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## LAWS OF MALAYSIA

### Act 576

#### SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ACT 1997

An Act to promote and facilitate the development and administration of sports in Malaysia and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

*[1 January 1998, P.U.(B) 9/1998;  
except Sabah, Sarawak and  
Federal Territory of Labuan]*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of Dewan Negara and Dewan Rakyat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

#### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

#### **Short title, application and commencement**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Sports Development Act 1997 and shall apply throughout Malaysia.

(2) This Act shall come into force on such date or dates as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint; and the Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into force of different dates for the coming into force of different provisions of this Act and for the application of this Act to different parts of Malaysia.

## Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“certificate” means the certificate of registration issued under section 18;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Sports appointed under section 10 and includes a Regional, Deputy or Assistant Commissioner of Sports;

“company” has the same meaning as is assigned to that expression in the Companies Act 2016 [Act 777] and includes a “corporation” as defined in that Act;

“licence” means the licence issued by the Commissioner under section 36;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for sports;

“National Sports Council” means the National Sports Council of Malaysia established under the National Sports Council of Malaysia Act 1971 [Act 29];

“office bearer” in relation to a sports body, includes—

- (a) a member of any subcommittee or other body established or formed by the governing body of a sports body, or by the governing body of a branch of such sports body;
- (b) any person who is responsible to any extent for the management of any of the affairs, or the conduct of any of the activities, of a sports body or of any branch of such sports body; and
- (c) any person who is appointed or authorized to represent, or act on behalf of, a sports body or any branch of such sports body, in any matter, other than a person who is engaged by the sports body to represent, or to act on



behalf of, the sports body or any branch of such sports body in his professional capacity or by contractual arrangement;

“sport” means any of the activities listed in the First Schedule;

“sporting activity” in relation to a sport, includes—

- (a) the organization of competitions, seminars, clinics or courses for a sport;
- (b) the sending of participants to sporting competitions or events; and
- (c) any other activity ancillary or related to a sport;

“sports body” means an association, club or society which acts as the governing or representative body of a sport in Malaysia whether at district, State or national level, whether or not such association, club, society or company is only an affiliate of another association, club, society or company;

“Sports Dispute Committee” means the Sports Dispute Committee established under Part VI;

“sportsperson” means the participant of a sport including an athlete;

“State” includes the Federal Territories of Malaysia.

## PART II

### SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

#### **Guidelines in relation to sports development**

3. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister shall be responsible for providing or issuing guidelines in relation to the development of sports including the long term development programme for

sportsperson, coaches and sports administrators and officials at all levels.

(2) The Minister shall not provide or issue any guidelines under subsection (1) where there already exist international guidelines or rules on the same matter.

**Association, etc., to consult and coordinate with Minister**

4. All association, agencies or bodies that are involved in sports shall consult and coordinate with the Minister in relation to any sports matter as may be prescribed by the Minister in the regulations.

**Other Government Ministries, etc., to consult with Minister**

5. (1) Subject to subsection (2), every Government Ministry or other governmental body at Federal, State or local level may carry out sporting activities relating to physical education or sports, including the development of leadership qualities in physical education and sports.

(2) The Minister may, by notification in writing, require a Government Ministry or governmental body referred to in subsection (1) to consult and coordinate with him in relation to the activities referred to in that subsection.

(3) In this section, “Ministry” does not include the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

**Coordinating body**

6. Pursuant to its role as provided for in the National Sports Council of Malaysia Act 1971, the National Sports Council shall be the overall coordinating body for all sports bodies to promote and develop sports in Malaysia.

### **Development of sports science**

7. The Minister may, towards the development of sports, take all necessary action to encourage the development of sports science in higher educational institutions in Malaysia and for this purpose may render all assistance which he considers necessary.

## **PART III**

### **OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF MALAYSIA**

#### **National Olympic Committee**

8. (1) The Olympic Council of Malaysia is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the National Olympic Committee for Malaysia.

(2) The Olympic Council of Malaysia shall be responsible for ensuring that the participation of Malaysia in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, South East Asian Games and other international athletics competitions as in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee, the Olympic Council of Asia, the Commonwealth Games Federation, the South East Asian Games Federation and other international sports bodies to which the Olympic Council of Malaysia is affiliated.

