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THE CONSTITUTION OF MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

(Regd. No. Mah-44 & F-1215of 1978)

Amended as on 01.09.2021

- PREAMBLE-

The Maharashtra Chess Association was formed on 1st of April 1967 by merging the Bombay State Chess Association and the Southern Maratha country Chess Association (Sangli). The merger was effected because of the directive of the All India Chess Federation (A.I.C.F.) which was issued in the year 1963 to recognize only one State Association per State of the republic of India.

The Constitution that was adopted then, had its main object, the formation of regional bodies with headquarters at the main chess playing centers viz. Bombay, Sangli, Pune, Aurangabad; because, without consolidating, regularizing and Co-coordinating chess activities in these centers, the promotion and spread of the game of chess to the districts in general and among the student youth in particular, would not have been possible.

That the fresh Constitution of M.C.A. was framed in the year 1978 and adopted on 7th May 1978, by the Executive Committee cum General Body meeting of the Maharashtra Chess Association.

That as per the Constitution, five Divisional Associations covering the entire State of Maharashtra were formed as viable and functioning units.

The game of chess has been recognized as a sport by:

- (a) The Government of India;
- (b) The All India Sports Council;
- (c) The Universities, Colleges and Schools;
- (d) State Governments and its State Level Sports Councils;
- (e) Civic Corporations and Zilla Parishads;
- (f) Life Insurance Corporation and Banks etc. etc. and railway and State Transport concessions are available to players for travelling to participate in tournaments; and grants in aid are available from the State and Zilla Parishad for maintenance, equipment and for conducting tournaments and coaching camps; and monthly scholarships are awarded to school and colleges students for securing the first two ranks in the state and National Tournaments by the State and Central Government respectively; and literature in Marathi is available and feature articles in Marathi are appearing regularly in daily newspapers on chess;

That the need is felt that a special emphasis should be laid on constituting Chess Associations in each of the revenue Districts in the State of Maharashtra and intensifying chess activities amongst the students of schools, colleges and institutions.

It is also felt that this process will be facilitated by making the General Body more broad based by providing for representation on the General Body from the District Chess Association in the proportion of two representatives per revenue district.

And hence this new Constitution in the place of the previous one was UNANIMOUSLY adopted on 4th day of OCTOBER, 2015, by the Executive Committee cum General Body meeting of the Maharashtra Chess Association and

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by which Maharashtra Chess Association and its constituent affiliated units will be governed hereafter.

MAHARASHTRA CHESS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION: (Rules & Byelaws)

- The name of the Society: The name of the society shall be Maharashtra Chess association (M.C.A.) The word "Maharashtra" shall not be used in their name by any District Chess Association or Unit affiliated to M.C.A.
- 2) The Address of the Registered Society:
- a) The Registered Office: The Registered Office of the M.C.A. shall be at C/o Grand Master Abhijit Kunte, 'Pratik', 32 / 1, Plot No. 11, Erandwana, Pune – 411004.
- b) The Executive Office: The Executive office of the M.C.A. shall Ordinarily be at the place of residence of the Honorary General Secretary or at a place fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time. All secretarial functioning and all correspondence to and from shall be carried out from this office. Presently the Executive Office is situated at "Office No 302, Third Floor, Mahadkar Chambers co-operative Society, Karve Road, Kothrud, Pune-411038".
- c) Jurisdiction: The area controlled by the M.C.A. and over which it has jurisdiction shall consist of the State of Maharashtra and any other area as may be included in the M.C.A. by the All India Chess Federation (A.I.C.F.)
- The business hours of the Society: From 10.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. on all Working days except Sundays and State Government holidays.
- 4) AIMS, OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE M.C.A. shall be:
- a) to promote and develop the game of chess throughout the State of Maharashtra.
- b) to act as the Apex Body of the affiliated District Chess Associations and Members in the State of Maharashtra and to coordinate their activities.
- c) to affiliate and to become a constituent state unit of the AICF,
- d) to Maintain and control the game of chess in the State particularly in accordance with the rules framed by and directives given by the A.I.C.F.;
- e) to promote the formation of District Chess Associations in all the Districts of Maharashtra and any other area falling under the control of M.C.A.:
- f) to co-ordinate Inter District activities in respect of chess, including the holding of tournaments and organizing championship & selection tournaments in the state;
- g) to hold competitions for various chess trophies that may be in possession of the M.C.A.;
- h) to maintain a chess library and to encourage and undertake the publication of chess literature;
- to encourage, advise, assist and coach chess players, and to organize chess coaching camps for these purposes;
- j) to organize courses for training of coaches, referees and tournament directors;
- k) to assist and ensure in every way, the development of chess in schools, colleges, universities and such other educational institutions;

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- 1) to arrange, organize and / or to assist chess tours to place in India or abroad for players and members.
- m) to select teams and individuals to represent the State at the various national championship tournaments organized and / or recognized by the A.I.C.F. and / or any of its constituent units;
- n) to recognize, to assist and finance the programs of visiting teams or of individual players, Indian or foreign, within the State or outside;
- o) to collect and spend funds to promote the game of Chess in accordance with the Bye Laws of the M.C.A.;
- p) to act as trustees of any funds, assets or properties of whatever kind, settled or donated for the promotion or encouragement of the game of chess;
- q) to send, or to assist in sending representatives, or representative teams for participation in any chess tournament or meeting at anyplace outside the State and abroad:
- r) in furtherance of the aims, objects and purposes set forth above, to hold, purchase, sale, improve, manage, develop, alter, lease, mortgage, of or otherwise deal with all or any part of the assets or properties of the M.C.A. whether movable or immovable.
- s) to employ, and determine the terms of employment of such staff as maybe considered necessary; or to change and / or to terminate the same;
- t) to make or amend such rules and bye-laws as it may, from time to time, considered to be necessary for regulating the management & the affairs of the M.C.A.
- u) to delegate all or any of its powers to the Executive Committee or to any other committee or any sub-committees or to any one or more members of its body or its officers.
- v) And generally to do all such other acts and things as may be incidental or conductive to the above aims, objects and purposes or any of them. The activities would be purely charitable in nature and not motivated forprofit. The benefit of objects would be available to the general public irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex.

