

## **ASIAN ATHLETICS CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the Association shall be Asian Athletics and its abbreviation shall hereafter be referred to as “the Association” or “AA”.

The Association is a continental area association constituted in Manila, Philippines on 21 November 1973 within the framework of the then International Amateur Athletics Federation (“IAAF”) and now, World Athletics (“WA”).

### **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1        Membership in the Association is open to governing bodies of the sport of athletics of ASIAN countries and/or territories affiliated with World Athletics.

Section 2        Application for membership shall be addressed to the Secretary-General of the Association who shall present the same to the AA Council for its consideration and recommendation to the Congress for final approval for the applicant to be accepted as an Affiliated Member Federation of AA (hereinafter shall be referred to as “Member Federation” (“MF”).

Section 3        No application for membership shall be considered unless the same contains the following requirements.

- (a) List of officials of the applicant.
- (b) The title of the national territorial association.
- (c) The postal address of its headquarters.
- (d) An application fee of US\$100 which shall constitute its annual dues if the application is approved.

Section 4        It is the obligation of Member Federations to submit to the Secretary-General a copy of their Annual Report simultaneously when the said Annual Report is submitted to World Athletics each year in the form and timeframe as required by World Athletics. If any Member Federation fails to do so, then such Member Federation will lose its right to attend the Congress.

Section 5        It is the obligation of Member Federations to carry out doping control in their major national competitions and out of competition testing, all results of which shall be communicated to the Secretary-General once a doping incident has occurred and, in any event, together with the Annual Report.

### **ARTICLE III – AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

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| Section 1  | To establish friendly and loyal co-operation among national governing bodies of athletics for the promotion and development of athletics.  |
| Section 2  | To strive to secure that there shall be no hindrance to the participation of any country or individual in international athletics competitions in Asia on social, religious or political grounds.  |
| Section 3  | To organise and promote (1) Asian Athletics Championships and other Asian Athletics championships including (2) Asian Athletics Under 23 Championships, (3) Asian Athletics Under 20 Championships, (4) Asian Athletics Under 18 Championships, (5) Asian Athletics Half Marathon Series, (6) Asian Athletics Cross-Country Championships, (7) Asian Athletics Indoor Championships, (8) Asian Athletics Relays Championships, (9) Asian Athletics Throwing Championships and other competitions and events decided by the Council and subsequently endorsed by the Congress.  |
| Section 4  | To co-operate with the Organising Committees of the athletics programme of the Asian Games in carrying through and the control of all the technical and financial arrangements.  |
| Section 5  | To frame rules governing the Asian Athletics Championships and other Asian athletics championships including Asian Athletics Under 23 Championships, Asian Athletics Under 20 Championships, Asian Athletics Under 18 Championships, Asian Athletics Indoor Championships, Asian Athletics Half Marathon Series, Asian Athletics Cross-Country Championships, Asian Athletics Relays Championships, Asian Athletics Throwing Championships as the nature of each competition is set out above in Section 3 and other competitions and events accidental to be held from time to time for the establishment and recognition to promote competitions in Asia and of Asian records and all other Asian Athletics Championships records. |
| Section 6  | To disseminate reports, periodicals, books, films, pictures and instructional matter of any kind relating to or dealing with athletics, in particular, to educate the athletes to fight against the abuse of drugs in athletics.   |
| Section 7  | to crystallise the Asian stand and viewpoint in the resolution of disputes arising among Member Federations and in all other difficulties that it may be faced with.   |
| Section 8  | To represent Asia and work to form the Asian team to participate in international competitions.  |
| Section 9  | To supervise and assist in the holding of Continental Group Championships, regional and bilateral meetings whenever possible.  |
| Section 10 | To encourage the coaches of Asia to form their own body to be under the aegis and guidance of the Association and to assist them in their cause.   |