#### **Application of Act to the Olympic Council of Malaysia**

9. Subject to this Act, the provisions of this Act which are applicable to a sports body shall be equally applicable to the Olympic Council of Malaysia and references to a “sports body” in those provisions shall include a reference to the Olympic Council of Malaysia.

**PART IIIA****PARALYMPIC COUNCIL OF MALAYSIA AND MALAYSIA  
DEAF SPORTS ASSOCIATION****Paralympic Council of Malaysia**

**9A.** (1) The Paralympic Council of Malaysia is recognized by the International Paralympic Committee as the National Paralympic Committee for Malaysia.

(2) The Paralympic Council of Malaysia shall be responsible for ensuring that the participation of Malaysia in the Paralympic Games, Asian Paralympic Games and other international athletics competitions is in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Paralympic Committee, Asian Paralympic Committee and other international sports bodies to which the Paralympic Council of Malaysia is affiliated.

**Malaysia Deaf Sports Association**

**9B.** (1) The Malaysia Deaf Sports Association is recognized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf as the National Deaf Sports Federation for Malaysia.

(2) The Malaysia Deaf Sports Association shall be responsible for ensuring that the participation of Malaysia in the Deaflympics, Asia Pacific Deaf Games and other international athletics competitions is in accordance with the rules and regulations of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation and other international sports bodies to which the Malaysia Deaf Sports Association is affiliated.

PART IV

ADMINISTRATION OF ACT

**Appointment of Commissioner, etc.**

**10.** The Minister may appoint a Commissioner of Sports and so many Regional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of Sports and other officers and servants as the Minister thinks necessary for the proper administration of this Act.

**Power of Commissioner to register sports bodies**

**11.** (1) The Commissioner shall have the following powers:

- (a) to register or refuse to register—
  - (i) any association, club or society as a sports body;
  - (ii) any sports body registered under the \*Societies Act 1966 [*Act 335*];
- (b) to impose such conditions as the thinks fit on the registration of a sports body; and
- (c) to revoke or suspend the registration of a sports body.

(2) The Commissioner may, in writing, delegate any of his powers under subsection (1) to any person or committee formed by the Commissioner for the purpose and may prescribe in writing such procedures and regulations as he deems necessary for the exercise of the powers so delegated.

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\*NOTE—The Societies Act 1966 [*Act 335*] has since been revised as the Societies Act 1966 [*Act 832*].

**Power of Commissioner to require disclosure of information**

**12.** (1) The Commissioner may direct any person to disclose to the Commissioner any information and produce any report and document within his knowledge or in his possession as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of exercising any of the powers and functions of the Commissioner under this Act and he may further direct the attendance before him of any person whom he considers necessary to enable him to carry out his powers and functions under this Act.

(2) Any person who—

- (a) fails to comply with the direction of the Commissioner under subsection (1);
- (b) discloses any information which is known to him to be false; or
- (c) produces a report or document which is known to him to be false,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand ringgit but not more than fifty thousand ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

**Additional powers of Commissioner**

**13.** In addition to the powers, duties and functions conferred on the Commissioner by this Act and any regulations made thereunder, the Commissioner shall have and may exercise all such powers, discharge all such duties and perform all such functions as may be necessary for the purpose of giving effect and carrying out the provisions of this Act.

**Directions by the Minister**

**14.** (1) The Minister may give to the Commissioner any direction not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as to exercise and performance of his powers and functions in relation to any sports body and the Commissioner shall give effect to any such direction.

(2) The Commissioner shall furnish the Minister with such information in relation to any sports body as the Minister may require from time to time.

PART V

REGISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF SPORTS BODIES

**Application to be registered to carry out activities**

**15.** (1) Every sports body shall apply to the Commissioner to be registered under this Act to carry out any sporting activity.

(2) No sports body shall carry out any of the activities referred to in subsection 25 (1) until and unless it has been registered under this Act.