5) <u>DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION:</u>

In these articles and rules unless there is something in the subject or the context inconsistent therewith:

- a) 'Chess' shall mean the game of chess or problems or fairy chess or all its other branches;
- b) 'Player' shall mean any chess player duly registered with the M.C.A.
- c) 'A.I.C.F.' shall mean the All India Chess Federation;
- d) 'M.C.A.' shall mean the Maharashtra Chess Association;
- e) 'C.C.' shall mean the Central Council of the A.I.C.F.;
- f) 'E.C.' shall mean the Executive Committee of the M.C.A.;
- g) 'G.B. shall mean the General Body of the M.C.A. and shall consist of Office Bearers of M. C. A and its affiliated members.
- h) 'M.C.' shall mean the Managing Body / Committee of any of the constituent units of the M.C.A.
- i) 'Constituent Unit' shall mean any affiliated body to the M.C.A, such as District Chess Association:
- j) 'State' shall mean the whole state of Maharashtra as may be defined by the constitution of India and any other area included in the M.C.A. by 1000x16 the A.I.C.F.;

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- k) 'District' shall mean a revenue district;
- 1) 'District Association' shall mean an Association controlling and operating in a particular revenue district of the State and which is affiliated to M.C.A.
- m) 'Member' shall mean a District Association, Patron, Hon. Life Member, Donor, Institutional/ organizational Member, General Member, and all voting and nonvoting members of the General Body;
- n) 'Office Bearer' shall mean a member holding an office of authority;
- o) 'Rules' shall mean the articles of the Memorandum and articles of Association;
- p) 'By-Law' shall mean supplementary regulations approved by the E.C. from time to time.
- q) 'A Recognized Tournament' shall mean any tournament, meet, contest, or a match conducted or recognized by the A.I.C.F. or affiliated units or by the M.C.A. or by a District Chess Association.
- r) 'An Open Tournament' (or Meet) shall mean one which does not prevent a player from participating on the grounds of Age, sex, caste, creed or religion provided he/she is a 'registered' member of M.C.A. and a resident of Maharashtra for Maharashtra participating in Selection Tournaments 'All Maharashtra Tournament' shall mean the Maharashtra State Selection Tournament for the National 'B' tournament/ Challenger or the name as modified from time to time;
- s) 'All Maharashtra Ladies Tournament' shall mean State Selection Tournament for the National Ladies Championship Tournament;
- t) 'All Maharashtra Junior Tournament' shall mean a State Selection Tournament for the National Juniors Championship Tournament;
- u) 'All Maharashtra Sub-Juniors Tournament' shall mean a State Selection Tournament for the National Sub-Junior Championship Tournament;
- v) 'All Maharashtra Youth Tournament' (Age group Under 7/9/11/13) shall mean a State Selection Tournament for the National Youth Championship Tournament;
- w) 'All Maharashtra Annual Open Championship' shall mean an championship tournament that may be held by the M.C.A. or by any of its constituent units at the instance of the M.C.A. and shall be open to all players irrespective of caste, creed, religion, but who must be domicile of Maharashtra;
- x) 'All Maharashtra Open Team Championship' shall mean an open team championship tournament that may be held by the M.C.A. or by any of its constituent units at the instance of the M.C.A. and shall be open to all players forming a team irrespective of their, caste, creed, religion but who must be domicile of Maharashtra.
- y) 'All Maharashtra Inter District Team Championship Tournament' shall mean a team championship tournament held by the M.C.A. or by any of its constituent units at the instance of the M.C.A. and shall be open to all teams representing the districts of Maharashtra and bodies such as the Universities located in Maharashtra and other Institutional / Organizational members. The composition of the participating team shall be irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex of the players @ carify concerned;

- z) 'Year': shall mean a period of twelve months commencing from the 1st of April to 31st of March of succeeding year the period in which the accounts of the registered Society are maintained and Audited as required under the Bye laws.
- aa) Special Resolution: A Resolution passed by a majority of not less than three fourths of the members of the Society entitled to vote and are present at a General Meeting convened specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as a Special Resolution has been duly given.
- bb)'The use of the Singular' shall be deemed to include the plural and the use of the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine gender unless otherwise repugnant to the context.
- 6) MEMBERSHIP: The M.C.A. shall consist of the following categories of members. A list of members shall be maintained as provided under the rules of the Societies Registration (Mah) Rules 1971 in the form of Schedule VI to the said rules in respect of such members as are members within the meaning of Sec. 15 of the Societies Registration Act.
- a) <u>District Associations</u>: Each revenue district shall have one District association and only GB or Extra-Ordinary G.B. as convened, shall have the right to approve such new District Association, provided the District Association three months preceding the date of application to the MCA has already applied to the concerned authority for registration of the association under the Maharashtra Public Trust Act and Societies Registration Act in a district where District Association has not been formed or affiliated, the Executive Council shall have right to approve constitution of an ad-hoc committee in that district on temporary basis till the formal MCA approved & affiliated Association is formed.

b) Institutional Members:

- Any Sport body, Institution or Organization of an All Maharashtra Character may be granted affiliation as an institutional member by the E.C.
- ii) Institutional member on affiliation will have the rights and privileges equal to those of the District Associations, except the voting rights

c) Individual Members:

- i) Patrons: The E.C. may select by a simple majority any person or an official it thinks fit to be a patron of the M.C.A. on his donating the prescribed fee as per the M.C.A. financial Regulations in force. The Patron will have the right to participate in the proceeding of all the G.B. Meetings but shall not have voting right.
- ii) Honorary Life Members: The E.C. may elect by simple majority any person or an official who has rendered significant service to the M.C.A. and / or to the game of chess. An Honorary Life Member of the M.C.A. shall be entitled to participate in all the G.B. Meetings but shall not have voting right.
- iii) Donors: The E.C. may invite any person to become a donor member of the M.C.A. who donates a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- or more and he shall have the right to participate in the proceedings of all the G.B. Meetings but shall not have voting right.
- iv) Life Members: The E.C. may invite any person to become a life member of the M.C.A. who donates a sum of Rs. 10,000/- or more and

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7) REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS:

- a) Registered Players: Any individual by paying the prescribed fees per year as may be fixed by the E.C. from time to time may be enrolled as the Registered Player of M.C.A. at any one of the District Associations of his
- b) The said fees of registration shall be paid by the player (a) Directly to the MCA or (b) To the Hon. Secretary of his District Association or (c) At the venue of the Tournament to the Organisers.
- c) The registration will be valid till the end of the year of M.C.A (April -March) during which the registration fees have been paid;
- d) The forms shall be as prescribed by the E.C. in the relevant bye-laws and as displayed & available on the website of M.C.A.
- e) Change of registration of player from one District to another shall be effected as per the relevant bye-laws made in that behalf by the E.C.
- f) After the registration, the name of the player shall be updated in the list of registered players list displayed on the website of MCA.

