

**ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**  
**BASKETBALL FEDERATION**



**CONSTITUTION**

## **1. NAME**

The name of the Federation shall be the ‘St. Vincent and the Grenadines Basketball Federation’ (hereinafter referred to as “The Federation”).

## **2. AFFILIATION**

The Federation shall be affiliated to the International Amateur Basketball Federation (FIBA), the Pan American Basketball Confederation (COPABA), the Caribbean Basketball Confederation, (CBC) the National Olympic Committee (NOC), and any other controlling body of Basketball or sports as the Federation may from time to time determine.

## **3. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Federation shall be:

- a) To promote, develop and control the sport of basketball in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- b) To take all steps it may deem necessary in order to prevent the infringement of its rules and regulations. Statutes as well as the Regulations of FIBA and further to prevent the introduction of irregular methods or practice in the Sport as well as the abuses these practices may bring.
- c) To settle any difference which may arise between, among members, and between members and the Federation.
- d) To prohibit and make sure there is no area of political, religious, gender or racial discrimination among its members.
- e) To encourage representation for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in regional and International Basketball tournaments.

## **4. HEADQUARTERS**

The Executive Committee shall determine the headquarters of “The Federation”.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Federation shall be in five (5) categories namely:

- a) **Ordinary Membership:** being that offered to clubs and teams all involved in the sport of Basketball nationally.
- b) **Special Membership:** being that offered to Leagues; association of Basketball referees and table officials; schools and colleges
- c) **Association Membership:** being that offered to organizations and individuals who have demonstrated their sustained interest in and for the game and the activities of the Federation.

The General Council shall determine whether or not an entity merits appointment as an associate member.

- d) **Honorary Membership:** being that offered to those individual or organizations who accept appointment as Honorary Members upon the invitation of the Executive in recognition of their contribution to the sport of basketball.
- e) **Affiliate Membership:** being that offered to international clubs and associations involved in the sport of basketball, association with whom the Federation could receive technical or other assistance in the playing and management of the sport of basketball.

A certificate of membership shall be issued to all members and this shall be prima facia proof of membership.

## 6. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

- a) **Ordinary Member:** An Ordinary Member shall be eligible to be appointed as a delegate to a General Meeting and for election to office or appointment to the Executive or a Committee of the Federation. An Ordinary Member may attend all General Meetings of the Federation.
- b) **Special Member:** A Special Member shall be eligible to be appointed as a delegate to a General Meeting and for election to office or appointment to the Executive or a Committee of the Federation. Special Members may attend all General Meetings of the Federation.
- c) **Associate Member:** An Associate Member shall not be eligible for appointment as a delegate to a General Meeting has no vote at General Meetings. An Association Member can hold a position on the Executive Committee of a Zonal Association.
- d) **Honorary Member:** An Honorary Member shall exercise all the rights and privileges of a Member and may be appointed to a Committee of the Federation. An Honorary Member shall be under no obligation to pay any fee or subscription to the Federation.
- e) **Affiliate Member:** An Affiliate Member shall not be eligible for appointment as a delegate to a General Meeting or for election or appointment to the Executive. An Affiliate Member has no vote at General Meetings.

## **7. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary of the Federation upon such form as the Executive shall from time to time prescribe and shall be supported by such evidence as may be required and payment of such membership fees as the Regulations prescribe.
- b) The Executive shall examine and approve all applications for membership. All applications so accepted must be ratified by the General Council.

## **8. MEMBERSHIP ENTRANCE FEE**

There shall be an Annual Entrance Fee for Ordinary Members and Special Members in such sums as the Executive may from time to time determine.

## **9. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- a) There shall be Annual Subscription; such Annual Subscription shall also be determined from time to time by the Executive.
- b) All Annual Subscriptions shall become payable on the first working day in January in each year. Members will be deemed unfinancial if their subscriptions and other dues remain unpaid up to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

## **10. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Any member may resign its membership by giving to the General Secretary in writing a notice to that effect and such notice shall, unless otherwise expressed take immediate effect.
- b) The Executive on the recommendation of the General Council or acting on its own initiative may terminate the membership of any member on the ground that the conduct or policy of such member is calculated to bring the Basketball Federation and or the game into disrepute and or for non-payment of dues, subscriptions and other debts; or for infringement of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations, or Bye-laws of the Basketball Federation.
- c) Any member or individual whose membership has been terminated shall not be entitled to membership of the Federation for a period of two (2) years following expulsion.
- d) A member resigning shall nevertheless remain liable for all moneys then due from him to the Federation.