**Sports bodies registered under the \*Societies Act 1966**

**16.** Any sports body registered under the \*Societies Act 1966 shall, on the date of coming into force of this Act cease to be registered under the \*Societies Act 1966 and shall, within five months thereof, apply to the Commissioner to be registered under this Act to carry out any sporting activity; and such sports body shall continue to operate as a sports body until notified otherwise by the Commissioner.

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*\*NOTE*—The Societies Act 1966 [Act 335] has since been revised as the Societies Act 1966 [Act 832].

**Registration of sports bodies**

**17.** Upon an application by a sports body referred to in section 15 or 16, the Commissioner may—

- (a) register the sports body upon receipt of such fees as may be prescribed by the regulations; or
- (b) refuse to register such sports body.

**Certificate of registration**

**18.** (1) The Commissioner, on registering a sports body under section 17—

- (a) shall issue a certificate of registration in the prescribed form to the sports body; and
- (b) may impose such conditions as he deems fit on the sports body.

(2) A certificate of registration, unless proved to have been subsequently revoked, shall be conclusive evidence for all purposes that the sports body has been duly registered by the Commissioner under this Act.

**Grounds for refusal of registration**

**19.** (1) The Commissioner may refuse to issue a certificate of registration to a sports body unless—

- (a) he is satisfied that such sports body is a non-political organization for the promotion and development of a sport in Malaysia; or
- (b) subject to subsection (2), the constitution or rules of such sports body, with the exception of the Olympic Council of Malaysia, contain provisions for all matters set out in



the Second Schedule or Third Schedule, whichever is applicable, or such other matters, which the Commissioner may reasonably require.

(2) Where the matters set out in the Second Schedule or Third Schedule, whichever is applicable, are not incorporated in the constitution or rules of a sports body previously registered under the \*Societies Act 1966, these matters shall be deemed for the purpose of paragraph (1)(b) to have been incorporated in the constitution or rules of such sports body; but such sports body shall, not later than six months after its registration, amend its constitution or rules so as to provide for all the matters set out in the Second Schedule or Third Schedule, whichever is applicable.

### **Revocation or suspension of registration by Commissioner**

**20.** (1) The Commissioner shall revoke the registration of a sports body if the Commissioner is satisfied that the sports body—

- (a) is registered as a result of a fraud or a mistake or misrepresentation in any material particular; or
- (b) is inactive or is no longer a fit and proper entity to be registered to represent its sports in any State or in Malaysia.

(1A) The Commissioner may suspend the registration of a sports body if the Commissioner is satisfied that the sports body—

- (a) fails to comply with any of the conditions imposed by the Commissioner under section 18;
- (b) contravenes any regulations made under this Act;
- (c) fails or neglects to remedy any malpractice, misconduct or irregularity on the part of its office bearer or its members within the period specified in the written notice

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given by the Commissioner;

- (d) is uncooperative or obstructive in the implementation of the regulations, policies or guidelines made under or pursuant to the powers under this Act; or
- (e) fails or neglects to carry out any activity and affair of its sports body in accordance with its constitution.

(2) Before revoking or suspending the registration of a sports body under subsection (1), the Commissioner shall give the sports body an opportunity to submit reasons, if any, against the proposed revocation or suspension.

### **Appeals**

**21.** (1) Any sports body aggrieved by a decision of the Commissioner—

- (a) in refusing to register such sports body;
- (b) in imposing conditions on the registration of such sports body; or
- (c) in revoking or suspending the registration of such sports body,

may, within thirty days from the date of the notification of the decision of the Commissioner, appeal to the Minister whose decision thereon shall be final.

(2) (*Deleted by Act A1570*).

### **Directions to continue functions of sports body**

**22.** The Minister may, pending his decision on an appeal under subsection 21(1), give any direction so as to enable such sports body to continue its function and may appoint an *ad hoc* committee to

manage the affairs of such sports body for a period not exceeding twelve months.

### **Internal procedure for resolution of dispute**

**23.** Every sports body shall resolve any dispute arising amongst its members or with its committee or governing body in accordance with the internal procedures prescribed in the regulations.