8) FEES:

- a) All fees mentioned in these articles may be enhanced, reduced, abolished or fixed in any other way from time to time by the E.C., whenever it deems it fit to do so.
- b) All fees excepting admission fees remitted to the M.C.A. at any time during the year shall be valid only for the remaining period of the year of the M.C.A. ie upto the month of March.
- c) Admission Fees: Institution / Organizational members or District Chess Association shall pay to M.C.A. an admission fee as may be fixed by the E.C. from time to time along with an application as prescribed in the byelaws.

d) Affiliation Fees:

- i) All affiliation fees mentioned hereunder shall be subject to clause A mentioned above.
- ii) All affiliation fees must be remitted to the Honorary General Secretary on or before the Commencement of the All Maharashtra Tournament or within three months of the commencement of the year of M.C.A., whichever is earlier.
- iii) An Institutional / Organizational member shall pay a fee of Rs.1,000/per year.

e) Registered Players Fee:

- i) The Registered Players fee: The registered Players fee Per year as fixed by M.C.A. from time to time which being subject to above, shall be payable by the individual along with the relevant application form as may be prescribed in the bye-laws, in duplicate, duly signed and completed. In case the District Association, for any specific reason, is aggrieved with the inclusion of the name of any player displayed on the MCA website, who is directly registered by MCA or the Tournament Organiser at the venue, then it may send its communication with the relevant reasons/documents to MCA for further appropriate action.
- ii) In case of acceptance of registered Players, the Hon. Secretary of the District Association concerned shall remit all the fees so received to the

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- Honorary Gen. Secretary of M.C.A. within seven (7) days from the receipt of the fees along with the original, completed application.
- iii) In case of non-acceptance of the registered Players, the Hon. Secretary of the District Association concerned shall intimate the Hon. General Secretary of M.C.A. in writing, the reasons for the said non-acceptance. The Hon. General Secretary of M.C.A. shall place all such non-accepted applications along with the relevant material before the E.C. meeting, immediately next, for consideration.
- iv) The E.C. in its discretion may grant registered Players to the applicant, and direct the Honorary Secretary of the District Association concerned to accept the fees and application.
- v) In case the E.C. confirms the decision of rejection of general membership and / or registered Players, the same shall be conveyed to the applicant concerned stating the reasons for such rejection
- vi) Any individual whose application has been rejected as per sub clause (v) above will have the right of appeal to the president of M.C.A, who shall place the matter before the G.B. with his recommendation for its decision and, whose decision shall be final and binding on all the parties concerned.
- f) Tournament Sponsorship / EMD Fees: Any tournament of all Maharashtra and / or all India Character may be allowed to be held by the Hon. General Secretary of M.C.A. provided the Sponsoring Body has applied for sponsorship on the prescribed form, and, provided it pays Tournament Sponsorship / EMD (non-refundable) Fees as fixed by the E.C. from time to time to M.C.A., and, provided it undertakes to satisfy all other terms and conditions as may be stipulated in the bye-laws, and, irrespective of whether the said sponsoring body is affiliated to M.C.A. or not.
- 9) APPLICATION FORMS: Application for Registered Players, and Tournament Sponsorship and for recognition to a Chess Event etc., shall be made on forms as prescribed in bye-laws and be accompanied by necessary fees as stipulated under relevant provision of article 8 above. Such downloadable application forms shall also be made available by M.C.A. on its website.

10) ADDRESS AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS BY MEMBERS:

- a) It shall be the duty of the members to inform in writing to the Hon. General Secretary of their address or any change thereof, to which communications of M.C.A. may be sent.
- b) Any communication sent by post to the last known postal address registered with M.C.A. shall be deemed to have been delivered to the member concerned at the expiry of the period of seventy-two (72) hours from the date of posting. Alternately communication may also be sent by MCA by way of any electronic mode of communication such as email, sms or may be published on the website of the MCA etc.

11)ENFORCEMENT OF RULES:

a) Membership in M.C.A. shall bind every member to observe and obey these rules and to follow the directives of the A.I.C.F. and M.C.A., both in letter and in spirit.

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b) Any infringement of the rules or failure to follow the directives may result in disciplinary action being taken against the defaulting member as provided for in these rules and / or as may be decided upon by the E.C.

12) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of M.C.A. shall stand terminated in the undernoted events:

a) BY RESIGNATION: -

- i) Any member other than the Hon. General Secretary may resign by giving a notice of not less than one month in writing, addressed to the Hon. General Secretary, and remitting along with it all his arrears due to M.C.A.
- ii) The Hon. General Secretary may resign from his office by giving at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the President of the MCA. The said resignation shall be deemed to be effective only after he has given the full charge of all records, such as, account books, receipt and vouchers, registers, minute book, forms and other stationary, files of correspondence etc. and materials such as chose clocks, chess boards and such other equipment etc. to the Joint Secretary or any other person nominated by Working President at the registered office of M.C.A.

b) BY DEFAULT, IN PAYMENT:

- i) Any member of M.C.A., who fails to pay the necessary fees within three months from the last due date is liable to be removed from membership by the Hon. Gen. Secretary who may do so after giving one month's notice to the defaulting member.
- ii) Any member whose membership has been terminated under this clause may be re-admitted by the Hon. General Secretary to full membership on payment of all the arrears.
- iii) In case the Hon. General Secretary desires to reject an application for re-admission under this clause, he may do so only with the approval of the E.C.
- iv) Any member who has been refused admission by the E.C., will have the right of appeal to the President, who shall place the matter before the G.B. for its final decision.
- c) <u>BY EXPULSION:</u> Any member of M.C.A. is liable to be expelled if the member is found to have acted willfully in manner prejudicial to the interest of M.C.A., by simple majority in the G.B., provided, a recommendation for expulsion by the E.C. has been duly placed before the G.B. The procedure to be followed for such a recommendation and subsequent expulsion will be as per the bye-laws.
- d) <u>ON CONVICTION OF AN OFFENCE INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE.</u>
- e) ON BEING CERTIFIED AS OF UNSOUND MIND.
- f) ON DEATH.
- 13) YEAR: The official year of M.C.A. shall be for a period of twelve (12) months, commencing from the first of April to the Thirty First of March following.
- 14) GENERAL BODY: The Supreme authority of M.C.A. shall vest in a General Body, which will consist of the following categories of voting and Non-Voting members:
- a) VOTING MEMBERS:

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- i) Two representative each, duly elected by the M.C. of a District Chess Association, provided it has a standing of three months as a duly affiliated member of the State Association and all office bearers. The abovesaid proportion of representatives is subject to alterations by the GB from time to time.
- ii) All the Office Bearers of MCA; provided that they shall not have right to vote in the election of Executive Committee members including Office bearers of MCA.
- b) NON -VOTING MEMBERS: All other member of MCA not mentioned in above clause (a).

15) POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE G.B.

- i) to elect the President;
- ii) to elect members of the E.C. and Working President of the E.C. as per relevant by laws;
- iii) to appoint auditors and fix their remuneration;
- iv) to consider the Annual report of the E.C.;
- v) to consider the audited Statements of the Accounts and to pass the same if approved;
- vi) to consider the budget and to pass the same if approved with modifications if any;
- vii) to consider and take decisions on the recommendations of the E.C.;
- viii) to consider and take decisions on matters placed before it by the President:
- ix) to appoint committees and sub-committees for any purpose of M.C.A. if so recommended by the E.C.;
- x) to ratify, overrule or modify the decisions of the E.C. and of committees and / or sub-committees;
- xi) to repeal, alter, or amend the rules of the M.C.A. by simple majority of members present and voting provided the proposed changes have been included on the Agenda of the said G.B. meeting, or in a G.B. meeting specially called / requisitioned for the purpose;
- xii) to consider resolutions moved by any voting member provided it has been put on the Agenda;
- xiii) to authorize the E.C. to borrow a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- or more as and when necessary for the purposes of M.C.A.;
- xiv) to take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient to carry into effect the objects, aims and purposes of M.C.A.
- xv)to file Change Report with the Charity Commissioner and Accounts to C.C. and Income Tax authority.
- 16) <u>RECONSIDERATION OF G.B. DECISION</u>: No decision or resolution once passed by the G.B. shall be reconsidered or modified or altered in any way within six months of its passing unless decided to the contrary by an unanimous vote in a meeting specially convened or requisitioned for the purpose:

17) GENERAL BODY MEETINGS:

a) ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:

i) Venue and time: The Annual General Body of M.C.A. shall meet preferably, within three months from the end of the year of M.C.A. Such a meeting can also be held online.

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- ii) Notice: A notice of one month shall be given to the members of the G.B by the Hon. General Secretary along with the agenda, by written electronic communication or any other mode.
- iii) Agenda: The agenda shall include items such as:
 - (1) Confirmation of Minutes of previous G.B. Meeting,
 - (2) Adoption of Annual Report,
 - (3) Adoption of Audited Accounts, Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Budget estimates for the following year
 - (4) Other items by the permission of the Chair,
 - (5) Elections: elections if any shall always be held as the last item on the agenda and which shall be followed by the declaration of results by the President of the meeting.
 - (6) Vote of thanks.
- iv) EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE G.B:- The E.C. or the President may call an extra ordinary meeting of the G.B. by giving fifteen (15) clear days' notice along with the agenda.

v) EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE G.B. BY REQUISITION:

- (1) On receipt of a requisition duly signed by not less than 25% of the voting members of the G.B., the E.C. shall within two months of the date of receipt of the requisition, direct the Hon. General Secretary to convene a meeting with a notice of fifteen (15) clear days, stipulating date, time and venue.
- (2) The requisition shall be accompanied by a resolution true copies which shall be supplied by the requisitions in such numbers as will enable the Honorary General Secretary to circulate the same to all the G.B. members along with the notice.
- (3) No other proposition excepting the one for which the meeting has been requisitioned shall be considered.

18) QUORUM AND VOTING AT G.B. MEETINGS:

- a) Quorum: Presence of Fifteen (15) voting members or 20% of the total voting G.B. members whichever number is less shall constitute a quorum at all G.B. Meetings.
- b) Voting: Voting shall always be by show of hands unless desired by a majority to have it by secret ballot.

c) ADJOURNMENT OF G.B. MEETINGS:

- i) Adjournment for want of Quorum:
- ii) All G.B. meetings excepting a requisitioned meeting will stand adjourned for one hour if there is no quorum present within half an hour from the time fixed for the meeting.
- iii) Such an adjourned meeting shall be reconvened after one hour at which no quorum will be required, and at which no other business shall be transacted excepting the one on the agenda.
- iv) Adjournment for want of time: Any G.B. meeting may be adjourned to the next day and convened at the same place and time or on such a date and at a place and a time as may be decided upon by a simple majority in the G.B. to complete the unfinished business of the agenda. No notice will be required for such an adjourned meeting.

19) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a) The affairs of M.C.A. shall be managed by an Executive Committee. It shall consist of

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- i) President
- ii) Working President
- iii) Senior Vice president
- iv) 6 (Six)Vice presidents
- v) Hon. Gen. Secretary
- vi) 6 (Six) Joint Secretaries
- vii) Treasurer
- viii) One Representative of each affiliated District Chess Association.

b) Elections to the E.C.:

- Elections to the E.C. shall be held once every Three years at an Annual General Body meeting.
- ii) All elections shall be held by secret ballot as per procedure laid down in the relevant bye laws.
- c) <u>Casual Vacancies:</u> Any casual vacancy in the E.C. shall be filled in by the E.C. by co-option of a voting member of the G.B.
- d) Tenure of Office of the E.C.: Tenure of office of the E.C. shall ordinarily be for three years, unless it is extended, shortened or terminated as provided for, under Sub-clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) given below:
 - i) It may get extended on account of the Annual General Body meeting, at which elections to the E.C. were scheduled, is required to be called even after the term of Three years is over.
 - ii) It may get shortened, if the meeting of the Annual General Body, at which the elections to the E.C. were scheduled, is required to be called even before the completion of the term of Three years of the E.C.
 - iii) The tenure of office of the E.C. shall be terminated if a vote of no confidence is passed by the G.B and in which case it shall be followed with an election of new representatives and the formation of the new E.C. as may be prescribed in the relevant bye-laws.
 - iv) If the percentage of vacancies on the E. C. exceeds by 60% at any time, the remaining member / members of the E.C. or the President shall convene a G.B. meeting with fifteen (15) clear days' notice for holding election to the E.C. and formation of the new E.C.

e) Powers and Duties of the E. C .:

- i) to affiliate institutional / organizational members,
- ii) to decide all matters concerning the formation of new District Association as per article 5, clause A &B,
- iii) to make recommendations to the G.B. regarding disciplinary action to be taken against any member.
- iv) alterations, modifications and adoption of new bye-laws including scale of fees and stipulating the number of representatives from various categories of members to the G.B .etc.
- v) to elect patrons and Honorary Life members.
- vi) to invite persons to become life members and donors,
- vii) to consider appeals regarding admissions to general membership, registered Players.
- viii) to take disciplinary action against members for infringement of rules and failure to follow directives and /or make recommendations to the G.B. on its behalf,
- ix) to consider applications for readmission,
- x) to invite persons to attend G.B. Meetings.

