



اللجنة الأولمبية البحرينية  
BAHRAIN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

# CONSTITUTION Of Bahrain Olympic Committee

## Chapter 1 Formation and Headquarters

### Article 1

The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) was established in 1979 and re-registered under **Decree No. 21** for the year 1989, promulgated on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1990 (No. 3), **in accordance with the** Regulation of the Youth Clubs and Societies at the General Organization for Youth & Sport (GOYS). And following the **Decree No. (50)** of 2010, the BOC acquired the status of a corporate body.

### Article 2

The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) is a non-governmental, autonomous body and corporate organization encompassing all national sporting federations, it is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Committee **holds all rights** and fulfills all obligations provided for in the Olympic Charter.

## Chapter 2 Mission, Vision, Rights and Roles

### Mission

#### Article 3

In the course of attaining its objectives, the Committee aims to support, protect, develop and organize sports movement in the Kingdom of Bahrain in accordance **with** the Olympic Charter by promoting partnership with relevant parties.

### Vision

#### Article 4

Enable the representatives of the Olympic movement to achieve sustainable excellence.

### Rights

#### Article 5

The Bahrain Olympic Committee shall have the exclusive authority to represent the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Olympic, regional and continental competitions, as well as in world multi-sport competitions patronized by the IOC. The Committee shall **participates by sending athletes** in the Olympic Games. Moreover, the Committee is responsible for the conduct of the members of its delegation in such Games. In particular, the Committee shall have the following rights:

1. Participate in the IOC's **meetings** such as the Committee, subcommittee or any other similar meetings.
2. Form, organize and lead the various delegations to the Olympic Games, Continental, Regional Games and International competitions held under the sponsorship and **organisation** of the IOC.
3. Join regional and continental federations and organizations recognized by the IOC.
4. **Acquire the right for the emblem of the BOC and use certain properties by authority of the IOC.**
5. Prepare and participate in the organization of other tournaments and competitions within or outside the Kingdom subject to the respective rules and regulations.
6. Organize and oversee Olympic Games, regional competitions and **decide on** the cities where such activities would be held if it is decided to be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the Olympic rules and regulations.
7. Establish relationships and cooperation with other national Olympic committees and International sports organizations in order to encourage the exchange of sports expertise.
8. Submit proposals to the IOC in respect to the Olympic Charter and Olympic Movement, including the organization of the Olympic Games.
9. Supervise the preparation and hosting of Olympic conferences and meetings.
10. Seek to secure financial resources in a manner consistent with the Olympic fundamental principles and benefit from the Olympic Solidarity Program aid.
11. Supervise the plans and programs of sports federations and approve the various foreign participations of teams and individuals. Specifically, participation in the various sports championships, camps, meetings, conferences, seminars and studies.
12. Exercise any other right conferred by the IOC and by the Olympic Charter.
13. Maintain the autonomy of the BOC and reject any form of political, legal, religious or economic pressures which may prevent the Committee from complying with the Olympic Charter.

## Roles

The Bahrain Olympic Committee is tasked to do the following roles:

### Article 6

1. Promote the fundamental values and principles of the Olympic culture in sports and educational institutions; by promoting Olympic educational programs at all levels of schools, sports and, physical education institutions and universities, as well as by encouraging the creation of institutions and universities dedicated to Olympic education, such as National Olympic Academies, Olympic Museums and other programs, including cultural related to the Olympic Movement.
2. Comply with principles and instructions of the Olympic Charter issued by the IOC.
3. Develop high performance sport in the Kingdom of Bahrain as well as Sport for All.
4. Train and further **enhance** administrators and technicians by conducting training and management courses in line with the fundamental principles of Olympism.
5. Prevent and reject any form of any sports discrimination, violence or field vandalism.
6. Adopt and apply the World Anti-Doping Code by ensuring that the Bahrain Olympic Committee's anti-doping policies and rules, as well as its current memberships, requirements and administrative procedure strictly consist with and abide by the World Anti-Doping Code. Such policies and rules must observe all responsibilities and obligations of the national Olympic committees included in the Anti-Doping Code.
7. Cooperate with governmental and non-governmental organizations within the framework of the Olympic Charter.
8. Seek to involve women in sport in general and in the Olympic Games in particular.
9. Promote awareness and responsibility of sport's association with environmental issues.
10. Participate in activities aiming at promoting peace.