### **Referral of dispute to Sports Dispute Committee**

**24.** Where a dispute cannot be resolved in accordance with the internal procedures referred to in section 23, any member of a sports body or a sports body itself may refer the dispute to the Sports Dispute Committee for decision.

### **Appeal against decision of Sports Dispute Committee**

**24A.** (1) Any member of a sports body or a sports body who is aggrieved by the decision of the Sports Dispute Committee may, within twenty-one days after the decision has been communicated to the member of the sports body or the sports body, appeal to the Minister.

(2) The Minister may confirm, reverse or vary the decision of the Sports Dispute Committee.

(3) The decision of the Minister under subsection (2) shall be final.

### **Consequences of refusal of registration or revocation or suspension of registration**

**25.** (1) Upon the refusal of the Commissioner to register any sports body under section 17 or upon revocation or suspension of the

registration of any sports body under this Act, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) such sports body shall not organize, conduct, sanction or participate in any activity, including ongoing competitions, events or forum for any sports, whether within or outside Malaysia;
- (b) such sports body shall not receive or continue to receive funding from the Government, the National Sports Council or any statutory body;
- (c) such sports body shall not be a member of any body or organization acting as or purporting to act as the governing body of any sport in Malaysia or represent or purport to represent the participants of any sport in Malaysia;
- (d) such sports body shall not use the phrase “of Malaysia” for any of its activities, or any other form of letters or marking manifesting that its activities are conducted for, in the name of or on behalf of, Malaysia or any part of Malaysia; and
- (e) such sports body shall not organize, participate in or send participants to any sports competitions or event manifesting that such undertaking by it is for, in the name of or on behalf of, Malaysia or any part of Malaysia, within or outside Malaysia.

(2) Any office bearer who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand ringgit but not more than fifty thousand ringgit and in the case of a continuing offence, to a fine of not exceeding five hundred ringgit per day for each day during which the offence continues.

(3) The Commissioner may, in writing, suspend the operation of subsection (1) in relation to any sports body to such extent and for such period as he thinks fit.

**Regulations in respect of sports bodies**

**26.** The Minister may make such regulations as may be necessary in respect of sports bodies and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing, the Minister may make regulations prescribing—

- (a) the procedure for the application for registration and registration of sports bodies and the fees to be charged for such registration;
- (b) the duties, powers and functions of sports bodies;
- (c) the procedure for appeals by sports bodies and the fees to be charged therefor;
- (d) the procedure for the appointment of coaches, referees, umpires and judges by sports bodies;
- (e) all matters relating to the dissolution of sports bodies and the revocation of registration of sports bodies; and
- (f) the disqualification of office bearers of sports bodies in certain circumstances.

**PART VI****SPORTS DISPUTE COMMITTEE****Establishment of Sports Dispute Committee**

**27.** (1) There shall be established a committee to be known as the “Sports Dispute Committee” which shall have the responsibility to hear and resolve disputed referred to it by any member of a sports body or sports body itself under section 24.

(2) The Sports Dispute Committee shall ensure that sports bodies and other parties to a sports dispute including athletes be given an affordable, just and speedy means of resolving a sports dispute.

**Appointment of members of Sports Dispute Committee**

**28.** (1) The Sports Dispute Committee shall consist of the following members to be appointed by the Minister:

- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) two members who, in the opinion of the Minister, have experience, qualifications or have shown capacity and professionalism in matters relating to sports, or to be otherwise suitable for appointment because of their special knowledge and skills; and
- (c) two members as the Minister deems fit.

(2) The Chairman and members of the Sports Dispute Committee shall hold office for a period not exceeding two years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) The members of the Sports Dispute Committee shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as the Minister may determine after consultation with the Minister of Finance.

(4) The office of a member of the Sports Dispute Committee appointed under subsection (1) shall be vacated—

- (a) if he dies;
- (b) if there has been proved against him, or he has been convicted on, a charge in respect of—
  - (i) an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude;
  - (ii) an offence under any law relating to corruption; or
  - (iii) any other offence punishable with imprisonment for more than two years;
- (c) if he is of unsound mind or is otherwise incapable of

discharging his duties;

- (d) if he absents himself from three consecutive sittings of the Sports Dispute Committee without leave of the Chairman, without leave of the Minister;
- (e) if his resignation is accepted by the Minister; or
- (f) if his appointment is revoked by the Minister.