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- xi) to prepare and place an annual report before the G.B.
- xii) to place an audited statement of accounts before the G.B.,
- xiii) to appoint or to recommend appointments of committees and /or sub-committees to the G.B.
- xiv) to seek sanction of the G.B. for a loan, at a time, for Rs.5,00,000/-and above,
- xv)to control finances,
- xvi) to hear and decide all questions submitted to it,
- xvii) to exercise general control over the management of the properties of M.C.A.
- xviii) to nominate one representative to the C.C. and two representatives to the G.B. of A.I.C.F.,
- xix) to appoint managers, captains, referees, tournament directors or to delegate powers to any member of the E.C. to do so,
- xx) to enforce rules of M.C.A.,
- xxi) to engage or appoint officers, assistants, clerks, peons and such other establishments as may be considered necessary, or, to dismiss or reduce the same from time to time,
- xxii) to organize or to authorize organization of tournaments of All Maharashtra nature or of All India character, to any member of M.C.A.,
- xxiii) to collect funds and to act as trustees of funds or of assets or properties of whatever kind settled or donated for promotion of chess or also to accept ear-marked donations for the promotion of chess,
- xxiv) to make provisions for and to carry out improvements, to maintain, to repair and to renew or to alter lands, buildings and properties of M.C.A.,
- xxv) to spend or create a liability up to a sum of Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh) or less without prior sanction of the G.B.,
- xxvi) to delegate any of its powers to any members or to a committee or to a sub-committee as it may be expedient for promotion of objects and purposes of M.C.A.,
- xxvii) to organize by itself or to authorize any member to hold the All Maharashtra Annual Open Championship, All Maharashtra Tournament, All Maharashtra Ladies, Juniors and Sub-Juniors Tournaments and all such other Tournaments,
- xxviii) to prepare the annual calendar of Tournaments and circulate the same to the District Associations and to A.I.C.F.,
- xxix) to fix the date, time, place and agenda for all G.B. meetings and direct the Honorary General Secretary to convene them,
- xxx) And all such powers that may be vested in them by these rules of M.C.A.
- f) MEETINGS OF THE E.C.: The first meeting of the E.C. shall be held within thirty (30) days of its election; the venue, date, and time of which shall be declared by the Working President at the G.B. meeting concerned.
 - i) All succeeding EC meetings shall be convened by the Hon. General Secretary preferably at centrally located places, or any other convenient location. The meetings shall always be presided by the Working President of MCA and in his absence by the Sr. Vice President and in his absence the senior most Vice President who shall have all the

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powers of the President, at all the EC. Meetings. The seniority shall be as per the relevant by -laws.

- ii) A special meeting shall be convened by Honorary General Secretary if instructed to do so by the Working President, and, at such date, time and place as specified by the Working President.
- iii) an Extra Ordinary meeting of E.C. with a notice of fifteen (15)days shall be convened by the Hon. General Secretary on receipt of a requisition duly signed by any six members of the E.C.
- iv) Ordinarily the meeting of the E.C. shall be convened by the Hon. General Secretary at least once in three months and more often it necessary.
- v) Six members of the E.C. shall form a quorum.
- vi) Meetings of the E.C. shall stand adjourned for want of a quorum, by one hour from the time scheduled for the meeting and reconvened.
- vii) Adjourned meetings will require no quorum, but shall strictly adhere to the agenda, and, no other proposition will be considered.
- viii) A notice of fifteen (15) clear days will be given by the Hon. General Secretary to all the members of the E.C. for ordinary meetings, while, for an emergency meeting a notice of seven (7) days shall be given.
- ix) A very special meeting with a notice of twenty-four (24) hours only, shall be called only at the instance of the Working President; provided that only the subjects mentioned in the agenda shall be discussed and decided, and the minutes of such meeting shall be confirmed within a period of 15 days in a regular meeting.
- x) All questions shall be decided by show of hands and in case of a tie the Working President shall have a casting vote.
- xi) The Hon. General Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings, which shall be circulated to all the District Secretaries represented on the E.C., for their remarks. The proceedings will be subject to confirmation with amendments if any, at the next meeting of the E.C., and which shall be signed by the President or Working President or Sr. Vice President to denote approval and confirmation by the E.C.
- xii) In the absence of the Hon. General Secretary, the Hon. Joint Secretary or any other E.C. Member called upon to do so by the President, shall record the proceedings of the E.C. meeting.
- xiii) All meeting of EC can also be held online.

20) TENURE OF OFFICE:

All office bearers and members of committees and sub-committees shall continue to hold an office and/or serve on the said bodies till such time their successors are duly appointed or elected or nominated or till the expiry of their term, as the case may be.

- 21) OFFICE BEARERS OF M.C.A.: Following office bearers of MCA, shall be elected in GB:
- a) Office Bearers:
 - i) President.
 - ii) Working President
 - iii) Sr. Vice president
 - iv) 6 (Six) Vice Presidents

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- v) Hon. General Secretary
- vi) 6 (Six) Joint Secretaries
- vii) Treasurer

The Secretary and Treasurer and Sr Vice President shall not hold the office consecutively for more than 2 (Two) terms except President, who can hold office for maximum three terms.

b) President:

- i) The G.B. Shall unanimously elect every Three years the President at an Annual General Body meeting, from a panel of names placed before it by the E.C. ordinarily, the E.C. shall have obtained prior consent of the persons before including their names on the panel. If there is no unanimity for the name of the President, then the President shall be elected by simple majority of the members present and voting.
- ii) The tenure of office of the President shall ordinarily be for three years and he can hold office for consecutive Three terms or Nine years.
- iii) He shall preside over all the meetings of the G.B and in case of a tie, he shall have a casting vote.
- iv) He shall generally shall perform all such functions as appertain to the office of the President.
- v) He shall receive appeals and place them with his recommendations if any, before the G.B. Meeting immediately next, for its decision.
- c) <u>Sr. Vice Presidents:</u> In the absence of the President, the working President and in his absence the senior most Vice President shall have all the powers of the President, and shall preside at all the G.B. Meetings. The seniority shall be as per the relevant by -laws.
- d) Vice Presidents: In the absence of the President, the working President and Sr. Vice president the senior most Vice President shall have all the powers of the President, and shall preside at all the G.B. Meetings. The seniority shall be as per the relevant by-laws.

e) Working President:

- The Working President shall be elected every Three years by all the voting members of the G.B. as per the procedure laid down in the relevant bye-laws.
- ii) The tenure of office of the Working President shall ordinarily be three years

iii) Powers and Duties of the Working President:

- (1) The EC meetings shall always be presided by the Working President and in his absence the senior most Vice President who shall have all the powers of the President, at all the EC. Meetings. The seniority shall be as per the relevant by –laws.
- (2) He may request the president / Hon. General Secretary to convene a special G.B. meeting if he deems it necessary to do so.
- (3) The venue, date and time of the meeting shall be as per the directions of the President, who shall be present and preside at such a meeting.
- (4) All decisions taken at such a meeting, although, implemented, shall be subject to ratification by the E.C., meeting immediately next.
- (5) If in his opinion any emergency has arisen, which requires that immediate action should be taken, he shall take such action after consultation with two Office Bearers of the MCA and report about

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the same to the E.C. for its ratification at a meeting held immediately next.

f) Honorary Treasurer:

- i) His tenure of office shall ordinarily be three years and he can hold office for maximum two terms or six years.
- ii) Powers and Duties of the Honorary Treasurer:
 - He shall exercise general supervision over the funds of M.C.A. and advise the G.B. and the E.C. as regards the financial policy of M.C.A.
 - (2) He shall keep or cause to be kept regular accounts and receipts and disbursements and submit them every three months to the E.C.
 - (3) He shall prepare a quarterly budget and place the same before the E.C. for its approval.
 - (4) He shall submit yearly audited accounts and the balance sheet to the G.B. at its Annual General Body meeting. He shall submit, with prior approval of the E.C. financial estimates for the final sanction of the G.B.
 - (5) He shall prepare with the prior approval of the E.C. yearly budget for submission at the Annual General Body Meeting.
 - (6) He shall keep the audited statement of accounts for the year, and the balance sheet at the executive office of the E.C. fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual General Body Meeting, for perusal and inspection by the members of the G.B.
 - (7) He shall keep an amount not exceeding Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand) only at a time, as cash in hand for routine expenses or as provided in the extant Financial Regulations
 - (8) He shall operate the banking accounts of M.C.A jointly with the Honorary General Secretary and / or with the Honorary Joint Secretary nominated for the purpose.
 - (9) In the absence of the Honorary General Secretary he shall accept and issue receipts for fees received by way of admission, affiliation, general membership, donations, life membership fees, registered Players fees, ear marked donations, grants in aid from the Government and /or any Public body and all other monies received and deposit the same in the bank account of M.C.A. Within three days of receipt.

g) Honorary General Secretary:

- i) He/she shall not hold office consecutively for more than Two terms or Six years.
- ii) He shall be elected by the E.C. from amongst the members of the E.C. or from amongst any of the individual members of M.C.A.
- iii) His tenure of office shall ordinarily be three years unless the same is terminated as stipulated in the relevant bye-laws but he can hold office for consecutive two terms with simple majority.
- iv) Powers and Duties of the Honorary General Secretary:
 - (1) he shall be the Honorary General Secretary of the G.B., E.C. and of all other committees and sub-committees
 - (2) He shall carry on the correspondence on behalf of the E.C. and on behalf of M.C.A.
 - (3) He shall give effect to the resolutions of the G.B. and E.C

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- (4) He shall issue notices of meetings of the G.B. and E.C. and shall record the proceedings thereof and maintain the same.
- (5) He shall maintain the register with full addresses of members.
- (6) He shall maintain all other records and registers as well as keep custody of all the papers of M.C.A.
- (7) He may incur a contingent expenditure of Rs.25000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand) only in all during the intervening period of two consecutive meeting of the E.C.
- (8) He shall accept and issue receipts for fees received by way of admission, affiliation, general membership donations, life membership fees, registered Players fees, ear marked donations, grants in aid received from Government and other public bodies and all other monies received; and deposit the same in the bank account of M.C.A. within three days of receipt.
- (9) He may accept tournament sponsorship fees and grant sponsorship.
- (10) He shall place before the E.C., for its decision all non-accepted applications for general membership and registered Players received from the Districts.
- (11) He shall issue all notices as are required under these rules.
- (12) He shall accept or reject applications for re-admission and refer rejected applications to the E.C. for its decision.
- (13) He shall supervise the working of officers, assistants and such other establishments.
- (14) He shall operate banking accounts jointly with the Honorary Treasurer and /or with the Honorary Joint Secretary nominated for the purpose.
- (15) He shall sign all receipts for payments received.
- (16) With the approval of the E.C. and /or the Working President he shall undertake tours for inspection, intervention, mediation and assistance to various places where his presence will be useful for purposes mentioned above and shall submit a report to the E.C. for its consideration.
- (17) The Secretary along with Treasurer will be responsible for the Funds of the M.C.A. and for preparation of the Annual Budget, Annual Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditures and place the same for the consideration of E.C. and for the approval of General Body in the Annual General Body Meeting and all concerned authorities
- (18) In case the Hon. General Secretary needs to consult the President on some critical and time bound issue and the President is not readily available for such consultations, in that event, he shall take suitable decisions after holding consultation with the Working President and get the decisions ratified in the next E.C. Meeting.

h) Hon. Joint Secretary:

- He shall be elected by the E.C. from amongst the members of the E.C. or from amongst any of the individual members of M.C.A.
- ii) The tenure of office of the Honorary Joint Secretary shall ordinarily be three years unless the same is terminated as stipulated in the relevant bye-laws.
- iii) Powers and duties of the Honorary Joint Secretary:

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- (1) He shall maintain all registers as per the directions of the Hon. General Secretary.
- (2) He shall record proceedings of the meetings in the absence of the Hon. General Secretary.
- (3) He shall attend meetings of the committees and sub-committees if so directed by the Hon. General Secretary.
- (4) He shall assist the Hon. Treasurer and the Honorary General Secretary in all possible ways.
- (5) He shall operate banking accounts jointly with the Hon. General Secretary and /or the Hon. Treasurer.
- (6) He shall advise, supervise and assist by being present at events such as tournaments, coaching camps, matches, elections etc. etc. taking place in any of the constituent units of M.C.A., if directed to do so by the Working President and /or by the Hon. General Secretary.