- e) The members of the Federation may, by ordinary resolution at a special meeting remove any elected member from office.

## **11. ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT**

The business of the Federation shall be directed and administered by the following:

- (i) The Federation in General Meeting
- (ii) A General Council
- (iii) An Executive Committee
- (iv) Standing Committees
- (v) Secretariat

### 11.1 Meetings

- a) The General Meeting shall be the legislative body of the Federation and as such the supreme authority.
- b) The Annual General (AGM) shall be held not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in each year.
- c) Notices, Minutes, Agenda, Reports and all pertinent documents shall be received by affiliates no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- d) The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
  - (i) Call to Order
  - (ii) Roll Call
  - (iii) Prayers
  - (iv) Chairman's Opening Remarks
  - (v) Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
  - (vi) Business arising out of the minutes
  - (vii) Correspondence for the Annual General Meeting
  - (viii) Presentation of the Executive's/General Council's Report
  - (ix) Presentation of the Financial Statement and Audited Balance Sheet for the year just ended
  - (x) Elections of Officers (as necessary)
  - (xi) Other business necessary and proper for discussion at the Annual General Meeting
- e) General Meetings shall be convened as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee provided that at least seven (7) days before any General Meeting sent to every member, a notice of the meeting stating the time when and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.
- f) A special General Meeting shall be called within fourteen (14) days of receipt by the General Secretary, of a resolution made in writing by at least 30% members in good standing of the Federation, stating specifically the business to be transacted. No business other than that specifically placed on the Agenda shall be discussed or debated at the meeting.

- g) The quorum for General Meeting shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership entitled to vote and at least three (3) Officers.
- h) No business shall be transacted at a meeting at which there is not a quorum. If thirty (30) minutes after the schedule time for the meeting, there is no quorum, the meeting shall stand adjourned and be rescheduled for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days. If at such adjourned meeting, thirty (30) minutes after the appointed time, a quorum is not present, the Chairman shall conduct the meeting with the members present. The same principle shall apply to General Council Meetings.

### 11.2 Representation at Meetings

- a) Those eligible to attend include:
  - (i) the delegates and officers of the General Council;
  - (ii) a maximum of three (3) delegates from each Ordinary and Special member;
  - (iii) one (1) delegate from each Associate and Affiliate member;
  - (iv) Honorary members; and
  - (v) such observers as may be agreed to by the Executive Committee
- b) The names of the delegates must be submitted to the General Secretary of the Federation before the start of the meetings.
- c) Debates and discussions at General and Special Meetings shall be open to all present, but voting shall be strictly in accordance with Article 15.

### 11.3 General Council

- a) The General Council shall comprise, the Officers of the Federation, two (2) delegates from each Zonal Association. It shall be the highest decision making body between General Meetings.
- b) The delegates to the General Council shall be nominated by their respective Zonal Association. The term of office shall coincide with and run concurrently to the term of office of the Executive Committee.
- c) The General Council shall meet at least once per quarter on the last Saturday of the particular month. However, when this day is found to be inconvenient the Executive shall decide on an alternative day.

- d) The quorum for General Council Meetings shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership of the Council but must include representatives from not less than two (2) Zonal Associations and at least two (2) Officers.
- e) The General Council at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting at which Elections of Officers are held shall elect two (2) members from among their number who together with the Officers and two (2) other persons appointed by the Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee. At that meeting the members of the Standing Committees shall be appointed.
- f) If an Officer or member of the General Council is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the General Council without excuse acceptable to the Council, he/she shall automatically forfeit his/her position on the Council or the Zonal Association as the case may be, shall elect another person to serve the remainder of the term.
- g) The General Council shall temporarily fill any vacancy that occurs among the elected Officers until the next AGM at the latest; when elections shall be held for the remainder of the term of office. The General Council shall appoint, from time to time, such other Committees as it considers necessary and in the interest of the performance of the functions of the Federation.
- h) The General Council may delegate any of its powers to any Committee or Sub-committee and may make such regulations for the management of the Federation and control of its competitions as from time to time may be necessary provided always that these be not in conflict with this constitution.
- i) The General Secretary shall give seven (7) clear days notice in writing to all members of the General Council of the date, time and venue, of the meetings of the Council. He/she shall send with this notice the Agenda and Minutes of the last meeting of the General Council.
- j) All decision of the General Council shall be binding on all members of the Association and shall so remain unless and until such decisions are rescinded or varied at subsequent meeting by a three-fourths majority vote of the members the General Council present and voting or by a simple majority of members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