- Section 11 To encourage and support a responsible concern for environment issues and to promote sustainable development in athletics.
- Section 12 To protect clean athletes in athletics by recognizing doping as a bane to the sport of athletics, by assisting and co-operating with World Athletics in applying and enforcing the World Anti-Doping Code and by adopting and enforcing such rules, programmes, systems and disciplinary measures as may be implemented by World Athletics insofar as they are applicable in the context of AA.
- Section 13 To protect and promote good sportsmanship and to hereby promulgate and adopt a Code of Ethics with such rules and regulations governing persons who are engaged by or acting on behalf of AA, officials or persons who are seeking to be officials of AA such as members of the Council Committees, Commissions, working groups, panels, units and standing committees, persons participating in competitions and events under AA including athletes and athletes support personnel and such other persons that the Code of Ethics may be applicable thereto.
- Section 14 Annexed to the Constitution as a schedule is the Symbol and Logo of Asian Athletics as adopted in the 25<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress on 11 July 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand and as prescribed in the accompanying new Section 14 in Article III which reads “In the Logo, the Sun symbolizes the beginning of the rising power of Asia. While the “A” in blue represents the inspiration, trust and loyalty of all the regions of Asia. The other “A” in gold represents confidence, success and winning pride of Asia. Overall, the Logo embodies intelligence, faith, stability, integrity, unity and co-operation with other continents in order for Asia to achieve greater heights in athletics globally.

#### **ARTICLE IV – OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The Official Language of the Association shall be **English**.

#### **ARTICLE V – SUBSCRIPTION FEES**

The Annual subscription fee from each Member Federation shall be US\$100.00 and shall be paid on or before 7<sup>th</sup> January of each year failing which the defaulting Member Federation may be suspended and may not be invited to participate in the activities of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI – FIVE (5) GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS AND RESPECTIVE FIVE (5) REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Section I The Association’s Affiliated Member Federations are grouped into five (5) Regional Associations according to their geographical locations:

- (A) Central Asia
- (B) East Asia
- (C) South Asia
- (D) South East Asia
- (E) West Asia

Section 2      Member Federations in each Regional Association shall be as follows:

(A) Central Asia (6 Member Federations)

Afghanistan  
Kazakhstan  
Kyrgyzstan  
Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Uzbekistan

(B) East Asia (8 Member Federations)

China  
DPR Korea  
Hong Kong  
Japan  
Korea  
Macau  
Mongolia  
Chinese Taipei

(C) South Asia (7 Member Federations)

Bangladesh  
Bhutan  
India  
Maldives  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Sri Lanka

(D) South East Asia (11 Member Federations)

Brunei  
Cambodia  
Indonesia  
Laos  
Malaysia  
Myanmar  
Philippines  
Singapore  
Thailand

Timor Leste  
Vietnam

(E) West Asia (13 Member Federations)

Bahrain  
Iran  
Iraq  
Jordan  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Oman  
Palestine  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syria  
United Arab Emirate  
Yemen

Section 3      Each Regional Association shall draw up its own constitution and rules and regulations which shall be applicable only within its own Regional Association but shall not be contrary to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of AA. In the event of any inconsistency between the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of a Regional Association and the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of AA, then to the extent of that inconsistency, the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of AA shall prevail.

Section 4      Subject to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of AA.

- (a) Each Regional Association shall have its Regional President and a Council democratically elected or appointed in accordance with the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Regional Association.
- (b) The Regional President of each Regional Association shall be appointed to the AA to become a Vice-President in the Council of AA in accordance with the provision of Article VIII Section 1(c) of this Constitution, or if he/she declines, such senior elected member of its Council as nominated by the Council of that Regional Association shall be appointed by it to replace, ipso facto, the Regional President to become the Vice-President in the Council of AA in that capacity and shall represent his/her Regional Association in the Council of AA.
- (c) Each Regional Association shall hold a general assembly of its Member Federations at least once every two (2) years at which representatives of its Member Federations are entitled to attend, speak and vote. Each Regional Association shall stipulate in their respective constitutions the mandatory Candidacy and Vetting Process respectively contained in Asian Athletics' Code of Ethics in Sections 4 and 5

respectively such that they shall apply to each candidate vying to hold office in the Regional Association.