### Article 7

The Bahrain Olympic Committee shall comply with Article Rules 7 to 14 of the Olympic Charter and take **serious** action to prevent the misuse of the Olympic Symbol, Flag, Emblem or Anthem.

The BOC shall also Endeavour to protect the name "Olympic" and "Olympiad" in favour of the IOC. However, the BOC may use the "Olympic Symbol, Flag, Emblem or Anthem" for non-profit activities subject to the rules of the Olympic Charter.

### Chapter 3 Membership

#### Article 8

Sports federations and organizations may **submit in their Olympic membership forms to the Secretary General for approval**. An application must be signed by the President of the respective federation or organization and supported with the following documents:

1. The headquarters and address of the federation or organization.
2. The names, addresses and positions of the President and members of the board.
3. A copy of the constitution and by-laws.
4. Date of membership of the relevant international federation.
5. Admission and annual subscriptions, if any.

The Committee shall not **approve** more than one National federation for each sport governed by an International Federation.

#### Article 9

A federation will become a member of the Olympic Committee only **after** the nomination of the Board of Directors **and** the approval of the General Assembly. **If rejected**, the federation will be notified in writing, indicating the reasons. The federation may reapply for membership **resolving these ailments**.

### Chapter 4 The General Assembly

#### Article 10

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Olympic Committee, and shall have the exclusive right to amend this Constitution, to oversee the functions of the Board of Directors and to finally settle issues referred to the Assembly.

#### Article 11

The General Assembly of the Bahrain Olympic Committee shall comprise the following members who shall have the right to vote at meetings:

1. All National Federations (NF) affiliated **with** the International Federation's (IF) Governing sports included **in the Olympic Games programs, have two representatives that are entitled one vote only**. The voting majority of the General Assembly shall consist of the votes casted by those NF's affiliated to the IF's governing sports included in the Olympic Games **program**.
2. The National Federations affiliated to the IF recognized by the IOC, the sports of which are not included in the program of the Olympic Games. **Two representatives per NF with one vote only**.
3. Two elected representatives of the BOC's Athletes Committee (one male and one female, if possible) one having participated in at least **one** of the last three editions of the Olympic Games and the other having participated in at least one of the last three editions of the Asian Games, with one vote only.
4. The Bahraini member, or members, if any, of the International Olympic Committee.
5. The specific organizations and federations involved in multi-sports, whose membership has been **approved** by the Board of Directors of the Olympic Committee by **the** General Assembly, without **having the** eligibility for voting in elections.

#### **Article 12**

The Government or any other public authorities shall not appoint any members of the BOC (General Assembly or Board of Directors). However, the General Assembly of the BOC at its own discretion has the right to elect members as representatives of such authorities.

#### **Article 13**

The General Assembly, by the convocation of the President of the Board of Directors or, in case the President is absent or unable to convene the meeting for any reason, by the convocation of the Vice President or, in case both are absent or unable to convene the meeting for any reason, by the convocation of one member of the Board appointed by the President or the Board, shall convene in an ordinary meeting once a year.

The invitation must be sent to the members a month before the meeting date, specifying the date and venue of the meeting. Two weeks after the invitation, the agenda shall follow, containing:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting.
2. A list of the names of the members who are eligible to attend the General Assembly meeting.
3. The annual Board report.
4. The financial report for the previous financial year audited and approved by a recognized auditing firm.
5. The budget of next year.
6. The proposals received from the Board of Directors and from members of the General Assembly.

7. Nomination forms of the Board of Directors for meetings the agendas of which include election of the Board of Directors and the opening and closure of the nomination period.