#### 11.4 The Executive Committee

- a) The Management of the Federation shall be exercised by the Executive Committee whose tenure shall be for a period of four (4) years. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following elected officers and members:

Officers: President  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
 General Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Members: PRO  
Games Secretary  
Two (2) Committee Members

- b) The Officers of the Federation shall be elected at the Quarterly General Meeting. Included on the Executive Committee are such other members as shall be appointed as hereinafter provided.
- c) The President in consultation with the other elected members shall appoint two (2) Committee Members to serve on the Executive Committee.
- d) The Executive Committee shall admit to its membership and accord all the rights, privileges and obligations to two (2) representatives of the General Council, one of whom shall carry out the functions of Games Secretary and the other shall carry out the functions of Public Relations Officer. The said representatives shall be nominated by the General Council and the Executive Committee as otherwise comprised must be satisfied that such representative was actually and properly nominated.
- e) The quorum for an Executive Committee Meeting shall be thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the members provided that at least two (2) are elected Officers.
- f) If an elected Officer or representative of the Executive Committee is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without excuse acceptable to the Executive, he/she shall automatically forfeit his/her position and the General Council shall elect another person to serve the remainder of the term.

#### 11.5 Authority and Responsibility of the Committee

- a) The Executive Committee shall:
  - (i) appoint paid staff to carry out the Federation's work;
  - (ii) fill any vacancy arising on the Executive during its tenure provided that any so filled must be ratified by the General Council; appoint committees, or commissions as it think necessary; delegate all or any of its power to such committees or commissions as it may deem expedient;
  - (iii) develop policies, systems, rules and regulations to ensure the effective management of the affairs of the Federation;
  - (iv) raise funds and seek corporate and other sponsorships and assistance for the financing of the programmes of the Federation;
  - (v) organise technical training, development and assistance for players, referees and coaches;

- (vi) administer the funds of the Federation;
- (vii) organize national local tournaments and settle the rules governing such tournaments;
- (viii) determine the regional and international tournaments in which National Teams will participate;
- (ix) sanction competitions, tournaments, exhibition games, tours that may be organized by zones, other organizations, corporate persons or group, individuals;
- (x) sanction the release of local players who may wish or are offered contracts to play for foreign clubs or organizations;
- (xi) ratify National Teams selected to represent St. Vincent and the Grenadines in approved tournaments;
- (xii) ratify National coach(es);
- (xiii) appoint a manager as well as other personnel for each National Team chosen to represent St. Vincent and the Grenadines;
- (xiv) summon and make arrangements for the Annual General Meeting;
- (xv) appoint delegates to represent the Federation where representation is considered necessary or desirable and pay all expenses – arising out of such representation;
- (xvi) meet at least once per month; present reports of its activities to the regular quarterly meetings of the General Council;
- (xvii) do all such other things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Federation.

#### 11.6 Duties of Officers

- a) The President shall:
  - (i) preside at all meetings of the Federation at which he/she is present;
  - (ii) oversee the Federation's affairs and activities;
  - (iii) be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees but will not be counted in determining a quorum for such committees.
- b) The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall:
  - (i) deputies for the President in his/her absence;

- (ii) be the Chairman of the Organisation and Development Committee
  - (iii) design programmes and determine appropriate strategies for the development of the sport of basketball in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, paying special attention to the sport throughout the school system;
  - (iv) ensure adequate arrangements are in place for participation in regional and international tournaments;
  - (v) make recommendations for the maintenance of existing playing facilities and the development of new and better ones.
- (c) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall:
- (i) deputise for the President and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in their absence;
  - (ii) be Chairman of the Education and Technical Support Committee;
  - (iii) be responsible for developing programmes of training for elected Officers of clubs, leagues and the Federation, and for technical personnel also;
  - (iv) assist in organizing technical personnel into appropriate groupings for the benefit of the sport of basketball.
- (d) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President shall:
- (i) be the Chairman of the Finance and Marketing Committee;
  - (ii) be responsible for presenting the annual budget to the Executive Committee;
  - (iii) be responsible for developing a programme of fundraising activities;
  - (iv) be responsible for developing strategies for marketing the sport
- (e) The General Secretary shall:
- (i) send notices of meetings, arrange meeting places and attend to all correspondence of the Federation;
  - (ii) be the custodian of all official records and properties of the Federation;
  - (iii) bring to the attention of the Executive any matter which may require that disciplinary action be taken;
  - (iv) perform such other duties as the office may require for the proper management of the Federation;

