WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

PREAMBLE

Registered under the Societies Registration Act No. 1 of 1960.

1. The name of the society is "The Wrestling Federation of India, the accepted abbreviation being WFI."

2. The registered office of the Society shall be situated in the Union Territory of Delhi.

3. The objects for which the Society is established are:

   a) To encourage, promote and control amateur wrestling activities.

   b) To affiliate Wrestling Associations of States and Centrally administered areas, Services Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board and other all India Institutional Boards.

   c) To affiliate with the Indian Olympic Association.

   d) To affiliate with the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles [FILA] and to enforce rules and regulations of FILA.

   e) To arrange the holding of Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior Wrestling Championships every year as per FILA Rules at places selected by the Executive Committee.

   f) To authorized a State Wrestling Association for holding wrestling competitions of Inter-Regional nature in the Union of India.

   g) To arrange for participation of Indian Wrestling teams in International Wrestling Championships and in the case of Olympics, Asian and Commonwealth Games through Indian Olympic Association.

   h) To maintain control over officials and keep a panel of trained officials to work in approved contests. Also to arrange for their training and tests whenever required to maintain good standard of officiation.

   i) To conduct systematic coaching camps for the benefit of wrestlers.

   j) To lay down the general policy under which the State Wrestling Associations and other affiliated units will function.

   k) To register wrestlers and promote friendly bouts among them.

   l) To do all such things as may be conducive to the promotion and development of Amateur wrestling in the country and for the attainment of the object for which the Society is established.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

Article I - Name

This Federation shall be called the Wrestling Federation of India [WFI].

Article II - Jurisdiction

The territory under the jurisdiction of the Federation shall be the Union of India.

Article III – Membership

The membership of WFI shall be open to the under mentioned subject to the approval of General Council:

a) State Wrestling Associations

b) Union Territory Wrestling Associations

c) Services Sports Control Board [SSCB] and Railway Sports Promotion Board [RSPB]

d) FILA Bureau Members

Article IV – Representation and Votes

a) All States Wrestling Association including Delhi Amateur Wrestling Association shall be entitled to send 3 Representatives to the General Council. Each Representative will have one vote.

b) All Union Territories Wrestling Association with the exception of Delhi Amateur Wrestling Association shall be entitled to send 2 Representatives to the General Council. Each Representative will have one vote.

c) SSCB & RSPB shall be entitled to send 1 Representative to the General Council. Each representative will have one vote.

d) FILA Bureau Members will be entitled to attend Council Meetings and shall have right to vote.

Financial Year

Financial year of the Wrestling Federation of India shall be from 1st April to 31st March.

Membership Fee

The annual membership fee of Wrestling Federation of India shall be as follows:

i) All States Wrestling Association including Delhi Amateur Wrestling Association and all Union Territories Wrestling Association shall have to pay Rs.3000/- per year as Annual Membership Fee.

ii) SSCB & RSPB shall have to pay Rs.15000/- per year as Annual Membership Fee.

iii) It is obligatory for all Members to pay the Annual Membership Fee to Wrestling Federation of India by 31st October of every year. The defaulters will be served a notice from WFI to pay the Annual Membership Fee along with a penalty Rs.1000/- before the close of the financial year failing which they shall be disaffiliated subject to the approval by the Executive Committee. These disaffiliated members shall have to apply a fresh for affiliation paying all old arrears along with an entrance fee of Rs.20,000/-.

iv) Members in arrears of the dues of the WFI on any account shall be liable to forfeit the right to attend the meeting of WFI General Council and also right to participate in National and Zonal Competitions and all other activities of WFI till such time they make full payments of WFI.

v) The non payment / clearance of the WFI dues by any member of a unit shall be treated as non-payment of dues by the respective unit for the purpose of this article.

vi) New entrants to WFI shall have to pay RS.20,000/- as affiliation fee in addition the annual membership for the current year.