- (d) Each Regional Association shall hold a general assembly of its Member Federations once every four (4) years coinciding with the Election Year of AA electing its Regional Association President and Council and if applicable, the person to be nominated to represent that Regional Association to be the Vice-President of AA at least 3 months earlier than the Election Congress meeting of AA.
- (e) Within fourteen (14) days of the President of the Regional Association shall have been elected or, if applicable, the Council of that Regional Association shall have nominated a replacement Vice-President in accordance with Section 4(b) of this Article, that Regional Association shall submit its nomination of the Vice-President together with the Declaration of Disclosure Form duly completed and signed personally by the nominee to the AA Office in order for that nominee to be vetted by the Vetting Panel pursuant to Article VIII Section 4 of this Constitution.
- (f) Each Regional Association shall have and maintain an office responsible for its administration and to coordinate with AA Office its activities and the timing of its meetings of significance including the above.

Section 5      The President and the Secretary-General of AA shall be notified of and have the right to participate, in all Council meetings and general assemblies of the Regional Associations without voting right.

## **ARTICLE VII – CONGRESS**

Section 1      The Congress shall be the governing body of the Association which shall consist of a Council and not more than two (2) delegates from each Member Federation and those persons mentioned in Sections 6, 10, 12 and 13 of this Article.

Section 2      The Congress shall be convened every two (2) years, normally at the time of the Asian Athletics Championships. Every meeting of such Congress which happens to take place in the same year as an Election Congress of World Athletics shall be an Election Congress meeting of the Association and shall take place in advance of such Election Congress meeting of World Athletics.

Section 3      A special meeting of the Congress known as an Extraordinary Congress may be called by the Council or by one-third of the Member Federations who shall give notice in writing to the Secretary-General stating their desire for such a meeting and the reason relating thereto. Upon receipt of any such notice, the Secretary-General in consultation with the President shall convene a meeting of the Congress within three (3) months. The Extraordinary Congress may only be called to address any of the following matters:

- (a) Resignation of two-thirds of the Council Members and the election of their replacements.
- (b) Particularly urgent matters which need immediate action for the constitutional changes of the Association.

Section 4      Invitations for an Extraordinary Congress shall be sent to Member Federations at least two (2) months prior to the specified date of that Congress, indicating the reason or reasons for such a meeting. The rules of procedure in the Ordinary Congress shall apply to the meeting of the Extraordinary Congress unless decided otherwise.

Section 5      The President shall preside at all Congress meetings. In his/her absence, the Senior Vice-President or, in his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside over the Congress.

Section 6      On completion of his or her term of office, the President shall assume the status of Honorary Life President of the Association and be ex-officio member of the Congress without voting right. There may be any number of Honorary Life Presidents but all shall be ex-Presidents.

Section 7      A Member Federation shall be represented at the Congress only by at most two (2) delegates, notice of whose appointments, certified in writing by the Member Federation must be lodged with the Secretary-General, at least one (1) calendar month prior to the date of the Congress. Delegates shall be citizens of the country of the Member Federation they represent.

Section 8      Only delegates of Member Federations shall have power to vote and votes shall be recorded by one delegate for each Member Federation. A delegate shall represent only one (1) Member Federation. No voting by proxy shall be allowed.

Section 9      The Congress shall in an Election Congress appoint the following six (6) Committees comprising five (5) members each. The Chairman of each such Committee shall be a member of the Council. The Congress shall delegate the task of the appointment of the composition of each such Committee to the Council which shall sit immediately after such Election Congress to select the Chairman and appoint the composition of each such Committee from the nominations of Member Federations:

- (a) Technical Committee
- (b) Women's Committee
- (c) Medical Committee
- (d) Coaching Committee
- (e) Cross Country & Road Running Committee
- (f) Race Walking Committee