(5) Where a member appointed under subsection (1) ceases to be a member of the Sports Dispute Committee, the Minister may appoint another person to fill the vacancy and any person so appointed shall hold office for the remaining period.

(6) The Chairman or any member of the Sports Dispute Committee may at any time resign from his office by giving notice in writing to the Minister.

(7) At any proceedings of the Sports Dispute Committee the quorum shall comprise not less than three members, including the Chairman, and in the absence of the Chairman, any member present at the proceedings may be elected as Chairman by the other members present.

### **Secretary to Sports Dispute Committee and other officers**

**29.** (1) The Minister shall appoint the Commissioner to be the Secretary to the Sports Dispute Committee.

(2) The Minister may designate such number of public officer as the Minister thinks fit to assist the Secretary.

(3) For the purpose of this Act, the Secretary and the officers designated under subsection (2) shall be deemed to be officers of the Sports Dispute Committee.

**Power of Sports Dispute Committee to require disclosure of information**

**30.** (1) The Sports Dispute Committee may direct any person to disclose to the Sports Dispute Committee any information and produce any report and document within his knowledge or in his possession as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of exercising any of its power and functions under this Act and may further direct the attendance before the Sports Dispute Committee considers necessary to enable it to carry out its duties and functions under this Act.

(2) Any person who—

- (a) fails to comply with the direction of the Sports Dispute Committee under subsection (1);
- (b) discloses any information to the Sports Dispute Committee which is known to him to be false; or
- (c) produces report or document to the Sports Dispute Committee which is known to him to be false,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not less than five thousand ringgit but not more than fifty thousand ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

**Protection against suits and legal proceedings**

**31.** No action, suit, prosecution or any other proceeding shall lie or be brought, instituted or maintained in any court against the members and officers of the Sports Dispute Committee in respect of any act, neglect or default done or omitted to be done or made by the members and officers of the Sports Dispute Committee if such act, neglect or default was done or was omitted to be done or made, in good faith.



### **Regulations in respect of Sports Dispute Committee**

**32.** The Minister may make regulations as may be necessary in respect of the Sports Dispute Committee and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Minister may make regulations in respect of the following:

- (a) prescribing the procedures to be adopted by the Sports Dispute Committee in dealing with any dispute referred to it under section 24; and
- (b) generally for the better carrying out of the functions of the Sports Dispute Committee under this Act.

## **PART VII**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Approval for hosting of international competition**

**33.** (1) No person shall bid or offer to host any international sports competition or event in Malaysia without the prior approval in writing of the Minister whose decision thereon shall be final.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty thousand ringgit but not more than five hundred thousand ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

#### **Use of recognized international rules and guidelines for competitions**

**34.** A sports body shall ensure that all sports competitions or events authorized, conducted or participated in by it as well as those held under its auspices, are in accordance with the recognized rules and guidelines of all international governing and regulatory bodies for its sport in all matters, including the standard and qualifications of all participants and officials as well as the health and safety measures for

the participants, officials and spectators thereat.

### **Minister's approval required for "Sukan Malaysia"**

**35.** A person shall not, without the prior approval in writing of the Minister, organize or conduct competition or event involving any sport by using the name "Sukan Malaysia" or any derivative or variation of such name.

### **Company to apply for licence to operate**

**36.** (1) A company shall not involve itself in any sporting activity or in any other activity related to sports, as may be prescribed by the Minister in the regulations, unless it is licensed to do so by the Commissioner.

(2) The licence referred to in subsection (1) may be subject to a fee and such conditions as the Commissioner deems fit to impose.

(3) The Commissioner may, on being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for doing so, revoke the licence issued to a company under this section after giving that company an opportunity to make representations to him.