Article V – Management

a) The office bearers of the Federation shall be:-

i) President

ii) Senior Vice President

iii) 8 Vice Presidents

iv) Honourary Secretary General

v) Honourary Treasurer

vi) 6 Honourary Joint Secretaries

vii) The General Council shall co-opt 2 Representative of the Wrestlers, 1 Male and 1 Female as the Member of the Executive Committee.

b) The Executive Committee of the Federation shall consist of office bearers and 12 members elected by General Council from amongst its members as per Article III, clause (a), (b) & (c). The FILA Bureau Members will automatically be the members of Executive Committee of WFI.

c) The General Council shall consist of :

i) 3 Representative from each member of Clause (a)

ii) 2 Representative from each member of Clause (b)

iii) 1 Representative from each member from Clause (c)

iv) FILA Bureau Members from Clause (d)

(d) The election of the office bearers will be held within every four years at the General Council Meeting.

The duties of the Council shall be

a) To formulate the Policy, bye-laws, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the Federation and the principles on which it shall be carried out from time to time.

b) To elect office bearers within four years.

c) To submit to the members any organization eligible under this constitution and applying for affiliation.

d) To impose or enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, bye-laws or rules of this Federation.

e) To appoint Auditors to examine and certify the Accounts and Balance sheets of the Federation.

f) To call regular and special meetings of the Council and fix the date and place for holding all meetings.

g) To dis-affiliate or take any suitable action against any member unit for indiscipline, misbehaviour or any other undesirable activity, violation of the Constitution, bye-laws rules or directions of the Council or Executive Committee issued from time to time, for not functioning properly or for not functioning at all, on the Executive Committee's recommendations or suo moto and appoint adhoc committee to discharge the functions of the State Association till the formation of new representative Association.

h) To institute, locate, conduct and manage all meetings promoted for the selection of India's Wrestlers for Olympic Games and other International contests promoted or par-taken in by the Indian Olympic Association and to select representatives for such other National Wrestling contests as are approved by the Council.

i) To sanction any expenditure beyond Rs.5,00,000/-.

6. Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

a) The Executive Control of Wrestling Federation of India shall rest with the Executive Committee.

b) To impose or enforce penalties or take any other suitable action against any member Association, Player and official for indiscipline, or for any other cause or action that the Executive Committee may consider injurious or against the interest and welfare of the Federation or any Association or member, or its objects or for any other reasons that the Executive Committee may deem fit, provided two third majority members vote in favour of proposal and adequate opportunity of being heard has been given. The action taken by the Executive Committee is to be ratified by the Council.

c) To supervise the finances and accounts of the Federation.

d) To give financial assistance whenever possible to its members as may be in need of it.

e) To appoint Special Committees for specific functions and assign duties whenever necessary and delegate all or any of its powers to a Committee.

f) To be responsible for the proper supervision of the Indian teams for National Games and other games held under the auspices of the IOA, WFI, FILA and Asian Committee of FILA during the period of games and their trip to and from the venue and for foreign tours.

g) To consider the Annual Report prepared by the Secretary General and to submit it to the Council with its recommendations.

h) To initiate and recommend to the Council schemes for promotion and development of Amateur Wrestling in country.

i) To invest any money belonging to the Federation in such stocks, funds, shares or securities as it may from time to time think fit, or in the purchase of immovable property in India with the power of varying such investments from time to time.

j) To transfer or accept transfer of immovable or movable property on behalf of the Federation and subject to the control of the Federation.

k) To provide buildings, premises, furniture, apparatus and other means needed for carrying out the work of the Federation and to frame rules therefore.

l) To enter into, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the Federation.

m) To explain, define and interpret the provision of this constitution when disputed.

n) To decide the award or withdrawal of colour.

o) To exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Council.

p) To sanction expenditure upto Rs.5,00,000/- at one time.