#### Article 14

The General Assembly shall consider the following matters at its annual meeting:

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Approval of the Board report for the previous year and the action plan for the upcoming year.
3. Approval of the final account statement for the previous financial year and the auditor's report.
4. Election of the Board of Directors or new election of any vacant position filled temporarily by the Board of Directors (As per clause 6 of article 30 of this constitution) for the remainder of the term.
5. Approval **for endorsing** external auditor from among those nominated by the Board of Directors.
6. Proposals for discussion at the General Assembly meeting.
7. Other matters which the Board of Directors feels appropriate to **discuss**.

#### Article 15

**The meeting is legal only if most of the voting members are present.** If not, the General Assembly shall be **set** to meet after eight days with the presence of **at least** one-third of the members **voting**. Once the meeting is properly **set**, the withdrawal of any of the present members will have no effect on the validity of the meeting.

#### Article 16

Unless otherwise provided in this constitution, the resolutions of the General Assembly are adopted by the majority of the present members who are eligible to vote. (50% +1 of the attending member's votes) Where there is a tie, the President shall have a casting vote. Voting shall be in accordance with the following rules:

1. Secret suggestions for voting and important matters, and by **hand raising** for ordinary matters.
2. The voting majority of the General Assembly shall consist of the votes cast by the National Federations affiliates of the International Federation's governing sports included in the program for the Olympic Games.
3. In discussing the issues related to the Olympic Games, only the votes of the National Federations, affiliates **that are** to the IF's, included in the Olympic Games, program and the athletes committee representative members, shall be taken into **consideration**.

#### **Article 17**

An **unexpected or usual** meeting of the General Assembly shall be held by **invitation from** the President, or Vice **President** or by a request made in the form of individual petitions, to the Board of Directors by one-third of the General Assembly members who are eligible to vote. Such requests include the important and urgent matters that need to be discussed urgently, and to be held within one month from the date of petitions' submission.

#### **Article 18**

The extraordinary General Assembly shall consider the following matters:

1. Important and urgent matters.
2. Resignation of the Board of Directors.
3. **To ratify the decisions made by the board of directors**, with respect to the suspension or cessation of membership of any Olympic Committee federation or organization.
4. **Termination** of membership of the President, members of the Board of Directors or certain members.
5. Amendment of the Committee's **regulations**.

#### **Article 19**

The procedures for setting an extraordinary General Assembly meeting are similar to the General Assembly meetings. Decisions will be adopted by the majority vote of those present members who are eligible to vote. (50% +1 of the attending member's votes) However, it is provided that a majority vote of two-thirds of the members eligible to vote will be required for **terminating** the membership of the Board of Directors. In the case of **equal votes**, the President shall have a casting vote.

#### **Article 20**

A member of the General Assembly or of the Board of Directors may not participate in the General Assembly's deliberations or vote on matters to which he is a party in or which **are of** personal interest.

#### **Article 21**

The General Assembly may not consider other than the items included on the agenda without the consent of the majority of the General Assembly members present and eligible to vote. Further, no matter what decision had previously been taken, it may not be re-discussed until after the lapse of one calendar year from the date if the meeting at which such decision was made.



#### **Article 22**

A meeting of the General Assembly shall be presided over by the President of the Board of Directors or, in his absence, by his Vice. In the case of Both the President and the Vice President is absent the General Secretary is to preside the General Assembly.

#### **Article 23**

If for any extraordinary circumstances, the General Assembly has not been able to cover the agenda items, the meeting shall adjourn and another meeting is set within a period of not more than one week to finalize the agenda. The adjourned meeting will be a continuation of the first meeting and resolutions adopted there at shall be valid and effective, and no amendment to the agenda or to the name of candidates for the Presidency and membership of the Board of Directors may be made. The quorum of a minimum of one-third of the General Assembly shall be maintained.