- f) The Treasurer shall:
  - (i) be a member of the Finance and Marketing Committee;
  - (ii) keep the accounts of the Federation, provides quarterly financial updates and an annual audited statement;
  - (iii) shall be the chief signatory to the accounts of the Federation.
- g) The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
  - (i) assist the Secretary and Treasurer generally in the administration of the affairs of the Federation and deputise in their absence.
  - (ii) record all minutes of meetings.
- h) The Public Relations Officer shall:
  - (i) be an ex-officio member on all committees and sub-committee;
  - (ii) prepare media releases and arrange for coverage on all aspects of the Federation's activities;
  - (iii) be responsible for projecting an appropriate image of the Federation;
  - (iv) ensure the free flow of information on a timely basis within the Federation as well as without;
  - (v) be responsible for arranging the Federation's official functions.
- i) The Games Secretary shall:
  - (i) draw up the fixtures for all tournaments organized by the Federation;
  - (ii) arrange for venues and technical personnel to officiate at such tournaments;
  - (iii) liaise with Zonal Associations, Leagues and other organizations in the promotion of the sport of basketball;
  - (iv) be an ex-officio member of the Organisation and Development Committee.
- j) Committee Member shall:
  - (i) assist the Executive in effecting the smooth running of the Federation.
  - (ii) offer practical advise to the Executive on matters affecting the operations of the Federation.

- (iii) be responsible for whatever duties are assigned to them by the Executive, providing that such assignment does not conflict with duties of the Officers as herein provided.

## **12. VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE**

A vote of no confidence in the Executive Committee or any Officer thereof shall only be effected at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. If such motion succeeds at such meeting, elections shall be held at that very meeting in order to install a new Executive Committee.

## **13. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a) The Standing Committees of the Federation shall be:
  - (i) Organisation and Development Committee
  - (ii) Education and Technical Committee
  - (iii) Finance and Marketing Committee
- b) At its first meeting, the General Council shall appoint members to form the Standing Committee as stated at (a) above.
- c) The Standing Committee shall comprise of at least five (5) members. Each committee may co-opt persons who are not members of the General Council or the Federation, but who possesses a particular skill or expertise that could be of value to the furtherance of the objects of the Federation, to serve on the committees.
- d) The Executive Committee may from time to time appoint sub-committees to deal with specific aspects of the management of the sport.

### 13.1 Organisation and Development Committee

The Organisation and Development Committee shall be responsible for designing programmes and recommending appropriate strategies for the development of the sport of Basketball in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

### 13.2 Education and Technical Committee

- a) Its duties shall be to:
  - (i) advance the training methods of basketball
  - (ii) organize courses, seminars, meetings, and etcetera for instructors, trainers, coaches, officials and administrators.

- (iii) ensure the proper installation and adequacy of playing facilities.
- (iv) compile and disseminate material on teaching and coaching techniques for basketballers, trainers, coaches, referees and other officials.
- (v) recommend coaches, instructors or trainers to members and for national duty and to recommend the removal of such persons from such offices.
- (vi) examine any problem regarding basketball coats, equipment and other facilities.

### **13.3 Finance and Marketing Committee**

The Finance and Marketing Committee shall be responsible for and have control over the finances of the Association; it will also be responsible for developing strategies for marketing the sport of Basketball.

## **14. SECRETARIAT**

- a) There shall be a Secretariat, which shall have the responsibility for ensuring that the Federation's business is transacted promptly and efficiently.
- b) The Secretariat shall comprise the elected officers. In the event that the Federation should employ full-time functionaries the most senior person will serve as an ex-officio member on the Secretariat.
- c) The Executive Committee shall provide the Secretary with the necessary resources to ensure efficiency of the unit.
- d) The Secretariat shall meet as often as deem necessary.

## **15. VOTING**

- a) Subject to the provisions of Article 5 (a) (b) Ordinary and Special Members in good standing are entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Federation. Such members shall have one (1) vote upon every question, provided that in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- b) The General Council as herein constituted shall be entitled to vote at General Meeting of the Federation. All officers and delegates of Zonal Associations shall have one (1) vote upon every question.
- c) Voting on all matters shall be by show of hands or secret ballot as the General Meeting may determine.