(4) Any company which contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty thousand ringgit but not more than five hundred thousand ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

(5) Where an offence under this section has been committed by a company, any person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a director, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the company or was purporting to act in any such capacity or was in any manner or to any extent responsible for the management of any of the affairs of the company or was assisting in such management—

- (a) may be charged severally or jointly in the same proceedings with the company; and
- (b) where the company is found guilty of the offence, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence unless, having regard to the nature of his functions in that capacity and to all circumstances, he proves—
  - (i) that the offence was committed without his knowledge, consent or connivance; and
  - (ii) that he had taken all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence.

### **Amendment of Schedules**

**37.** The Minister may, by order, add to, delete or otherwise amend the Schedules as the Minister thinks necessary for the purpose of giving effect to or carrying out the provisions of this Act.

### **Regulations**

**38.** (1) The Minister may make regulations as may be expedient or necessary for the purpose of giving effect to or carrying out provisions of this Act.

(2) In particular, without prejudice to the generality of the power conferred by subsection (1), the Minister may make regulations for or in respect of all or any of the following matters:

- (a) the forms to be used and the conditions to be complied with in applying to be registered or licensed under this Act;
- (b) the information to be furnished to the Commissioner;

- (c) the standards, technical specifications and requirements for all sports facilities in Malaysia;
- (d) the internal procedures for resolving disputes within a sports body;
- (e) the guidelines for the issuance of a licence to a company; and
- (f) prescribing anything which may be prescribed under this Act.

(3) Any regulations made under this section or section 26 may provide that any contravention thereof is an offence and may provide for the imposition of a fine of not less than five thousand ringgit but not more than fifty thousand ringgit or a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both for such offence.

**39.** *(Deleted by Act A1570).*

### **Protection for appointed person, member of committee, etc.**

**40.** No person or member of a committee appointed by the Minister under this Act or any officer, servant or agent thereof shall be liable to be sued in any court for any act done by him in good faith and in the exercise of any power or performance of any duty under this Act.

### **General powers of Minister**

**41.** (1) The Minister may, upon being satisfied that there are special circumstances for doing so, exempt any person from all or any provision of this Act.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and any regulations made thereunder, the Minister shall be the final authority in relation to sports and sports related matters.

**Transitional provisions**

**42.** (1) All applications for registration as a society carrying on activities which may only be carried out by a sports body and all applications for approval by such societies under the \*Societies Act 1966 which are pending on the date of coming into force of this Act shall, on that date, cease to be dealt with under that Act and shall be dealt with under the provisions of this Act.

(2) Any proceedings or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the date of coming into force of this Act under the \*Societies Act 1966 may be continued or instituted under that Act as if this Act had not been enacted.

(3) This Act shall not affect any person's liability to be prosecuted or punished for offences committed under the \*Societies Act 1966 before the date of coming into force of this Act, or any proceedings brought or sentence imposed before that date in respect of such offence.

**Prevention of anomalies**

**43.** (1) The Minister may, by order, make such modifications in the provisions of this Act as may appear to him to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing any difficulty occasioned by the coming into operation of this Act:

Provided that the Minister shall not exercise the powers conferred by this section after the expiration of two years from the date of coming into operation of this Act.

(2) In this section, "modifications" includes amendments, additions, deletions, substitutions, adaptations, variations, alteration and non-application of any provision of this Act.

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\*NOTE—The Societies Act 1966 [Act 335] has since been revised as the Societies Act 1966 [Act 832].

## FIRST SCHEDULE

## [Section 2]

The following activities are regarded as sports for the purposes of this Act:

1. Aikido
2. Aquatics
3. American Football
4. Weightlifting
5. Badminton
6. Dart
7. Basque pelota
8. Sailing
9. Cycling
10. Canoeing
11. Skiing
12. Baseball
13. Biathlon
14. Billiard
15. Bodybuilding
16. Boccia
17. Handball
18. Netball
19. Basketball
20. Football
21. Volleyball
22. Bowling
23. Lawn bowls
24. Boules
25. Flying disc
26. Capoeira
27. Chess
28. Draughts