#### **Article 24**

The Bahrain Olympic Committee shall send copies of the minutes of the General Assembly meetings, where the agendas of such meetings had included election of the Board of Directors or filling of vacant offices of the Board of Directors, to the International Olympic Committee. Such copies must be signed by the President and by the General Secretary .

### **Chapter 5 Nomination and Election**

#### **Article 25**

Nomination for the Presidency and membership of the Board of Directors will be declared by resolution of the Board of Directors after the elections of the Board of Directors of the sports federations and organizations upon completion of the Olympic summer games, whether held or not. The Board of Directors shall specify the commencement and closure of the nomination period.

#### **Article 26**

Each federation shall send nominations in writing to the General Secretary during the specified period provided that no more than one person is nominated for the membership of the Board of Directors.

### **Article 27**

The terms and conditions of nomination for the Board of Directors:

1. Nomination of members for the Olympic Committee Board of Directors will be made from among members of the Board of Directors of the sports federations which are members of the Olympic Committee, as well as from among distinguished individual members and former Olympic outstanding athletes.
2. The President must be a public figure with clear role in the sports movement and full knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Olympic Movement.
3. All candidate should be Bahraini nationals of not less than 21 years of age and are enjoying their civil rights.

### **Article 28**

The General Secretary shall announce the nominees on the notice boards at the Olympic Committee premises. The federations and nominees will be furnished with the list of nominees upon review, verification and approval of the Board of Directors.

### **Article 29**

Electing, sorting of votes and conducting of relevant matters shall be subject to the controls and procedures provided for in the by-laws of the Board of Directors.

## **Chapter 6 The Board of Directors**

### **Article 30**

1. The Board of Directors shall comprise one President and up to thirteen members out of which eleven members to be elected by the General Assembly, as follows:
  - a) President.
  - b) Seven members representing the Olympic Federations.
  - c) A member representing the Non-Olympic Federations which are recognized by the International Olympic Committee.
  - d) A member representing the athletes commission. (It's election takes place before the Board of Directors election separately).
  - e) One member from the public who has provided outstanding services to sport and to the Olympic Movement and not a member in the board of directors on any federation elected by the General Assembly upon proposal from the Board of Directors.
  - f) Up to Two Members without voting rights, Appointed by the President.
  - g) General Secretary with no voting rights (Appointed).

2. Under the Olympic Charter, Any Bahraini member of the International Olympic Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors, with voting rights.
3. The Vice President/(Vice Presidents) position elected by the Board of Directors (from among its members elected by the General Assembly) at the first meeting by voting. In the case of the election of more than one Vice President, the positions must be designated as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
4. The President and members of the Board of directors shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of Four years. They may be eligible for re-election.
5. The voting majority of the board of directors shall consist of the votes casted by the representatives of the National Federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the program of the Olympic Games.
6. The Board of Directors may reassign positions in case of vacancies arise. In the event any vacant position for an elected position within the Board of Directors is temporary filled by the Board of Directors, this shall be subject to ratification or new election at the next General Assembly for the remainder of the term

#### **Article 31**

The Board of Directors shall exercise the following functions:

1. Draw the General policies and the strategic plans to develop the sports movement in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in close cooperation, coordination and partnership with the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and the International Olympic Committee.
2. Represent the Kingdom of Bahrain at the Olympic Games, continental and regional competitions, select the games in which the Kingdom will participate and approve delegations to such participations.
3. Approve the delegates attending different meetings and Conferences domestically and internationally in relation to the Olympic activities and programs.
4. Review the annual reports on the various activities, as well as the final account statement, action plans and budget for the next year.
5. Approve contracts and agreements concluded in the name of the Committee and represent the Committee in contracting, litigation and reconciliation according to internal by-laws.
6. Consider and decide on complaints submitted by sports federations with respect to any matter related to the Olympic Games and remove relevant reasons.
7. Oversee the preparation of national teams for the Olympic Games, regional and continental competitions. In coordination with the federations concerned.
8. Recognize sports leaders and athletes who have successfully represented the Kingdom and achieved record positions.
9. Form various committees and designate their representatives whether from among their members or others to run their various activities.