22) RIGHTS, DUTIES AND PREVILAGES OF THE MEMBERS:

a) The District Chess Association:

- i) to organize and control the game of chess in their District as per the rules and directives of M.C.A.
- ii) to affiliate and to become a constituent unit of M.C.A.
- to register under the Maharashtra Public Trusts (formerly B.P.T.) Act,
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- iv) to promote the formation of Taluka Chess Associations and to control, supervise and to render all possible financial assistance to them
- v) to promote chess activities among the student youth of schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions.
- vi) to organize tournaments of various categories of the District and Taluka level Associations and to coordinate other activities such as coaching camps, provision of chess literature or library etc. etc.
- vii) to enroll General Members and Registered Players of M.C.A. and remit all the fees received there from to M.C.A
- viii) to maintain registers of players along with their full addresses.
- ix) to adopt a rating system and to maintain a ranking list of players.
- x) to select on the basis of selection tournaments the representatives and /or representative teams to various tournaments of All Maharashtra Character.
- xi) to enforce the observance of rules, directives and code of conduct among the registered player members.
- xii) to apply for and to secure grants in aid from the Government and other public bodies.
- xiii) to assist juniors and sub-juniors in securing awards and scholarships.
- xiv) The District Chess Association shall mandatorily send to the MCA copies of The Annual Report, Audit Report and the intimation of proposed Annual GB meeting well in time.
- xv)The District Chess Association should change their constitution in line with the constitution of M.C.A.
- authorized representative for a valid and sufficient reason, to attend the meeting convened by MCA, then the District Association shall give prior written intimation to MCA. In case any District Association representatives fail to attend the MCA meeting without prior written

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intimation for consecutive three meetings of EC /GB, such District Association shall be liable for de-affiliation from MCA.

b) Institutional Members:

- i) to organize and control the game of chess in their field as per the rules and directives of M.C.A.
- ii) to affiliate and to become a constituent unit of M.C.A.
- iii) to promote chess activities among the staff and employees of institutions / organizations by forming chess clubs and by providing chess literature, equipment, space and such other facilities in as many places in a state as possible.
- iv) to enroll General Members and Registered Players of M.C.A. and to remit all the fees so collected to M.C.A.
- v) to maintain registers of players along with their full addresses.
- vi) and to do such other acts and things as may be helpful to promote chess among the staff and employees of Institutions /organizations.

c) Individual Members and Registered Players:

- i) to participate in any recognized or sponsored tournament without being required to pay any capitation fees.
- ii) without attracting any disciplinary action and as a matter of right to make suggestions, voice complaints and grievances in writing either individually or collectively to the Hon. Secretary of the District Association or of Institution / organization for consideration and action and to forward copies of the same to the Hon. General Secretary of M.C.A. for information.
- iii) to avail of facilities such as use of space, equipment, literature, coaching at a reasonable fee and as may be provided by M.C.A. and by its constituent units.
- iv) if eligible and as permissible under the rules to avail of all advantages such as travel concessions, touring a lodging facilities, awards and scholarships, honoraria and other payments if any.
- v) to strictly observe both in letter and spirit the code of conduct and such other rules of A.I.C.F./ M.C.A.

23) FINANCE

a) Banking Account of M.C.A.:

- the bank account of M.C. A. shall be in the name of Maharashtra Chess Association" in a bank approved by a resolution of the E.C.
- ii) it shall be operated jointly by any two of the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Joint Secretary.
- b) <u>FINANCIAL REGULATIONS</u>: The provisions contained in the extant 'Financial Regulations' shall be applicable & followed by all concerned in respect of various types of financial outgoings such as Fees, EMD, Incentives, remuneration to Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiters nominated by the Association and other payments to the Office bearers, Staff etc.

c) Receipts and Vouchers:

i) all receipts will be signed by the Hon. General Secretary or by the Hon. Treasurer save those issued against general membership and registered Players which may be signed by the Honorary Secretary of the District Association or by the Hon. Secretary of the Institutional member or by the Hon. Secretary of the District Chess Association who may have received directly the application for General Membership and

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Registered Players along with the fees. In case of direct payment of fees by the players to the Organizers at the time of participating in a particular tournament, the Organizers may also issue receipt for the payment and remit such payment to MCA.

 all vouchers shall be counter signed either by the Hon. General Secretary or by the Hon. Treasurer for the purpose of denoting sanction.

d) Audit:

- The accounts of M.C.A. shall be examined and certified by one or more auditors who may be honorary.
- ii) duly audited accounts shall be submitted at every Annual General Body meeting.

24) TOURNAMENTS, CONTESTS AND MEETS ETC.

a) Unrecognized Tournaments, Contests, Meets etc.:

- i) Unrecognized Tournaments, contests, meets etc. will be those:
- ii) held without prior permission of M.C.A. or any of its constituent units.
- iii) at which players who are not registered or are non-members of M.C.A. or any of the constituent units are allowed to participate.
- iv) at which discrimination is made on the ground of caste, creed or religion.
- v) and at which ordinarily General Members and Registered Players will not be allowed to participate, unless a prior permission is obtained of the concerned District Association and provided compliance with bye-laws as applicable to such tournaments is assured by the organisers.
- b) Recognized Tournaments, contests and Meets etc.: Recognized tournaments, contests and meets etc. will be those:
 - Which are organized by a constituent unit of M.C.A. or by M.C.A. or by A.I.C.F.
 - ii) at which laws and rules of chess approved by the world Chess Federation (F.I.D.E.) are strictly observed.
 - iii) which is held with prior permission of a constituent unit.
 - iv) at which only registered players, and general members are allowed to participate.
 - v) which conform to the stipulations in the relevant bye-laws.
 - vi) results of which may be considered for rating, ranking and/or selection.

c) REPRESENTATION TO THE SELECTION TOURNAMENTS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

- i) Representation to juniors, sub-juniors and ladies National Championships will be determined on the basis of ranking obtained by the players concerned, in their respective groups in the following tournaments:
- ii) All Maharashtra Juniors Tournament, All Maharashtra Sub-Juniors Tournament and All Maharashtra ladies Tournament or
- iii) At the All Maharashtra Annual Championship Tournament.
- iv) Women players if eligible by age are allowed to participate in juniors and sub-juniors' tournaments, while tournaments for ladies' championship are restricted to women players only.
- v) All Maharashtra Tournament shall mean the Maharashtra State Selection Tournament for the selection of representative individual players (members of M.C.A.) for the National 'B' tournament.

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- (1) Representatives to this tournament shall consist of following categories of players:
- (2) M.C.A. member players who have participated in the National 'B' tournament in the immediate previous year.
- (3) M.C.A. players who have secured first five places in the All Maharashtra Open Championship Tournament held in the immediate previous year.
- (4) M.C.A. member players who have ranked form No. 3 to 6 in the Ladies 'National Championship Tournament held in the immediate previous year.
- (5) M.C.A. member players who have ranked form No. 3 to 6 in the National Junior Championship Tournament held in the immediate previous year.
- (6) the No. of entries of selected representatives which will be allowed per District Association and Institutional members will depend on the number of registered players of M.C.A. from the District Association and Institutional member as on 31st of March of the year in which the All Maharashtra Tournament is being held.
- 25)<u>RESOLUTION BY CIRCULAR:</u> The Hon. General Secretary with the consent of the President may circulate a resolution / resolutions for the approval of the members of the E.C.