- d) Voting upon the election of Officers shall be presided over by a Returning Officer appointed by the Chairman whereupon all Offices shall be declared and deemed to have become vacant.
- e) Votes at meetings of members may be either personally or by proxy.
- f) A proxy shall be executed by the member and is valid only at the meeting in respect of which it is given or any adjournment thereof.
- g) A person appointed by proxy need not be a member.
- h) A proxy may be in the following form:

The undersigned member of the National Basketball Federation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ or failing him \_\_\_\_\_ as the nominee of the undersigned to attend and act for the undersigned at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the members of the Federation to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and at any adjournment thereof in the same manner to the same extent and with the same powers as if the undersigned were present at said meeting or adjournment(s).

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (To be signed by Authorizing Officer of member entitled to vote)

- i) Debates and discussions at General or Special Meetings of the Federation shall be open to all present, but voting shall be strictly in accordance with the manner expressed in the preceding sections.

## **16. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- a) Ordinary and Special members in good standing may submit motions and nominations for the various offices to reach the General Secretary of the Federation at least seven (7) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, at which election of Officers are to take place.
- b) All nominations must be duly seconded, in addition to being signed by the person nominated indicating their willingness to stand for office.

- c) If no nominations are received by the stipulated date for any office or if a person nominated for an office declines and there are no other nominations, the meeting can decide by a simple majority vote to accept nominations at the meeting.

## **17. FINANCE**

- a) The Financial Year of the Federation shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September each year, and an Audited Statement of Accounts up to and including this date shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The funds of the Federation shall be deposited in an accredited bank operating in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and shall be vested in the name of the Federation.
- c) The Signature of the Treasurer, President and two (2) other persons as determined by the Executive shall be affixed to the bank account of the Federation. The Treasurer and one of the three other persons must sign all cheques, drafts, withdrawals, and etcetera.
- d) All monies of the Federation however received, shall be paid to the Bankers of the Federation by the Treasurer, who shall cause proper books of Accounts, approved by the Executive, to be kept with respect to:
  - (i) all monies received and expended by the Federation and the manner in respect of which the receipts and expenditures take place;
  - (ii) The Assets and Liabilities of the Federation.
- e) The books of Accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the General Council, or anyone appointed by the General Council.

## **18. AUDITORS**

- a) A firm of qualified accountants or two individuals who hold no office in the Federation shall also be appointed to inspect, audit and approve the manner and method, in which the financial business of the Federation, is being recorded or carried out and shall report at whatever time discrepancies are discovered or suspected, but not later than one year and in time for the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
- b) The Auditors shall be appointed by the General Council, at their first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

## **19. DISPUTES**

- a) It is accepted that under these Rules, members shall not bring before the Court any disputes with the Federation or other members, until such matters have been considered by the Dispute Tribunal or Arbitrator.
- b) Where any dispute arises which cannot be dealt with under the Constitution or the Regulations of the Federation, such dispute shall, if any of the parties request, be reported promptly and not later than seven (7) days, from the date of such request, to the General Secretary of the Federation, who shall refer the matter to the Tribunal (hereinafter called the 'Dispute Tribunal').
- c) The Disputes Tribunal shall consist of:
  - (i) The Chairman who shall be chosen by the President of the Federation;
  - (ii) Two (2) members, one of who shall be chosen by each party.
- d) The Disputes Tribunal shall also function as an Appeal Board for the settlement of appeals from disputes heard at the zonal level.
- e) Any disagreement with the decision of the Disputes Tribunal shall be referred to the decision of an Arbitrator to be named by the National Olympic Committee. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final.

## **20. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES**

In order to more effectively develop and promote the sport of Basketball in St. Vincent and the Grenadines there shall be established in St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the time being four (4) zones as follows:

### Zone 1 – Windward Zone

The North Eastern portion of mainland St. Vincent, stretching from Yamboo to Fancy

### Zone 2 – Central Zone

The Southern portion of mainland St. Vincent extending from Gibson Corner to Stubbs

### Zone 3 – Leeward Zone

South Western to the Northern portion of mainland St. Vincent extending from Lowmans Leeward to Richmond

### Zone 4 – Grenadines Zones

Bequia to Union Island

## **21. CRITERIA FOR THE OPERATION OF A ZONE**

- a) In order to operate a Zone the following criteria shall be attained:

- (i) there must be a playing venue within the Zone which is approved by the Federation, the courts for which must meet the minimum standard for the time being acceptable to the Federation;
  - (ii) there must be a minimum of six (6) teams which attain the criteria established by the Federation;
  - (iii) there must be an administrative structure in accordance to regulations enacted by the Federation
- b) In the case where there are teams or clubs whose registered or usual address is located in an area where no Zone is yet in operation, such teams, clubs or players shall be entitled to play in a Zone of choice until such time as a Zone becomes operational in the area of their registered usual address.