10. Accept the admission of federations and determine the cessation of their Committee membership, subject to final approval by the General Assembly.
11. Approve the organizational structure, duties, positions and all relevant administrative regulations within the BOC.

#### **Article 32**

The Board of Directors shall meet once every two months. Such meetings shall be valid with the attendance of the majority of members eligible to vote (50% +1 of the attending member's votes). The Board of Directors may meet whenever required at the request of the President or two-thirds of its members by sending an invitation and the agenda at least three days before the date of suggested meeting. Voting on ordinary matters will be held by secret ballot unless a majority decision has been taken to take a vote openly. Unless otherwise provided in this constitution, decisions of the Board of Directors are taken by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote. In the event of a tie, the President will have a casting vote.

#### **Article 33**

A member of the Board of Directors shall forfeit membership in the following circumstances:

1. Deceased.
2. Resignation.
3. Failure to observe and abide by the Olympic Charter and this Constitution.
4. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings or five interrupted meetings in any one year without a reason acceptable to the Board of Directors.
5. Commitment of acts involving dignity or defamation of the Committee or other sports organizations, rendering him unworthy of membership. This action is finalized after investigation with the member and after referring the matter to the General Assembly for ratification of the resolution of the Board of Directors.
6. Failure to perform duties and tasks assigned to him.
7. Final judicial condemnation in a crime involving honour or honesty.

#### **Article 34**

In the event of the breaches referred to in Article 33 above, the member involved shall be served with a verbal warning then a notice of warning, and finally dismissal by resolution of the Committee's Board of Directors, subject to the final approval by the General Assembly. The member involved shall have the right to complain to a local arbitration board and appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. As referred to in Article 42 of this Constitution.

### Article 35

The Board of Directors will forfeit its validity if no quorum is attained as a result of resignations of some or all members. In this event, the President shall form a small-scale committee formed from among the General Assembly members to temporarily conduct the business of the Committee and to direct as to holding an extraordinary meeting to elect a new Board of Directors within 45 days and notify the Executive Committee of the International Olympic Committee.

### Article 36

The President of the Board shall exercise the following functions:

1. Preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors.
2. Call the General Assembly to meet under the rules of this **regulation**, as referred to in Article 17.
3. Represent the Bahrain Olympic Committee before all authorities.
4. Sign contracts and agreements to which the Bahrain Olympic Committee is a party.
5. Sign issued cheques according to internal financial by laws.
6. Delegate certain responsibilities to whom he sees fit.
7. Appoint the General Secretary, Executive Directors and Consultants.
8. Sign correspondence of a special nature requiring his signature.
9. Preside over the Committee's delegation to official local and international meetings.
10. Preside over the sports missions participating in the Olympic, Continental and Regional Games.

### Article 37

The Vice President or the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (in case of two) shall assume the functions of the President in the event of the President's absence or inability. The Vice President/ Vice presidents will exercise certain functions assigned to them by the President subject to a resolution by the Board of Directors.

### Article 38

The Executive Body shall exercise the following functions:

1. Run the various Technical, administrative and financial affairs of the committee, and propose By-laws and regulations for approval of the Board of Directors at its next meeting to be held.
2. Propose items **that will be included** on the agenda of the meetings of the Board of Directors.
3. The implementation of the resolutions of the Board of Directors and General Assembly.
4. Prepare the draft action plans for referral to the Board of Directors.
5. Propose the representation of the sports federations in local and international Games relative to Olympic programs and activities.

6. Prepare the By-Laws of the Committee and supervise the implementation thereof.
7. Prepare the Technical and Administrative report budget for the new Financial year and financial report for previous year.
8. Organize studies and courses, and award various appropriate certifications which aim at raising the technical standards, in cooperation and coordination with the relevant authorities.