- Section 10 (a) Athletes from Member Federations serving on the current World Athletics Athletes Commission shall be given special recognition and be invited to be participants at the Congress, without voting right, in order to honour the athletes of Asia.
- (b) Persons from Member Federations of the Association who are members of World Athletics Council shall be ex-officio members of the Congress and shall be entitled to attend and speak at the Congress meeting without voting right.
- Section 11 The attendance of one-third of Member Federations at the Congress shall constitute a quorum. The Congress only shall have the power to approve or alter any Constitutional Rules. But the Council shall have the capacity, authority and power to promulgate, amend, add to, alter or modify from time to time, Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws with regard to competitions and ordinary day to day administrative matters. All additions, amendments or alterations to the Constitutional Rules must obtain two-thirds of the voting rights of those Member Federations present and entitled to vote and such two-thirds must also represent at least one-third of the voting strength of the Association in accordance with the total number of Member Federations in Article VI Section 2 of this Constitution. Proposals to be submitted to Congress must reach the Secretary-General three (3) months prior to the date of the Congress. The Secretary- General shall send out the Agenda of the Congress and proposals to the Member Federations one and a half months prior to the date of the Congress.
- Section 12 In recognition of valued services given to the Association on the recommendation of the Council, Congress shall be entitled to elect Honorary Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Personal Members from individual members, officers and delegates from Member Federations to attend future Congress meetings, without voting right.
- Section 13 The President of World Athletics shall be notified of and shall have the right to participate in all Congress meetings of the AA without voting right.
- Section 14 Congress shall act on the recommendation of the Council to expel any Affiliated Member Federation upon approval of a simple majority of the voting members present at that Congress.
- Section 15 Any Member Federation or member of Council, Executive Board, Committee Commission, working group, panel, unit or standing committee may participate in any meeting of Congress, Council, Executive Board, Committee, Commission, working group, panel, unit and standing committee respectively and vote on any proposed resolution at such a meeting without being physically present. Such meeting may occur by telephone, through video conference facilities or by other means of electronic communication (other than electronic mail (email) communication) provided that prior notice of the meeting is given to all Member Federations or members of Council, Executive Board, Committee, Commission, working group, panel, unit or standing committee respectively and all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear each other effectively and simultaneously. Participation in such manner at a meeting shall constitute the presence of that Member Federation or member at the meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII – COUNCIL

- Section 1      There shall be a Council of the Association composed of nineteen (19) members. It shall consist of:
- (a) The President, democratically elected by the Congress.
  - (b) Senior Vice-President, democratically elected by the Congress.
  - (c) Five (5) Vice-Presidents, democratically elected by the general assembly, or if applicable, nominated by the Council of the respective Regional Associations in accordance with Article VI Section 4(b) of this Constitution.
  - (d) Three (3) Women Members, democratically elected as individuals by the Congress;
  - (e) Eight (8) members, democratically elected as individuals by the Congress; and
  - (f) The Chairman of the Athletes Commission constituted by the Council under Article VIII Section 12.
- Section 2      All members of the Council shall come from the different Member Federations.
- Section 3      All members of the Council shall serve for a term of four (4) years commencing at the conclusion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Election Congress meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 held in Bangkok, Thailand for only a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms at the expiry of which they are to retire and shall only be re-eligible for re-election as a member of the Council after a break of at least one (1) term for only the maximum of one (1) more term.
- Section 4      Any person seeking to be elected or appointed as a member of AA Council, Committee or Commission or member of such other AA working group, panel, unit or standing committee as shall be decided by Council to be applicable within the definition of AA Official in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Code of Ethics must be vetted by the Vetting Panel and must meet the requirements in the Vetting Process set out in the Code of Ethics promulgated and adopted in Article III Section 13 of this Constitution. Any person who breaches or violates or does not meet the requirements in the Vetting Process shall ipso facto be ineligible for such election or appointment. All existing members of such AA Council, Committee, Commission, working group, panel, unit or standing committee elected or appointed at or after the 2023 25<sup>th</sup> Election Congress shall also be subject to the Vetting Process by the Vetting Panel during their term of office.
- Section 5      Should a vacancy arise in the Council during the tenure of the Council for whatever reason including death, extreme illness, resignation, disqualification, removal or retirement of any Council Member, the following shall apply:

- (a) In the case of the vacant position is the President, the Senior Vice-President shall become the Interim President of the Association and the replacement Asian Area President in the Council of World Athletics and his/her position as the Senior Vice-President shall be deemed to be vacated.
- (b) In the case of the vacant position is the Senior Vice-President, one (1) of the Individual Council Members to be elected by Council shall become the Interim Senior Vice-President and his/her position as an Individual Council Member shall be deemed to be vacated.
- (c) In the case of the vacant position is a Vice-President, the applicable Regional Association shall nominate one of its senior elected members of its Council to be the Interim Vice-President to serve for the remaining vacated term of office of the Vice-President in the AA Council. All such nominees shall be similarly subject to the Vetting Process pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.
- (d) In the case of the vacant position is any Individual Council Member, the Council may proceed forthwith to appoint a replacement member from the list of candidates of that category from the last Election Congress beginning with the candidate with the next highest number of votes to serve for the remaining term of office of such vacated Individual Council Member.
- (e) In the event of Article 44.3 read with Article 45.1(f) of the Constitution of World Athletics for whatever reason having to be applied on the leadership of Asian Athletics and a Casual Vacancy thereby occurring for the office of Area President, for the avoidance of doubt, the Council of Asian Athletics shall nominate/appoint one of its senior elected members to be the Area Representative to thereby sit in the Council of World Athletics for the remaining tenure of the term of office of the immediate past retiring Area President.

Section 6      Any member of the Council who absents himself/herself from three (3) consecutive Council meetings without any explanation satisfactory to the Council shall be deemed not to be a member thereof any longer.

Section 7      All nominations for candidature to any position of the Council shall be sent to the Secretary-General not later than three (3) calendar months prior to the date of the Election Congress at which elections will take place except for the nomination of the position of the five (5) Vice-Presidents which shall be sent in accordance with the prescribed timeframe in Article VI Section 4(e) of this Constitution. All such nominations shall be circulated to Member Federations one and a half months prior to the date of the Election Congress, Nominations can be made only by Member Federations except for the position of the five (5) Vice-Presidents which are to be made by the Regional Associations. At the time of the submission of a nomination for candidature, the applicable Member Federation or Regional Association shall also respectively submit a Declaration of Disclosure Form duly completed and signed personally by its nominee for the Vetting Process by the Vetting Panel pursuant to Section 4 of this Article. If, at the time of any

election, there are fewer candidates than there are vacancies, the Chairman of the Meeting may invite Member Federations present to submit additional nominations. If any such additional nominees are successful, they shall be also subject to the Vetting Process. Any unsuccessful candidates for any position, once nominated, would be included, unless declined, in a subsequent ballot for any other position.

- Section 8 In the event that any seat in the positions enumerated in Sections I(d) and (e) of this Article is not filled at the Election Congress, the Council shall at its meeting immediately after the Election Congress proceed to elect into the vacancy/vacancies from persons who are outstanding administrators/personalities from any Member Federation of the Association subject to the limitation in Section 2 of this Article. Any such elected person shall be likewise subject to the Vetting Process.
- Section 9 Persons from a Member Federation who are members of World Athletics Council shall be ex-officio members of the Council, except when they are already regular members of the AA Council by reason of their positions in the Association. Ex-officio members may attend and speak in the Council without voting right.
- Section 10 The Council shall meet at least once a year at the time and place to be decided by the President. A majority of all the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 11 The Council shall, inter alia, have the following duties and functions:
- (a) To carry out and implement the aims and objectives of the Association as set forth in Article III of this Constitution.
  - (b) To conduct and manage the affairs of the Association and act for and on behalf of the Congress while the same is not in session.
  - (c) To render technical, organisational and administrative assistance to Member Federations whenever and wherever possible and when as requested.
  - (d) To collate, study and consider proposals and recommendations by Member Federations for presentation to the Congress.
  - (e) To submit a biennial budget to the Congress every two (2) years for approval and to prepare an annual budget for itself.
  - (f) To act upon all decisions of the Congress and make a report to such actions to the same.
  - (g) To approve administrative and financial reports and statements submitted to it by the President and the Secretary-General, as well as other reports submitted to it by executive officials for its approval.

- (h) To draw and recommend to Congress a Development Plan on a yearly basis and a multi-year Strategic Plan for a vigorous and speedy promotion of athletics in Asia.
- (i) To act on all urgent matters on behalf of the Association, provided, however, that all such decisions must be reported to the next Congress.