## **22. ZONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- a) A Zonal Association shall be established in each zone to:
- (i) Foster the growth of clubs and teams within zones
  - (ii) Organise and manage the sport within the zone in a manner consistent with the overall objectives of the Federation in terms of structure, technical skills, etc.
  - (iii) Arrange and organize activities, games, tournaments, and fixtures in the Zone in accordance with the overall programme of the Federation.
  - (iv) Represent the views and concerns of members of the zone to the Federation.
  - (v) Enforce and maintain discipline at a zonal level.
- b) Registration in the zones shall be open to players, referees and table officials, coaches, clubs and other basketball entities within the zone.
- c) Each Zonal Association shall be governed/run by an Executive Committee.
- d) The operation of the Zonal Association shall be carried out in accordance with regulation laid down by the Federation.
- e) Each Zonal Association shall nominate two (2) from among its Executive Committee to sit on the General Council of the Federation.

## **23. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND OFFICERS**

### **23.1 No member of the Executive or Officer of the Federation shall be liable to the Federation for:**

- (a) The acts, receipts, neglects, or defaults of any other member of the Executive or Officer or Employee or for joining in any receipt or act of conformity;
- (b) Any loss, damage or expense incurred by the Federation through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by the Federation or for or on behalf of the Federation;
- (c) The insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of or belonging to the Federation shall be placed out or invested;
- (d) Any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortuous act of any person, including any person with whom any monies, securities or effects shall be lodged or deposited;
- (e) Any loss, conversion, misapplication or misappropriation of or any damage resulting from any dealings with any monies, securities or any assets belonging to the Federation;
- (f) Any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which may happen in the execution of the duties of his respective office or trust or in relation thereto, unless the same happens by or through his failure to exercise the powers and to discharge the duties of his office honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Federation and in connection therewith to exercise the care, diligence and skill that reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

**23.2** Nothing herein contained shall relieve a member of the Executive or an Officer from the duty to act in accordance with this Constitution and with reasonable and prudent management practices or any responsibility imposed upon him by law or relieves him from liability for a breach thereof.

**23.3** The members of the Executive for the time being of the Federation shall not be under any duty or responsibility in respect of any contract, act, or transaction whether or not made, done or entered into in the name, or on behalf of the Federation, except such as are submitted to and authorized or approved by the General Council.

**23.4** If any member of the Executive or Officer of the Federation is employed by or performs services for the Federation otherwise than as a member of the General Council or an Officer or is a member of a firm or a shareholder or an Officer of a body corporate which is employed by or performs services for the Federation, the fact of his being a member, delegate or officer of the Federation shall not disentitle such member of the Executive or Officer of such firm or body corporate, as the case may be, from receiving proper remuneration for such services.

## **24. BYE-LAWS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The General Council shall have the power to make such Bye-Laws and Regulations deemed necessary to provide for matters arising from, or to implement this constitution, provided that any such Bye-Laws or Regulation do not alter supersede or conflict with this constitution. Bye-Laws and Regulations made by the General Council must be circulated to and ratified by members of the Association at a General Meeting.

## **25. AMENDMENTS**

No part of the constitution, BYE-LAWS, Rules and Regulations shall be amended, rescinded or altered, except at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Federation called for the purpose. Notice of the proposed alterations to the constitution, Bye-Laws and/or Rules and Regulations or any special business intended to be introduced at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, shall be sent in writing to the Secretary of the Federation at least thirty (30) days before the meeting and the Secretary shall forward a copy of such notice to all member at least fourteen (14) days before such meeting.

## **26. MATTER NOT PROVIDED FOR**

In the event of any question or matter arising which is not provided for in the constitution, Bye-Laws or Rules and Regulations, such question or matter shall be dealt with by the Executive whose decision shall be final.

## **27. INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, BYE-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Executive is the sole authority for the interpretation of this constitution, Rules and of the Bye-Laws and Regulations made hereunder, and the decision of the Executive upon any matter affecting the Federation shall be final and binding.

## **28. DISSOLUTION**

In the event that the Federation is dissolved, all its monies, equipment and properties shall be passed over to the National Sports Council of St. Vincent and the Grenadines or the Ministry responsible for sport, for use in the pursuit of the national development of sport.

## **29. ADOPTION**

This Constitution, Rules and Regulations were adopted by the General Meeting of the Federation held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at St. Martin's Secondary School, and amended at the Quarterly Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