7. Article VII – Elections

a) Elections shall be held within four year in the General Council meeting of the WFI. All office bearers Executive Committee members and members to the other Committees will be elected in this meeting from amongst the representatives of the members present at the meeting.

b) Any vacancy in the office bearers including that of the President which occurs in the Executive Committee shall be filled by election from members of the Executive Committee for an interim period by the Executive Committee. This shall be regularized during the very next meeting of the General Council. Any vacancy of the Executive Committee that occurs in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee for an interim period from the General Council of the Federation.

c) Accreditation of a representative shall terminate either by accreditation of another representative or by afflux of time, in respect of accreditation for limited term, or a particular occasion.

d) All other Committees, including the Finance Committee shall be elected by the General Council.

8. Article VIII – Tenure of Posts

"The Office bearers and members of the Executive Committee of the Federation may hold office as such for one or more terms of 4 years each on obtaining a simple majority votes of the members present and voting in the Election".

9. Article IX – Holding of Office

Any person holding the office of President, Secretary General or Treasurer in Wrestling Federation of India, shall not be eligible to hold any of these offices simultaneously in any other National Sports Federation / Association except the Indian Olympic Association.

10. Article X – Duties of Office Bearers

a) President

i) He shall be Chief Officer of the WFI. He shall be empowered to call meetings of the council and executive, if he deems it proper.

ii) To guide the Council in all its matters relating to the Policy and Expenditure to be incurred for the promotion of aims and objects of the Federation and shall have the powers to waive all minor technical Audit objections.

iii) To preside over all the meetings of the Federation, guide the council in all matters relating to Policy and expenditure to be incurred for the promotion of the aims and objects of the Federation.

iv) To sanction or to do re-appropriation within the sanctioned budget from any head to any existing or new head and to sanction all bills.

v) To sanction appointments, promotions and dismissals of the Staff.

vi) To sanction emergent purchases up to any amount. This will be put up before the next meeting of the Executive Committee or the General Council as the case may be.

vii) To sanction write off of all sports material and other articles upto the value of Rs.5,000/- at a time.

viii) To delegate powers, as considered necessary to the Vice Presidents.

ix) The President shall ensure that the various business meetings, as required under the constitution have been held.

b) Senior Vice President

In the absence of the President the Senior Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President. This function shall be delegated to the Senior Vice President in writing. In addition Senior Vice President shall perform all such duties which are specifically assigned to him in writing by the President.

c) Vice Presidents

In the absence of Senior Vice President one of the Vice Presidents designated by the President, WFI shall act as the Senior Vice President.

d) Honourary Secretary General

He shall be responsible for carrying out the general business of the Federation, keeping the minutes of the meetings, maintaining all the records of the Federation, calling the meetings of the General Council and the Executive Committee.

i) He shall be the Executive Officer of the Federation and shall be responsible for carrying out all decisions of the President, Council, Executive Committee and other Committees and shall see that all the rules of the Federation as also of FILA are fully observed.

ii) The Secretary General shall ensure that the accounts of the Federation have been properly maintained by the Treasurer and are regularly audited.

iii) He shall delegate, with the approval of the President, specific responsibilities or assignments to the Joint Secretaries.

iv) To transact all official business of the Federation.

v) He shall maintain record of all movable and immovable property of the Federation including all files of official correspondence, Minutes, Sports gears and other Material.

vi) To carry out all aims and objects of the Federation.

vii) To sanction appointments of temporary staff and labour provided in the budget estimates.

viii) To act as Secretary of the Council, Executive Committee, Finance Committee and all other Committees of the Federation.

ix) To attest all the bills irrespective of the amount and pass bill upto Rs.1000/- including TA bills.

x) To call meetings of the Council, Executive Committee and sub-committees.

xi) To have an imprest money of Rs.5000/- recoupable as soon as accounts are rendered.

xii) To sanction payment upto Rs.1000/-.

xiii) To keep records of the proceedings, resolutions and decisions of all meetings of the council, Executive Committee and other committees. The minutes having been confirmed by the Chairman of the next meeting shall be the conclusive evidence of their correctness.

e) Joint Secretaries

The Joint Secretaries shall assist the Hony. Secretary General and shall carry out the work directly assigned to them by the Secretary General. One of the Joint Secretaries, as detailed by the President, WFI, will act for the Secretary General in his absence for all matters.