Section 12      The Council may form or create such standing committees or commissions as it may deem necessary to assist it in the performance of its duties and functions and for the development of athletics in Asia defining their duties, prescribing their compositions and such rules of procedure as might guide them in their deliberations.

Section 13      The Council may institute such appropriate disciplinary actions and, as the case may be, impose one or more of the following sanctions on a Member Federation, Member of Council, Committee, Commission, working group, panel, unit or standing committee or other official of the Association, athlete, athlete support personnel, technical official and any other person involved in the sport of athletics in Asia to which this Constitution and other Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Association, including the Code of Ethics may apply for breach or violation of this Constitution, other Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Association, including the Code of Ethics, of such nature and for such duration that the Council may decide, namely,

- (a) Recommend expulsion of a Member Federation.
- (b) Suspension.
- (c) Impose a fine.
- (d) Issue a caution or censure.
- (e) Exclude participation of the culpable official, athlete, athletes support personnel, technical official or other person in any competitions or events or any position or body of the Association.
- (f) Exclude participation of the official, athlete, athletes support personnel, technical official or other person of the culpable Member Federation in any competitions or events or any position or body of the Association.
- (g) Remove the culpable person from any position in the Council, Committee, Commission, working group, panel, unit or standing committee or any other body of the Association.
- (h) Remove or deny accreditation or other benefits for any competitions and other AA events and activities.
- (i) Suspend right to attend, speak and vote at Congress meetings.

- Section 14 All disciplinary actions and consequential sanctions imposed by the Council shall be reported to Congress. If the Council recommends the expulsion of any Member Federation, it shall be referred to Congress which may expel such a Member Federation upon the approval of a simple majority of the voting members of that Congress.
- Section 15 The Council will decide the host of various competitions or events organized under the banner of AA.
- Section 16 The Council will decide any new Asian competitions and events.
- Section 17 (a) The Council will appoint as a paid staff the Secretary-General who shall attend meetings of the Congress, Council, Executive Board and if deemed necessary, of the Committees and Commissions without however voting right. The Secretary-General shall manage the Asian Athletics (AA) Office which shall carry out the daily administration of the Association in accordance with the decisions of the Congress, the Council, the Executive Board and the President. The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the engagement of the AA office staff with the approval of the President.
- (b) In consultation with the President and the Council, the Secretary-General shall ensure the effective and efficient implementation and monitoring of the AA Development Plan and the Strategic Plan. The Secretary-General shall be the focal point of the Development Plan and the Strategic Plan.
- Section 18 The Council will appoint as a paid staff a Treasurer who shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Association and who shall attend meetings of the Congress and Council without however voting right. The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer shall manage the finances of the Association. He/She shall submit to the Council periodic reports on the finances of the Association and to the Congress and Council the annual reports of the audited accounts for the respective financial years.
- Section 19 Only Council Members can attend Council meetings except that the President may request the presence at a session of the Council, of a consultant expert as well as one or several members of the Association's Committees, Commissions, working groups, panels, units or standing committees who shall take part in the debates and discussion in their various capacities without voting right.
- Section 20 The President and the Chief Executive Officer of World Athletics shall be notified of and have the right to participate in Council meetings of the AA without voting right.

## **ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section I There shall be an Executive Board of the AA composed of eight (8) members being:
- (a) The President;
- (b) The Senior Vice-President;

- (c) The five (5) Vice-Presidents; and
- (d) The Secretary-General without voting right.

- Section 2      (a)      The Executive Board would take decisions on all matters that are within the duties, functions and powers of the Council, in particular, on urgent cases the decision of which owing to constraint of time and the urgency of a decision, could not be deferred until the next Council meeting.
- (b)      The Executive Board would also discuss any matter to enable expeditious consideration to be taken for the decision making process to function smoothly in a timely manner for and by the Council.
- Section 3      A majority of all the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4      All decisions taken by the Executive Board shall be ratified by the Council in the subsequent meeting of the Council.
- Section 5      The Executive Board may be convened at any time on the initiative of the President but shall meet at least twice a year between the sessions of the Council.