#### **Article 39**

The General Secretary shall exercise the following functions:

1. Supervise all functions of the administration of the Executive Body.
2. Present the annual technical, administrative and financial report at the end of the Year to the Board of Directors for approval.
3. Nominate the personnel to participate in local and international conferences and meetings relative to Olympic programs and activities.
4. Appoint Managers and staff below.
5. Present important correspondences received by the BOC to the president for review.
6. Preside over the meetings of all committees if he is present at such meetings.
7. Have access and respond to all correspondences received by the Committee from local and international organizations and accordingly respond.
8. Issue invitations and make arrangements for meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and **register** and sign the minutes.
9. Maintain a filing system for all records, documents, minutes and resolutions of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and of the various committees.
10. Represent the Committee together with the President in all International, Continental and Regional meetings, Forums and conferences organized under the International Olympic Committee and Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) umbrella.
11. Submit the recommendations of the various committees to the Board of Directors.
12. Supervise the activities of the various committees and coordinate their functions.

#### **Article 40**

The members of the Board of Directors who engage in activities under the mandate of the Bahrain Olympic Committee and outside their duties as board members may accept remuneration or rewards in return for performing their functions and discharging their duties. And they may be reimbursed for refundable travel expenses, accommodation charges and other expenditure incurred in the course of performing their duties.

#### **Article 41**

The financial resources of the Bahrain Olympic Committee shall consist of:

1. Financial support by the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport.
2. Donations, gifts and wills made by individuals, corporations or companies.
3. Revenues realized from championships and Games supervised by the Committee.
4. Publicity and marketing functions for sports activities supervised by the Committee.
5. Profit and investment returns generated by the Committee.
6. Donations and financial support from the IOC.
7. Aid donated by Olympic Solidarity and OCA.

### **Chapter 7 General Provisions**

#### **Article 42**

In line with the Olympic Charter, a national arbitration Court or more may be established to consider any sports disagreement between athletes or between sports organizations in the event of the submission of either party in dispute. The formation, terms of reference and functions of such as board, mode of making decisions and procedures for considering relevant issues are governed by rules issued for this purpose.

#### **Article 43**

Any decision issued by national sports arbitration court, as referred to in Article 42 of the **regulation policy**, may be appealed in full to the International Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitely in accordance with the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The Court will give a final decision on disputes under the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The specified period to submit an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport is twenty one days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.

#### **Article 44**

The Bahrain Olympic Committee may designate or identify itself as the National Olympic Committee, which designation shall be included or referred to as the designation of the Committee, under Article 28, Clause 7/1, of the Olympic Charter.



#### Article 45

The Constitution of the Bahrain Olympic Committee shall, at all times, comply with the Olympic Charter to which it must refer expressly. If there is any doubt as to the signification of interpretation of the Constitution and the Olympic Charter, the latter takes precedence.

Approval of Committee's Constitution by the Executive Board of the IOC is prerequisite for recognition. The same condition applies in the event of any subsequent change or amendment to the Constitution, which under all circumstances must be consistent with the Olympic Charter.

Any change in or amendment to the original Constitution must be referred to the IOC's Executive Board for approval under the appendices of Articles 28 and 29, Clause 1/3, of the Olympic Charter.

#### Article 46

The BOC shall be dissolved in any of the following instances:

1. **Lack of recognition from** the International Olympic Committee; this means that all rights granted to it under the Olympic Charter or by the International Olympic Committee under the Appendices of Articles 28 and 29, 1/7, of the Olympic Charter will **be lost**.
2. By resolution of the General Assembly adopted by a two-third majority of those present; such a resolution must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee.

#### Article 47

Under Article 32 of the Olympic Charter, the flag, emblem and anthem adopted by the Bahrain Olympic Committee for use in its activities, including Olympic Games shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee.

#### Article 48

The Committee may issue rules consisting with the provisions of this Constitution. The Committee shall have the right to **explicate** any text in the event of uncertainty or ambiguity. It may also refer to the International Olympic Committee if required.

Amendments on the constitutions of the Bahrain Olympic Committee were arrogated in its Ordinary General Assembly meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2014.



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