f) Honourary Treasurer

i) He shall maintain accounts of the Federation. He shall present to the General Council an annual statement of accounts duly audited. He shall draw all the grants from the Government, deposit them in the bank and shall submit utilization certificate to the Government.

ii) He shall keep all accounts of the Federation's Income and expenditure and make all payments when sanctioned by the Honourary Secretary General or the President

iii) He shall pay all bill when sanctioned by the Secretary General, Senior Vice President or the President.

iv) He shall pay advances sanctioned by the President or the Secretary General except an imprest money of Rs.1000/- for which no sanction is needed. Such advances shall not be paid more than two weeks before the date of the occasion or the purpose and should be adjusted within a week from the date of the termination of the journey or purpose for which it is given.

v) He shall keep a recoupable advance of Rs.500/-.

vi) He shall ensure that all bills are attested by the Senior Vice President / Secretary General before making any payment.

vii) The accounts of the WFI shall be operated by any two out of the following office bearers: President, Senior Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer. Signature of the Treasurer for operating the Account is compulsory.

11. Article X-A:

Any member Association will automatically cease to be a member of the Wrestling Federation of India in case his State / Union Territory is divided or merged into another State.

Any member of the Executive Committee shall cease to be its member if he (i) resigns or (ii) dies or (iii) does not attend three consecutive meetings. Any vacancy thus caused shall be filled by the Executive Committee from time to time.

12. Article X-B:

Any office bearer or member of the Wrestling Federation of India who ceases to be a member of the State Association or Board affiliated to the Wrestling Federation of India shall automatically cease to be an office bearer or member of the Wrestling Federation of India.

13. Article XI – Notices and Quorum for meetings:

	Meetings	**Notice time**	**Quorum**
i)	Annual General Meetings	30 Clear days	1/3 of Representatives
ii)	Special General Meeting	21 Clear days	-do-
iii)	Emergency General Meeting	10 Clear days	-do-

iv)	Executive Committee	15 Clear days	1/3 of representative
v)	Emergency Executive Committee Meeting	07 Clear days	-do-
vi)	Finance Committee Meetings	15 Clear days	-do-

14. Article XII

Special General Meeting can be summoned by the President at any time at his discretion.

and/or

Shall be summoned, on a written requisition signed by Presidents and Secretaries of not less than 50% member units, within 40 days from the date of receipt of the said requisition. If the President WFI fails to convene the requisitioned meeting within the specified time, then the requisitions can convene a meeting under arrangements made directly by them. In the requisitioned meeting, only specified items of Agenda announced will be considered for decision.

15. Article XIII - Voting

a) In Annual General Meetings or the Special General Meetings of General Council members shall be entitled to send Representatives as per the following formula:

Unit	**Representatives**	**Voting**
i) State Wrestling Associations including DAWA	03	Each representative will have 1 vote
ii) Union Territory Wrestling Association	02	Each representative will have 1 vote
iii) SSCB & RSPB	01	Each representative will have 1 vote.
iv) FILA Bureau Members		One vote for one member attending the meeting.

The President is authorized to nominate not exceeding 8 Associate Vice Presidents and 6 Associate Joint Secretaries. The Associate Vice Presidents & Joint Secretaries may not be member of State / UTs Wrestling Associations but they will be reputed persons who are known for sports enthusiasms and have been associated with development and promotion of Wrestling. Individuals appointed Associate Vice Presidents & Joint Secretaries shall have no voting right but they shall be entitled to attend Meetings of Executive Committee and General Council.

b) The right to vote shall vest with the accredited representatives deputed by the affiliated units. One and the same person, shall under no circumstances, be entitled to represent more than one member (self).

c) Vote if necessary, in the WFI Executive Committee Meetings or at the Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings of WFI shall be by show of hands. Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members of the WFI shall always be by secret ballot.