## **ARTICLE X – OFFICERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

- Section I      The President's duties, functions and powers shall include the following;
- (a) Ensure the implementation of the Association's Development Plan and the Strategic Plan in conjunction with the Secretary-General and other officers of the Association.
  - (b) Preside over all meetings of the Congress, the Council and the Executive Board.
  - (c) Represent the Association in all official functions and missions and at International and Continental Sport competitions and events.
  - (d) Represent the Association as Asian Area President in the Council of World Athletics.
  - (e) Implement the decisions of the Congress, the Council and the Executive Board that require executive action or when so directed by these bodies.
  - (f) Conclude and execute contracts for and on behalf of the Association.
  - (g) Make periodic and annual reports to the Council and Congress covering his activities in the Association as President.
  - (h) Approve disbursements of funds which have been properly provided for in the budget.
  - (i) Evaluate the performance of the Secretary-General and the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer respectively and make an annual report to the Council in this regard.

(j) Be responsible, as the principal elected officer of the Association, for the oversight of the operations of the AA Office and where appropriate to take such measures as may be deemed necessary for the proper administration of the Association. He/She shall periodically report to the Council in this regard. Such oversight shall be conducted in close collaboration with the Secretary-General.

(k) Exercise all such powers and functions that devolve and are incumbent upon him/her as the principal elected officer of the Association.

Section 2      The Senior Vice-President shall perform the duties, functions and powers of the President during the temporary absence or incapacity of the latter except the right to represent Asia in World Athletics Council unless the Council so recommends and such recommendation is approved by World Athletics.

Section 3      The five (5) Vice-Presidents shall in addition to their duties as members of the Council:

(a) Submit an annual report of the activities and development of athletics in their elected/appointed Region of jurisdictions.

(b) Supervise, coordinate and follow up the implementation of programmes and projects delegated by the decisions of the Congress and Council, in their respective Regions.

Section 4      All Individual Council Members shall perform the tasks and duties delegated to him/her by the President and Council for the proper functioning of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XI – ASIAN AREA PRESIDENT TO WORLD ATHLETICS**

The President shall represent Asia in the Council of World Athletics as Asian Area President for a period of four (4) years commencing and expiring at the times as provided in the Constitution of World Athletics.

## **ARTICLE XII – DISPUTES RESOLUTION AMONGST VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS**

The Association incorporates and adopts those terms, rules, regulations and clauses which are and may from time to time be required to be incorporated and adopted by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of World Athletics relating to disputes and disciplinary proceedings to the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Association, in particular Rule 2.1 (relating to the rights of the defendant in the strict adherence to the principles of Natural Justice), 2.2, 5.1 and 5.2 (relating to the rights of the parties involved to refer any deadlocked dispute to the Court of Arbitration for Sport) of the Disputes and Disciplinary Proceedings Rules of World Athletics insofar as they are applicable.

## **ARTICLE XIII - INDEMNITY**

AA shall indemnify all members of AA Council, Executive Board, Committees, Commissions, working groups, panels, units and standing committees from all liabilities, claims demands, costs and expenses that they may incur or suffer in acting or carrying out their duties, functions or powers as such members unless such liabilities, claims, demands, costs and expenses arise from or are results of a) any breach or violation of this Constitution, the Code of Ethics or other Rules and Regulations of AA; b) any act or omission not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or breach or violation of any law; or c) any transaction from which the member derived an improper personal benefit.

#### **ARTICLE XIV – EFFECTIVITY**

Any provision of this Constitution, its additions, amendments or alterations shall be effective and operative immediately upon its approval unless a particular date is indicated.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Athletics held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Gumi, Korea approved and confirmed that the Effectivity Date of the above eleven (11) proposals for Constitutional Rules Changes in the form of additions, amendments and alterations shall be effective and operative immediately upon their approval date, that is, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**ARTICLE XV** – List of nine (9) competitions listed out and catered for as subsidiary legislation and competition regulations and competition financial obligations of any host city.

#### **ARTICLE XVI – GOVERNING LAW**

The Governing Law of Asian Athletics (AA) is the law of the Kingdom of Thailand.