 All affiliated State and Union Territory GAMMAI Associations shall be featured on the GAMMAI website
- 30.3 Statutory data such as Registration Documents, copies of audited annual financial statements etc., as may be stipulated by any competent authority, shall be featured on the GAMMAI website



31. MISCELLANEOUS

- 31.0 The Interpretation of this Constitution/ Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulation and Bye Laws of the GAMMAI, as rendered by the Executive Board of the GAMMAI shall be deemed as final and binding on all parties and all members of the GAMMAI for all purposes and all issues.
- 31.1 The GAMMAI Executive Board shall adopt resolutions in all situations not covered specifically in this Amended Constitution/ Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulation and Bye Laws of the GAMMAI
- 31.2 All Resolutions passed by the Presidency and the EB of the GAMMAI shall be deemed as binding on all members of the GAMMAI, unless revoked subsequently by the Majority vote of the General Body.

32.BENEFITS:

- 32.0 The benefit of the Association shall be open to all irrespective of nationality, caste, creed, gender or religion.
- 32.1 For all things and matters and which have not been specifically provided for therein above, the provisions of the State Societies Registration Act and the rules made there under shall apply.