16. Article XIV – Conditions of Competitions

In all competitions, rules and regulations as laid down from time to time by the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles [FILA], Asian Associated Wrestling Committee, Commonwealth Wrestling Association and Wrestling Federation of India [WFI] shall be followed.

17. Article XV – Amendments to the Rules and Regulations

No amendment shall be made to these Rules and Regulations except at the Special General Council Meeting of the WFI and supported by 2/3rd of the representatives present and voting. All proposed amendments must be presented to the Secretary General, at least three weeks before the meeting and forwarded by him to every member at least fourteen days before the meeting.

18. Article XVI - General

All movable and immovable property received or raised by the Federation from any money or grants received from any source as subsidy, donation, interest, gate money or in any other manner shall manner shall be vested in the Federation. The Secretary General shall maintain a register showing all the movable and immovable property belonging to the Federation. This register will be checked and certified as correct along with the submission of statement of accounts in a particular year.

19. Article XVII

All the provisions of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment Act) shall apply to the Society.

20. Article XVII – General Disciplinary Regulations

a) Violation of the existing rules cannot be excused on ground of ignorance.

b) Whoever incites aids or abets a member unit in infringement of rules and regulations shall be censured in the same manner as the Unit which commits the said infringement.

c) Disciplinary proceeding may be started pursuant to the testimony of:-

   i) Authorized representative of an affiliated Unit Committing the infringement.

   ii) In case of unwarranted action by a particular affiliated State Unit in taking matter's concerning affiliation, administration, Organsation and election or any other incident, the matter will be decided by arbitration by the President WFI who will be the supreme authority and the dispute in no case be dragged into the Court.

d) The Federation may, after investigation, order fresh elections to be held in any of its affiliated Units if it feels that the Unit concerned has not observed proper rules and regulations, as enshrined in the latter Statues and Constitution relating to elections, auditing and passing of accounts on dates of election as stipulated in the said constitution.

21. Article XIX – Disciplinary Committee

The Federation will appoint a Disciplinary Committee from among the members of the Executive Committee, not exceeding three, to deal with all matters pertaining to disciplinary regulations and the Committee will submit its report or findings to the Executive Committee. The decision of the Executive Committee will be put up for ratification of the General Council.

22. Article XX – Disciplinary Sanctions

The Federation member units are liable to the following disciplinary sanctions:-

i) Warning

ii) Caution

iii) Suspension for a specified period of time

iv) Expulsion from the Federation

In the final report, the Executive Committee will decide whether the proposed penalties are well founded. In the event of serious infraction which calls for an immediate action, a decision shall be made by the President on the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee.

Note 1. No penalty shall be imposed before the Unit at fault has been heard.

Note 2. Should an affiliated unit fail to present itself through its accredited office bearer at the bearing, it shall be considered as having been heard.

Note 3. As a General Rule, except in special circumstances duly appreciated, suspension shall be applied as a temporary measure between the infraction and the declaration of an eventual penalty.

23. Article XXI - Appeal

All the State Wrestling Associations/other affiliated Units of the WFI shall commit themselves to appeal only to the President of WFI with regard to the functioning of the State Wrestling Associations and others within it down statutes and regulations. State Wrestling Associations/other affiliated to the WFI are not allowed to appeal to any other jurisdiction.

24. Article XXII – Un-sportsman Like Behaviour and Acts of Violation

During the Olympics, Commonwealth or Asian Games or any other International competitions and National etc., any un-sportsman like behaviour on the part of a wrestler or official or Coach which includes insulting remarks, undesirable gestures, abusive language and questioning the decision of judges and referees, provoking the opponents or the spectators etc., or committing any act which is not in tune with the propriety of sportsmanship shall be penalized by the Committee appointed on the sport by the President or any other Senior Office bearer of the Wrestling Federation of India, and further action and the penalty will be imposed in the following manner:-

i) Disqualification for the duration of the activity of that item of sports.

ii) Disqualification for the entire duration of the competition.

iii) Prohibition from participation in competitions for a fixed period of time.

iv) In case of International competition, the President of WFI of his nominees for that competition accompanying the team is authorized to take action on the spot.