29. Bridge
30. Dodgeball
31. Fistball
32. Spinning top
33. Gymnastic
34. Goalball
35. Golf
36. Wrestling
37. Arm wrestling
38. Hapkido
39. Hockey
40. Ice stock sport
41. Judo
42. Jujitsu
43. Kabaddi
44. Karate
45. Fitness
46. Kempo
47. Kendo
48. Korfball
49. Cricket
50. Curling
51. Lacrosse
52. Tower running
53. Fencing
54. Jump rope
55. Surf
56. Skating
57. Archery
58. Climbing
59. Rowing
60. Shooting

61. Athletics
62. Orienteering
63. Paintball
64. Cheerleading
65. Modern pentathlon
66. Dragon boat
67. Pickleball
68. Table tennis
69. Polo
70. Rugby
71. Recreational
72. Roundnet
73. Sambo
74. Sepak takraw
75. Silambam
76. Silat olahraga
77. Squash
78. Softball
79. Stacking sports
80. Automobile sports
81. Powerboating sports
82. Underwater sports
83. Equestrian sports
84. Electronic sports
85. Sliding sports
86. Fishing sports
87. Dancesport
88. Traditional games
89. Air sports
90. Yoga sports
91. Taekwondo
92. Dragon and lion dance



- 93. Tug of war
- 94. Tchoukball
- 95. Tennis
- 96. Teqball
- 97. Throwball
- 98. Boxing
- 99. Torball
- 100. Triathlon
- 101. Vovinam
- 102. Woodball
- 103. Wushu

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SECOND SCHEDULE

[Section 19]

CONSTITUTION OR RULES OF SPORTS BODIES ACTING AS THE  
GOVERNING OR REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF ITS SPORT AT NATIONAL,  
STATE AND DISTRICT LEVEL

The sports body shall provide in its constitution or rules the following matters:

1. Objects or functions of the sports body are—

- (a) to govern or becomes representative for that sport;
- (b) to promote and develop its sports;
- (c) to maintain good relations with its governing body;
- (d) to ensure its constitution or rules are abided by all its members;
- (e) to control and exercise jurisdiction over all activities in relation to its sports;
- (f) to ensure its sports activities are conducted in safe sports environment, and with integrity including to comply with anti-doping rules which are internationally recognized; and

- (g) to take remedial actions for matters involving personal and environment safety including sexual harassment and abuse.
- 2. Its activities are conducted without discrimination as to sex, race, colour, religion, social origin, language, political inclination or any other opinion held by its members.
- 3. The selection procedures for sportsperson, officials, coaches and any other person to represent its sport are open and fair.
- 4. Membership of sports body is recorded and kept in order.
- 5. Its fully audited accounts with reports on all activities, and the use and disbursement of all funds for its preceding financial year to be laid and approved in its annual general meeting and subsequently to be submitted to the Commissioner together with such other reports as the Commissioner may require.

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THIRD SCHEDULE

[Section 19]

CONSTITUTION OR RULES OF OTHER SPORTS BODIES  
UNDER THIS ACT

The sports body shall provide in its constitution or rules the following matters:

1. Objects or functions of the sports body are—
  - (a) to promote and develop its sports;
  - (b) to ensure its constitution or rules are abided by all its members;
  - (c) to ensure its sports activities are conducted in safe sports environment, and with integrity including to comply with anti-doping rules which are internationally recognized; and
  - (d) to take remedial actions for matters involving personal and environment safety including sexual harassment and abuse.
2. Its activities are conducted without discrimination as to sex, race, colour, religion, social origin, language, political inclination or any other opinion held by its members.
3. Membership of sports body is recorded and kept in order.

4. Its fully audited accounts with reports on all activities, and the use and disbursement of all funds for its preceding financial year to be laid and approved in its annual general meeting and subsequently to be submitted to the Commissioner together with such other reports as the Commissioner may require.
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| P.U. (A) 170/1998 | Sports Development (Modification) Order 1998                 | 01-04-1998    |
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| P.U. (A) 279/2004 | Sports Development (Amendment) Order 2004                    | 13-08-2004    |
| Act A1570         | Sports Development (Amendment) Act 2018                      | 01-03-2019    |
| P.U. (A) 60/2023  | Sports Development (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2023  | 10-03-2023    |
| P.U. (A) 61/2023  | Sports Development (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2023 | 10-03-2023    |
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