26) DISPUTES:

- a) in case of all disputes, a member or a constituent unit shall always have the right of appeal to the next higher body.
- b) in case of an unresolved dispute between any two District Associations or between a District Association(s) and the MCA or between MCA and any other person/legal person the same shall be referred by the President to a mutually acceptable arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators whose decision will be final and binding on all concerned; and no appeal shall lie in any court in India against this decision.
- c) in case of disagreement over the choice of arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators the dispute shall be referred to the G.B. for an appointment of an arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators whose decision will be final and binding on all concerned; and no appeal shall lie in any court in India against this decision.
- d) the procedures to be followed in all cases of disputes shall be as per the relevant bye-laws.
- 27) Misconduct on the part of Members / Special Members /Office Bearers/Officials: The following acts will be construed as Misconduct on the part of the Members/ the Office Bearers / the Officials.
- a) Any act against the aims and objects of the MCA and detrimental to the interests of M.C.A.
- b) Fraud, Cheating, embezzlement, theft, willful damage to or dishonesty in connection with MCA's property, funds or records.
- c) Willful disobedience of the directives of the Executive Council or the General Body or the Competent Office Bearers of M.C.A.
- d) Willful breach of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Orders of the M.C.A.
- e) Non-payment of the fees and other dues to the M.C.A.
- f) Not holding Annual General Meetings for two years in row.

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- g) Offers or attempts to offer or receiving or attempts to receive any consideration in kind, cash or otherwise to influence the results of games, tournaments, elections or any chess events of the MCA.
- Failure to perform the functions and duties in an impartial and responsible manner.
- Failure to comply with normally accepted standards and Chess Etiquette.

28) Expulsion/Suspension:

- a) If an Office Bearer, affiliated unit or its Office Bearers or a player or an individual directly or indirectly connected with the M.C.A. refuses to comply with the provisions of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations or is found guilty of such conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is likely to affect the character or stability or interest of the M.C.A., such person or affiliated Unit or its Office Bearers shall be liable for expulsion or suspension for such periods as the Executive Committee may fix by a Resolution adopted by simple majority of the Members of the Committee present at such Meeting. In such case, the EC may appoint three-member Ad-hoc Committee in place of such district association. Such Ad-hoc committee shall have all the powers of the district association.
- b) The Secretary shall cause Notice to the Organization/Individual calling for their explanation and they shall be placed for the consideration of the Executive Committee. Any refusal to accept the Notice by the party shall be treated as Notice having been served.
- 29) RECOURSE TO PRESS: No member of M.C.A., more especially an office bearer, Tournament Director or a manager or a captain or a ranking player, will issue a statement to the press, oral or written, or cause it to be so published regarding complaints, grievances and alleged injustice done to him or it without first exhausting all avenues open to them for getting redressal of their complaints etc. within the organization for e.g. by an appeal to the next higher body, Arbitration etc. etc. Any infringement of this article shall be considered as a willful act, prejudicial to the interest of M.C.A. and shall be dealt with accordingly.
- 30) <u>LEGAL RECOURSE</u>: If any member files a suit or takes legal action against M.C.A, or any of its office bearers the same shall be filed in a Court nearest to the current office of M.C.A.
- 31)<u>IMMUNITY:</u> No office bearer of M.C.A. shall be held personally liable for any act done by him in good faith, in the discharge of his official duties under the provision of these rules.
- 32) BYE-LAWS: The E.C. shall make, not inconsistent with these rules, supplementary regulations from time to time for the purpose of:
- a) drawing up of various types of forms such as entry forms, application forms, nomination forms, ballot papers, voting papers, membership cards and such other stationery.
- b) stipulating procedures to be followed for elections, nominations, termination of membership, expulsion, issuance of notices etc. etc.
- c) fixing a scale of various fees and charges payable or receivable.
- d) laying down a code of conduct during tournaments, meets, matches and during chess tours and journeys for chess events etc. etc. and at coaching camps, chess demonstrations and displays and the like.
- e) governing various types of tournaments and conduction thereof.

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- f) fixing, altering or changing proportion, mode of election or selection of representatives as may be permitted by these rules.
- 33) RIGHT OR INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES AND BYE-LAWS

 AND RESIDUARY POWERS: Any matter or point not directly covered by the rules and /or bye-laws shall be decided by the E.C. in the light of the rules and / or bye-laws most nearly applicable and in accordance with the general terms and spirit of these rules and /or bye-laws.
- 34)<u>REPEAL</u>: All rules, regulations and bye-laws, whatever in force before the date on which these rules come into operation are hereby repealed save such rights enjoyed by individual permanent members, if any, which shall remain unaffected.
- 35) DISSOLUTION: In the event M.C.A. is dissolved, the surplus assets if any, shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the General Body or of the E.C. but shall be given to an Institution in India having similar aims and objects, to be decided by a simple majority of votes at an extra-ordinary General Body Meeting convened by the President for the purpose, as per section 13 and 14 of the Societies Registration Act, 1960.
- 36) AMENDMENT OF THESE RULES: These rules may be repealed, altered, added to or amended by a resolution passed by two-third majority at an Extraordinary G.B. meeting held specially for this purpose and provided the proposed changes have been put on the agenda and circulated along with the notice of the said G.B. Meeting. The said amendments in any one or more rules can only be amended as per provision of Sub-Section 12 and 12 A of the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- 37) <u>Conclusion:</u> Any matter not directly covered by this Constitution shall be decided by the General Body/Executive Council on the basis of the provisions in this Constitution most nearly applicable in accordance with the general terms and spirit of this.

CERTIFICATE

Certified that this is the true and correct copy of Articles of Association (Rules and Bye-laws) as amended on 1st September 2021at Pune.

Date:01.09.2021

Hon. General Secretary, MCA

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2	Abhijit Kunte	Senior Vice President	sh.
3	Niranjan Godbole	Hon. Gen. Secretary	0808. Just
3	Girish Chitale	Vice President	all
4	Aniruddha Deshpande	Vice President	+ who ande
5	Narendra Firodia	Vice President	
6	PB Bhilare	Vice President	Bhilas
7	Vinay Bele	Vice President	ilan.
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9	Faruk Shaikh	Treasurer	10 cax 16
10	Hemendra Patel	Joint Secretary	THE
11	Yashwant Bapat	Joint Secretary /	ZEP .
12	Chandrakant Walawade	Joint Secretary	Hogore
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15	Ninant Pednekar	Joint Secretary	NETacto