25. Article XXIII – Residual Powers

In the event of a disagreement, concerning the above disciplinary Rules, the Interpretation of these regulations shall fall within the competence of the WFI Executive Committee which shall be the final authority.

26. Article XXIV - Miscellaneous

a) The Federation shall ensure that Senior, Junior and Cadet National Wrestling Championships are held in Free Style, Greco Roman Style and for Female Wrestling once every year. These

Championships will be held in accordance with Rules framed by the Federation for holding of National Championships.

b) The membership of the Federation/State Wrestling Association is confined to one State one Association only. NO affiliation will be granted to either clubs or bodies.

c) The Federation shall be guided by the Statues, Rules, Regulations, bye-laws directions and Instructions issued from time to time by the Indian Olympic Association.

d) Every member association shall intimate to the Secretary General the list of office bearers and the annual report of the activities after due approval of their respective Executive Committee for the consideration of the Council every year.

e) All Units of the Federation shall undertake to supply to the Federation Copy of the respective Statues, constitution, Rules and Regulations, a list of their respective accredited member units and their office bearers and members, a copy of the annual report, annual balance sheet and audited statement of accounts and a report of their activities along with a calendar for the ensuing year regularly. Failure to supply this information by January of each year will constitute of breach of this Article and render the defaulting unit to disciplinary action under these Articles.

f) The WFI shall not affiliate a sports Unit of any State that has not affiliated recognized by the State Olympic Association which is affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association.

g) The Federation may sue or be sued in the name of Secretary General WFI. A law suit can only be filed at New Delhi the Headquarters of WFI.

27. Article XXV – Officiating Arrangements

The President, WFI is authorized to make officiating arrangements for office bearers including the office of the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary General, Joint Secretaries and Treasurer, as and when considered necessary by him, when an office bearers is away from his office on leave, duty, sickness.

28. Article XXVI – Disaffiliation / De-recognition / Suspension of State Associations

a) The WFI General Council on the recommendation of the President WFI either directly or through the WFI Executive Committee, based on his discretion, as entitled to considered disaffiliation / de-recognition / suspension of the Association on one or more of the under-mentioned grounds, after ensuring that the normal law of justice has been observed, namely, a show cause notice has been served and an explanation has been obtained and considered from the organization recommended for disaffiliation / de-recognition / suspension:-

   i) Non-observance of lawful directives issued by the Wrestling Federation of India from time to time to the satisfaction of the latter.

   ii) Non holding election completion of the normal tenure for which the office bearers are elected. Any extension of the tenure of the office bearers will be subject to obtaining prior written permission from the WFI.

   iii) Not submitting annual audited statement of accounts, annual report and list of current office bearers within the stipulated time period.

b) What every the decision of the WFI General Council, it must be supported by two third majority votes of the members present and voting.

c) If the WFI General Council takes a decision to disaffiliate an association, the President, WFI will have the authority to constitute an adhoc body, preferably from amongst the members of the WFI General Council to look after the work done by the dis-affiliated Association till such time

that the President, WFI arranges for fresh elections to be held in the concerned Association which then start functioning in the normal manner.

29. Article XXVII – Expulsion of the Individual or a Group of Individuals from the Association

a) From time to time cases happen of an individual, or Group of individuals belonging to or Associated with the State Wrestling Association indulging in activities including taking recourse to civil court of law, which are prejudicial to the promotion of sports, including the efficient functioning of the concerned Association. In this respect, President, WFI is authorized to recommend to the WFI General Council either directly or through the WFI Executive Committee based on his discretion, the expulsion of an individual or group of individuals, either permanently or for specified period of time, from the concerned association.

b) The WFI General Council is to ensure that the normal law of justice has been observed, namely a show cause notice has been served and an explanation has been obtained and considered from the individual, or group of individuals, recommended for expulsion.

c) The decision for expulsion of an individual or group of individuals by the WFI General Council must be supported by two third majority of votes of the members present and voting.